



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2014

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**The next NWSCC meeting will be held on December 17 at the Buffalo Gap Saloon, 6835 SW Macadam Avenue, Portland, OR 97219, starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. FREE Food, hosted by NWSCC and PACRAT! Beverages on your own.**

**Featured speakers are TBA. Meeting topics will include Skier Safety, Learn to Ski Month, and Ski Challenge Winners. Of course it's also PACRAT bib pickup night and the annual PIE sale to benefit our racing scholarship! If you only make ONE NWSCC meeting all year, this is THE ONE!!**

**In the first half of 2015, meetings will be held on January 21 (Charitable Events, Travel, Learn to Ski/January Safety Month, FWSA Convention & Awards Program (deadline March 20); March 18 (Travel, FWSA Convention & Awards Program); May 20 (Ski Season Wrap Up, Club Summer Activities, FWSA Convention); and June 17 (Elections, Summer Activities, Summer Safety, Club Membership, Skiers' Directory). Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!**

## TIMELY ALERTS:

NWSCC and PACRAT are extremely pleased to announce that **Hillcrest Ski & Sports** of Gresham is this year's bib sponsor for PACRAT racing!! This is especially great because Dexter Hill is a PACRAT racer himself! Please patronize Hillcrest and ALL of NWSCC's commercial members (list on last page).

The potential NWSCC trip to Utah January 9-13, 2015, is

anceled due to lack of time to meet the mandatory deadlines, which were too short. Watch for this trip to be announced for 2016; it is a great deal!

**NWSCC'S SKI FAIR** event is scheduled for November 17, 2014, and this year will be held at the Holiday Inn Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97220. The doors open at 6:00 pm. Take advantage of this early opportunity to visit with snowsport industry reps, see new fashions, learn about ski-related charitable organizations, buy your snow park from Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and visit with other club members. Discounted ski passes will be available. For example, this will be your last chance to purchase a Mt. Hood Meadows 10-time pass for the discounted price of \$349 for NWSCC club members!

Admission is FREE for Ski Fair and this event is open to the public--so invite all your co-workers, friends & neighbors. The show highlights ski/snowboard resorts, retailers and clubs, as well as safety programs and racing programs. No host beverages available.

Ski clubs are welcome to sign up for a free booth. As is customary, there will be a booth decorating contest with a prize of a free club membership in NWSCC (value \$20). The theme will be "Winter Wonderland."

The **SILENT AUCTION** at Ski Fair will offer some awesome ski trips and equipment. Remember that this is a free opportunity for your club to have a booth to show off what you are all about! If you are interested in booth space, volunteering for this fun kick-off event, or donating items to auction or for the "goodie bag" items, please contact Mary Olhausen at 503-880-7383 or [PastPres@nwski.org](mailto:PastPres@nwski.org).

## PORTLAND AND SEATTLE SKI SHOWS:

(Opportunities for free publicity for your club!)  
**Portland Skifever & Snowboard Show**, Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217  
See [www.portlandskifever.com](http://www.portlandskifever.com)

Friday, November 14: 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Saturday, November 15: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm  
Sunday, November 16: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Washington Ski Dazzle**, Century Link Field Event Center,  
Seattle, WA See [www.skidazzle.com/seattle.htm](http://www.skidazzle.com/seattle.htm)

Friday, November 14: 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
Saturday, November 15: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Sunday, November 16: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

The ski shows are a great venue to showcase your club and its membership benefits. All clubs in NWSCC are welcome to display their brochures/photos at the NWSCC booth, but no large club banners or posters will be allowed. *When volunteering to staff the booth, you will be representing all of NWSCC's member clubs and the Council as a whole, not promoting your personal club.* Clubs can set up starting the day before each of the shows. We have a 10x10 Booth, with an 8' skirted table, at each show.

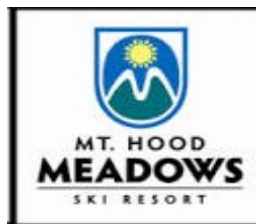
For volunteering to work at the NWSCC booth, you will receive FREE admittance to the Ski Show - Portland or Seattle. To volunteer for a shift at the Portland Ski Show, please contact Mary Olhausen at [PastPres@nwskiers.org](mailto:PastPres@nwskiers.org). To volunteer for a shift at the Seattle Ski Show, please contact William Shadbolt at [Washclubs@nwskiers.org](mailto:Washclubs@nwskiers.org).

The ski shows are a lot of fun, with all the major ski resorts and retailers showing their goods - it's also a great place to purchase new equipment. Seattle now has a giant ski show and sale with all of Seattle's best ski and snowboard shops--save up to 70% on ski and snowboard gear at both shows! Volunteer to work the booth and you can spend some time afterwards shopping! If you're not working the show, look for \$2 off coupons.

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## RECAP OF OCTOBER 15 NWSCC MEETING:

**Mt. Hood Meadows** was the featured speaker, and if you weren't there, you missed an informative and entertaining presentation by Dave Tragethon! A powerpoint/video started with conflicting weather forecasts by various sources, then graphs of typical snow in different regions of the US. The facts are that whether it's a good or bad snow year, the Pacific Northwest consistently has more snow than any other area of the country! But Mt. Hood Meadows is making the very best out of the early snow that they do receive, so that early season conditions will be the best possible. They spent the summer trimming the brush on some slopes so that it will take only 2' of snow to cover them sufficiently for skiing, instead of 6'. Early season last year they scooped up early



snows that fell into the parking lot and transported them in a specially designed snowcat/dump truck to the lift bases and tops and packed the snow down, enabling earlier opening of lifts. They also have more snowmaking equipment to help cover the more heavily skied areas during cold snaps when it is not naturally snowing. As a result, Mt. Hood Meadows had consistently good snow conditions throughout last winter's early season snow drought, until the natural storms hit and dumped the slopes with the usual hundreds of inches of snow.

Mt. Hood Meadows has a completely honest and thorough snow report, both on its snow phone and its website. If it happens to be raining, they will actually tell you. [Editor's note: Meadows deserves a national award for the best snow report anywhere! When I travel to other ski areas I can't believe how sparse and incomplete their reporting is! We are spoiled here!]

Mt. Hood Meadows has a variety of seasons pass pricing with different tier levels, one ending November 17 (at Ski Fair), and then full price after that date. NEW this year is a "Southside Pass" for only \$289 which covers all the "south" lifts at Meadows, from the Ballroom Carpet and Buttercup, Daisy, Easy Rider, and up to Vista Express. But the best deal is the "Southside Package" - for only \$10 more (\$299), you get *unlimited* rentals and three 2-hour group lessons! This is for ages 13 and up; it's \$349 for ages 4-12. Passholders can participate in a loyalty program where all purchases made at Mt. Hood Meadows can earn points redeemable for ski school, rentals, lift tickets, and more. A brand new benefit for passholders this year is the opportunity to ski at Mt. Baker, Washington, for 5 days for free (midweek in January or February; any day in March or April).

There are a lot of lift ticket "deals" that can be purchased online at [Skihood.com](http://Skihood.com), including a reloadable lift ticket saving \$5 each time you reload; a 3-time learn to ski/snowboard package for \$99 (purchase by 12/15/14). Other deals can be purchased at the mountain. Discounted lift tickets are available through lodging partners in Hood River (\$49 adults, \$30 juniors, \$99 3-day ticket or 3-time learnign package). Other lodging partners in the Mt. Hood/Gorge area offer lifts for \$59. Costco members will be able to buy a 2-pack of lifts for \$118 or a beginner package for \$49. Groups of 15 or more can get \$51 "non-peak" or \$59 "peak" lift tickets for their group with advanced reservations. Whew! And that's not all - check the website any time you are thinking about coming up, as there are often "flash" specials.

Everyone knows that one of the best ways to get people into skiing and snowboarding is to get them started YOUNG! Mt. Hood Meadows has a new program, MTP (Meadows to the People), a tour focused on introducing young people to the lifelong skills of skiing and snowboarding. One aspect is the

“PE Takeover” program, where each week Meadows’ staff is teaching the basics and fundamentals to students in Oregon public schools. The class starts with a video that demonstrates skiing and snowboarding. Groups are then formed and divided into a circuit that rotates, allowing everyone the opportunity to experience skiing and snowboarding activities (on sliding boards on gym floors). All student participants 6 years and younger receive a free season pass; ages 7-14 receive a free lift ticket to Meadows. For more information on this program contact Susan Roethe at [susan.roethe@skihood.com](mailto:susan.roethe@skihood.com).

Mt. Hood Meadows will be working with SOS Outreach and Chill Portland to offer disadvantaged or troubled youths the opportunity to learn to snowboard for free. (See <http://chill.org/portland/> or [sosoutreach.org](http://sosoutreach.org).)

**AWARDS:** Steve Coxen made a presentation of two awards from the FWSA Convention in June. First was the **Tommi Tyndall award** which is given to a ski area, ski area operator; tourism bureau, or ski area association who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing and/or the Far West Ski Association in the past year or in prior years. **This award was given to Mt. Hood Meadows** for its extraordinary support for the skiers in its region, commitment to sustainability and energy efficiency, restoration of wetlands and controlling erosion, having double the public transportation to the mountain of other ski areas, the SkiGreen program with Bonneville Power, and having two LEED certified buildings. See the Nomination in the fliers on NWSCC’s newsletter page. At the meeting Steve presented the award to Dave Tragethon on behalf of Mt. Hood Meadows, but later he re-presented directly to Matthew Drake, the President and CEO, at the Mt. Hood Meadows’ Portland office. See page 34 of this year’s Far West Skier’s Guide for an article about the award; see the nomination on the NWSCC newsletter page. In accepting the award, Dave Tragethon said that one of the things that has impressed him most about Meadows’ conservation efforts is their “vegetate” program: when they disturb native vegetation, they move it to another area, and when they finish their work, they move the native vegetation back and re-plant it!

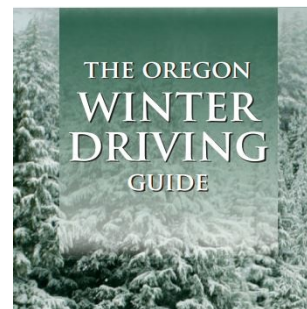
The second award Steve Coxen presented was the **Jimmie Heuga Award**, which is given to the individual who, like Jimmie, has made a significant contribution to disabled skiing and/or has overcome a physical disability and has been an inspiration to others. **Lee Perry is the recipient of this award.** Lee is a long-time ski instructor who started teaching for the Portland Jaycee Ski School on Mt. Hood in 1955. After he returned from the Korean War, Lee noticed that many men had lost their legs. In 1958 Lee and amputee Dick Martin started the Jaycee Amputee Ski

School, the first in the United States. In 1960 Lee built the first outriggers for amputees by breaking the tips off of skis and machining the outriggers in his shop. In 1962 he organized the first amputee ski club, called Flying Outrigger Ski Club (a valued member of NWSCC, then PASCC). In 1964 Lee chaired the first amputee ski race in the world at Timberline. In 1965 he co-authored the first manual of amputee skiing, “Amputee Ski Techniques.” He added blind skiing to his programs in 1973, along with his other handicap programs for polio victims, paraplegics and amputees. Lee was president of the Professional Ski Instructors Association in 1976-77 and 1986-88, and received their Outstanding Service Award in 1989. A current resident of Government Camp, Lee still teaches at the Powder Hound Ski School at Timberline. Lee accepted the award with thanks, telling us some history. He told us that the true heroes were the parents of the children he taught, for allowing their children to go up to the mountains and learn to ski – an activity which everyone previously thought could never be done by handicapped people. Read more about Lee in the Nomination in the newsletter fliers, or in this year’s Northwest Skiers’ Directory, which will be debuting at the ski shows.

**Dave Ludwig, founder of Hope on the Slopes/Ski and Ride for a Cure**, came down from Tacoma and told us that this year there will be a dozen events nationwide in the vertical challenge format he started years ago, all to benefit cancer research through the American Cancer Society. The local (Portland area) event will be at Mt. Hood Skibowl on March 21-22, 2015. They have a new year-long event this year involving tracking all your vertical feet during the upcoming ski season with the SkiTracks app. You have to sign up in advance; see details later in this newsletter or at [hopeontheslopes.net](http://hopeontheslopes.net).



**Sue Rimkeit, Director of Community Service and Safety**, passed out a very nice brochure, The Oregon Winter Driving Guide, and gave some personal tips about winter driving safety. You can download your own copy of this highly



informative and useful brochure at [www.oregon.gov/odot/comm/docs/winterdrivingguidefinal.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/comm/docs/winterdrivingguidefinal.pdf). Among Sue’s suggestions are the following: using winter wiper blades, which will shed snow better than regular blades. Be sure your tank is full of gas and that YOU’RE not tanked. Avoid the crowds - either leave early to avoid the



rush, or later after the big crunch is over. Don't tailgate. Know the temperature - right around 32 degrees and warmer is the slipperiest snow; the slush will throw you around. Colder snow gets quiet and is far safer. Sunshine melting the snow is not your friend; it helps to cause black ice when the temperature drops again. Know the slope of the road when it's icy and you stop; you could start sliding uncontrollably - right into that other guy. Stay in control yourself, and always watch out for someone else who might be losing control. If you need to put on chains, stop EARLY and find a safe place to pull over. Don't stop in an avalanche zone - if you see steep areas with no trees next to the road, keep going! Many times you will find better traction off on the side of the road, as more gravel may have landed over there. Use your snow tires and know how to put on your chains. Take food and water, and keep some warm blankets in your car - you never know when one of those multi-hour traffic jams will stop you on the road. If you're not comfortable driving in winter, always consider taking a bus!

**John Reinhardt, Treasurer of Far West Foundation**, reported that this year's scholarships were being determined. He said that about \$16,000-\$17,000 would be given in scholarships this year, including some for adaptive skiing and wounded warriors, as well as to women's ski jumping. Contributions are tax deductible, as the Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) corporation.

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### **PACRAT NEWS:**

Barbara Presentin of the PACRAT board said there will be a first-ever PACRAT "membership party" on November 19 at the Buffalo Gap Saloon from 6:00-8:30. Bring new racers or anyone interested in racing for free pizza and information and help in signing up with a team. PACRAT is hoping for 200 racers this year, and will be trying to recruit new racers at the ski shows and swaps held in October and November, and will invite everyone to this membership party. There will be two NASTAR races this year and all of the race dates have been set; the dates are on their website at [www.pacrats.org](http://www.pacrats.org).



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### **CLUB NEWS:**

The **FWSA/Club membership cards** are now available, and are being delivered to the clubs by the most expeditious means possible. If your club does not have your cards yet, and you have paid your club dues, please contact our new Membership Director Christine Ciardi at [membership@nwskiers.org](mailto:membership@nwskiers.org) with the number of cards needed by your club. Pickups can be arranged at Ski Fair, or at other locations by prior arrangement; some may be

mailed. What does your membership card get you? Discounts!!

**Bergfreunde** has an open carpool trip to Revelstoke and Sun Peaks, BC, Canada, January 10-16, 2015. Included for \$540 are 2 nights at the 5 star ski in/ski out Sutton Place Hotel at the base of Revelstoke and 3 nights at the ski in/ski out Sun Peaks Lodge, with breakfasts. Lift tickets can be added for \$315. Contact trip leader Bob Burns at [bob@inkjetman.com](mailto:bob@inkjetman.com) or 503-524-5261.

**Bergfreunde** will have downhill, cross country, and snowshoe trips this season. They are taking 60 people to Bogus Basin; have the annual trip to Lake Tahoe; and have a driving trip to Revelstoke and Sun Peaks in January. Their cross country ski lessons are open to other clubs. Bergie has had great success in recent years with planning non-ski trips to large cities where the participants do all the "touristy" things and get to know the city; about 50 people usually attend those trips. In May of 2015 they are going to Virginia, Washington DC, and the Outer Banks.

**Cabernet Ski & Sail Club** may be planning a sailing trip to the Caribbean, but otherwise will support other clubs on their trips.

**Cascade Prime Timers** has several ski and cross country trips planned: to Big Sky, Sun Valley, Whitefish, White Pass and Red Mountain. They had a Cathlamet kayak trip and have midweek hiking trips in between seasons. Once ski season starts, they have regular groups skiing Meadows on Wednesdays and Timberline on Thursdays.

**Hope on the Slopes; Ski & Ride for a Cure** has announced a new promotion for next year, with prizes: **Ski Tracks**. Ski Tracks allows you to ski any resort or area (covered by Ski Tracks) and compete nationwide for prizes. Track your vertical feet skied and boarded for the 2014-2015 ski season. Vertical tracking will be from September 1st - May 4th. Win prizes; be their top vertical competitor. For more information, check out their website: [www.hopeontheslopes.net](http://www.hopeontheslopes.net) Registration is \$40. Vertical feet are tracked via the SkiTracks App; download the App at [corecoders.com](http://corecoders.com) for \$.99 cents.

**Mountain High Snowsport Club** has its annual Kickoff Party on November 20 at Gray Gables in Milwaukie, which includes food, a mini ski swap, and a winter coat drive (going to Sleep Country). They are planning an Amtrak trip to Whitefish February 28-March 7 and a bus trip to Crystal Mountain March 20-22.

**Schnee Vogeli Ski Club's** Pray for Snow Dance will be held November 15 at Charlie's Mountain View. Tickets are \$15, and can be obtained in advance from any Schnee Vogeli member.

**Skiyente Ski Club** will have a membership drive on November 24 at the Mountain Shop. February 21 is the date for King Winter at Charlies Mountain View, and the Mt. Hood Mania Masters Race is scheduled for February 28 and March 1, 2015, at Ski Bowl. They will be selling Chinook Books for a fundraiser; and will have their usual wine raffle. Skiyente's family trip this year will be to Big White January 15-19, for only \$395 for 4 nights' lodging and 4 days of skiing.

Dale Parshall reported at the September meeting that the 3rd Biannual Schneeenyte Sailing Trip is planned for May 2016 to St Martin and St. Lucia on a 24 passenger sail boat. They will do 12 islands in 12 days. Contact Island Windjammers ([www.islandwindjammers.com](http://www.islandwindjammers.com)) or the Parshalls if interested; further details later.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP:**

This year the recipient of NWSCC's \$1,000 scholarship



through the Far West Foundation is AGAIN 16-year-old **Alexandria Cora Oseland (Alex)** of Bonney Lake, Washington, who races for Crystal Mountain Alpine Club. According to Crystal Mountain's Head FIS coach, Scott Macartney, "Alex is goal-oriented and sees the path she

needs to take to reach the next level, even reaching out to me to help her design off-season training programs to get her stronger and fitter for the next year."

We are excited that our PIE auction at the December Council meeting will generate funds to help with this commitment.

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### **EARLY NOTICE: NWSCC MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

NWSCC is holding its annual Man and Woman of The Year Competition. Is there someone in your club who has shown outstanding service to the club and snow sports? There are many club members who qualify for this award! Grab a pen and write a short paragraph about them, and submit it to NWSCC. We are looking for a man and woman from each club who the club wishes to be honored because they have demonstrated outstanding service to their club and the ski community. Any club member may directly nominate someone from ANY NWSCC club who they feel is deserving of being chosen as NWSCC's Man and Woman of the Year! You may submit your entries with a description of why the person deserves the honor by email to Julie Rasmussen at [secretary@nwskiers.org](mailto:secretary@nwskiers.org).

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2015. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.**

The NWSCC Board will review all Man and Woman of the year nominations and will choose one man and one woman to be NWSCC's 2015 winners. In making its choice NWSCC will consider FWSA's criteria, which includes service not only to a person's club, but also to their Council, their Community, and FWSA. The Man and Woman selected will go on to the FWSA level to compete against the other councils in FWSA. The Council Man and Woman must attend the FWSA 2015 Convention in order to compete at the FWSA level. NWSCC will pay their Convention registration fees. This is a great way to meet other Council/Club members and contribute to FWSA programs. The overall winning Man and Woman at the FWSA level each wins a 5-night trip for two to Big White Ski Resort—the sponsor of the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year Competition. All nominees will be recognized at upcoming NWSCC special events. To review the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year forms, please visit their website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). NWSCC will assist with completion of the application form.

It may help you to understand the FWSA judging criteria: 10% Application Look & Completeness; 15% On-Snow Activities; 15% Public Affairs, Charity & Safety; 35% Activities & Offices Held; 25% Interview. While initial club nominees will not need to fill out the entire form, here is the web link to detailed information and the FWSA entry form:

<http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-mwofy.html>

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### **NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:**

The 2013-2014 ski season is over – those who provided lift tickets or receipts for lift tickets from your visits to 7 or more of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Canada, Alaska, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee, or Mammoth Mountain, are eligible for a chance of a prize! The more ski areas you skied, the better your chances of a bigger prize! Winners will be announced in December. Not everyone is guaranteed a prize.

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### **NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:**

Northwest Snowsports Advocates has its own Facebook page. Keep current on news about what is going on in the Pacific Northwest with ski area development, roads, and environmental issues by joining our Facebook Group. You will have an opportunity to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. Every skier or snowboarder in the Pacific Northwest should join this page! Let's get the "Fan Base" WAY up there! Become a FAN today!!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Snowsports-Advocates/174195539354385>.

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## COMMERCIAL MEMBER NEWS:

NWSCC appreciates ALL of its commercial members - see the list on the last page of this newsletter and be sure to check out the fliers on the right hand side of the Newsletter page on the website for specials as they are announced.

**Brundage Mountain** is offering NWSCC members \$52 lift tickets (a savings of \$8) daily by showing your NWSCC/FWSA membership card.

## FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

If you've never experienced the full-week fun of a FWSA ski week, what are you waiting for? Next year's trip will be back to a northwest favorite:

**Whistler/Blackcomb.** Join us **January 31 –February 7, 2015** for a week chock full of activities and 5,000+ feet of vertical. The full balance for this trip must be paid in

November. **See attached flier for pricing (there are several lodging options!)** We have 44 people signed up from NWSCC, many from Altair in Eugene. A waiting list will be maintained, as often a spot will open up as the trip gets closer.



**Far West International Trip 2015:** Val d'Isere will be the destination of the 2015 International Ski Trip with a pre-trip to Paris March 10-14, the main trip March 14-21, and a post-trip to Provence and the French Riviera March 21-28, 2015. See the FWSA website at <http://fwsa.org/Travel/InternationalSki/2015-FWSA-ValdIsere/2015-FWSA-ValdIsere.html> for details.

**Far West Heli-Skiing Trip 2015:** FWSA is offering a heli-ski trip for the first time in years - this time to Revelstoke, BC, March 16-21, 2015. A limited number of people will be able to attend this special Signature Skiing trip with CMH. This trip was conceived by Fred Noble, a renowned skier on Mt. Hood and a CMH representative for many years, who passed away of ALS on May 1, 2014. The trip is being ably handled by Fred's daughter, Julie Noble. See flier attached to newsletter page for details.

**Far West Mini Ski Week 2015:** This trip to Whitefish Mountain Resort, March 30- April 4, 2015, includes 3-4 days of skiing, lodging at Grouse Mountain Lodge, both Welcome and Farewell Parties, and optional activities such as snowmobile tours, day spa, Glacier Park tours, dogsled adventures, sleigh rides, and more. See flier attached to the NWSCC newsletter page.

**Far West Mississippi River Trip:** June 19 - 23, 2015 with an additional two days (June 23-24) in New Orleans. This trip will be a 3-night roundtrip paddleboat cruise aboard the American Queen from New Orleans. It will be a "Southern Culture Cruise" with stops at Oak Alley

Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA. The trip includes all meals, wine/beer with dinner, soft drinks, water, and coffee. Also included is 1 night at a local hotel before the cruise, transfers to the ship, steamboat-style entertainment, daily lectures, and a Welcome Party. June 23-24 will be at the New Orleans Hotel Bienville House. New Orleans tour options include airboat/swamp tours and ghost/paranormal tours. See the FWSA website for further information. See flier attached to the NWSCC newsletter page.

**Far West Ski Week 2016:** Telluride Ski Resort has been selected as the location for the Far West Ski Week trip in 2016. Telluride presented their bid at the recent Far West Convention, held in Bend, Oregon. Congratulations to Telluride and tour operator Ski.Com for their successful bid. The council trip leaders will be planning a site inspection to Telluride in January of 2015.

**Far West Mini Ski Week 2016:** Crested Butte Mountain Resort will be the destination for the Far West Mini Ski Week trip in the early spring of 2016. Stay tuned for more information to come.

**Far West International Trip 2016:** Val d'Isere will be the destination of the 2016 International Ski Trip with a pre-trip to Paris, March 10-14, and a post-trip to Provence and the French Riviera March 21-28, 2016. More information will be coming.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one mini US ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. For information on all FWSA International trips go to [www.FWSA.org](http://www.FWSA.org) or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Debbie Stewart, by email [fwsalntItrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsalntItrvl@prodigy.net) or phone 559-734-9294. For information about North American/domestic trips, contact Nancy Ellis at [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net) or 530-414-8261.

**WOULD YOUR CLUB LIKE TO EARN A COMP ON ANY FWSA SKI TRIP?** All you need to do is to bring 30 people, and the comp is yours to do with as you please. This might be shared if more than one club with in-club trip leaders has a total of 30 participants. This would also give you more input into future ski weeks that FWSA plans.

## MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

Mark your calendar for **Crystal Mountain's** NWSCC half price ski day, March 22, 2015. Just show your FWSA/Club membership card at the ticket window to receive half off your adult lift ticket price.

Watch for announcements of other special discount ski days at Northwest ski areas!

Look at the NWSCC website at [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org) to see an



updated list of **member benefits and discounts**, and check out the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) under Membership to see the current discounts. Debbi Kor is frequently adding new benefits!

As a member of FWSA, you also belong to the **National Ski Council Federation**, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. A current list of NSCF benefits can be found at [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org) in the Members Only section. User name: **skiclub** - password: **member**.

### UPCOMING 2015 CHARITABLE EVENTS

Mark your calendar now for charitable events that NWSCC clubs have supported every year, as participants, volunteers, and donors:

- March 1-2, 2015** **Hope on the Slopes**, Mt. Hood Skibowl
- March 2-3** **Hope on the Slopes**, Stevens Pass
- March 16** **Hope on the Slopes**, Crystal Mtn.
- March 16-17** **Hope on the Slopes**, White Pass

All these events involve a vertical ski challenge and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

**March 8-9, 2015** **Oregon Cancer Ski Out**, Mt. Hood Meadows—a fun 2-day event (Sunday & Monday). Teams of five compete for best consistency (not speed).

**April 11, 2015** **Ski to Defeat ALS**, Mt. Hood Meadows, a fundraiser for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, which is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that slowly robs a person of the ability to walk, speak, swallow and, eventually, breathe. This will be the first event without the inspiring presence of Fred Noble, who was the local spokesperson and honorary chairperson.

### MISCELLANEOUS AND FUN INFORMATION:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGULAR NWSCC MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED!** The meeting location may vary, so check the NWSCC website or contact President Steve Coxen at [President@nwskiers.org](mailto:President@nwskiers.org). Board meetings are *usually* held the 4th Wednesday of each month; contact an officer if you have a topic you would like to have considered.

Did you know that the **NWSCC has a Facebook page**? You can reach this page from the NWSCC website, and you can keep up-to-date on all our events and activities.

The 2014-2015 **Northwest Skiers' Directory** will soon be available at both the Portland and the Seattle ski shows, and at Certified Folder Display throughout sports locations in the Northwest! But it's truly cool to look at it online, on the home page of NWSCC's website. You can turn the pages and hit links that take you directly to the clubs or

commercial members' websites! This year's Directory will be on the website around the end of November.

*NWSCC is extremely sorry to announce the loss of a long time vendor friend. David Graver of Certified Folder Display cheerfully helped us distribute the Northwest Skiers' Directory for many years. Dave passed away on October 7 from a heart attack; he was only 51.*

### From FWSA NEWS:

**Learn to Ski and Snowboard/Bring a Friend:** The organizers of the Learn to Ski and Snowboard/Bring a Friend initiative have updated and re-launched the initiative's web presence. New features enable folks to more easily find information from ski/snowboard areas and retail shops. The site originally focused specifically on the month of January, which was "Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month." Initiative partners wanted the flexibility to better promote learning programs that take place at other times, since lessons from professional instructors are available all winter long. "Our goal is to encourage taking lessons from professional instructors," said Raelene Davis, VP of Marketing for Ski Utah and chair of the initiative. "January still will be 'Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month' because many ski and snowboard areas like to offer their best learning deals then. It's a great PR hook that enables us to focus the public's attention and the industry's attention on a specific time frame. However, since lessons are available all winter, we want to make sure that we are getting that message across to newcomers as well". The new URL is [learntoskiandsnowboard.org](http://learntoskiandsnowboard.org).

**Deer Valley Purchases Solitude Mountain Resort:** Deer Valley has entered into an agreement to purchase Solitude Mountain Resort, to begin operations in May 2015. Solitude is an incredible resort, which is in a position with its widely varied terrain to attract local and destination skiers. For the upcoming 2014-15 ski season, Solitude will operate as usual under the leadership of the DeSeelhorst family. To foster the most effective and strategic changeover, select Deer Valley staff will work alongside Solitude staff during the next six months to evaluate resort operations and gain knowledge about the Solitude brand and culture. Deer Valley will then take full ownership of Solitude Mountain Resort on May 1, 2015.

**Women's Ski Jumping USA :** Sarah Hendrickson showed why she is the world champion in women's ski jumping by soaring to a first place finish in the US Ski Jumping Championships on Sunday, October 12th in Lake Placid, New York . Sarah said she was happy to jump what she

called 2 "satisfactory" jumps, and ended up in first place. Her teammate, Jessica Jerome, followed with a close 2nd. Jessica stated that the conditions were good, they all jumped well, and anyone could have won, but she was happy for Sarah. She said that they are all pushing each other to prepare for their upcoming competitions. The US Visa Women's Ski Jumping Team will be returning to Park City to continue their training. Coach Alborn plans to name the 2014/2015 team in early November.

**Far West Convention News:** Save the date: The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is delighted to host the 83rd Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the luxurious Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, California from June 4-7, 2015. Make plans to arrive early and stay late to take advantage of all that San Diego has to offer. Optional events on Thursday will feature a Historic Trolley Tour of San Diego, the Seal Tour on San Diego Bay, and a very special evening Sunset Dine Out on the USS Midway. Friday events include a golf tournament, kayaking, biking, and a trip to the San Diego Zoo. Make your room reservations now!! Call 1-800-772-8527 or book online at our FWSA room reservation site at <http://bit.ly/FWSA-lodging>. When calling for a room reservation, be sure to reference our group name – Far West Ski Association. Our special group rate offers a choice of accommodations in one of the high-rise towers, or a charming garden bungalow. Free Wi-Fi in guest rooms is included. For complete details about all the Salute to San Diego - Convention meetings, educational seminars and events, visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). The website for the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center is located at [www.towncountry.com](http://www.towncountry.com). For additional information, contact Eileen Sanford, Host Council Convention Coordinator, at [eileensanford12@gmail.com](mailto:eileensanford12@gmail.com). FWSA industry partners can contact Debbi Kor, FWSA VP of Marketing and Sponsorships, at [fwsadebbi@comcast.net](mailto:fwsadebbi@comcast.net).

**From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:**

**Out with .com and .net; in with .ski:** End your club's email address with .SKI. Beginning in September 2014, ski resorts, ski clubs, companies, and brands will have the ability to reserve unique domain names that end in the .SKI extension (e.g. Spacecityskiclub.SKI). For more about the program, contact .SKI co-founder Rob Rozicki directly at [rob@dot-ski.com](mailto:rob@dot-ski.com).

**CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!**

**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**

**November 2014**

13-15	Warren Miller Movie, Bend	Open to All
14	Snowball Dinner /Auction, Bend	MBSEF/All
14-16	SkiFever & Snowboard Show, PDX	Open to All
14-16	Ski Dazzle Show, Seattle	Open to All
15	Pray for Snow Dance, Gov't Camp	Schnee/All
17	NWSCC Ski Fair/Holiday Inn Airport	Open to All
19	PACRAT Membership Party	Open to All
20	Kickoff Party & Swap, Milwaukie, OR	Mtn High
21-22	Warren Miller Movie, Seattle*	Open to All
24	Membership Drive / Social (Open)	Skiyente
27	Thanksgiving Dinner, Club Lodge	Cascade SC
26-30	Sunriver, Oregon Ski & Feast (XC)	OR Nordic

**December 2014**

6	Open House, Club Lodge, Gov't Camp	Cascade SC
11-14	Whistler/Blackcomb, BC (car)	S'no Joke
26-31	Methow Valley Winter Trip (XC)	OR Nordic
30-1/4	Glacier National Park (XC)	OR Nordic
31-1/1	Mission Ridge, WA	Desert SC
31-1/4	Black Butte New Year's Trip (XC)	OR Nordic
31-1/4	Schweitzer Mtn, ID (car)	S'no Joke

\*Warren Miller Movie showings in the Seattle area are too numerous to include all of them here.

Did you notice the highlights on some of the headings in this newsletter? Here's the key:

- TURQUOISE** = NWSCC news and events
- PURPLE** = FWSA news and events
- YELLOW** = Clubs news and events
- GREEN** = Other news and events



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### A BIG WELCOME TO 2014-2015 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!

#### GOLD MEMBER:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

#### BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER

(PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR

#### SILVER MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Resort, OR

Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR

Timberline Lodge, OR

#### BRONZE MEMBERS:

Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resorts, CO  
Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada  
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID  
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR  
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR  
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR  
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY  
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Stevens Pass Mountain Resort, WA  
Sun Peaks Resort, BC, Canada  
Sun Valley Resort, ID  
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT  
Whitewater Ski Resort, BC

#### SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA  
Awesome Ales, OR  
Grand Targhee Resort, WY  
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association  
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, BC, Canada

**THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S  
COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!  
PLEASE PATRONIZE AND  
SUPPORT OUR COMMERCIAL  
MEMBERS AND LET THEM  
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

#### NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org) or the NWSCC's Northwest Skiers' Directory for a complete list of member clubs as well as contacts and their phone numbers and/or email addresses. Or, you may contact any of the board members listed above.

**Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format on the website, and the link can easily be passed on to your members.**

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#### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., **December 17**, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Buffalo Gap Saloon  
6835 SW Macadam Ave  
Portland, OR 97219

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

← **NOTE THERE IS NOT A MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

**SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES!**

**First With Safety Awareness!**

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

National Ski Council Federation: [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org)