



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2013

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The next NWSCC meeting will be held February 20 at *Tubby's Deli* (3330 N.W. Yeon Avenue, Portland OR 97210), starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. FREE FOOD! Soft drinks and water are FREE, Beer and Wine can be purchased at the deli for \$3 per bottle of beer and \$4 per glass of wine. NO BYOB.

Guest speakers include *The Resort at the Mountain* and *Portland Mountain Rescue*. The meeting will also feature the *FWSA Convention & Awards Program*, *Charitable Events*, and *Mt. Bachelor Springtacular BLAST*.

Further 2013 meetings will be held on April 17 (*Ski Season Wrap Up, Club Summer Activities*), June 19 (*Elections, Ski Challenge Winners, Travel*), August 21 (*Appreciation of Club/Council Supporters*), October 16 (*Get Ready to Ski, Ski Fair, Ski Shows, Club Membership*), and December 18 (*Bib Pickup; PIE Auction, Safety, Learn to Ski*). Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!

TIMELY ALERTS:

Cascade Ski Club's Annual CRAB FEED is scheduled for **Saturday, February 16**, starting at 6:00 pm at the club's Lodge in Government Camp! See **CLUB INFORMATION** for further details.

The **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** is celebrating its 75th Anniversary, and you are invited! The Portland Party will be held Thursday, **February 21, 2013**. See **CLUB INFORMATION** for further details.

Have you been waiting for details on the **Mt. Bachelor Springtacular BLAST trip** after reading the articles in the Northwest Skiers' Directory and other publications? Now is the time to make the commitment and sign up - see **NWSCC / MT. BACHELOR SPRINGTACULAR BLAST** on page 2 for full details on this trip! Flier attached on newsletter page.

NWSCC is having a special **MOVIE NIGHT** on **Wednesday, March 20, 2013**, showcasing the Women's Ski Jumping history with the very exciting and moving film "**Ready to Fly.**" See **NWSCC MOVIE NIGHT** on page 2 for further details. Flier attached on newsletter page.

NWSCC has arranged for specially priced lift tickets for all club members at **CLUB DISCOUNT SKI DAYS** at **White Pass, Washington, March 16**; and **Crystal Mountain, Washington, on March 24**. Just show your FWSA/NWSCC membership card at the ticket windows. See inside for further details, and be sure to take advantage of these offers and thank the ski areas!

You'll want to be on Mt. Hood the first weekend in March, as there are LOTS of exciting events going on! **Hope on the Slopes** will be held at Mt. Hood Skibowl March 1-2 to benefit cancer programs. March 2 is also the **Ski the Glade Trail Day** (\$100), sponsored by Timberline Lodge, Luxury Accommodations, Valians Ski Shop, and Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, the proceeds benefit the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum. Lastly, PACRAT is sponsoring a **NASTAR race** at Mt. Hood Skibowl on March 2 that is open to everyone (\$10 for 2 runs; \$20 for unlimited runs, so bring your families and friends. \$44 discount tickets available with a signed release waiver. See Club Ski Weekend flier attached to newsletter page.

NWSCC's commercial members have special offers for you! See the brand new fliers on the newsletter page from the **Resort at the Mountain** and **Phoenix Inn** with very special deals for NWSCC members, and check out the other already posted fliers with specials from other NWSCC commercial members!

This year's **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is now available at Certified Folder Display locations 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!

Several of our member clubs still have open trips that need you to sign up NOW - see pages 3-4 for details!

NWSCC / MT. BACHELOR SPRINGTACULAR BLAST, April 2013. This spring--join NWSCC and clubs nationwide, as we descend upon Mt. Bachelor and Sunriver Resort for the 2nd Annual SPRINGTACULAR BLAST. We'll enjoy renowned spring snow riding that Mt. Bachelor is famous for! The core weekend is April 26-28 where you can stay for two nights, ride for two days, and enjoy on mountain BBQ and the Saturday night Springtacular Party---all for \$244.00 (based on double occupancy and inclusive of taxes & fees). Lodging is at the four-diamond Sunriver Resort in Lodge Village Guest rooms. Book your trip now, using the easy, online reservation system provided by SKI.COM. www.ski.com/springblast.

Wanna go but don't have your roommate(s) yet? No Problem. Just sign up and enter the name(s) later.

The Springtacular BLAST will again feature the "Freestyle Ski Legends" – former freestyle world and national champions, and U.S. Ski Team members. Ski with the Freestyle Legends in the morning, then enjoy lunch on the mountain, and choose your favorite sport/activity for the afternoon (optional activities include, but are not limited to golfing, biking, hiking, climbing, fishing, mountain biking, kayaking, and even shopping). Saturday evening will be the infamous Springtacular BLAST Party.

Wanna arrive earlier or stay later? No Problem. Discount lift tickets, lodging, and golf rates are honored April 19-May 5.

This trip is open to all clubs nationwide, as well as NWSCC and FWSA clubs.

- April 25: Welcome Reception @ Sunriver Resort
- April 26: Ski & Ride Mt. Bachelor / Central Oregon Activities
- April 27: Freestyle Legends Performance / Ski With Freestyle Legends / Freestyle Fun Race, Retro Outfit Contest / On Mountain Live Music & BBQ Lunch / Central Oregon Activities / Evening Springtacular BLAST Party
- April 28: Ski & Ride Mt. Bachelor with Freestyle Legends / Central Oregon Activities

Please email Mary Olhausen, Trip Leader, to advise that you made a reservation and for any/all questions about

SPRINGTACULAR BLAST: president@nwskiers.org or call 503-880-7383. Mary will assure all trip participants have correct lodging, correct roommates, and are kept up to date with all activities related to the SPRINGTACULAR BLAST.

This trip is brought to you by the Northwest Ski Club Council, Mt. Bachelor, Sunriver Resort, and SKI.COM. Online reservations can be made using this web address: www.ski.com/springblast

NWSCC MOVIE NIGHT

NWSCC is having a special **MOVIE NIGHT** on **Wednesday, March 20, 2013**, showcasing the Women's Ski Jumping history with the very exciting and moving film "**Ready to Fly.**" The movie will be shown at the Gray Gables Estate, 3009 SE Chestnut, Milwaukie, Oregon, with a Social Half Hour at 7:00 pm and the movie starting at 7:30 pm. Snacks will be served, and there will be a no host bar. The cost is \$10, and proceeds will benefit the U.S. Women's Ski Jumping Team. Cans or boxes of food will also be accepted for the Oregon Food Bank. Those who were privileged to see this movie at last year's FWSA Convention in Ogden, Utah, were very impressed with the depth and quality of the presentation, and awed by the women ski jumpers who fought so hard to become part of the Olympics. Thanks to FWSA for the loan of this movie for this fundraising event!

NWSCC MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION

NWSCC is holding its annual Man and Woman of The Year competition. Got someone in your club who has shown outstanding service to the club and the sport of skiing? There are many club members who qualify for this award! Grab a pen and write a short paragraph about them – and submit 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. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 20, 2013, AND THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE APRIL NWSCC MEETING.**

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 2013 winners. In making their 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 be required to fill out FWSA's forms to enter that competition (NWSSC will assist). All nominees will be recognized at an upcoming NWSCC special event. Those

chosen as NWSCC's man and woman of the year are eligible to participate in the FWSA competition at the Convention in June in Reno, Nevada. NWSCC will pay the Convention registration fees for its Man and Woman of the Year. 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, wins a 5-night trip for two to Big White Ski Resort – the sponsor of the FWSA Man and Woman of The Year Competition.

For more information on the Man and Woman of The Year, please contact Julie Rasmussen or Mary Olhausen.

JUDGE NEEDED AT FWSA CONVENTION: Each Council in FWSA needs to provide a Judge to serve at the Convention for judging the Man/Woman of the Year competition. Please contact Mary Olhausen for more details and to volunteer for judging. This is a great way to meet other Council/Club members and contribute to FWSA programs.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT DECEMBER NWSCC MEETING:

Ann Cook from **Mt. Bachelor** provided fun retro ski clothes and a hilarious contest to see who among four contestants could dress in the clothes the fastest - with prizes! This year has seen a huge increase in business at Mt. Bachelor from ski clubs across the country, and it would be nice for local clubs to welcome them to Oregon and show some hospitality if you happen to be at Mt. Bachelor at the same time as they are visiting - see list attached on the newsletter page.

Mt. Bachelor's new theme is "someplace different," and they highlight this by telling clubs about MANY options for having fun in addition to skiing. This includes the "Ale Trail" map to 12 microbreweries in Bend (a party trolley also runs along that route), a Roundabout tour, cave tour, salsa dancing, sushi classes, and much more! The FWSA mini ski trip will be held during Oregon's Spring Break, and you could purchase an amenities package to participate in their special events if you own a home in Bend or Sunriver.

Everyone in the nation is invited to the Springtacular Blast trip, where you can ski with the Freestyle Legends in the morning and participate in your "next favorite sport" in the afternoon! See details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Karen Norton from **Mt. Hood Skibowl** told us about the \$1 million renovation to the Multorpor Lodge, including a new conveyor lift. The Snow Tube and Adventure Park runs all winter, and Cosmic Tubing under the laser lights and black lights has become a very popular event. Watch also for the first "World Cosmic Zipline" in the adventure park! Group rates start at 15 people; check out the website at <http://www.skibowl.com/winter> for details.

Betsy LaBarge from **Mt. Hood Vacation Rentals** has managed vacation homes from Brightwood to Government Camp for 21 years. The homes are fully furnished and very nice, with updated kitchens, TV's, hot tubs; most have WiFi, and most are pet friendly. Midweek and other specials are available: Stay one of their rentals Sunday-Thursday nights and the 3rd night is 1/2 price, the 4th night is FREE! Guests can buy discount tickets to all Mt. Hood ski areas, but here's a really great deal: Guests can ski or snowboard at Mt. Hood Meadows Monday-Friday with a mid-week pass for \$125 for the entire 5 days! There is a 2-night minimum, and the cleaning fee is included; taxes are extra, and travel insurance is available. NWSCC members receive a 5% discount at Mt. Hood Vacation Rentals (not valid during holiday periods or with other promotions or discounts). www.mthoodrentals.com or 877-925-7941.

Guy Trombley of **The Mountain Shop**, this year's PACRAT bib sponsor, received a round of applause from everyone; especially the PACRAT team captains present. The Mountain Shop, located at 37th and Sandy in Portland, is the oldest skiing and mountain shop in the U.S., and is changing and growing. Guy said that by supporting PACRAT racing they feel they are supporting the spirit of the mountain; they also support bringing youngsters into the sport, as well as the Nordic races at Teacup and at the Mt. Hood Meadows Nordic Center.

If you want to have a stone grind tuneup using the same stone grinding equipment as the U.S. Ski Team uses, this is the only local place you will find. The Mountain Shop offers a Custom Performance Full Tune and Hot Box Wax with an exact base structure for expected conditions, base repair, hand filing, a base penetrating hydrocarbon hot wax, and 3 hours in a "ski sauna" to set the wax; followed by scraping, brushing, and polishing. PACRAT racers can show their bib at the store to get this special custom tuneup for only \$55 instead of \$75. Be sure to introduce yourself as a NWSCC member and/or PACRAT racer when you go into the store! See www.mountainshop.net for further details!

Megan Lancaster told us about the second annual **Ski to Defeat ALS** event to be held Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Mt. Hood Meadows. Our own local celebrity Fred Noble is the honorary chairman of this event, which in its inaugural last year raised over \$160,000! 87% of the funds raised by the event stay in the community. Almost everyone knows someone who has been touched by ALS, an incurable disease which can strike all ages. The local ALS chapter provides a variety of services, equipment, and other support to local families who are dealing with this disease. The one-day ski event registration fee of \$75 (\$25 for Mt. Hood Meadows season passholders) gets participants a day of skiing at Meadows, 3 meals, 2 adult drinks, and

entertainment. Each participant is required to fundraise a minimum of \$150, and the ALS organization offers lots of help, with website space and automatic tracking of online donations to show how your goal is being met. There will be interim challenges and prizes between now and the event as people sign up or meet certain goals.

While anyone can ski as many or as few runs as they want, adding to the total vertical feet skied by all the participants, the competitions revolve around a challenge for the most vertical feet skied, with trophies for the most vertical feet skied by a man, woman, and team. Last year Dale Parshall was the winner, skiing over 66,000 vertical feet! This year clubs are encouraged to each start their own teams, and there may be a special "club challenge" as well. Go to www.skitodefeats.org for details.

Our Director of **Safety**, Sylvia Kearns, introduced **Coach Greg Dilger**, who is also Vice President of PACRAT. Greg pointed out to the group that in winter you drive safely and watch stopping distances, and that you should be just as conscious while skiing. Most people who have been injured skiing/boarding say they were hit on the slopes. So treat the ski slope like a road - watch for people flying at you from the side or out of the trees. While you can't watch behind you, do try to keep aware. Greg has emphasized safety on the PACRAT racing courses, and helped improve safety by making "slipping" the courses mandatory for all racers. When the course is properly smoothed out by people sideslipping, it doesn't develop the ruts that can throw people out of the course and cause falls.

Helmets have been mandatory other places he has raced or coached, but not with PACRAT. Greg said that there is a difference between helmets designed for racing and those designed for recreation. If you take a fall at a low speed (like 2-3 miles per hour), wearing a helmet will make a huge difference in avoiding a head injury. The helmet may not totally prevent a concussion, but it will definitely help prevent it. Concussion warning signs to look for include any headache at all, nausea, or loss of consciousness. With any of these symptoms get the person to first aid right away. After a fall, or when a helmet has been used for years, it should be replaced - and Greg actually replaces his every year or two, as the technology keeps changing. He says that POC makes a great helmet.

Coach Greg has been offering race training to both children and adults for many years, and emphasizes safety in his training. Every Friday during the ski season he offers training on a modified GS course (similar to the PACRAT courses), with video analysis, at a cost of \$35. Contact Coach Greg at coachgreg@mthoodadultraceclub.com if you are interested; signups in advance are required.

Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association, talked about the **FWSA Athletic Scholarship program**. This year \$11,925 in scholarships were distributed to 15 deserving young ski racers. NWSCC clubs have been scholarship donors for many years: this year Skiyente is supporting Ali Gunesch of Government Camp with the Erin Nicole Memorial scholarship (\$1,525); Mountain High is supporting Jordan Schweitzer of Mt. Bachelor (\$1,000); and Bergfreunde is supporting Dean Austin of Mission Ridge, WA (\$500). Corporate sponsors of the FWSA scholarship program are Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge (in Whitefish), and Karbon clothing.

NWSCC has its own scholarship this year, and is supporting Elyse Burandt of Spokane, WA (\$1,000). The lively annual PIE and goodie auction took place at this meeting, and \$452 was raised toward next year's scholarship fund!!

While **Whitewater Ski Area** in British Columbia was not able to personally attend the meeting, a short video was shown highlighting the ski area.

CLUB INFORMATION:

Cascade Ski Club's Annual CRAB FEED is scheduled for **Saturday, February 16**, starting at 6:00 pm at the club's Lodge in Government Camp! Tickets are \$35, and include a fantastic crab dinner, beverages, and a silent auction. This annual event sells out - to get tickets contact the Lodge Manager Joe Schuberg at 503-272-9204 or email lodge@cascadeskiclub.org. Ski club members wanting to spend that night are invited to stay for the special price of \$21 - make reservations with Joe. Lodging is bunk style, and you are reminded to bring sleeping bag/bedding, pillow, towel, soap & shampoo, etc.

The **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** is celebrating its 75th Anniversary, and you are invited! The Portland Party will be held Thursday, **February 21, 2013**, at The Norse Lodge, 111 NE 11th, Portland, from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. There will be music, memorabilia, presentations, old videos and photographs, raffles, snacks, a cash bar, and a lot of fun! Wear your favorite vintage ski sweater or Nordic sweater, or any ski sweater will do! The cost is \$20 per person for mail in registration; \$22 per person for on-line registration; or \$25 per person at the door. Go to <http://mhsp75th.weebly.com/portland-party.html> for information and to register. Don't miss this event!

Longview Ski Club received Historical Club recognition from FWSA, and Mary Olhausen went to a club meeting to present the certificate.

Bergfreunde is offering \$64 lift tickets to Mt. Hood Meadows to any NWSCC club members. Contact Shawn Storey at 360-910-8709 or irishcatty@gmail.com.

S'no Joke Ski Club is offering open spots on its **Whitefish Mountain Resort trip February 7-11, 2013**, to members of other clubs! This trip includes round trip rail transportation from Everett, 2 per standard sleeper on Amtrak, 1 dinner and 1 breakfast on the train; shuttles to the mountain; 4 nights in 2-3 bedroom deluxe condos slopeside at the Morning Eagle Lodge, and 3 days of skiing, all for \$695! Contact trip leader Mike Nolan at mikesnolan@comcast.net or 425-754-1234 right away if interested! See attached flier.

Mountain High invites members of other clubs to join it on a **one-day bus trip to Hoodoo Ski Area on February 16**. The cost for the bus and lift ticket is \$80. The bus will leave from the Tualatin Park & Ride. Please contact Emilio Trampuz at emilio2000@earthlink.net or 503-378-0171 to sign up.

Bergfreunde invites ALL NWSCC and FWSA club members to join its **23rd annual Lake Tahoe Sampler trip February 24-March 2, 2013**, at the member price of only \$318. This extremely popular trip includes 6 nights lodging at the Bluelake Inn, South Lake Tahoe, CA; a hospitality room on Sunday, Monday and Friday; group dinners on Tuesday and Thursday; their legendary Wednesday night dinner dance cruise on the M.S. Dixie II paddle wheeler; and a trip souvenir. Transportation and lifts are not included. This group searches out the best deals during the week they are there, and sometimes finds group prices in advance. Downhill, cross country, and non skiers are all welcome on this trip. Extra cost for singles and non-NWSCC or FWSA club members. Contact Bob Burns at 503-524-5261 (bob@inkjetman.com). See flier.

NWSCC is helping to promote a **club discount ski day at White Pass Ski Area** in Washington on **Saturday, March 16, 2013**. Sign Up With A Club or Drive On Your Own! White Pass Ski Resort welcomes all NW Ski Club Council skiers, snowboarders, and cross-country skiers, for Club Ski Day on March 16th. White Pass is located on US Hwy 12 on the White Pass Scenic Byway, in Washington. They offer nearly 1,500 acres of Alpine terrain and 18 kilometers of Nordic trails. Visit their website at www.skiwhitepass.com for more details on resort services.

Show your FWSA/NWSCC Membership Card at the outside Ticket Booth or inside at Guest Services (main floor of Day Lodge), to receive your discount lift ticket.

Ages 7-12 (Junior): \$29.00

Ages 13-64 (Adult): \$47.00

Ages 65-72 (Senior): \$38.00

Cross Country: \$11.00 (purchase ticket at trail head)

For more information on NWSCC Club Ski Days, please contact Mary Olhausen at president@nwski.org or

Barbara Bousum at travel@nwski.org.

There are already two clubs from Portland (Bergfreunde and Mountain High) which are planning bus trips up to White Pass that day - and they might have room for other local club members as well! This trip will be attractive to Nordic skiers and snowshoers as well - and what's not to like about "leave the driving to us"? We have just learned that is also the day for the **Hope on the Slopes** event at White Pass, in case anyone wants to include that in their plans for a White Pass visit (but not for bus riders!). **Mountain High's price for the day bus trip and adult discount lift ticket to White Pass is \$95; \$86 for seniors ages 65 - 72; \$77 for juniors ages 7 -12; and \$48 for super seniors (72+).** Members of other clubs are welcome and can contact Emilio Trampuz at emilio2000@earthlink.net or 503-378-0171 to sign up.

Thanks to Maureen Richard of S'no Joke Ski Club for arranging this year's **"Half Price Ski Day at Crystal Mountain."** On **Sunday, March 24, 2013**, take your NWSCC membership card and picture ID to any ticket window at Crystal Mountain and get a lift ticket for \$37 including the gondola or \$33 without gondola!

Have you ever wanted to raft the Grand Canyon, but never had the chance? Well, now you can't say you weren't offered a chance!! **S'no Joke** has opened up its **White Water Rafting Trip on the Grand Canyon August 23-30, 2013**, to all NWSCC and FWSA clubs! The 8-day trip is the longest motorized whitewater trip on the Colorado River; you will see more than you do on most trips! See flier for details, and contact trip leader Don Guerin at 206-372-5360 or donguerin@comcast.net right away to get one of the remaining spots!

PACRAT INFORMATION:

The first race was run in fantastic weather, and the results are available on the PACRAT website at pacrats.org/racers.html. Dale Parshall said in his report: The weather and course were great, with 188 racers showing up for the first race. The course held up great thanks to everyone's efforts with course maintenance. One team (Lab Rats) had an exceptional day, scoring 56 points to take the early lead. 11 teams are bunched within 12 points of each other between 2nd and 12th, and most of the rest aren't that far off. Don't be discouraged if your team is not near the top to start, as we have seen huge point swings in the past, especially if your team has full participation. We have four boarders this year and we'll score them with the 10% discount as prescribed by NASTAR. As for individuals, there's strong competition for fastest man and woman on the hill with Jay Pollock topping the men this race and Brenda Ackerson topping the ladies. If you haven't heard, we made some rules changes to clarify how some of the "sandbagging" issues will be handled this year. Check out the

Operations Manual under the RACERS tab on the PACRAT website under the Upgrading by Strike System and Downgrading by Strike System sections. Our next scheduled race is at Ski Bowl January 27.

PACRAT is again offering NASTAR (National Standard Race) qualifications and points and awards at no extra cost this season! View NASTAR.com for more information on the benefits of NASTAR to our racers.

Race #3	February 10, 2013	Mt. Hood Skibowl
NASTAR Open	March 2, 2013	Mt. Hood Skibowl (open to all interested adults & children)
Race #4	March 17, 2013	Mt. Hood Meadows
Race #5	March 31, 2013	Timberline
Make-up, if needed	April 7, 2013	Location TBD
Rat Attack	April 19, 2013	Tentative Date Location TBD

The NASTAR National Championships will be held March 20-24, 2013, at Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado. PACRAT racers who qualify will be identified as the racing year goes on.

Racers and non-racers alike may also attend the Far West Racing Association Championships April 5-7, 2013, at Alpine Meadows, California.

Check the PACRAT website at www.pacrats.org for all current information and lots of FUN stuff!

NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

This ski season think about saving your lift tickets or receipts for lift tickets from your visits to 7 or more of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and NEW THIS YEAR, to Western Canada or Alaska, to be eligible for a prize! The more ski areas you ski, the better your chances of a bigger prize! Tickets will be turned in to NWSCC at the end of the season and winners will be announced in October (when we know what prizes are available). Not everyone will be guaranteed a prize; if there are a large number of entries next year we will need to have a drawing for prizes.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

Mt. Ashland needs YOUR help - financially this time. Mt. Ashland received a ruling this summer allowing it to proceed with the construction of two ski lifts, new runs, and expanding the parking area, but first it needs to raise money to finance the improvements. As a nonprofit, a successful capital campaign is essential to the success of the project.

Mt. Ashland has budgeted \$150,000 in contributed support to augment operational revenue. Realizing that goal will

assist the ski area in mitigating rising annual costs of doing business. Mt. Ashland began a fundraising campaign in June with the goal of raising \$350,000 to help the ski area recover from its operational loss during the 2011-12 season, cover current debt, and add a little padding to a reserve fund. Since June they have raised \$243,000 in donations and commitments, but they have \$57,000 to go. Please consider including Mt. Ashland in your year-end giving this year! Contact Rick Saul, Development Director, at 541-482-2897 x203 or rsaul@mtashland.com.

Northwest Snowsports Advocates has its own Facebook page. Keep current on news about what is going on in the Pacific NW 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>.

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.

Don't forget that your NWSCC membership card gets you no hassle **FLEET PRICING at Carr Subaru!** Contact Vijay Chitnis at beavertonsubaru@gmail.com. Watch for a potential future "Friends and Family" Special Sale at Carr Subaru!

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

Delegate Registration is now officially open for the FWSA Convention hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council in Reno June 6-9, 2013! All forms and flyers are available for downloading; please visit the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org with a link right on the home page.

There are special incentives to boost club attendance at this convention! **For every six club delegates who sign up for the full registration package, the club will get a rebate for one paid registration after the convention!!**

Convention Chairperson Jane Wyckoff has announced Special "passkey" reservation pricing is available at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino where the Convention will be held-\$79 for a Standard Room, or \$104 for a newly refurbished Summit Suites Grand II Room with a microwave and mini-fridge. You will want to book the upgraded rooms EARLY, as they are likely to sell out. Also new to Convention

this year, the Grand Sierra has an adjacent RV Park and invites you to book with them at rates of \$35-\$45 per night. These special rates will not be available for long, as the RV park tends to fill up, so book early! See instructions for booking hotel rooms or RV spots on the attached fliers. For further information contact Jane Wyckoff at [janewyckoff1@cox.net](mailto:j anewyckoff1@cox.net) or 949-933-9607.

At Convention FWSA has two special awards where **individual winners receive ski trips for two people** from the sponsors of the awards: the **Safety Person of the Year Award** (a week in Aspen!) and the **Western Ski Heritage Award** (a week in Steamboat!). For information on the Safety Person of the Year award and how to apply, see attached fliers, or click on www.fwsa.org/Awards/awards-recognition/safety.html, or for information on how to apply for the Western Ski Heritage Award, click on www.fwsa.org/Awards/awards-recognition/wsh.html.

Does your club have some special history? The purpose of the **FWSA Club & Council History Recognition Award** is to capture historical information about snowsports from the participants' perspective and especially that of the club participant. Selection for the prize will be based on digital presentation of club or council history according to a set of weighted criteria and judged by knowledgeable ski historians. The prize will be \$100 to be donated in the winner's name to a charity of the winner's choosing. Submissions are due April 21, 2013. See flier.

FWSA encourages all clubs and councils to get involved with charities and community service. The **Charities and Community Service Recognition Program** has been recognizing clubs for their charitable work at each convention for the past seven years. Information can be obtained on the Far West website (www.fwsa.org) regarding this wonderful program, and how easy it is to apply for this recognition. The top 3 clubs will be invited to display a picture board at Convention. From these 3, the winning club will receive \$300, and the two runner-ups will each receive \$100 to be donated to the charity of their choice. In addition, we have now added a secondary level, and will award \$100 to the top ski club council. All groups that apply will be recognized at Convention. Application deadline is March 15, 2013. For more information about how to get your club on the "Honor Roll of Clubs and Councils Supporting Charities," or with any Charity and Community questions, contact Sigrid Noack at skisig@earthlink.net. See attached flier.

Spots may still be available on the **Far West International Ski Week to Innsbruck, Austria** is scheduled **March 2-10, 2013**, with an extension to Garmisch & Munich from March

10-17, 2013. Contact Debbie Stewart for more info: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net. Go to the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org/Travel/InternationalSki/internationalski.html for full details on these trips; fliers are also on the NWSCC website.

FWSA's Mini Ski Week will be to Mt. Bachelor with lodging at The Riverhouse in Bend, Oregon, March 25-30, 2013. This trip is limited to the first 100 people who sign up and pay their initial deposit - and all members of all FWSA clubs are invited. See flier and signup forms on the newsletter page.

In the Fall of 2013, FWSA is planning a **Caribbean cruise** on Norwegian Cruise Lines. Details, along with dates and pricing, will be available soon.

Far West Ski Week 2014 will be in Beaver Creek, Colorado. Beaver Creek was chosen for the 2014 Ski Week from the many bidders at this year's convention. The dates will be January 25 to February 1, 2014. Trip details will be available at a later time.

FWSA offers one USA 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 or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816.

When traveling with Far West Ski Association, rest assured that you are traveling with well qualified travel leaders and experienced tour operators to ensure your travel experience will be exciting, enjoyable and memorable. Check the Far West website often to find the most up-to-date travel information. Lastly, sit back, relax and enjoy your trip with FWSA. Here are some things to remember when traveling internationally:

- * Pack light to enjoy the freedom of mobility.
- * Have some local currency on hand for the country you are to arrive in.
- * Have a mix of money handy—Debit Card, Credit Card, ATM Card, cash in easy-to-exchange \$20 bills.
- * Have documents, plus photocopies, of passport, airline ticket, driver's license, railpass/car rental voucher, insurance details.
- * Travel Insurance. FWSA highly recommends travel insurance for all participants.
- * Stay fit on long flights by doing knee flexions (bending and straightening your knees); dorsiflexions (keeping heel on floor, point toes up); plantar flexions (with heels on floor, point toes down); eversion (gently roll sole inward); inversion (gently roll sole outward).
- * Walk around and stretch periodically.
- * Hydrate.

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:

Look at the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org to see an updated list of **member benefits and discounts**, and check out the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org under Membership to see the current discounts. Note Debbi Kor is constantly 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 in the Members Only section. User name: **skiclub** - password: **member**.

UPCOMING 2013 CHARITABLE EVENTS

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

- March 1-2 , 2013** **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 24 hour ski challenge and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

March 10-11, 2013 **Oregon Cancer Ski Out**, Mt. Hood Meadows—a fun 2-day event (Sunday & Monday). Teams of five compete for best consistency (not speed).

April 13, 2013 **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. Fred Noble, who is living with ALS himself, is the local spokesperson.

MISCELLANEOUS AND FUN INFORMATION:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGULAR NWSCC MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED! Starting in 2013, NWSCC meetings will be held bi-monthly (February, April, June, August, October, December); the location may vary, so check the NWSCC website or contact President Mary Olhausen at President@nwskiers.org. Board meetings are usually held the 4th Wednesday; contact an officer if you have an item 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.

INVITATION TO 2013 SKIING HERITAGE WEEK:

The International Skiing History Association (ISHA) and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame (HALL) invite you to attend this year's SKIING HERITAGE WEEK taking place in Vail, Colorado April 8-14, 2013. This year's event, titled "50 YEARS OF MOUNTAIN FUN AND MEMORIES," is a special celebration of the 50th anniversary season of America's Premier destination ski resort – Vail, Colorado. This once-in-a-lifetime gathering will be full of skiing, parties, entertainment, reunions with old and new friends, the 3rd Annual Ishpeming International Film Festival of classic ski films, and other special events and activities. The week's highlight will be the Hall of Fame's Annual Induction Ceremony on Saturday, where they will induct some great Ski & Snowboard legends into the Hall. For information on all activities and how to sign up, click www.skihall.com/index.php?_a=document&doc_id=19&PH_PSESSID=9a5a4f5931166594f7fbf890a7a44dd4.

FROM FWSA NEWS:

FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION - Charitable Giving for 2012: The American Taxpayer Relief Act extends the rules for charitable contributions from IRAs or Roth IRAs to December 31, 2013. Individuals over 70½ years of age may transfer funds directly to a charity from their IRAs without it being counted as income. In addition, funds transferred prior to February 1, 2013, may be credited toward your charitable giving for the 2012 tax year. The Far West Ski Foundation can receive your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and if desired, direct it to one of the Foundation's funds, such as the Far West Athletic Scholarship, the Westlund Fund (rehab through snow sports), Women's Ski Jumping, or Snowsports History and Museums. Send your QCD to President, FWSF, Box 861, Fallbrook CA 92088, or to John Reinhardt, Treasurer, FWSF, 5285 SW Meadows Rd #380, Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

Learn to Ski and Ride Month: Throughout January, ski resorts and ski areas across the country are participating in Learn to Ski and Ride month, running special programs for those who want to learn the fine art of skiing or boarding. Earn points for the President's Active Lifestyle Awards (PALA) through the President's Challenge. LSSM is a strong supporter of the First Lady's Let's Move initiative.

National Safety Awareness Week: In an effort to raise awareness of ski safety among skiers and snowboarders, many ski areas are hosting safety themed events and activities from January 19 to 27th. From taking precautionary measures before hitting the slopes, to knowing how to recognize something as minor as a sunburn, or as major as

recognizing avalanche danger, resorts will ramp up their efforts to engage the public on best practices when it comes to skiing safely. Everyone should become familiar with "The Code," which is seven simple rules to follow:

- * Before using lift, make sure you know HOW to use it;
- * Always remain in control and be able to stop or avoid others on the hill;
- * Don't stop where you will obstruct traffic flow on the hill;
- * Yield to the skier in front of you;
- * Always look uphill before starting across a hill and yield to downhill traffic;
- * Use devices to prevent runaway equipment;
- * Observe all posted signs and warnings, staying away from closed runs or areas.

NASTAR finals in Aspen/Snowmass: NASTAR has announced that Aspen/Snowmass will host the 2013 and 2014 Nature Valley NASTAR National Championships. Skiers will compete at the resort for national titles in various divisions. To qualify for the 2013 Championships, which are set for March 20-24, NASTAR racers must earn a top five ranking in their age and ability category by February 18, 2013.

Happy Anniversary: The Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is celebrating 75 years of service this year, and will celebrate with a reunion and history event on February 21st in Portland. Loveland, Arizona Snowbowl, and Stevens Pass ski areas, as well as Ski Magazine, will also celebrate 75 years this year. Steamboat Springs, Vail, Panorama, and Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort celebrate 50 years, and Northstar and Copper Mountain share a 40th birthday. Here's to many more seasons for you all!

Member Corner: As a member of Far West, you are privy to a number of wonderful perks which can be found on our website. Click on "Member Corner" and scroll down to "Benefits" to check out the numerous discounts you can receive on ski rentals, transportation to Park City, lodging in Bend, and scores of other goodies. NEW this year are The Powder House, in Bend, Oregon, providing members a 10% discount off rentals and retail merchandise; and the Phoenix Inn & Suites in Bend, Oregon, which is now transitioning to a Doubletree by Hilton and offering a 20% discount. The benefits are updated often, so keep checking to see what's new!

Another benefit we have available is through **Legal Shield**. Legal Shield features would be: representation on traffic violations in any state, accident representation in any state (whether auto or on the slopes), insurance disputes and claim problems, billing disputes, luggage lost by airlines, lost wallet and ID information with legal and identity theft restoration support, and 24 emergency card for accusation of identity theft or Miranda rights issues. It covers the entire

family (kids up to 21 or 23 if in college full-time) and every specialty of law for a small monthly fee of \$17 to \$28 month. The legal network is composed of top ranking AV-rated law firms across the nation with availability of over 2,000 attorneys, with same day access.

National Ski Council Federation also provides a host of benefits as well, so don't forget to check them out. The link can be found at the bottom of the Benefits page. The benefits are updated as we get new partners, so check in frequently to see what's new!

From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

NORTH TAHOE LAUNCHES FIRST-EVER FREE SKI SHUTTLE: The North Lake Tahoe Chamber/CVB/Resort Association in partnership with the Truckee/North Tahoe Transportation Management Association and Placer County, the town of Truckee and several ski resorts recently launched the region's first-ever, area-wide Free Ski Shuttle, serving North Lake Tahoe, Truckee and Donner Summit between area lodging properties to 9 different ski resorts on weekends and holiday weeks through March 31. In addition to the Free Ski Shuttle, a number of ski resorts offer their own free ski shuttles, such as Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley, Homewood Mountain Resort, Northstar California and Diamond Peak.

LAS VEGAS RESORT DONATES HELMETS TO KIDS

The Las Vegas Ski & Snowboard Resort has donated over 1,000 ski helmets to local children this season in a program called Lids for Kids. The program after an 11-year old girl died while sledding in a restricted area near the resort.

STEVENS PASS TO GET NEW LIFT: The new owner of Washington's Stevens Pass, CNL Lifestyle Properties, has announced a new \$4 million on a ski lift and skiing terrain addition to begin in April and be complete by December. The resort will replace an existing chair lift in Mill Valley at Stevens Pass with a high-speed lift that should cut the ride time in half, the company said. CNL Properties is a nationwide real estate investment trust based in Orlando, Fla., that also owns the Summit at Snoqualmie Resort at Snoqualmie Pass, in Washington.

To subscribe to the National Ski Club News, go to <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/Subscribe.aspx?m=4704>.

NOTICE: CREDIT CARD POLICY!!

NWSCC will now accept credit cards for all events and trips, but a 3% charge will be added to all credit card transactions to cover our costs. This will include debit cards run as credit. Credit cards will be accepted for all events, trips, club member dues, commercial member dues, clothing, and Ski Fair Silent Auction

CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**February 2013**

11-15	Methow Valley, WA (XC)	Cascade PT
14-18	Banff, AB, Canada	Desert Ski Club
14-18	Methow Valley, WA Family Friendly Trip	Oregon Nordic
15-18	Crater Lake, OR (XC, SS)	Bergfreunde
15-18	Sunriver, OR	Oregon Nordic
15-18	Leavenworth, WA (Carpool)	S'no Joke
16	Crab Feed, Cascade Lodge, Gov't Camp	Cascade Ski Club
16-24	Yellowstone National Park Dream Trip	Oregon Nordic
20-22	Tyee Lodge, Mt. Hood, OR (XC)	Cascade PT/Open
22-24	Willamette Pass, OR (DH, XC)	Altair
22-24	Breitenbush Hot Springs Ski & Soak	Oregon Nordic
22-3/1	Snowbasin/Powder Mtn, UT	Mountain High
23 or 24	Alpentel, WA (Day Bus Trip)	Desert Ski Club
23-3/2	Park City, UT (Airline Trip)	SKIBACS
24	Willamette Pass Day Trip	Altair
24-3/2	Winter Park, CO	WIHSKI
24-3/2	Lake Tahoe Sampler (23rd)	Bergfreunde
25-3/3	Alyeska and Anchorage, AK	S'no Joke
27-3/3	Snowbird & Alta, UT	Desert Ski Club
28-3/3	Hickory Lane/Sunriver, OR	Altair
TBA	Tryouts for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol	MHSP/Open

March 2013

1-2	Hope on the Slopes, Mt. Hood Skibowl	Open to All
1-3	Crater Lake, OR (Bus Trip)	Oregon Nordic Club
2	Ski The Glade Trail Day, Timberline to Gov't Camp, OR	Open to All
2-3	Hope on the Slopes, Stevens Pass, WA	Open to All
2-10	Innsbruck, Austria (FWSA)	FWSA/Open to All

3	Turkey Slalom Masters Race, Mt. Hood Skibowl	Schnee/Open to All
3-9	Whitefish Mountain, MT (Train)	Mt. Hood Skikats
3-10	Whitefish Mountain, MT (Train)	Skihawks
4-6	White Pass, WA (DH, XC)	Cascade PT
6-12	Snowmass/Aspen, CO	S'no Joke
8-10	Diamond Lake, OR (XC, SS)	Altair
8-10	Winter Special Olympics @ Mt. Bachelor	Bergfreunde/Open
9	Spree at Alpentel - Demo Day/Benefit	Outdoors for All
9	Turkey Slalom Masters Race, Mt. Hood Skibowl	Schnee Vogeli/ALL
9-15	Jackson Hole/Grand Targhee	SKIBACS
10	Skiyente Memorial GS Masters Race, Mt. Hood Skibowl	Skiyente/ALL
10-11	Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, Mt. Hood Meadows	Open to All
10-17	Garmisch Ski/Tour & Munich	FWSA/Open to All
13-18	Sun Valley, ID	Skihawks
14-20	Park City, Utah (Airline Trip)	S'no Joke
15-16	Mission Ridge/Stevens Pass	WIHSKI
15-17	Brundage, ID (Bus Trip)	Desert Ski Club
16	Hope on the Slopes, Crystal Mountain, WA	Open to All
16	NWSCC Ski Day White Pass	Open to All Clubs
16-17	Hope on the Slopes, White Pass	Open to All
17	Willamette Pass Day Trip	Altair
20	NWSCC Movie Night	Open to All Clubs
21-24	Dine & Ski Mt. Bachelor	Bergfreunde
22-31	Canada/Assiniboine Lodge	Oregon Nordic Club
23	Demo Day, Hoodoo (Carpool)	Altair
23-30	Whitewater / Red Mountain / 49 Degrees North	Mountain High
24	Half Price Day Crystal Mtn, WA	All NWSC Members
25-30	Mt. Bachelor (FWSA Mini Wk)	FWSA/Open to All
27-31	Anthony Lakes, OR (DH, XC)	Bergfreunde
29-31	Schweitzer, ID (Carpool Trip)	Desert Ski Club

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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NEW!! 2012-2013 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

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Timberline Lodge, OR

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(PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Mountain Shop, Portland, OR

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Amtrak
Carr Subaru, Portland, OR
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Sun Valley Resort, ID

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
Grand Targhee Resort, WY
Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Mission Ridge Ski & Snowboard Resort, WA
Mt. Hood Vacation Rentals, OR
Phoenix Inn, Bend, OR
Resort at the Mountain, OR
Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, OR
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Seventh Mountain Resort, Bend, OR
White Pass, WA
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Whitewater Ski Resort, BC

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49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA
Mammoth Mountain, CA
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, BC, Can
Ski.com
Sunriver Resort, OR

**A BIG WELCOME TO THIS
YEAR'S COMMERCIAL
MEMBERS!!**
**PLEASE PATRONIZE AND
SUPPORT THESE COMMERCIAL
MEMBERS AND LET THEM
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check 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., **FEBRUARY 20**, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION Tubby's Deli
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← **NOTE THERE IS A MEETING THIS MONTH!**

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

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org