



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY 2010!!

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The regular January NWSCC meeting will be held DOWNSTAIRS at The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on January 20, 2010, starting at 6:00 pm! Learn about NWSCC's new P.I.E. educational program! (No host food/special menu)

If you didn't make it to the December NWSCC meeting, you really missed out! Delicious pies, cookies, truffles, and other treats made or provided by the NWSCC board members were auctioned off, and \$351 was raised to benefit the Oregon Food Bank! There was also a chance to shop for Xmas presents, as items unsold at Ski Fair were available, including lift tickets, lodging, and even some Columbia Sportswear clothing! And then there were the fantastic door prizes! Attendance was high because it was PACRAT bib pickup night for team captains - we may just have to make this an annual "party" event!

Speaking of pie, come to the January meeting to learn about NWSCC's new educational program. **P.I.E.** is the acronym for our new educational and informational outreach to the clubs and the public. We plan to provide educational modules, visit with our member ski clubs, and present information at national or regional conferences, or at any other functions of the Council having to do with ski community awareness initiatives. Two educational modules are in the works: Adaptive Skiing Programs: What is Happening and How to Get Involved; and Skiing Risks and the Law. We expect to have a presentation on Adaptive Skiing Programs at the January meeting.

A BIG WELCOME to our newest member club, **Matsu Ski & Snowboard Club**, based in Alaska!

Remember that **January 31** will be your **last chance** to get your **FREE Club Card** entitling you to buy **Mt. Bachelor** tickets for only \$49 apiece - see the last full page of this newsletter for full details, and follow the instructions **EXACTLY!**

Speaking of Mt. Bachelor and the Bachelor Blast, here's a **chance for early birds signing up for the Bachelor Blast to WIN a Mt. Bachelor lift ticket** good any day until the end of the season (except during the official Blast trip)! All those who sign up and pay in **FULL** (\$199 per person) for the trip by January 29 (trip form and payment must be **RECEIVED** by that date) will be entered to win one of three unrestricted all day lift tickets to Mt. Bachelor. Winners of the drawing will be notified by February 1 and arrangements will be made to get you the tickets promptly. Sign up **NOW** - your chances to win are very good!!! Signup forms are on the NWSCC website for easy download!

PREZ SAYS

Hey Northwest Snowriders! Happy New Year! Hopefully, your holiday celebrations brought you new equipment, coats and long johns (!) and you've already got 10 days on your passes! It's the beginning of a new year, and a new decade, and we're working on a brand new council, too. You've seen the first piece of the new NWSCC: our new logo. Well let me tell you, that's only the beginning.

You shoulder a lot of responsibility when you become a snowrider. You've invested your time and a lot of your money. As a snowrider, you make hundreds of decisions every year that other folks don't have to make. You contribute thousands of dollars to the economies of your cities, states, our country, and on occasion, other people's countries, too! You help provide jobs for ski shops, ski resorts, lodging properties, and transportation companies (not to mention those pesky security people). You eat at restaurants at ski resorts, hotels and on the road you

purchase food from our nation's farmers (and a few farmers in other nations, too). (I'm not going to dwell on the hospitals and doctors that we keep employed, too.) It's mind-boggling to think about all those choices you make every single day, just because you like to slap on a board or a pair of skis.

NWSCC is going to help you with those choices! We're getting ready to roll out our brand new outreach program. Those of you who attended our December meeting heard a little bit about the program, which we've titled the "P.I.E. Program." We're going to help you become Prepared, Informed and Ecological! We've got two presentations we'll be introducing very soon, with more to come. And every council meeting will be dedicated to helping you become a more prepared, better informed, more ecologically-conscious snowrider.

But wait! There's more! Your board members are going to be making visits to your clubs! We want to bring P.I.E. to you, and learn from YOU how we can improve P.I.E.. We want your ideas on how to make skiing and boarding more rewarding, and enrich the experiences we all share on our mountains. Whether it's a suggestion on packing for ski trips, or surviving an avalanche, or traveling with kids on a plane, we want to hear ALL of your ideas. Because someone else will want to know. Example: did you know that the day you fly you should download and print a copy of your airline's baggage policy, in case you get into an argument with the ticket agent at the gate? They can't argue with their printed policy!!

So get those bindings checked, slap on that helmet, and wax 'em if you got 'em. We're starting downhill (or uphill as the case may be) and it's gonna be a fun ride!

Check us out at www.nwskiers.org, or visit our Facebook page (we were the first council in the whole country to have a Facebook page!!) under Northwest Ski Club Council.

Happy New Year, everyone! Be Skiin' Ya!
Sheri Parshall, President

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS!

Monday **January 18** (the MLK holiday) is the **Rotary Ski Day at Mt. Hood Meadows**. Request the day off, arrange for car-pooling, and go ski your heart out for just \$10, and for a good cause. This is the major fundraiser for the Hood River Rotary's community service projects. The **\$10 MHM lift ticket** is good from 2 pm -- 9 pm (night skiing). You'll find no host food and beverages in the Finish Line lounge from 7-10 pm. Buy the lift tickets from Rotarians, not at Meadows ticket windows. There are three ways to get your ticket:

(1) Purchase tickets at: Hillcrest Ski & Sports, 2506 SE Burnside Road, Gresham, Oregon. Cash only. For questions, call: 503-665-4455. Thanks to Dexter Hill for this info.

(2) On Monday, Jan 18, you may buy the lift ticket at Meadows but only from Rotarian Chuck Hinman (the manager of the Hood River Inn). Chuck will stand in the Meadows upper coffee shop at the top of the breezeway stairs beginning at 1:30PM. Just ask a 55ish looking man "where is Rotarian Chuck Hinman?"

NWSCC MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION

NWSCC is holding its annual Man and Woman of the Year competition. We are looking for a man and woman from each club who the club wishes to honor because they have done something special for their club - it's not a campaign or a popularity contest. The NWSCC Board will review all clubs' Man and Woman of the year nominees and will choose one man and one woman to be NWSCC's 2009-2010 winners. The Man and Woman representing each club will be recognized at an upcoming NWSCC special event. The winners of this competition are eligible to participate in the FWSA competition at the Convention. 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. The deadline for clubs to submit nominations to NWSCC is March 17, 2010.

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

The **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is out - look for it in ski shops on Certified Folder Display racks, or at your club meetings - we'll provide them to any clubs who ask! Contact Mary Olhausen or Linda McGavin to request Directories for your club.

And if your club hasn't received its membership cards yet, contact vice president Colleen Walter at Membership@nwskiers.org to check on how to get cards for your club members.

RECAP OF DECEMBER NWSCC MEETING:

Much of the meeting was taken up by the pie and goodies auction, the silent auction, and the PACRAT team captain bib pickup, but some business was covered.

NWSCC still plans to participate in the Far West Racing Association Championships at Mammoth Mountain

April 9-11, and everyone is invited - racers and nonracers both! The mountain is known for exceptional spring skiing, and this is a wonderful chance to take advantage of it with special group discounts. Lodging arrangements should be made by March 5 to get the special rates. See [www.fwra.com/Championships/2010/2010 Mammoth flyer.pdf](http://www.fwra.com/Championships/2010/2010_Mammoth_flyer.pdf) for more details.

Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association, gave some teaser details of the 2010 FWSA Convention - check the FWSA section below for details. Watch for details of a 5-day family summer fun trip to Ogden, Utah, being planned by FWSA for July 2010!

Emilio Trampuz was awarded his prize for winning the 2008-2009 Northwest Ski Challenge by skiing 7 ski areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho - a 10-time pass to Mt. Hood Meadows. The contest is on again this year, and all those who ski at least 7 ski areas in the three states will be eligible to enter this season's contest.

An announcement was made by Sandra Kaufman of an exciting new **Snow Sportsmanship Program**, an idea that has been created and refined by one of the old time masters of skiing, Henry Bendinelli, founder of the Mt. Hood Skikats club. Henry's ideas have been adopted with enthusiasm by the Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing Association (OISRA), with the goal to encourage civility and safe riding among teen skiers and snowboarders by giving maximum recognition and awards for good sportsmanship.

By encouraging young team racers to practice courtesy and civilized behavior towards everyone on the slopes, and giving prizes on each team for the best "sportsman," everyone becomes a winner! This is a pilot program in its infancy, starting out as a totally volunteer program without any financial support from the snowsports industry, but with the hope that Oregon businesses will want to participate and associate themselves with the program. Industry sponsorship will result in a win-win situation where program subsidies will enhance the effectiveness of the program, eventually resulting in an increase in the skier and snowboarder patronage at the resorts, as well as more business for all snowsports-related businesses, including sports shops and even tire companies. For further information, contact Henry Bendinelli at 503-760-5725 or friendhenry@comcast.net, or Randy Hewitt at 503-804-3838 or grantskiteam@yahoo.com. See the press release through the electronic version of this newsletter on the NWSCC website for further contact information.

The 2010 "**Bachelor Blast**" trip has been set for **April 16-18 at Sunriver and Mt. Bachelor**. Pricing has been set at \$199 for 2 nights lodging in fully furnished 2 bedroom/2

bath Sunriver Tennis Village condos (4/condo minimum), 2 days' skiing at Mt. Bachelor, a mountain picnic lunch on Saturday, and special prizes and surprises from Mt. Bachelor. One day can be added on at either end at an additional cost of about \$90 for lodging (4/room) and skiing. If you have a family or good friends and don't mind a little tighter quarters, ask about special pricing for up to 6 in the condo. A **special guest** at this event will be **Jordan Schweitzer**, one of the top J3 racers in the nation, and a recipient of a FWSA racing scholarship! Contact Mary Olhausen at PastPres@nwskiers.org, or Linda McGavin at Communications@nwskiers.org for further information.

CLUB INFORMATION:

NWSCC member clubs are welcome to sign up with Sheri Parshall to present a brief history of their club at upcoming Council meetings. We are asking member clubs to start assembling their history for presentations, to consider preparing to enter FWSA's club history competition, and to think about possibly setting up a permanent record of your club at the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp!

AltairSki and Sports Club in Eugene has a full calendar of events, including many trips, and a special day at Willamette Pass January 23 with ski lessons for all abilities at special prices!

Bend Ski Club arranged and held a special training day at HooDoo with former Olympian A.J. Kitt! In addition, they are the main reason why the HooDoo Ski Area is offering NASTAR racing again - the ONLY ski area in Oregon to do so! The NASTAR race course at HooDoo will be open to the public on weekends starting January 2 when A J Kitt will set the pace. The cost is only \$3 for 3 runs on the course. Unlimited runs will cost \$10. Anyone can ski the race course for free once per day, but without receiving an official time or NASTAR award. Lift tickets are required at an additional cost. Once entered and scored in a NASTAR race the competitor is listed individually in the results section of the NASTAR website where one can compare to others at home and around the country. Go to www.NASTAR.com and www.hoodoo.com/race. The club offers many events, racing, and "meet and ski together" days.

Bergfreunde Ski Club has a **Whitefish Mountain Resort trip March 3-8**. Its **20th Anniversary Tahoe Sampler** trip will be held **February 21-27, 2010**. This popular trip includes 6 nights' lodging, 1 gourmet dinner, 3 nights' hospitality room, dinner dance cruise on M.S. Dixie paddlewheeler, a bus and boat shuttle to Squaw Valley (discount lift ticket available), and a trip souvenir, all for the LOW price of \$364 check/\$375 credit, PP/DO. The leaders scout out the best "deals" for lift tickets on the trip dates.

Nordic and non-skiers are welcome. The trip this year is limited to 50 people, so hurry and contact trip captain Bob Burns at 503-524-5261 or bob@inkjetman.com for further details.

The **Cascade Prime Timers** has about 10 trips scheduled, and have a policy that if a trip runs through the club treasury, only official club members may attend. There is one trip that is open to non members. The Mt. Hood Gang is the name of the group which is going to Sun Valley the week of January 16. The cost of the trip varies by type of accommodation. Activities are plentiful and include Lodge Apartments accommodations and lift tickets, 3 hospitality parties, discounted ski lessons, and much more. While I don't have full details at present, you may contact B. Mary at 503-244-7282 or bmary123@yahoo.com.

Cascade Ski Club reports that its Government Camp clubhouse will get a facelift this coming spring. Memberships are available, and rates are good! Members can spend the night at the lodge for only \$12/night; members of NW SCC clubs can stay for \$18/night Monday-Thursday, non-holiday; or \$22/night on weekends (all subject to availability).

Longview Ski Club is planning a bus trip to **Sun Peaks, BC, Canada, February 11-15**, with the bus leaving from Kelso, Washington. The trip cost of \$750 includes the bus trip, 4 nights' lodging in studio condos with kitchens, and 3 days of lift tickets, with a \$42 discount for age 65 and over. At the time of publication there were 4 spots available in 2 condos, plus one spot for a woman to share with a club member. Contact Delores McDonald at dolmcd@msn.com if you can join them! Seattle area clubs particularly take note, as the bus has to go through your area!

Mountain High has a train trip to **Whitefish Mountain Resort February 17-21**, staying at Grouse Mountain Lodge, with an optional 2 days at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake. This trip has places; contact Debbi Kor at ijustwannarun1@comcast.net for information! Linda McGavin has put together a bus trip to **Fernie and Kimberley, BC** (4 nights/4 days skiing), with stops (1 on each side of the main trip) for skiing at **Silver Mountain, Idaho, and Bluewood, Washington**, to break up the long trip, all for a cost of \$950 or less! Altair club members will be joining this trip, and others are welcome also. A land package for just the Canadian part of the trip will be available for those who might want to fly/drive - approximate cost \$500. The trip is family friendly. There is also a **South Lake Tahoe** trip **March 31-April 4**, for only \$400, with 5 nights' lodging at the Lakeland Village Condos

(on the lake) and 2 out of 3 days of skiing at Heavenly included, as well as breakfasts and free shuttles.

Mt. Hood Skikats is planning a train trip to **Whitefish Mountain Resort February 28-March 6**.

Did you miss FWSA's trip to **Ski Bormio, Italy**? Well, here's your chance to join **S'no Joke Ski Club in Bormio, plus 2 nights in Venice, January 30-February 9, 2010, for only \$1,822 pp/do** (plus airport taxes of approximately \$93). Contact Jerry Fitts, trip leader, at jfitts@windermere.com or 206-226-0767 or Monica Voltz at Snow Tours West, monicvoltz@yahoo.com or 1-866-365-6266. Trip prices will be higher if there are fewer than 20 people signed up.

S'no Joke has a number of other trips that are open to members of NW SCC clubs:

- * 2/3-8 Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana
- * 2/17-21 Snowbasin/Powder Mountain, Utah
- * 2/17 or 19-24 Utah add on Alta, Snowbird, Solitude
- * 3/4-7 Schweitzer Mountain, Idaho
- * 3/13-18 Jackson Hole/Grand Targhee, Wyoming
- * 3/25-28 Mt. Bachelor, Oregon
- * 4/8-11 Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada

For information on any of these trips go to www.snojoke.org.

Skiyente will have its **Fifth Annual Family Trip February 11-15, 2010**, this year for the first time going to **Brundage Mountain, Idaho**. They will carpool to McCall, Idaho, and will be staying at the Brundage Bungalows for 4 nights. The trip includes 3 days of skiing at Brundage, a Friday Night Après Ski Party, and a Family Downhill Challenge Race. Pricing including lodging and skiing starts at just \$219 for adults, depending upon the room configuration (the Bungalows have many choices) and how many adults or children are in each room. While only 24 spots are available at the Bungalows, any extra people may be accommodated at a nearby lodging facility with slightly higher rates. For questions or to sign up, contact Colleen Walter at colleenski64@yahoo.com or Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or 503-706-0522.

PACRAT RACING:

Race dates have been confirmed, and the first race is THIS weekend!

January 10	Timberline
January 24	Mt. Hood Meadows, Middle Fork Trail
February 7	Mt. Hood Skibowl, Dog Leg Trail
February 28	Timberline
March 14	Mt. Hood Meadows, Stadium Run (Yellow)
March 21	Make up race, if necessary (Meadows)
April 2	RAT Attack Year End Party (tentative)
TBA	Summer Sun Attack at Mt. Hood Skibowl

The **FWRA Championships** will be held at **Mammoth Mountain, California, April 9-11, 2010**. NWSCC is planning a trip to Mammoth, and has booked condos for a 5-day trip. Exact details are TBA. Everyone will be welcome, racer or not, to join us and ski this incredible mountain - it's not named "Mammoth" for nothing!

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? Please let Sheri Parshall know so that we can share the information! Watch for a special article in the upcoming Northwest Skiers' Directory!

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

FWSA is now on Facebook!

You might still be able to get on the **FWSA Ski Week in Keystone, Colorado, January 30-February 6, 2010**, as FWSA President Randy Lew reported that spots may also be available through open spots from other Councils. Contact Randy if you are interested, at FWSA13randy@telis.org.

We have just learned that the **5th Annual Keystone Nationals Race Challenge** has been canceled for this year due to low signups. Watch for next year, when hopefully the economy will be better!

The 2010 FWSA Europe ski trip will be to Cortina, Italy, February 27-March 7, at a base cost of \$1,844 from SFO/LAX (plus airline fees & taxes of approximately \$303), with a **pre-trip February 24-28 to Venice** at an approximate cost of \$575, and a **post-trip extension March 7-14 to Vienna and Budapest** for approximately \$858. (Note you cannot go on the pre or post trips unless you are on the main trip!) See flier.

FWSA Cruise in the fall of 2010 - Leaving Boston, visiting Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, St. John, New Brunswick, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Boston. The Cruise Company is putting together a package for this cruise. There will also be a package prior to the cruise to tour the Boston area. Pricing will be available for this trip at a later date.

Mark your calendars! The **2010 FWSA Convention** will be held **June 10-14, 2010**, at the luxurious **Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa at Indian Wells, California!** The theme is "Thanks for the Memories," and you will feel like a movie star as you soak in the luxury of \$400 rooms starting at only \$139, in addition to all the Convention activities that will be offered. Gordy Lusk says that the golf tournament will be held at a course where the green fees are usually \$250! Expect to meet celebrities (ski related), take wonderful tours, enjoy a pub crawl and scavenger hunt, dress up as your favorite celebrity for the big

dinner/dance Saturday night, meet lots of club movers and shakers from across the United States, learn at the seminars, and of course bid on fantastic trips at the \$100,000 plus silent auction! See flier referenced with the electronic version of this newsletter for more details.

How about a really memorable way to celebrate the new year in 2011? FWSA is joining Holidaze Ski Tours for an **Antarctica Adventure & New Year's Eve in Buenos Aires December 29, 2010-January 12, 2011!!!** Participants will leave December 29, 2010, for a 15 day trip with 3 nights in Buenos Aires, followed by a flight to Ushuaia and a 10-day cruise on the MS Fram. The cruise includes meals, lectures, guided tours and many fantastic locations and sights you have only seen on TV, including whales, seals, penguins, icebergs, snowy peaks, ice cliffs, and much more! The last night will be at a hotel in Ushuaia. Prices including airfare from JFK or LAX start at approximately \$5,800 pp/do including extra charges, and go up from there - but this is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity!

NWSCC is now taking \$100 deposits for the 2011 FWSA Ski Week in Sun Valley. This will be a very popular trip, and your early deposit will guarantee you a spot with your choice of lodging - we will be requesting rooms in the Sun Valley Lodge, as well as in condos. This is a great trip from the Northwest, as Sun Valley is within driving distance for most of us, saving the cost and hassles of airfare. Mark your check for the 2011 FWSA Sun Valley trip and mail it to the NWSCC post office box. If you change your mind for any reason, your deposit will be fully refundable until sometime this summer when final details are announced and installment payments are due. There will be limited spots available to our Council on this trip.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. They have had cruises and a trip to Thailand, and are looking at possible future trips including a trip to Australia and/or New Zealand in August of 2011. 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.

Check the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarships**. The Far West Ski Association founded its Athletic Scholarship program in 2004 to provide financial assistance to deserving young ski racers. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers licensed by the United States Ski Association (USSA) and participate in racing programs in the states represented by the councils of the FWSA. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need,

academic performance, athletic achievement and community activities. Additional information is available at the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org). **Northwest Snowsports Foundation**, which evolved from NWSCC and has given scholarships to many deserving young Northwest racers over the years, has announced its dissolution, and recommends that donations for scholarships be given to the FWSA Scholarship program, where they can still be earmarked for Northwest recipients.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE: Prizes for the 2009-2010 season will be awarded for anyone who skis (or boards) a minimum of 7 areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Check the NWSCC website for details. While you are there, contact management and tell them you are with NWSCC and participating in this program.

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 needed NOW! Sign up for the NW Advocates list serve. Visit www.nwskiers.org and click on Northwest Snowsports Advocates (coming soon on the new improved website).

MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

Maureen Richards of S'no Joke Ski Club in Seattle has again arranged for the annual **Half Price Ski Day at Crystal Mountain for NWSCC club members** - just show your membership card at the ticket window to receive half off the price of your adult lift ticket (only \$30!) on Sunday, **March 21, 2010**, which happens to be the first day of spring. Thanks, Maureen!

Look at the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org to see an updated list of member benefits and discounts (coming soon on the new improved website), and check out the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org under Membership to see the current discounts. Note Debbi Kor is constantly adding new benefits!

As a member of FWSA, you also belong to the National Ski Council Federation, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. A current list of NSCF benefits can be found at www.skifederation.org in the Members Only section. The user name is **skiclub** and the password is **member**.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS

ENCOURAGED! Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month; 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.

ALL CLUB CALENDAR:

January 2010

9	Mountain Safety Lecture @ Lodge	Cascade
9-10	Telefest, Hoodoo Ski Resort	Altair
9-16	Big Sky, MT (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
9-16	Sun Valley Prime Time, ID (Air)	SKIBACS
10-18	Sun Valley & Brundage, ID	Bergfreunde
13-18	Jackson Hole/Grand Targhee, WY	Desert Ski Club
15-18	Mystery Trip (Bus)	Mountain High
16	Night at Suncadia (XC, SS)	WIHSKI
17-24	Izaak Walton Inn, MT (XC)	Cascade PT
21-24	Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada (Bus)	SKIBACS
23-30	Sun Peaks, BC, Canada (Bus Trip)	Cascade PT
24-30	Whistler/Blackcomb Cabin Trip	Mountain High
28-31	Winthrop, WA (Carpool, XC)	WIHSKI
29-31	HooDoo/McKenzie River, OR	Altair Ski Club
29-31	Silver Mountain, ID	Desert Ski Club
30-2/6	Keystone, CO (FW SA Ski Week)	FW SA/All Clubs
30-2/9	Bormio, Italy	S'no Joke
31-2/6	Sun Peaks, BC, Canada	SKIBACS

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3-8	Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT (DH)	Bergfreunde
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7-12	Schweitzer Mountain, ID (Carpool)	WIHSKI
7-13	Silver Star, BC (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
7-13	Reno/Lake Tahoe	Skihawks
9-16	Yellowstone National Park (XC, SS)	Cascade PT

Maureen Richards of S'no Joke Ski Club in Seattle just sent information about the **2010 Vertical Express for MS at Crystal Mountain** which will be held **February 26-28**, one of 6 nationwide fundraiser events for MS. The event involves teams of 3 skiers/riders/telemarkers (any age or ability) who raise a minimum \$1000 (\$333 per person) to enter. This is the 21st year for this event at Crystal; see www.active.com/donate/VEMScrystal10 for full details.

Ski Oregon was recently granted a proclamation by Governor Kulongoski proclaiming January 2010 as **Learn a Snow Sport Month!** The proclamation notes the importance of outdoor recreation as a part of the Oregon lifestyle and the great impact that the industry has on Oregon's economy and tourism industry. http://www.traveloregon.com/upload/Images/Photos/Ski_Oregon_2009/PDFs/SkiORAug09%20News.pdf

Ski Oregon is pleased to announce they will again be participating with Shell on a 2 for 1 promotion that starts in January. Local ski areas that are participating are Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood SkiBowl, Mt. Ashland, Timberline, Willamette Pass, Hoodoo, Cooper Spur and Ski Anthony Lakes, as well as many around the Northwest and even other parts of the country. Purchase a minimum of 10 gallons of gas and receive a 2 for 1 lift voucher at participating ski areas in Oregon. This is a great promotion not only for ski areas but for the entire industry as it brings more skiers to the sport as well as more ski visits.

Shawn Storey told us at the October meeting about the "Grease Bus," which runs a \$10 shuttle to Mt. Hood Meadows (and it has been up there a lot!). It operates on used cooking oil, and you can find information on its website at www.greasebus.com. Shawn also mentioned the Snowdays Foundation which helps introduce underprivileged children to snowsports. Donations of either money or time are welcome; see their website at www.Snowdaysfoundation.org. It is a 100% volunteer organization with 100% of monies raised going to help the children.

If you haven't looked at the **NWSCC website** (www.nwskiers.org) recently, it's time to take another look!!! Our new webmaster John Jessen has been working hard on making ours a truly first class website! Starting with the home page, note that when you run your mouse over the trips and calendar items, many of them have links directly to the club websites to tell you all about their trips! The list continues on the Calendar page, again with links where available. On the Board Members page, new e-mail addresses are listed for officers. They are not clickable to avoid e-mail "harvesters," but you can paste them into an e-mail and simply replace the @ symbol with the @ from your keyboard. However, other names in blue on the website will give you a direct e-mail link to the named club officer. Our Commercial Members page gives you direct links to most of their websites. The Clubs section has links to each club's website. The Newsletter section contains all the newsletters archived back to mid 2004. Note the box on the right side of the page which contains the fliers attached to the current issue of the newsletter. The PACRAT section links you to the PACRAT website. If you click on the "Education" section, you'll see it's "Under Development." Thanks, John, for ALL your hard and continuing work on our website!

From the FWSA News:

Powdr Corp is in negotiations to purchase Copper Mountain from Intrawest. Sun Valley has a new gondola. Moonlight Basin is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and Tamarack's lifts are idle ...

Geezers, Groomers and Parabolics—The Senior Skiing Revolution · Author John David Fischer, a member of the Sequoia Ski Club in Visalia, California, has written an entertaining story of older skiers in this country and their passion for the sport. The heart of the book is based on detailed questionnaires answered during the 2006-2007 ski season by 80 senior skiers ranging in age from 55 to 88. Their story covers all that they love about skiing, along with the many issues they face as they get older. The book is 280 pages in length and includes pictures, research, and opinions from many ski personalities and experts.

Win A Private Ski Trip With 19 friends In BC's Great Mountain Giveaway! www.onthesnow.com/news/08/a/9843/win-a-private-ski-trip-with-19-friends-in-bcs-great-mountain-giveaway#. The winner of the contest sweepstakes gets a five-day, four-night ski or snowboard vacation to one of British Columbia's resorts. The prize includes accommodations, lift tickets, rentals, and round trip airfare. But here's the big deal. The prize not only includes you, but also 19 of your friends or family. Can I be your friend if you win?

NEW BENEFIT: Mt. Bachelor will offer a FREE picture "Club Card" to NWSCC club members. Here's the latest:

1. For the general public: Up until the lifts open for the year Mt. Bachelor is offering a "club card" picture pass for \$29 that will allow purchase of \$49 non-holiday lift tickets online (excluded dates are 12/26/09-1/3/10; 1/16-18/10; 2/13-15/10).
2. NWSCC club members can go to the Sports Desk at Bachelor up through January 31 and get that same card for FREE by showing your NWSCC membership card and picture ID. (The card cannot be obtained for free at ski shows or other places Mt. Bachelor sells them.)
3. On the day you pick up the Club Card, you can "load" it with your credit card with multiples of \$49. In the future you can load it up any time online before arriving at the mountain. When you get to the mountain, you can go directly to the lifts and, as you pass through, \$49 will be deducted from your balance on the Club Card. Note that you can load the card in person at the Sports Desk only the first time. After that, you'll need to do it online, using a credit card.

Thanks, Mt. Bachelor, for this great benefit!!

Sorry, no room for fliers with the mailed version of this months' newsletter- but they'll all be on the website!

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**PLEASE PATRONIZE AND
SUPPORT THESE COMMERCIAL
MEMBERS AND LET THEM
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check www.nwskiers.org or the NWSCC's Northwest Skiers' Directory for a complete list of member clubs as well as contacts and their phone numbers and/or email addresses. Or, you may contact any of the board members listed above.

Calendar:

Have an event open to all NWSCC members or the public? Post it on www.nwskiers.org, Event Calendar, and then Add An Event. Types of events listed in the calendar include club sponsored events open to NWSCC members and/or the public, NWSCC events, FWSA events, and announcements from ski/snowboard related non-profit groups and vendors.

Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format, and can be sent to YOU upon request to then pass on to your members.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wed., January 20, 2010 6:00 PM
(DOWNSTAIRS)

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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LOCATION!

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

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

First With Safety Awareness!

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Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

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