



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY 2012

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The next NWSCC meeting will be held March 21 at the Shanghai Noble House (5331 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97239), starting at 6:00 pm. At that time we will be highlighting the End of the Season, FWSA Convention, and Man & Woman of the Year. (No host food - full menu - great food!)

The following meetings will be on the third Wednesdays of June (Elections) and September (Looking forward to the next season - already?). Appreciation Night in the summer is TBA.

TIMELY ALERTS:

HOT NEWS FLASH! The NASTAR race and PACRAT races scheduled for this weekend (January 7-8) have been canceled due to low snow levels that might make racing hazardous.

If you are interested in ongoing **race training**, Coach Greg Dilger is offering training every Friday for anyone interested. He will start at Timberline until Mt. Hood Skibowl has enough snow to support racing. The cost will be \$25 per session; you will meet up at the appropriate lodge at 8:30 am. You need to email Greg at: gdilger2@yahoo.com to sign up, so he can tell you where that week's training will be, and so he knows how many coaches to have.

If you have young **skiers age 6-13** who are ready for racing, **Meadows Race Team (MRT)** has upcoming Winter Camps. They will be offering 2-day "Intro to MRT" race camps January 7-8 and January 14-15 for \$125. MRT believes that "It Takes Great Skiers to Make Great Racers" and they put the FUN in FUNdamentals. For more information or to sign up online, go to www.meadowsraceteam.org. See attached flier.

Bergfreunde Ski Club is offering Cross-Country Ski Workshops starting this weekend (January 7 through February 4)! See more details under club information inside.

If you want to **ski Mt. Hood Meadows for only \$10** and benefit a good cause, the annual Rotary night is Monday, **January 16 (MLK Day), from 2 pm to 9 pm**. Tickets are available at **Hillcrest Sports**, 2506 SE Burnside, Gresham. Note that even if you are already a Meadows season ticket holder, you still need to purchase a Rotary ticket in order to participate in the special hours at Meadows for this fundraising event.

Mt. Bachelor has a special sale ending at 8 am on Monday, January 9, or sooner if they sell out of this deal. Buy a 3-of-5 day lift ticket for only \$119 valid during MLK Weekend. A 3-of-5 day ticket is a multi-day ticket that is valid for 3 days of skiing/boarding within a 5-day period. At this \$119 rate, you can ski or ride 3 days for less than the regular price of a 2-day lift ticket... meaning that the 3rd day is FREE! Tickets will be available for use immediately, and the first day of the 3-day ticket must be used no later than Monday, January 16th. Tickets are non-transferable and non-refundable, and DO NOT include the Kids Ski FREE deal. Go to their website for details: http://www.mtbachelor.com/winter/mountain/tickets/lift_tickets

Mark your calendars for Skiyente's annual **King Winter Coronation and Dance** to be held at Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp on **February 11**. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased in advance from your favorite Skiyente member, or at the door. Further details inside.

2012 BACHELOR BLAST TRIP!!

Attention, Clubs! It's now time to sign up for the **2012 Bachelor Blast trip to be held April 6-8, 2012!** Sign up now so we don't have to release spots. The basic trip price this year is \$210, and includes some extras: you'll get two nights of lodging in a Mt. Bachelor Village condo, two lift

tickets to Mt. Bachelor, a fabulous lasagne lunch at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, and a fantastic party on Saturday night! If you want to ski a third day you can get a discounted price, and an extra night's lodging can be arranged if you have a full condo.

This year we are staying in Ski House Loft condos (4 per condo) or luxury River Ridge condos (7-8 per condo; 3 BR w/queens, 3 BA; sofa sleeper) at Mt. Bachelor Village on Century Drive. Trip leader Linda McGavin will work with your club to put your members into condos that fit your needs, if you wish to book a full condo. Only people who sign up in groups of 7-8 people will be put into the River Ridge condos. ALL guests have access to the Athletic Club of Bend!

Seniors and juniors will get extra discounts: Seniors 65-69 or Teens 13-18 can deduct \$15; Super Seniors 70+ or Youths 6-12 can deduct \$35; and children 5-12 can deduct \$45 from the basic trip price! Children are welcome on this trip as long as you fill a condo with the minimum number of people who agree to lodge together – we will not assign adults into a condo with children.

The bad news: **We only have 80 spots available** at these incredible prices – so you'll need to book early and contact trip leader Linda McGavin to work out the best condo(s) for your club members. Like other trips, individual club members can sign up directly and will be assigned lodging if they don't have a preference of roommates. So sign up early!

And the good news: **Your club or group can still participate** even after all of our basic trip spots are sold (or even if you would rather stay in a luxury home or different type of unit), because **Mt. Bachelor Village is giving a special Bachelor Blast discount for ALL condos booked directly with them for this trip** – mention Bachelor Blast if you call, or there will be a special code (announced later) if you book online. An amenity package is available for those booking other Mt. Bachelor Village properties, or those who own their own lodging in Bend, starting at \$125 for 2 lift tickets, lunch, and the party on Saturday night, again with further discounts for seniors and juniors! Ask for a special signup form for this option.

More good news - you can pay for this trip with your Visa or Mastercard! You will need to contact the Council treasurer, Marcia Brighton, at 360-721-1300 to use one of these two credit cards. Leave a message and Marcia will call you back when she is able to process the card online.

Check out the flier and signup sheet, and get the word out to all your club members right away!

GUEST SPEAKERS AT DECEMBER MEETING:

SKI TO DEFEAT ALS: Fred Noble, a Mt. Hood "institution" who has been skiing Mt. Hood and the world for too many years to count, and a friend of many in our clubs, came to speak about a cause that is near and dear to his heart. In early 2010 Fred was asked to assist with starting up a new fundraiser for the ALS Association, a cause which became personal when he himself was diagnosed with ALS in December of 2010. This event is being launched to raise much needed funds for all families in Oregon and SW Washington who are coping with the daily struggles of living with ALS. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that slowly robs a person of the ability to walk, speak, swallow and, eventually, breathe. With no known cause or cure, a person can expect to live typically 2 to 5 years from the time of diagnosis. ALS has no racial, ethnic or socioeconomic boundaries – and in only 10% of cases there is a family history of ALS. Today, there are approximately 30,000 people in the US living with ALS and 5,600 people in the US are diagnosed each and every year. At any given time, there are an estimated 500 families living with ALS in Oregon and SW Washington. Without any government or insurance funding, the local ALS chapter provides support services and equipment *free of charge* to support these families.

Fred is the honorary chairman of this new event, to be held April 14, 2012, at Mt. Hood Meadows. Go to the website at http://webor.alsa.org/site/TR/Events/OregonandSWWashington?fr_id=7670&pg=entry to see a video about Fred's life and the event, and start taking the steps to sign up and participate, either as a participant or volunteer, or to support team fundraising!

Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association, announced that the FWSA Foundation has just awarded a number of scholarships to junior racers. He specially thanked ski club partners Skiyente, Mountain High, and Bergfreunde for their scholarship contributions. See attachment for a list of the six winners from the Pacific Northwest.

At the annual PIE (and other goodies) auction, with treats lovingly handmade by Council officers, a total of \$432 was raised for the benefit of the Oregon Food Bank.

NORTHWEST SKIERS' DIRECTORY:

The 2011-2012 **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is now available in racks supplied by Certified Folder Display throughout the Northwest. If your club would like copies for its members, contact Sheri Parshall at president@nwskiers.org to make arrangements.

NEW THIS YEAR: The Northwest Skiers' Directory has a "flash" version accessible from the home page of the NWSCC website. Just click on the cover of the Directory and you will be able to view the entire Directory, turning pages and even clicking on blue hyperlinks to go to the club or some commercial member websites!!! COOL, huh?

PACRAT INFORMATION:

The PACRAT board has been meeting and preparing for this year's racing schedule, and the current dates are listed below. There will be a start order change this year to make the initial start order more random, and then giving each team a rotating start order in subsequent races, so each team will have a better chance to ski before the ruts get going. Only the final race will be held in the previous format with the slowest teams running first and the top teams running last.

PACRAT is working on safety this year. Included will be a focus on course maintenance, with instructions given to racers on how to "slip" the course to smooth it out, and mandatory course slipping. The result will be an easier and safer course for everyone. Shadowing the course will result in disqualification.

PACRAT will again offer 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.

NASTAR Open	January 7, 2012	CANCELED
Race #1	January 8, 2012	CANCELED
Race #1	January 29, 2012	Ski Bowl
Race #2	February 12, 2012	Mt Hood Meadows
Race #3	March 11, 2012	Ski Bowl
Race #4	March 25, 2012	Mt Hood Meadows
Race #5	April 2, 2012	TBA: SB or MHM
Rat Attack	April 13, 2013	Tentative Date

The NASTAR National Championships will be held March 16-18, 2012, at Winter Park, Colorado. PACRAT racers who qualify will be identified as the racing year goes on.

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

CLUB INFORMATION:

Some of our member clubs already have announced trips for the upcoming ski season that are open to members of other clubs.

Cascade Prime Timers has one "club" trip that is open to everyone - an annual trip to Sun Valley run by B. Mary Inkster, which this year will be held January 21-28, 2012.

Bergfreunde is offering **Cross-Country Ski Workshops starting this weekend (January 7 through February 4)!**

Bergie's Nordic Cross Country Skiers group offers you the chance to learn and improve your cross country skiing. Various levels of skiers will be organized into small groups to practice techniques, build skills, and improve skiing efficiency. Intermediate and advanced skiers have an option of day touring in a group suited to your skiing ability. Instructors and group leaders are experienced volunteer Bergfreunde Cross Country skiers. A Blue Star bus will transport us to various snow parks at Mt. Hood well suited for skiing in a fun, safe environment. You supply ski gear (boots, skis and poles) and clothing. The price (varying from \$99-\$123) includes four Saturdays as a package: January 7, 21, 28, and February 4th. Contact trip leaders Willa Ralphs at willa.ralphs@yahoo.com or 503-504-8117 or Jenny Deacon-Nelly at jendeacon@comcast.net or 360-253-6827.

LAST CHANCE - CALL NOW! Bergfreunde invites ALL NWSCC and FWSA club members to join its 22nd annual Lake Tahoe Sampler trip February 26-March 2, 2012, at the member price of only \$297. 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, non-NWSCC or FWSA club members, and credit cards. Contact Bob Burns at 503-524-5261 (bob@inkjetman.com) or Tom Hiller at 503-643-0659 (trhiller@frontier.com).

Bergfreunde also specially invites both downhill and nordic skiers to join them on a 3-day carpool trip March 29-April 1 in LaGrande for 2 days of skiing at **Anthony Lakes** (Friday and Saturday). Lodging will be at the Super 8 in LaGrande, with breakfasts and 2 dinners (Friday and Saturday) included in the trip cost, which varies dependent upon the type of room, single or double occupancy, lift tickets or xc trail passes, and age (70+ get an extra discount). Contact trip captains Dore Judd at dj97056@comcast.net or 503-543-3297, or Elvina Christopherson at elvinamay@hotmail.com or 503-543-5866. Everyone is welcome, but call early!!

All meetings of **Skiente Ski Club** are open to any woman. The club focuses on fundraising, as shown by the charities awards it has won from FWSA.

Skiyente's annual **King Winter Coronation and Dance** will be held **February 11** at Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp. The criteria for choosing King Winter is someone who has made a significant contribution on Mt. Hood, and Skiyente is very pleased to announce TWO King Winters will be crowned this year: Sheri and Dale Parshall!

Skiyente will be jointly sponsoring **Masters Races** with Schnee Vogeli **March 3 (slalom) and March 4 (GS)**. A Mardi Gras celebration and feed will take place at the Huckleberry Inn on Saturday night, March 3.

Schnee Vogeli is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year!

NWSCC is selling awesome Port Authority Microfleece Vests. They are black with the new logo on the left chest. Men's are \$42 and women's are \$40, with payment due upon order. There is an order form on the website now!

COMMERCIAL MEMBER NEWS:

NWSCC appreciates all of its commercial members - see the list on the last page of this newsletter. Here's some timely information about some of them.

January is Learn a Snow Sport Month in Oregon (Theme: Humans were never meant to hibernate) - so take advantage of specials at all Oregon ski areas - especially our commercial members! Introduce your friends to the sport you love with beginner lesson packages including rentals, lesson, and limited lifts: 3 times at Mt. Hood Meadows for \$139 (ages 13+); 1 time at Mt. Hood Skibowl for \$46; and 2 times at Timberline for \$99 (ages 11+, guaranteed linked turns or you keep coming until you can do them).

The **Huckleberry Inn** in Government Camp offers a Ski Club Pub and Steakhouse on weekends and holidays, with famous prime rib dinners. Stop in after skiing and meet up with your friends, or visit the restaurant any time and enjoy homemade food and famous huckleberry pie.

Mt. Hood Meadows has a special midweek deal which supports local adaptive groups! Meadows and Make A Hero have teamed up to offer you an approximately 30% discounted lift ticket, valid Monday-Thursday. A portion of the price will go to support local adaptive groups that help individuals with physical disabilities regain their freedom through skiing! Lift tickets are only \$55, and will allow a full days access to Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort from Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm (January 16 and February 20 excluded). http://www.makeahero.org/deals/deal-detail?deal_id=465

Mt. Hood Skibowl has "Cosmic Tubing" on Saturday nights at Skibowl East, with the only conveyor lift tube hill on Mt.

Hood. Frosty's Magic Carpet and the Express Tow provide access to upper, lower, and toddler tube hills, Frosty's Playland, a 2400 sq ft indoor play zone, Kids Tubing Carousel, and Mini Z Snowmobiles.

Timberline is celebrating its 75th anniversary year; check out their website at www.timberlinelodge.com for specials.

John Hanson of **Ski Chalet** announced he is currently marking down race items with an ADDITIONAL 10% off the RACER PRICE. They still have some skis, suits, poles, but are getting low on boots and helmets (as is the industry). Ski Chalet is located at 4800 SW 76th Ave., Portland, OR 97225; telephone 503-297-1891; email Hskiman@integra.net; website www.skichaletpdx.com.

Schweitzer Mountain Resort in Idaho will offer a **FAM trip** March 9-12, 2012. Interested club trip leaders should contact Gwen Victorson. Office Phone: 208-263-9555 ext. 2819, Toll Free Phone: 1-877-ITS-IN-ID ext. 2819; or email gvictorson@schweitzer.com. See attached flier for information about club trips to Schweitzer.

Schweitzer Mountain has a new zip line stretching over 700 feet in length, starting near the tubing yurt going toward the lake, landing below the Musical Carpet. The zip line will run in both summer and winter seasons.

See the fliers on the newsletter page on the NWSCC website offering NWSCC clubs specials from **Schweitzer Mountain Resort and Whitewater Ski Areas!!**

NWSCC MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION

NWSCC is holding its annual Man and Woman of the Year competition. We are looking for a man and woman from each club who the club wishes to honor because they have done something special for their club - it's not a campaign or a popularity contest. **NEW last year and continuing - 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@nwski.org. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 5, 2012, AND THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE MARCH 21 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 2012 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 persons selected will be required to fill out FWSA's forms to enter that competition.

All the 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 Ogden, Utah. **Council Men/Women of Year who attend the Convention receive a 2-night ski trip for two to Big White/Silver Star whether or not they are the FWSA winners. NWSCC will pay the Convention registration fees for its Man and Woman of the Year.**

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 Sheri Parshall for more details and to volunteer for judging. This is a great way to meet other Council/Club members and contribute to FWSA programs.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

Save the date for the 80th Annual FWSA Convention, June 7-10, 2012, hosted by the Intermountain Ski Council. You will enjoy great outdoor activities, partake in two new modules of our Snowsports Leadership Academy, meet ski celebrities, participate in a wonderful Silent Auction for ski trips and travel opportunities, and see how far your golf ball can fly at a higher altitude at the 6th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament. Meetings will be held at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center, a modern state-of-the-art facility with breathtaking mountain views. Lodging will be at the Marriott Ogden or Hampton Inn & Suites Ogden, just steps away from the Conference Center. Randy Lew announced that there will be a Film Fest on Sunday, June 10, from 1:00 to 5:00, which will benefit various charitable organizations and will feature "CAN DO: The Legacy of Jimmie Heuga"; "Ready To Fly" the women's ski jumping film starring Lindsey Vonn; and "The Movement" a film produced by Kurt Miller on physically challenged athletes. We look forward to seeing you there. More details to be announced soon! www.fwsa.org/convention That is good news for NWSCC clubs, as it is easy for us to fly to Salt Lake City or drive to Ogden. See flier attachment.

It has been officially confirmed: The June 2014 FWSA Convention will be hosted by NWSCC at The Riverhouse in Bend!! The NWSCC Board is having a really fun time thinking of a theme and exciting activities to offer convention attendees. We'll be looking for volunteers from all our member clubs, as well as encouraging everyone to attend - it's not often that you'll be able to go to a convention in your own backyard and enjoy the opportunity to participate in the country's BEST ski-related silent auction, as well as to experience all the other Convention activities!

The 2012 FWSA International Ski Week will be held in Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, France with an optional post trip to Morocco. The Morocco post trip is offered as two separate tours: a one week version and a more extensive two week tour. The three fliers attached on our website will give you all the information you could ever want, including detailed trip descriptions, signups, and travel insurance information.

FWSA SPRING FLING at BIG WHITE/SILVER STAR March 27-April 1, 2012! This is a 5 night trip with 3 or 4 days of skiing. Prices range from \$520 to \$595* for 5 nights of ski in/ski out hotel lodging; welcome, tubing, and farewell parties; and 3 or 4 days of skiing. Transportation is not included; and the trip is limited to 100 participants. Contact Gloria Raminha at fwsa.atravel@sbcglobal.net or Fran Long at francat2007@sbcglobal.net if interested. *(US dollars as of 8/15/11; price subject to change of exchange rate) See flier attachment.

NEW: Mammoth Mountain Summer Adventure Trip will be held July 29 to August 5, 2012. We will plan an adventure a day, and anyone interested in the trip can make arrangements to join Far West either for the full week or any portion of the week. There will be a flier out soon which will include sign-up information for the trip.

Fall 2012 Panama Canal Cruise FWSA will "Cruise the Canal" on the Norwegian Pearl cruise ship between September 28 to October 12, 2012. The cruise schedule is as follows: Los Angeles, At Sea, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, At Sea, Huatulco, Puerto Chiapas, At Sea, Puntarenas, At Sea, Transit Panama Canal, Cartagena, At Sea, At Sea, Miami. (Note that this cruise starts in Los Angeles and ends in Miami). The flyer which includes pricing and detailed information about the cruise is available on the www.fwsa.org website. Air and ground transportation are not provided by FWSA. Be sure to check the newly revised flyer on the website. Prices have been lowered for outside and balcony rooms. *If you feel prices on the web are less than our FWSA price, please be aware that prices listed on the FWSA flyer also include port fee, taxes, and two cocktail parties. Cabins in categories other than what FWSA has reserved can be booked on request (based on availability) once a total deposit of \$400 has been paid.* Reservations may only be made through Gloria Raminha at fwsa.natravel@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Aspen/Snowmass is the selection for the 2013 FWSA Ski Week. The dates are February 2-9, 2013. Details of the trip will be on the www.fwsa.org website soon.

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.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE: IT'S TIME! Start saving your lift tickets or credit card receipts from your visits to a minimum of any 7 of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho 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; the winner is usually announced at Appreciation Night in the summer.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS: NWSA informs the skiing public about ski area development issues in Oregon and Washington. This site also provides an opportunity for skiers to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. It's easy and your help is always needed! See www.nwskiers.org/NWSA/NWSA.htm.

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**.

NEW: Locally in Government Camp, The Taco Shoppe is offering \$3 off any burrito by showing your FWSA/NWSCC membership card.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGULAR NWSCC MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED! Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday QUARTERLY; the location may vary, so check the NWSCC website. 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.

The **Mazamas** Ski Mountaineering Program will be hosting a fundraising event for the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center (NWAC) at the Mazama Mountaineering Center, 527 SE 43rd Avenue (at Stark), Portland, on Friday, **January 27, 2012**. As part of the event, we are proud to be able to screen Field Production's new film "Being There," which was selected as "Best European Film" of the year at the International Free-skiing Film Festival (IF3) – Annecy. The event will also include a raffle with a great basket of items, informational displays/booths, fine beverages (beer and wine) as well as some food, and an opportunity to discuss upcoming trips, tours, and climbs. NWAC promotes safety by helping reduce the impact of avalanches and adverse mountain weather on recreation, industry and transportation in Washington, and northern Oregon (Washington Cascades and Olympics, and northern Oregon Cascades - or together for an area larger than Switzerland) through data collection, mountain weather and avalanche forecasting and education. Advance tickets are \$5 for members/\$8 for nonmembers; \$10 at the door for everyone. Buy at the MMC or go to http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/calendar_event/ha-nwac-benefit-event/http://www.mazamas.org/your/adventure/calendar_event/ha-nwac-benefit-event.

FROM FWSA NEWS:

Far West Athletic Scholarships: Two new partners have joined the FWSA Athletic Scholarship team. Bergefreunde Ski Club of Portland, OR, established in 1966, our 5th partner and third partner from the Portland area, is sponsoring Ali Gunesch, a resident of Government Camp, OR, and member of the Mt. Hood ski team. The Castro Valley Ski Club of Castro Valley, CA, became our sixth and most recent partner when they agreed to sponsor Foreste Peterson from Berkeley, CA. Foreste was a 2010 selectee for the U.S. Ski Team's Development Team. The partners join Skiyente Ski Club and Mountain High Snowsport Club from the Portland area, the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs, and the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. These partners have donated a total of \$4500 to the 2011 athletic scholarships.

Skiing Heritage Week: NWSCC is pleased to announce that the 2012 Skiing Heritage Week will be taking place in the Northwest, and include events and skiing at Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Meadows in Oregon, and Crystal Mountain, Mount Rainier, Stevens Pass and Snoqualmie in Washington. Skiing Heritage will be honoring the Mahre brothers, K2 Ski & Snowboard Company, and Ski Magazine (which started in Seattle 75 years ago!!). Date for the event is April 8-15, 2012. Please contact Sheri Parshall at

president@nwskiers.org for more information.

Charity & Community Service Recognition will again be awarded at the FWSA convention in June 2012. Clubs need to send an application telling about their charity and community involvement to Sigrid Noack at skisig@earthlink.net. Applications are on the Far West website at: www.fwsa.org and are due March 15th, 2012.

The FWSA Councilman has a new editor. Connie Burdette, a member of the Apres Ski Club and the Bay Area Council, was recently selected to be the next Editor of The Councilman. You can contact Connie at email address cmburdet@pacbell.net. Connie replaces Mary Azevedo, who held the position for more than seven years before stepping down for other pursuits. Thanks, Mary, for all your hard work over the years, and best wishes in your new endeavors!

The **Far West Skier's Guide 2011-2012** has hit the streets. If you don't already have your copy, pick one up at your next club meeting or at your local ski show. It is also available at numerous ski shops. The Digital Edition is currently in the uploading process and will be up soon. Check the www.fwsa.org website or Google Far West Skiers Guide to link to the site, bookmark it, and refer to it often as it will be updated periodically. We encourage everyone to pass the link along to all their friends and family. We had a great response last year in terms of visits to the site from around the country and internationally. Let's see if we can increase it this year. And, please support all our advertisers. Digital Edition Sponsorship Ads are currently available for the 2011-12 issue of the Far West Skier's Guide. Please contact Leigh at 480-600-6099 for more information.

NEW FWSA BENEFITS PARTNERS FOR 2012

Cal Neva Resort, Lake Tahoe's base camp on the North Shore for Far West Ski Association members – offers a flurry of amenities and value, easy access to ski and ride, and views of Lake Tahoe from every room! \$59 weekdays/\$79 weekends.

Canyon Transportation, Park City, Utah. Ski 6 areas in one day, and get there with the help of our newest Benefits Partner. Contact Canyon Transportation, mention Far West Ski Association and receive 20% off the shuttle rates.

ALL CLUB CALENDAR:

January 2012

7	Mt. Bachelor Day Bus Trip	Altair
7 or 8	Alpental/Snoqualmie (Day Bus Trip)	Desert Ski Club
10-19	Big Sky and Yellowstone (DH, XC)	Bergfreunde

11-16	Telluride, CO	S'no Joke
13-16	Sunriver/Mt. Bachelor, OR	Altair
13-16	Lake Creek Lodge or Sunriver	Oregon Nordic
14-21	Sun Valley, ID	SKIBACS
15-21	Sun Peaks, BC, Canada	Mt. Hood Skikats
17-20	Summit Cabins, Mt. Hood	Oregon Nordic Club
19-22	Red Mountain, BC, Canada	Desert Ski Club
20-22	Anthony Lakes, OR	Mountain High
20-22	Mt. Baker, WA	S'no Joke
20-23	Breitenbush Hot Springs	Oregon Nordic Club
21-28	Big Sky, MT (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
21-28	Sun Valley, ID (open trip)	Cascade PT
26-29	White Pass, WA	Bergfreunde
26-29	Three Sisters Backcountry	Oregon Nordic Club
26-29	Winthrop, WA (XC, DH)	WIHSKI
27-29	Bend Bachelor Blowout	Altair
27-2/4	Hawaii Week @Big Sky	Hawaii Ski Club
27-2/6	Soleden, Austria	S'no Joke
28-2/4	Jackson Hole, WY (FWSA Ski Week)	FWSA/All Clubs

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2	Mission Ridge, WA	Desert Ski Club
3-5	Flying L Ranch, OR (XC)	Bergfreunde
3-5	Silver Mountain, ID (Bus)	Desert Ski Club
3-5	Flying L Ranch, OR (XC)	Oregon Nordic Club
5-7	White Pass, WA	Cascade PT
5-9	Methow Valley, WA (XC)	Cascade PT
5-11	Aspen, CO	SKIBACS
6-9	Scottish Lakes, WA	Oregon Nordic Club
7-12	Breckenridge, CO	S'no Joke
9	Mission Ridge, WA	Desert Ski Club
9-12	Hickory Lane/Sunriver	Altair
9-12	Whitefish Mtn Resort, MT	Desert Ski Club
10-12	Crater Lake, OR (XC, SS)	Bergfreunde
10-12	Shelter Cove/Odell Lake	Oregon Nordic Club
10-12	Ochoco Mountains, OR	Oregon Nordic Club
11	King Winter Dance, OR	Skiyente Ski Club
11-12	Leavenworth, WA (XC)	WIHSKI
11-17	Whitefish Mtn Resort, MT	Cascade PT

From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

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RESORTS OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES BUYS KICKING HORSE MOUNTAIN RESORT:

Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (RCR) has purchased Kicking Horse Mountain Resort from Ballast Nedam, who started the resort 11 years ago. RCR, one of the largest resort owners in North America, now owns six ski resorts in Canada, including Nakiska Ski Area in Alberta; and Fernie Alpine Resort and

Kimberley Alpine Resort in British Columbia. Kicking Horse Resort is located two-and-a-half hours west of Calgary, between the Purcell and Rocky Mountains in British Columbia.

66 OR OLDER? YOU MUST BE A FREQUENT SKIER!

According to the National Ski Areas Association, skiers aged 66 and older are the most frequent visitors, going to the slopes an average of 11 days per season. [Editor's note: my 66-year-old husband got almost 60 days in last season!]

Powder Magazine turns 40 and the **National Ski Club Newsletter** turns 25 in 2012.

QUEBEC CITY FAM TRIP DATES

While the details are still not firmed up, The Québec Experience Ski Québec (Charlevoix and Québec City) this year will be held February 23 to 27. The experience is free and, in the past, they even paid for the airfare of most participants. Contact Robert Lancup at Robert.Lancup@quebecregion.com.

CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

You will find all the latest news, as well as informative articles that contain information your club can really use! **As part of our P.I.E. program, Powerpoint presentations will be available for presentation at club meetings if desired.**

Watch for details about special Mt. Bachelor Spring Spectacular Blast events to be held the first week in April 2012, with many fun, unusual, and exciting events and specials, both during the day and in the evenings. You may wish to extend your Bachelor Blast trip a day or to take all this in! We are going to take advantage of the events to add extra value to our Bachelor Blast trip, and on Saturday night we will join in the big party sponsored by Mt. Bachelor. Our trip ends on Easter Sunday, when Mt. Bachelor will host both an Easter Egg hunt for the younger set and a Keg Hunt for the adults!

SUPPORT UPCOMING CHARITABLE EVENTS IN 2012:

March 4-5, 2012: Oregon Cancer Ski Out, a fun 2-day event (Sunday & Monday) at Mt. Hood Meadows. Teams of 5 compete for best consistency (not speed). See attached flier.

March 9-10, 2012: Hope on the Slopes, a 24 hour ski challenge and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, held at Mt. Hood Skibowl on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. If you want to get involved as a volunteer, come to the planning meeting on Tuesday, December 13, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, at the American Cancer Society, 330 SW Curry St., Portland, OR. It's upstairs, on the 2nd floor.

April 14 (Saturday), 2012: Ski to Defeat ALS, 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 event, inspired by Fred Noble, will take place at Mt. Hood Meadows. See attached flier. Go to http://webor.alsa.org/site/TR/Events/OregonandSWWashington?fr_id=7670&pg=entry for details.

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Please check www.nwsikers.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 easily be passed on to your members.

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NEXT MEETING:

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← **NOTE THERE IS NOT A MEETING THIS MONTH!**

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