



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR DECEMBER 2012

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**The next NWSCC meeting will be held December 19 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, Mountain Shop, Mt. Hood Skibowl, 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 our racing scholarship! If you only make ONE NWSCC meeting all year, this is THE ONE!! *Wear retro clothes and maybe win a prize from Mt. Bachelor!***

**2013 meetings will be held on February 20 (FWSA Convention & Awards Program, Charitable Events, Springtacular), 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!!**

**Steve Coxen has received the very prestigious Gene Landsmann Gemütlichkeit Award from Ski Oregon** for his long time service and dedication to the sport of skiing and skiers. See page 5 for full details. Congratulations, Steve – you deserve it!

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 2-3 for details!

NWSCC's commercial members have special offers for you!

**See new fliers on the newsletter page from Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Resort at the Mountain, and Mt. Hood Vacation Rentals!**

**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.**

## TIMELY ALERTS:

**NWSCC is proud to announce that we are supporting the FWSA Athletic Scholarship program with a \$1,000 scholarship.** See page 2 for further details and to learn who we are supporting this year!

**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 suits to start practicing.

Check out the new flier on the NWSCC website, and watch for more details on the Mt. Bachelor Springtaular 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.

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NWSCC is sponsoring 15-year-old junior racer Elyse Burandt of Spokane, Washington, with a \$1,000 scholarship this year through the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program. Elyse finished the 2012 season in third place overall and third place in Slalom for her year group. During the 2012 competition season, she scored 16 top ten finishes, six of which were in the top three, including second in the Western Region J-3 Giant Slalom Championships. She does all this and still maintains a 4.0 GPA. We are excited that our PIE auction at the December Council meeting will generate funds to help with this commitment.

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NWSCC has some fun events it is planning - watch for details on a Movie Night showing "Ready to Fly" - the moving story of the long efforts to include women's ski jumping in the Olympics; and for a casino night.

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#### CLUB INFORMATION:

**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](mailto:irishcatty@gmail.com).

**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. Contact trip leader Rita Weist at 425-746-3608 or [rita.weist@juno.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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**. 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 discount lift ticket to White Pass is \$95; members of other clubs are welcome and can contact Emilio Trampuz at [emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto: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](mailto:donguerin@comcast.net) right away to get one of the remaining spots!

The **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** concluded its Snosport Swap with great success. It is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special T-shirts featuring the artwork from its anniversary poster. Contact them at [mhsp@onebox.com](mailto:mhsp@onebox.com) for information about ordering a T-shirt.

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### **PACRAT INFORMATION:**

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](http://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 Alpine Meadows, California.

Check the PACRAT website at [www.pacrats.org](http://www.pacrats.org) for all current information and lots of FUN stuff!

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto:rsaul@mtashland.com).

**Timberline Ski Area** has just received approval from the Forest Service for a lift-assisted mountain biking "skills park" on Mt. Hood. The project's 17 miles of trails would cover much of the lower ski slopes below the tree line, with the bikers pedaling along ski runs and through nearby forest patches from July through October. Timberline would install bike carriers on the Jeff Flood chairlift, and the trails would have a full time maintenance crew. The Forest Service

approved the bike park after two years of review which included an environmental assessment and 1,200 public comments, including letters in support from NWSCC.

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>.

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### 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](mailto:beavertonsubaru@gmail.com). Now through January 2 get a great deal and support a great cause - Subaru is celebrating its year-end with the "Share the Love" event. Get a great deal on a new Subaru and \$250 goes to your choice of five charities. By the end of this fifth year, the total can reach almost \$25 million dollars. They are also offering 2 Fusion passes with the purchase of a Subaru. Also watch for a potential future "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.

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### 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 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:janeWyckoff1@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 <http://www.fwsa.org/Awards/awards-recognition/safety.html>, or for information on how to apply for the Western Ski Heritage Award, click on <http://www.fwsa.org/Awards/awards-recognition/wsh.html>.

**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](mailto:Outreach@nwskiers.org) (503-297-5351) or Barbara Bousum at [Travel@nwskiers.org](mailto:Travel@nwskiers.org) (503-224-3584). It never hurts to ask if there is a last minute cancellation and you could go.

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. Signups are taking place NOW! Contact Debbie Stewart for more info: [fwsainttravel@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsainttravel@prodigy.net). Go to the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org/Travel/InternationalSki/internationalski.html](http://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.

**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](http://www.FWSA.org) or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email [fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

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#### **MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:**

Look at the NWSCC website at [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org) to see an updated list of **member benefits and discounts**, and check out the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) under Membership to see the current discounts. 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](http://www.skifederation.org) in the Members Only section. User name: **skiclub** - password: **member**.

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#### **STEVE COXEN WINS AWARD**

The Gene Landsmann Gemütlichkeit Award is given each year to a Ski Oregon member who exemplifies the spirit of Gene Landsmann (former Mt. Ashland manager). That is, an ambassador of skiing who embodies Gemütlichkeit—a German concept of warmth, cheerfulness and willingness to spend quality time.

This year's award goes to Steve Coxen. A Ski Oregon member since 1988, Steve personifies every element of Gemütlichkeit. When he was president of Bergfreunde Ski Club, he expanded his club's subsidized night skiing at Mt. Hood Skibowl to offer free lessons for new skiers, free recreational racing in PACRAT, and other ski opportunities at Timberline and Mt. Hood Meadows.

Steve has served as president of both Northwest Ski Club Council and Far West Ski Association. When he held

those positions he promoted the wonderful attributes of Oregon skiing at every opportunity, including National Ski Council Federation annual meetings. In 2006 Steve encouraged skiers to try all Oregon ski areas by organizing the first Oregon Ski Challenge, a NWSCC event open to all skiers and snowboarders. Prizes and awards were given to participants who could attest to skiing at all Oregon ski areas.

In 2003, Steve was concerned about the passionate, but silent and uninformed, legions of skiers and snowboarders in the Pacific Northwest, and founded Northwest Snowsports Advocates—an online organization founded specifically to inform and engage Northwest skiers on public issues related to ski area development, the environment, safety, and highway planning. He serves as the driving force behind the Advocates by maintaining an internet presence at [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org), on Facebook, and through his blog.

Steve, who has been honored with numerous ski club and council awards, has helped Ski Oregon achieve the bottom line—growing skier visits in Oregon.

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#### **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.

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#### **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](mailto: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:**

**Snow Guarantees:** It appears that many skiers are playing it safe this year and waiting to see where the snow will fall before booking winter trips. To counteract this trend towards later bookings, a number of ski resorts are introducing fantastic early booking discounts, many of which center upon some type of "Snow Guarantee." They are saying, "We know you're a bit gun-shy after last winter, but book now because we'll have snow. If not, we'll let you cancel, switch your dates or somehow make it right." Winter Park and Mammoth Mountain are two of those offering up Snow Guarantees. Check their websites to see what they can offer you.

**Customized Airline Pricing:** Airlines are experimenting with a new way to sell tickets and personalize prices to win back customers from comparison websites such as Travelocity and Orbitz. The International Air Transport Association, which represents airlines globally, is promoting the experiment to start next year as a way to customize ticket pricing, including fees for luggage and seat assignments. Airlines would ask shoppers for personal information, including membership in frequent-flyer programs, travel history or use of a credit card, as they do at a specific airline site. They would then tailor a ticket price for each passenger, including pricing items such as meals, extra legroom, or expedited boarding. The experiment is scheduled to begin early next year and potentially be adopted by 2016.

**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; Park City Peaks Hotel in Park City; and the Phoenix Inn & Suites in Bend, Oregon. Last month, I listed a couple of our newest lodging partners, providing some great discounts to Far West members during their travels over the next year. Since then, I have gotten together with Go Alpine, the main transportation company between Denver or Hayden airports and Steamboat. Go Alpine is offering a 15%

discount on their shuttle service. If your travels are taking you to Steamboat this coming season, check them out. 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!

#### **RELIEF FUND FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE SANDY**

Eastern Winter Sports Reps Association (EWSRA) has established a fund through the organization Waves for Water to help colleagues who were severely affected by Hurricane Sandy in the Mid-Atlantic. Many association members, their families, and the retail accounts that they serve, were wiped out by Hurricane Sandy, losing their homes and businesses in New York and New Jersey. The Waves for Water organization typically focuses on providing clean water to those who need it in disaster relief situations. Efforts generally are targeted in areas outside the U.S. In the aftermath of Sandy, the organization is providing clean water and also is addressing the initial survival needs from first responder assistance to rubble removal and ultimately the rebuilding of our surf and snow communities.

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#### **From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:**

**Red Mountain Adds Almost 1,000 Acres:** Red Mountain Resort on the famous Powder Highway near Rossland, British Columbia, has begun their long-planned development of Grey Mountain. The two-year expansion will add 997 acres to their current 1,685 acres. The new ski terrain will be open this season using snowcats to shuttle skiers up the mountain for \$10 per run, but a quad chairlift will access the new terrain for the 2013-2014 ski season. Red's Granite Mountain has always been known for world-class tree skiing with incredible steeps, and the new Grey Mountain expansion will open up mostly intermediate terrain to

balance the terrain availability. Grey, like Granite Mountain, is volcano-shaped, which allows for 360-degree skiing around the peak from a single lift.

**Park City Resorts Quick Start Vacation Program**

**Renewed:** Three of Park City, Utah's, resorts will offer their Quick Start Vacation again this year. Under the program, you can turn your airline boarding pass into a same-day lift ticket for Deer Valley Resort, Canyons Resort, or Park City Mountain Resort. See restrictions and blackout dates at [tinyurl.com/brngbtj](http://tinyurl.com/brngbtj).

**MTS Sold:** Michael J. Pierson Associates, Inc. purchased 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. The 38th annual Mountain Travel Symposium is scheduled in Snowmass, Colorado from April 7-13, 2013.

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

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

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**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**

**December 2012**

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

**January 2013**

1-3	Tyee Lodge, Mt. Hood, OR (XC)	Cascade PT/Open
3-6	Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada	SKIBACS
4-6	Mt. Bachelor, OR (DH, XC, SS)	Altair
5-6	USSA Masters Race, Mt. Hood Meadows	Meadows Ski Team
10-13	Winthrop, WA (XC)	S'no Joke
11-13	Suncadia, WA (XC, SS)	WIHSKI
12-13	49 Degrees North, WA (Carpool)	Desert Ski Club
12-19	Big Sky Resort, MT (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
12-19	Sun Valley, ID (Airline Trip)	SKIBACS
13	Willamette Pass Day Carpool Trip	Altair
16	Ski Day at White Pass, WA	Longview Ski Club
17-21	Red Fir Lane, Mt. Bachelor	Bergfreunde
18-21	Brundage/Tamarack/A-Lakes	Mountain High
18-21	Camp Sherman, OR	Oregon Nordic Club
18-21	Sunriver, OR	Oregon Nordic Club
18-22	Big White, BC, Canada (Carpool)	S'no Joke
22-27	Park City/Deer Valley/Sundance	Cabernet/Open
25-27	Belknap Hot Springs, OR	Oregon Nordic Club
25-27	Mt. Adams, WA	Oregon Nordic Club
26	Berg's Day Busto Mt. Bachelor	Altair
27-2/1	Kimberley & Fernie, BC (Bus Trip)	WIHSKI
27-2/2	Sun Valley, ID	Cascade PT/Open
28-31	Summit Meadows, Gov't Camp	Oregon Nordic Club
30-2/3	Whitefish Mountain, MT (Train)	Bergfreunde
31-2/5	Jackson Hole, WY (Airline Trip)	S'no Joke

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#### GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR  
Timberline Lodge, OR

#### BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER

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#### SILVER MEMBERS:

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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  
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#### SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

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

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

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#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wed., **DECEMBER 19**, 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!**

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