



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MARCH 2011

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## **NWSCC IS GOING TO QUARTERLY MEETINGS - PLEASE JOIN US!**

**IT'S TIME:** *The next NWSCC meeting will be held **March 16** at the **Shanghai Noble House (5331 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97239)**, starting at **6:00 pm**. The meeting will highlight the **Season, the FWSA Convention, Man and Woman of the Year, NWSCC elections, and we might have a guest speaker from Life Flight.***

**(No host food - full menu - great food!)**

The next meetings will be on the third Wednesdays of June (Elections) and September (Looking forward to the next Season). Appreciation Night will be held in the summer, TBA.

may submit your entries with a description of why the person deserves the honor by email to Colleen Walter at [membership@nwskiers.org](mailto:membership@nwskiers.org).

The NWSCC Board will review all Man and Woman of the year nominees and will choose one man and one woman to be NWSCC's 2010-2011 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; NWSCC pays the entry fees.

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 FWSA Convention in June. Council Men/Women of Year who attend the Convention receive a ski trip to Big White/Silver Star whether or not they are the FWSA winners.

NWSCC is selling awesome Port Authority Microfleece Vests. They are black with the new logo on the left chest. Men's are \$43.00 and women's are \$ 40.00, with payment due upon order. We'll get pictures and an order form on the website soon!

See the fliers on the website offering NWSCC clubs specials from **Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals** and from **Collins Lake Resort**.

## **TIMELY ALERTS:**

Last chance for race training will be Friday, March 18 at Mt. Hood Skibowl, starting at 9:30 am. \$25 for the race clinic, and special racer discount lift ticket prices of \$38. If interested you need to contact Coach Greg Dilger at [gdilger2@yahoo.com](mailto:gdilger2@yahoo.com), and also cc Gary Gunderson at: [ktgpx@frontier.com](mailto:ktgpx@frontier.com). Sign up early so that sufficient coaching staff will be available.

**NWSCC MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION:** **The deadline to submit nominations to NWSCC is March 16, 2011.**

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 this year - 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

**2011 BACHELOR BLAST TRIP!! - LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! Contact Linda McGavin if interested.**

**Attention, Clubs!** The 2011 Bachelor Blast trip will be held **April 7-8-9-10-11, 2011!** The reason for the "extra" dates is that for the amazing base trip price of **\$180** you will have a choice of an extra night lodging FREE (either Thursday night or Sunday night) added on to make your weekend extra special.

Yes, you heard right - \$180 for this trip will get you either two or **three** nights of lodging, **two** lift tickets to Mt. Bachelor, and **one** heavy hors d'oeuvres party on Saturday night! If you want to ski a third day you can get a discounted ticket – or else you can hang around and have a day to relax and unwind, shop, or enjoy access to the fantastic Mavericks recreation facility at Sunriver. See <http://www.discover.sunriver.com/site/2670/default.aspx>

This year we are staying in Mountain View or Meadow House condos with **Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals**, with 4-6 per condo, depending upon the layout. 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.

Seniors and juniors will get extra discounts: Seniors 65-69 or Teens 13-18 can deduct \$15, and Super Seniors 70+ or Youths 6-12 can deduct \$30 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. As an added bonus, if you fill the minimum number of spots in a condo and there are extra bunks or sleeper sofas available, we will give you an additional discount for any further children, making this an extremely affordable family vacation.

The bad news: **We only have 52 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! **Payment in full is required to hold your spot.** Our volunteer treasurer is a CPA, and at the time of the trip will be buried in tax returns.

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), because **Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals is giving a special Bachelor Blast discount for ALL homes or condos booked directly with them for this trip** – mention Bachelor Blast if you call, or use the code "BACHELORBLAST" if you book online. Everyone still gets a FREE extra night! An amenity package is available for those booking Discover Sunriver properties, starting at \$95 for 2 lift tickets and the party on Saturday night, again with further discounts for seniors and juniors!

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

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## PACRAT INFORMATION:

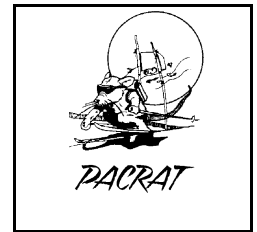
Here are the current race dates:

Mar 13 Race #5 Mt. Hood Meadows

Mar 20 Make Up Race, Mt. Hood Skibowl

Apr 1-3 FWRA Championships, Alpine Meadows, CA

Apr 15 End of Season Rat Attack Party, Grey Gables (Milwaukie, OR)



Three races have been held, and the results are posted on the PACRAT website ([www.PACRATs.org](http://www.PACRATs.org)). Dale Parshall says: "We are back in business and will be finishing with a flourish with the final two races back to back weekends. Race 3 went like clockwork even with a little weather and Timberline did a great job with the spaghetti dinner. Ruttin' Rats opened a bit of lead but it's still close at the top. 11 teams are within 30 points of second place with Infrarats and Racy Brats tied for second. Infrarats moved from 10th to 2nd and Rattitudes moved from 11th to 6th, again showing if your team is not near the top you can see big point swings in one race, especially if your team has full participation. As for individuals, Steve Piazza was fastest guy and Kerry Scroggins remained at the top of the ladies. A couple of racing issues were noted during the race at the start. Please, if you are on skis do not push off of the starting posts and you can't take a rolling start (starting well behind the start wand). Anyone wanting to participate in the FWRA Championships at Alpine Meadows April 1-3 please contact Dale Parshall right away" at [Dale.Parshall@bankofthewest.com](mailto:Dale.Parshall@bankofthewest.com).

For additional information about PACRAT, contact NWSCC or a member club, visit [www.PACRATs.org](http://www.PACRATs.org), or contact Barb Presentin at [BP2Ski@gmail.com](mailto:BP2Ski@gmail.com) or 503-267-0522.

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## CLUB NEWS AND OPEN TRIPS:

**S'no Joke Ski Club** out of Seattle has one more trips with spots available for other clubs. Go to the S'no Joke website at [www.snojoke.org/Ski-Trips/SkiTrips.htm](http://www.snojoke.org/Ski-Trips/SkiTrips.htm) or contact Jay or Dorothy Hart at [hart2hart8@hotmail.com](mailto:hart2hart8@hotmail.com), and they will put you in touch with the trip captain. Whistler, BC Apr. 14-17 - Sign up for the traditional end of season pilgrimage to Whistler. This trip generally has in between 60 and 80 participants that just don't know when to quit. This year's trip provides ski-in/ski out luxury at a bargain rate, care of the Whistler Hilton, just a hop, skip, and jump away from the main gondola.

SAD NEWS comes in waves: The four sailors who were killed by Somalian pirates last month were members of NWSCC and LA Council clubs. NWSCC Vice President William Shadbolt advised that Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay were members of his club (Seattle Singles Yacht Club). A special memorial for the couple was held in conjunction with a club meeting. The other couple, Jean and Scott Adam of Marina del Rey near Los Angeles, were known by members of the Los Angeles Council.

Many of you know Diane Hicks of Skiyente Ski Club, and may or may not know that she was the victim of a pedestrian-vehicular accident in early February, which left her with multiple fractures to her left foot and leg, and damage to her right knee. She had surgery and rehab and is now back in her second story condo, with a LOT of continuing help from her friends. If you want to send good wishes Diane's way, you can email her at [snowwitch@earthlink.net](mailto:snowwitch@earthlink.net). If you want to help out, there is a special website set up through <https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/638386>, where you can apply to be approved to become a helper and find out what is needed.

Word came from Ron Ewert of Skihawks Ski Club on March 7 that there is presently a skier missing at Crystal Mountain, Washington - Paul Melby, a very experienced skier who could handle anything on the mountain, but disappeared under conditions where it appears probable that he fell into a tree well. Here is a link to the latest update from the Crystal Mountain website: <http://www.crystallmountainresort.com/News/1227/Update-on-the-Search-for-Missing-Skier>. There is some sobering information about a rescue of a father and son from another tree well at Crystal. Everyone who skis off the packed runs should be fully aware of the dangers of tree wells, and should try to stay well away from the bases of trees, especially when there are branches that extend into the snow around the tree. Here is a link to an excellent article about tree well safety: [www.treewelldeepsnowsafety.com](http://www.treewelldeepsnowsafety.com)

Lastly, just this week (March 10) there was a devastating accident on Highway 26 near Government Camp where an out-of-control driver who had been reported traveling at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour spun out of control and into the path of a vehicle being driven by Willy Scroggins, who is well known in our area as a long time racer and racing coach (and heavily involved in the local World Cup Dreams events to benefit the US Ski Team athletes). The vehicle split in half and both vehicles burst into flames. The driver who caused the accident was pronounced dead at the scene, and Willy was taken by Life Flight to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, where he

was treated for a shattered femur, broken ribs, concussion, and multiple bruises. We wish Willy the best for his recovery.

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### **FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:**

Nominations for FWSA Officers: Mike Sanford is taking nominations for officers to be elected during the upcoming convention in June. Offices that will be elected are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and VP's for North American Travel, Public Affairs and Council Services. Additionally, two Trustee positions will be elected. You may contact Mike at [bubasanfrd@aol.com](mailto:bubasanfrd@aol.com) if you would like to make a nomination, nominate yourself, or obtain more information. Job descriptions are available upon request. A formal nomination announcement will also appear in the upcoming Councilman. The current slate of office holders can be found on the FWSA webpage at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

The 79th Annual **FWSA Convention and Snowsports Leadership Academy** will be held **June 9-12, 2011** at the fabulous Pacific Palms Hotel & Conference Center in Industry Hills, hosted by the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs. The Pacific Palms Golf Course (where the tournament will be held) is rated number one in the nation. Pacific Palms is now taking room reservations. Just log into our special reservations site at: [www.pacificpalmsresort.com/FWSALogin.htm](http://www.pacificpalmsresort.com/FWSALogin.htm). The Login is fwsa and the Password is 2011. In addition to the Snowsports Leadership Academy, this year's Convention will feature a special Multi-Media Presentation in conjunction with the Convention theme - Making History, the Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo, plus a variety of fun optional events. For complete information about the Convention, log into [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Click on Convention 2011 / 2011 Delegate Information and select Convention Flyer from the list. Delegate packets will be sent to all clubs in early March. For information about the hotel, go to [www.pacificpalmsresort.com](http://www.pacificpalmsresort.com). When making airline reservations, the hotel is apparently closer to the Ontario airport than the Los Angeles airport.

**The June 2014 FWSA Convention will be hosted by NWSCC!!** We are looking for a host hotel or resort - we hosted our last convention in Bellevue, and will be looking for a hotel with sufficient convention space (minimum 12,000 square feet) and access to a golf course.

The proposed FWSA ski trip to New Zealand has turned into an adventure trip: **International Trip to New Zealand/Australia—Adventure Trip July 26 - August 5, 2011.** \$2891 per person. Visit Auckland, Wanaka, and Queenstown and meet the most wonderful, hospitable people in almost all the world, who live in what some have

called paradise. Pre-Trip Extension July 24 - 27 Rarotonga (Cook Islands) \$250 per person\* Post Trip Extension August 5 – 12 Sydney/Cairns starting at \$1099 per person. For more information, email [fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net), call (925)944-9816, or check [http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/2011\\_Travel/new%20zsealand%206%201%202011.pdf](http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/2011_Travel/new%20zsealand%206%201%202011.pdf)

Also newly announced is the **2nd Annual FWSA Dive Trip to Roatan, Honduras, October 22-29, 2011**. Dive Package: \$929/person Non-Dive Package: \$849/person. The price includes R/T transfers from Airport to Resort; 7 Nights at Turquoise Bay Dive & Beach Resort (2 per room); All Meals Daily; Non-Alcoholic drinks with meals only; 6 days of 3 tank boat dives; 1 Night boat dive per person; 1 Hour per day internet access; Unlimited use of Kayaks and Pedal boats, and All Hotel taxes. Contact: Randy Lew at (503)304-0802 or email [FWSA13Randy@telis.org](mailto:FWSA13Randy@telis.org).

The **2012 National Ski Week** will be in **Jackson Hole, Wyoming**, January 28-February 4, 2012! Plans are being made for a truly memorable week, including a day at Grand Targhee, and possibly tours of the local area (Jackson Hole is located very close to Yellowstone Park). A \$100 deposit made out to NWSCC will hold your spot, and is fully refundable until July of 2011. NWSCC would like each participating club to name one in-club trip leader for this trip, to work with our NWSCC trip leaders Barbara Bousum and Christine Ciardi. See below for potential benefits.

The 2012 FWSA International Ski Week will be held in Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, France! Dates and further details are TBA.

**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.

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.

**THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:** Save 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.

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#### **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](http://www.nwskiers.org/NWSA/NWSA.htm).

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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! **Here's some of the newest benefits: Rack Attack** is a full service sport rack company offering our members 15% off any purchase. They are located in the US (Oregon, Colorado, Minnesota, and Maine) and Ontario, Toronto and British Columbia, Canada.

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. The user name is **skiclub** and the password is **member**. One benefit of note is some really good travel insurance. Travel Guard understands that your vacation can take a year to save for, but only a second to ruin. While you can't do anything to prevent an unexpected storm from closing the airport, you can do something to help cover your travel investment - buy travel insurance. Travel Guard is pleased to offer The National Ski Council Federation and club members an affordable insurance program for 7% of your vacation cost.

Another benefit is Prepaid Legal and Identity Theft Shield ([www.prepaidlegal.com](http://www.prepaidlegal.com)) - \$26.95 Membership (a portion will benefit the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program). FWSA Members receive wills and estate planning, contracts reviewed, financial and business issues handled efficiently, personal rights protected, traffic tickets and accidents defended, IRS and tax issues covered, identity theft restored and more. Log in: farwest ski, password: WA98668

**NEW: Special ski pole offer from the National Ski Council Federation!** The poles are 100% carbon and graphite and come with a lifetime warranty. Logos from all of the councils across the U.S. are embedded along the shaft of the pole. \$29.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. Go to [www.skifederation.org/ski\\_pole\\_offer.html](http://www.skifederation.org/ski_pole_offer.html).

**Closer to home, NWSCC club members can show their membership card at the ticket windows at Crystal Mountain on Sunday, March 27, 2011, to get half price lift tickets!**

**Stevens Pass** invites NWSCC members to visit on **Sunday, April 3**, to receive special discounts on your lift ticket! Show your NWSCC membership card and receive \$7 off the price of your lift ticket for the day. Please go to the Season Pass Office on the first floor of the Pacific Crest Lodge between 8:30-11:00 am to purchase your discounted ticket – the Season Pass Office is located just inside the main doorway of the Pacific Crest Lodge which can be reached from the stairwell originating at the Clock Tower in the base area. The Pacific Crest Lodge is our lodge next to Kehr's Chair and the Big Chief run. We will only be offering this discount at the Season Pass Office between the hours of 8:30-11:00 am, so get here early and please remember to bring your membership card with you in order to qualify for your discounted lift ticket.

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**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.

**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**

March 2011

17-20	Brundage Mountain, ID (Bus)	Desert Ski Club
19-20	White Pass, WA	S'no Joke
19-27	Whitefish Mountain, MT (Train)	SKIBACS
23-27	Brundage Mountain Resort, ID	S'no Joke
25-27	Anthony Lakes, OR	Bergfreunde
25-27	Crystal Mountain, WA	Mountain High

**April 2011**

1-3	Crater Lake, OR (XC, SS)	Altair
1-3	FWRA Championships, Alpine Meadows	FWRA/All Clubs
8-10	Bachelor Blast /Sunriver	NWSCC Clubs
14-17	Whistler/Blackcomb, BC	S'no Joke
14-17	Mt. Bachelor, OR, Carpool	Desert Ski Club

**May 2011**

14	MBSEF/US Bank Pole Pedal Paddle	Open to All Mt. Bachelor, OR
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**From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:**

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

**TREE WELL SKIER SAFETY INFORMATION**

**AVAILABLE!** There has been a lot of press on tree well deaths in or near ski resorts this season. Such accidents are mostly preventable and this might be an excellent subject for ski club meetings or newsletters. There is now an excellent website devoted to avoided such accidents and all the information is available free to the skiing public. See <http://www.treewelldeepsnowsafety.com>.

(Interesting idea!) **MOUNTAIN HIGH HELMETS-ONLY LIFT LINE IS FASTER.** California's Mountain High Resort now has a helmet-only lift line midweek to promote the wearing of the helmets. The helmet line goes much faster than the regular lift line.

**U.S. SKI RESORT COUNT: FROM 735 TO 471 IN 30 YEARS.** The National Ski Areas Association reports that in the winter of 1982-1983, there were 735 ski resorts operating in the United States, but that by 2010 that number had dropped to 471 resorts. And we can now deduct from the list Maine's Big Squaw, New Hampshire's Tenney Mountain, and Vermont's Ascutney -- all of which have closed permanently before or during this ski season.

Ski Club Trip Leaders - here is a link to current FAM trip offerings (you may need to copy and paste): <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/LandingPage.aspx?id=672402&p=1>

**FROM FWSA NEWS:**

· **Athletic Scholarship Recipients:** The 2010-2011 junior racing began early with a late summer international race in New Zealand. Two FWSA Athletic Scholarship recipients finished among the top competitors with Nicolo Monforte, Squaw Valley, and Dylan Murtha, Sugar Bowl, finishing overall 10th and 13th respectively. Both broke into the top ten in at least one GS race. In December, Morganna Murphy, Squaw Valley, reached the podium in FIS races in Alyeska, AK, with a 3rd in SL, while Diamond Peak's Lila Lipanja won two first places in SL at Mammoth. Lila went on to take a 3rd place in SL and in GS at races in Snowbird, UT, and Park City, UT, while Morganna racked up two 2nd places in SL at Sugar Bowl, CA. In January, Jordan Schweitzer competed at the NORAMs in Lake Louise, Alberta. Jordan finished 25th and 23rd in Downhill; respectable finishes for the 16 year old from Mt. Bachelor given that she was racing against C and D level members of several national ski teams.

· **Far West Racing Championships April 1-3, 2011 at Alpine Meadows;** Special Lift Ticket and Lodging Pricing; Individual and Team Awards; Special Junior Racer Price Silent Auction and Banquet; Child Dinner \$15 (age 0-12).

· March 15 is the deadline to apply for the 2011 FWSA **Charity and Community Service Recognition Program**. The committee will take into consideration the size of the club, the number of charitable activities, and also for each separate activity the preparation time, the number of club participants, and the goal/result/benefit.

· March 17, 2011 is the deadline for all history-related submittals – Western Ski Heritage prize, Club/council History Recognition, Roll of Remembrance, nominations.

· **Coalition of Environmental Groups Call for U.S. Forest Service to Regulate Snowmobile Use.** The coalition petitioned U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Harris Sherman and U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, asking that they close a “loophole” in a 2005 travel management rule that exempts over-snow vehicles from rules affecting off-highway vehicles operating in national forests. The regulations designate roads and trails in forests where motorized vehicles are allowed and where they are prohibited. Snowmobile groups were quick to attack the proposal, stating that snowmobiles are by nature far different from all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and other motorized vehicles. (Winterwildlands.org & other sources)  
*NOTE: The NSCF was asked to join the petition by the Winter Wildlands Alliance. The executive board decided to refrain from joining a petition that pitted one outdoor snow sport against another.*

**Lindsey Vonn** has been named U.S. Olympic Committee's **Sportswoman of the Year** for 2010 - the second consecutive year Vonn has earned this honor. In 2010 Lindsey became the first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in downhill. She also won an Olympic bronze medal in Super G. Vonn set an American record with 11 wins on the FIS World Cup in 2010 which led to a 3rd overall title, 3rd downhill title, 2nd super G title, and a super combined title. The last female alpine skier to achieve this USOC Sportswoman of the Year honor was Vonn's childhood hero Picabo Street in 1998. Vonn is the first woman since track and field legend Jackie Joyner Kersee (1986-87) to win the award back-to-back.

**Airbags for Skiers?** Skiers and snowboarders can already benefit from airbags, albeit a different type of airbag than you'd see in a car. Avalanche airbags from companies like Snow Pulse and Backcountry Access are designed to inflate in the event of an avalanche, helping the victim to stay afloat on the snow and protecting his head and neck from blunt force trauma. If Italian company Dainese has anything to say about it, skiers will also have access to a more traditional type of airbag designed to protect them in the event of a crash. The company's D-Air wearable airbag was originally designed for motorcycle racing and will soon launch in a street and racing version.

For further information check out this website: [http://inventorspot.com/articles/airbags\\_move\\_out\\_cars\\_and\\_ontoskiers](http://inventorspot.com/articles/airbags_move_out_cars_and_ontoskiers).

**U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame Class of 2010** inductees named in November 2010 with induction ceremony to be held in April 2011 at Sun Valley, ID, include: Daron Rahlves (world champion ski racer with 9 downhill victories, the most decorated U.S. downhiller), Glen Plake (skiing legend with 3 World Hot Dog Ski Championships), the late Shane McConkey (big mountain free skier, inventor of Spatula and Pontoon skis), Muffy Davis (paralympic medalist and world champion), Bobby Cochran (Olympian from Vermont, 1st male U.S. skier to win a World Cup GS), and Earl Holding (resort builder “C Sun Valley, ID & Snowbasin, UT).

· Far West Ski Foundation will soon launch new websites: <http://FWSF.net> and <http://FarWestSkiFoundation.org>

· The first digital edition of the FWSA Skier's Guide is now online: [www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2010-11](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2010-11)

· History Committee – The committee is planning to produce FWSA ski history DVD's. The convention theme is Making History; content is available and can be edited and compiled, and volunteers are willing to provide the backbone for the production. Such DVD's would have long lives in Speakers Bureaus for club, council, and community organizations. Content should be ready for assembly not later than March 1 in order to produce and premiere in June at the Convention.

· **Forms and Guidelines** Developed by ski clubs and ski industry — Here you can find an RFP (request for proposal) form developed by federation members along with industry. In addition there are sample by-laws, fam (familiarization trip) guidelines, budget guidelines, and job descriptions for various club offices. Attached on the NWSCC newsletter web page are a Standardized Request for Proposal and Fam Trip Guidelines. Also available from NSCF is a powerpoint Technology and Marketing Workshop Presentation.

**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.**

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Note: We have stopped mailing any copies of the NWSCC newsletter, as there were only 5 people who did not have email addresses ... sorry, guys!

## NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2010-2011

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### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., **MARCH 16, 2011**, 6:00 P.M.

SHANGHAI NOBLE HOUSE  
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← **NOTE THERE IS A MEETING THIS MONTH!**

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