



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2012

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The next NWSCC meeting will not be held until December 19. The meeting location has changed from the Mountain Shop, and the meeting will be held 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 will be Mt. Bachelor, Resort at the Mountain, and Safety Speaker Greg Dilger. Of course it's also PACRAT bib pickup night and the annual PIE sale to benefit a "food" charity! If you only make ONE NWSCC meeting all year, this is THE ONE!! Wear retro clothes and maybe win a prize!

2013 meetings will be held on the third Wednesdays of February (High Season), April (highlighting the End of the Season, FWSA Convention, and Man & Woman of the Year), June (Elections), August (Appreciation Night), October, and December. Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!

TIMELY ALERTS:

NWSCC's mailing address has changed!! The new address is:

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Watch for the debut of this year's **Northwest Skiers' Directory** at the Seattle & Portland SkiFever shows!

Several of our member clubs have open trips that need you to sign up NOW - see pages 4-5 for details! Check out Bergfreunde's trip to Leavenworth for the Christmas Festival December 8-9 and S'no Jokes' trip to the Grand Canyon next August.

Payments are due NOW for the 2013 FWSA Aspen Ski Week!! Our extra spots were released on September 15, but you still might be able to get on! See page 5 for further details.

Don't miss NWSCC's annual Ski Fair, November 5, 2012, starting at 6:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Airport Conference Center, Portland! FREE to the public!! More details on page 2; see flier on NWSCC website.

NOTICE: NEW 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 items. Checks accepted any time.

PORTLAND AND SEATTLE SKI SHOWS:

(Opportunities for free publicity for your club!)

Washington Skifever & Snowboard Show, Washington Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle, WA, is being held as I write this!

Portland Skifever & Snowboard Show, Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217

See <http://www.skifever.org/index.php?CategoryID=2>

Friday, November 2: 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday, November 3: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Sunday, November 4: 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. 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, you will receive FREE admittance to the Ski Show. For the Portland Ski Show, please contact Colleen Walter at 503-860-6788 or Membership@nwsikers.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!

NWSCC's Ski Fair is scheduled for November 5, 2012, 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, and visit other club members. Discounted ski passes will be available.

Admission is FREE 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.

The SILENT AUCTION 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 Debbi Kor at 503-314-7078 or Events@nwsikers.org or Mary Olhausen at 503-880-7383 or President@nwsikers.org.

Special Ski Fair Offer from Mt. Hood Meadows: First, you can still get your season pass at the pre-season price for one additional day - and get your picture taken. Second, you can purchase a **10-time pass** good any day (including peak days) for **\$379** instead of \$419. Best yet, this deal will be good for NWSCC club members online all season long! You will be required to show your NWSCC membership card before picking up your pass.

Mt. Bachelor will be a guest speaker at the NWSCC meeting on December 19th. They want to get clubs excited about planning a trip to Bachelor for the Far West Ski Association Mini Trip and the Springtacular BLAST. **There will be a RETRO ski wear dressing competition at the meeting for prizes for two lucky participants, so get out your goggles, gloves and one-piece to start practicing.**

Most importantly, keep doing your snow dance; nearly 12" of snow fell at the base of Mt. Bachelor in three days this past week!

Check out the new flier on the NWSCC website, and watch for more details on the Mt. Bachelor Springtacular Blast trip to be held the last week/weekend in April 2013. This spring trip will offer skiing with the "legends" at Mt. Bachelor in the mornings and lots of activities in the afternoons, including golfing, biking, hiking, climbing, kayaking, and even shopping. The trip is designed to appeal to everyone, and will allow the CPAs and accountants in our groups to enjoy a fun ski trip. Flexible options will be offered from 2-5 days; the trip will be open to all clubs nationwide, as well as NWSCC and FWSA clubs.

CLUB INFORMATION:

Schnee Vogeli has announced its annual **Pray for Snow Dance** will be held Saturday, **November 10, 2012**. Starting about in September, you can get tickets from any Schnee Vogeli member. If you don't know one, contact Dale Parshall at dale.parshall@bankofthewest.com.

Skiyente Ski Club will have its **Membership Drive and Fashion Show** at Oswego Pointe in Lake Oswego on **November 13**. For information contact Skiyente at skiyente@yahoo.com.

Bergfreunde is offering a 2-day, 1 night bus trip to **Leavenworth, Washington, December 8-9, 2012**, to participate in the annual Christmas Festival where the lighting of the village transforms it into a magical Wonderland of Lights. See flier for further details, or contact trip leaders Michael Grossnickle at 360-882-7955 or

michael683_98@yahoo.com or Judy Green at 503-771-2753 or judygreenpeace53@yahoo.com.

Cabernet Ski & Sail Club is again inviting other NWSCC club members to join them and the San Diego Ski Club Council on an early December trip, this time to **Vail December 6-12, 2012** (Thursday to Wednesday). The amazing price of \$1,100 (\$1,075 for seniors) includes RT airfare from Portland to Denver with shuttle and a grocery stop, 6 nights lodging at the recently renovated Landmark Tower West in Vail in 3 BR/3 BA condos, a 4 day lift ticket good at Vail and Beaver Creek with free shuttle to Beaver Creek (\$50 extra for a 5th day), parties and activities. There are flexible options for less skiing or obtaining your own air and shuttle. Contact John Reinhardt at 503-330-3838 or email johnreinhardt@hotmail.com immediately if you are interested!

SKIBACS has several spots still open on its **Sun Valley trip January 12-19, 2013!** The trip includes airfare from Seattle, bus transfers from Boise to Sun Valley, 7 nights at the Sun Valley Inn, a 5-out-of-7 day lift ticket, welcome party, NASTAR race entry fee and awards party, free ski check on the mountain and all taxes! The cost is \$1081 pp/do for a single queen room or \$1250 pp/do for a room with 2 double beds. Extra day lift ticket, add \$45; non-skier, deduct \$205 from this price. BONUS for signup with deposit by October 10 - deduct \$50 from the trip price! Contact trip leader Rita Weist at 425-746-3608 or rita.weist@juno.com. See flier.

Have you ever wanted to go to Park City during the Sundance Film Festival? There's a secret about this week - if you're going there for skiing, you will find uncrowded slopes! And you still have time to take in some movies!!

Cabernet Ski & Sail Club is offering a **Park City Sundance Trip** which is open to all NWSCC members **January 22-27, 2013!** Included is airfare from Portland to SLC on Southwest Airlines with 2 free checked bags (based on August 2012 air prices), airport shuttles to/from Park City; 5 nights at the Park City Peaks Hotel with full breakfast daily and fresh baked cookies each evening, 2 days skiing at Deer Valley and 2 days at Park City Mountain Resort; and a Welcome Party and Farewell Event. Tickets to Sundance Film Festival events are not included, but attendance options will be offered to all participants. The price is \$1,175 pp/do. Add \$470 for single occupancy; deduct \$275 without air. Contact Steve Coxen at 503-679-9022 or stevecoxen@yahoo.com. See flier.

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. At the time of publication there were 13 spots open out of 30 total, so jump on this!

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 working on a **discount ski day at White Pass Ski Area** in Washington on **Saturday, March 16, 2013**. We'll announce details as soon as they are nailed down, but already there are 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!).

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!

The **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** has just concluded its Snosport Swap with great success. It is celebrating its 75th anniversary with special T-shirts featuring the artwork from its anniversary poster. Contact them at mhsp@onebox.com for information about ordering a T-shirt.

The following is an article about the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol's 75th Anniversary, written by Lisa Hargrave, MHSP Recruitment Director.

Skiing exploded on Mt. Hood in 1937 when the Timberline road opened. But even with vehicle access to 6,000 feet, skiing was an extreme adventure sport that involved uphill climbs and careening down ungroomed and unmarked forest trails. The lack of safety equipment and inexperience of most skiers meant that many people became injured and stranded in the alpine wilderness with only their untrained companions to help them.

In response, the US Forest Service hired local climber Hank Lewis to act as the first paid ski patroller on Mt. Hood and to organize a volunteer rescue force. By March of 1938, the first fifty members were patrolling the slopes, had become a formal organization, and were a part of establishing the National Ski Patrol System. Over the years MHSP pioneered the use of Austrian-built akja rescue sleds and developed the Johnson or Quick Splint used by ski patrols around the world.

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, MHSP boasts over 400 members including hill patrollers, associate patrollers, Nordic patrol and mountain hosts. We patrol at four ski areas as well as the backcountry trails on Mt. Hood. The common threads from the beginning to today are community and giving something back to the mountain.

For more information on MHSP call 866-828-9205; email mhsp@okelydokely.com or check out the website, www.mthoodskipatrol.org.

PACRAT INFORMATION:

NWSCC is proud to announce the new PACRAT Bib Sponsor for the 2012-2013 season:
MOUNTAIN SHOP OF PORTLAND!

The PACRAT board has been meeting and preparing for this year's racing schedule, and the current dates are listed below. The website has been redesigned, and signups can be taken online this year. The price of \$95 still includes all races, parties, and the end of year Rat Attack party (itself a minimum \$30 value!). In addition, you will get discounted racer prices on race days. The board will help you to find a team if you don't have one.

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.

Race #1	January 13, 2013	Mt Hood Meadows
Race #2	January 27, 2013	Mt. Hood Skibowl
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 Mammoth Mountain, California.

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

NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

Next season think about saving your lift tickets or credit card receipts from your visits to a minimum of any 7 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 September (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:

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. Here's some timely information about some of them.

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 "Friends and Family" Special Sale at Carr Subaru!

Platinum Member Mt. Bachelor announces its special 2012-2013 club benefit with NWSCC membership card: \$50 bucks a day to play!! NWSCC members, here's your pass to play at Mt. Bachelor whenever you want for the 2012-13 Season with lift tickets for \$50 bucks a day. **Tickets must be purchased before 4:00 pm December 21, 2012, by calling 1-800-829-2442. Black-out dates: December 26, 2012 through January 1, 2013; January 19-21, 2013; February 16-18, 2013.** Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferable. One lift ticket can be redeemed per day. Please present your NWSCC membership card and your photo ID, as it is required when picking up your passes each day at the ticket window.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

It's not too early to start making plans to attend next year's **FWSA Convention hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council in Reno June 6-9, 2013!** There are newly announced details and 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 janeywyckoff1@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, click on www.acatmeowz.com/FWSA-new/Awards/awards-recognition/safety.html, or for information on how to apply for the Western Ski Heritage Award, click on www.acatmeowz.com/FWSA-new/Awards/awards-recognition/wsh.html.

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Deposits are still being accepted for the 2013 FWSA Aspen Ski Week February 2-9, 2013!! The week will be filled with fun activities, including parties, racing, pub crawl, banquet, and more! You can choose to stay in the town of Aspen or slope side at Snowmass; requests will be honored in order of sign-up. Don't delay joining us for this fabulous trip to a favorite historic town that boasts 4 spectacular ski resorts! See flier on the NWSCC newsletter page, and contact Chris Ciardi at Outreach@nwskiers.org (503-297-5351) or Barbara Bousum at Travel@nwskiers.org (503-224-3584). Unused NWSCC spots have been released as of September 15, but you still might be able to get on!

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.

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.

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!

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!

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 5 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! Our next meeting for 2012 will be Wednesday, December 19, at the Mountain Shop in Portland. 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.

FROM FWSA NEWS:

Far West Skier's Guide: The 2012-2013 Far West Skier's Guide has been printed and is on its way to councils, ski shows and sport shops. This is the 25th Anniversary issue! The digital version will become available through www.fwsa.org, www.skifederation.org, and www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2012-13/, as well as council and club websites. Please take the

opportunity to look at it, since it will also have a 32-page insert not available in the printed edition. This is the third annual online edition. Past digital editions have reached skiers and boarders, and others in the majority of the states and provinces in North America. There have been hits from Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. Let's keep those viewing numbers growing!

Season Ski Pass Consortiums On The Rise: Ski resorts are working together to offer tremendous deals to skiers and riders this season. Besides the Vail Resorts deal published in last month's News Flash, here are a few others: The Rocky Mountain Super Pass is back with unlimited skiing and riding at Winter Park/Mary Jane and Copper Mountain, plus six unrestricted days at Steamboat. The Mountain Collective Pass is a pass that offers two single day lift tickets to Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Alta, and Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows. And Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort in Lake Tahoe has joined the list of ski resorts which are offering extras for the upcoming season. Sierra's unlimited season pass holders can experience three destination resorts this winter, in addition to unlimited skiing/riding at Sierra-at-Tahoe.

Kids Ski Free: Keystone Resort is taking kid-friendly programming to new heights: throughout the entire 2012-2013 winter season, children 12 and under will ski/snowboard for free at Keystone, so long as their families stay two or more nights in one of Keystone's owned and operated accommodations. If the accommodations condition is met, the program has no blackout dates and is available on all weekends and holidays. There are no restrictions on the number of children per adult.

MTS Sold: Michael J. Pierson Associates, Inc. (MJPA) has completed the purchase for sole ownership of Mountain Travel Symposium (MTS) from Ralf Garrison, MTS founder and co-partner. Ralf had been involved since the beginning, recognizing the potential, and setting the stage for what MTS is today. Initially, MTS included just the Forum; the Trade and Group Exchanges were added later and, most recently, the Executive Summit. The 38th annual Mountain Travel Symposium is scheduled in Snowmass, Colorado from April 7-13, 2013.

SAFETY FIRST: Head Injuries Still Increasing: Injuries and fatalities from skiing and snowboarding in the U.S. have not declined, despite measures aimed at making these popular winter sports safer, according to two studies presented in Denver at Scientific Assembly, the annual meeting of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). "Skiing and snowboarding-related head injuries requiring emergency care have increased at a higher rate than all other ski and snowboard injuries, despite an increase in helmet use," said Mark Christensen, D.O., of

Western Michigan University, a study author. "Males, snowboarders and teenagers are most likely to be injured."

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 arrow 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, Park City Peaks Hotel in Park City, and the Phoenix Inn & Suites in Bend, Oregon. 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:
THE NEW MOUNTAIN COLLECTIVE PASS**

Alta, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, and Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows have partnered to offer a discount pass for \$349 (kids 12 and under are \$229) called The Mountain Collective Pass, which includes two free days at each of the four destinations, plus a 50 percent discount on unlimited lift tickets at each of the destinations, once the complimentary days are used. The pass pricing is valid until November 19, 2012, and there will also be lodging deals at each resort throughout the season. Combined, these mountains offer more than 16,000 acres of terrain, served by in excess of 100 lifts. The pass is available online through Liftopia at www.TheMountainCollective.com.

For information on a FAM trip available to ski club officers, <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/LandingPage.aspx?id=1077879&lm=12954207&q=499527811&qz=4bc4449126fb353d8e58fed25fcbccfe> [Cut and paste the link]

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

CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

ALL CLUB CALENDAR:

November 2012

- 2-4 SkiFever and Snowboard Show, Open to All
Portland
- 3 Annual Gala Auction/Fundraiser Outdoors for All
Seattle Design Center
- 5 NWSCC Ski Fair, Holiday NWSCC/Open
Inn Airport
- 9 Snowball Dinner/Auction, Bend MBSEF

- 10 Pray for Snow Dance, Charlies, Schnee Vogeli
Gov't Camp
- 13 Membership Drive/Fashion Show Skiyente Ski Club
- 15 Kickoff Party & Swap Mountain High
- 21-25 Sunriver, OR Oregon Nordic

December 2012

- 1 Cascade Ski Club Open House, Open to All
Gov't Camp
- 4 Winter Sports Fair, Portland Oregon Nordic
- 6-12 Vail/Beaver Creek, CO Cabernet/OPEN
- 13-16 Whistler/Blackcomb, BC S'no Joke
- 26-30 Methow Valley Winter Trip Oregon Nordic
- 28-1/1 Black Butte New Year's Trip Oregon Nordic
- 28-1/1 New Year's at Mt. Hood, OR S'no Joke
- 28-1/2 Glacier National Park (Train) Oregon Nordic

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PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR
Timberline Lodge, OR

BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER

(PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Mountain Shop, Portland, OR

SILVER MEMBERS:

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

SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

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

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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 19**, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION Tubby's Deli
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Portland, OR 97210

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

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

First With Safety Awareness!

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National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org