



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2010

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***The regular February NWSCC meeting will be held DOWNSTAIRS at The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on February 17, 2010, starting at 6:00 pm! Learn about Skiing Risks and the Law from attorney and NWSCC Vice President Richard Rizk. (No host food/special menu)***

## **TIMELY ALERTS:**

The **Longview Ski Club** is having its annual **Crab Dinner** on Friday, February 5, at a nominal cost for nonmembers. Contact Norvin Peer at 360-430-4546 if interested.

**Skiyente Ski Club's annual King Winter Dance** will be held Saturday, February 6, at Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp. Contact Colleen Walter at [membership@nwskiers.org](mailto:membership@nwskiers.org) if interested in tickets; they are going fast! This year's "king" winter will be Shelly Sperr-Hakanson for her 40 years as a PSIA certified telemark ski instructor, with the Wy'east Nordic Ski School, and for assistance with blind skiers, and being a fourth generation Mt. Hood skier, among other things!

See the flier on our website newsletter page from commercial member **Discover Sunriver Vacations** for very special Ski+Lodging packages over **Presidents' Day Weekend!** Also call them for specials on mid-winter school or spring breaks!

Look inside under FWSA for details on reserving a spot - and your first choice of lodging - for the **2011 FWSA Sun Valley Ski Week**. **Early deposits get to request their first choice of lodging - fancy hotel or condo!**

## **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. Club presidents should submit their candidates with a letter telling why the club chose them. January 27, 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.

## **RECAP OF JANUARY NWSCC MEETING:**

NWSCC has developed an educational and informational outreach program designed to help inform our member clubs and the public on various topics related to winter sports. We hope that this effort will help our clubs and their members become more Prepared, more Informed, and act more Ecological, and thus we have dubbed this **P.I.E.**

We will be "serving up" pieces of our PIE through short informational statements and more in-depth educational modules (self contained slide presentations) on our website

([www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org)), through Facebook, and by visiting with our member ski clubs. We will also present information at national or regional conferences, or at any other functions of the Council having to do with ski community awareness initiatives.

The educational modules will be available through the NWSCC website, and can be downloaded by clubs for their own educational purposes, or NWSCC could provide speakers for club meetings. The first module, an overview of which was presented at this meeting, will be on Adaptive Skiing: What is happening and how to get involved. A second module will follow, this one on Skiing Risks and the Law.

**John Jessen** was our speaker on **Adaptive Skiing**. John was recently a guest of Maine Handicapped Skiing (MHS), an adaptive skiing program that has been going strong for over 27 years. He was a participant observer for the two day instructor training program at Sugarloaf, Maine. In this program, all adaptive skiing instructors must go through training at the start of each season. As a rookie trainee, John experienced skiing with 2 skis and 2 outriggers, then graduated to one ski and 2 outriggers. John says that this takes a LOT of energy, courage, and concentration for the disabled skier. Thinking this was difficult enough, he was even more impressed when it was his turn to experience skiing blind. This was not only difficult, but totally unnerving. A blind skier has to have someone right with him or her telling them exactly when to turn, when to get on and off the lift, and when to make an abrupt stop to avoid something or someone. While they wear a bright day-glow orange bib that says in big black letters "BLIND SKIER," other fully functional skiers often don't seem to notice, passing them too close or cutting them off without even a thought as to the danger it presents. In fact, John, while skiing blind, had to be told by his guide to "put on the brakes" quickly in order not to be run over after exiting one of the lifts. One of the most important lessons we can share with every one of our members is to be aware of adaptive skiers on the mountain, and to at least give them the courtesy of a wide berth.

Other types of equipment available for different levels of physical handicaps include two track, three track, and four track skis and outriggers, sliders, mono-skis and dual skis, bi-skis and ski bikes. Each type of equipment is designed to meet the needs of various physical disabilities, from individuals who fatigue easily or who have mild motor impairments in the lower extremities, to paraplegics or quadriplegics, to those with spina bifida, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injury or brain injury. The list goes on. The most important point is that all of these individuals can and do get out with their friends and family

and enjoy winter sports with the help of volunteers across the country.

Adaptive skiing and skiers are not without representation in the Northwest. This past summer, unbeknownst to many, adaptive ski racers trained at Timberline. One of the participants, Lindsay Ball, a blind racer with MHS, has to have someone going down the course directly in front of her, telling her exactly what is next and how to take the turn. Lindsay is as fast as the person who guides her (usually Diane Barras, who heads the race program). Lindsay will undoubtedly make the Paralympics at some point, and is currently scheduled to compete in Russia this coming year.

We are still investigating what Adaptive Skiing Programs are active throughout the Pacific Northwest. Washington has **Outdoors for All** ([www.outdoorsforall.org](http://www.outdoorsforall.org)), and Bend has a specific Adaptive Ski program that is active. In fact, there will be training in Bend on February 6, for those who would like to be helpers and instructors (go online for more information and to sign up). **Special Olympics** (for skiers with intellectual disabilities) continues to be active, with winter skiing and snowboarding events at Mt. Bachelor. Bergfreunde has been a long-time supporter of the Winter Special Olympics in Oregon. Randy Lew mentioned that FWSA is involved with **Disabled Sports USA**. The San Francisco area council is involved with the **Wounded Warrior Project**, which among other things believes in the power of nature and recreation to help warriors dealing with combat stress. Both Alpine and Nordic skiing are included. The Bay Area Council has held fundraisers to benefit the Wounded Warriors, and the Los Angeles and San Diego Ski Councils have also supported adaptive programs at Alpine Meadows and Bear Mountain. With the US involved in two wars, the numbers of returning soldiers with physical disabilities are only going to increase, increasing the need to be aware of and promote snow sports as one possible means of rehabilitation.

One of the primary goals of NWSCC is to build awareness among our member clubs so that we can assist with some of these worthy causes. Look for John's completed educational module on Adaptive Skiing, and give him a call to learn more. He is very committed to helping all our ski clubs and club members understand what is happening in this critical area. [Thanks to John Jessen for contributing to this writeup!]

Even though Sheri and Dale Parshall won't be able to run the trip this year, 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 FW SA Convention - check the FW SA section below for details. Watch for details of a 5-day family summer fun trip to Ogden, Utah, being planned by FW SA for the last week in July 2010! The trip will be in conjunction with Utah's birthday celebration, so there will be LOTS of activities, including golf and fireworks.

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 six people 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 FW SA racing scholarship! Contact Mary Olhausen at [PastPres@nwskiers.org](mailto:PastPres@nwskiers.org), or Linda McGavin at [Communications@nwskiers.org](mailto:Communications@nwskiers.org) for further information.

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Clubs-4-Play Golf Tournament** to be held **Sunday, July 25, 2010!** Sandi Shaub will again be in charge of the tournament, and is looking into either Tri-Mountain at Ridgefield or the Lewis River course. We are working with our Seattle clubs to see if we can host a tournament which they would be able to attend.

Emilio Trampuz advised that the **American Cancer Society's "Hope on the Slopes"** event will be held at Mt. Hood Skibowl on **March 19-20**. This is the second annual event in Oregon. The format is a vertical challenge to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. It will be a great party with live bands all 24 hours, BBQ, fun activities, and a celebration of the fight against cancer! Our NW SCC Treasurer, David Schor, will perform with his band on Friday night.

Emilio will again be in charge of the Torchlight Parade, and is taking names of people who want to participate. The number of participants in the parade will be limited by the number of torches available, so sign up early! The parade is an awe inspiring sight as it wends its way down the

mountain and the torches are placed into the message "HOPE" at the bottom of the hill! Emilio may be contacted at [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net).

On the official event page: [www.oregonhopeontheslopes.org](http://www.oregonhopeontheslopes.org), you can either start your own team for the 24-hour challenge, or join one of the existing teams, or donate to one of the existing teams or individuals. Two prominent teams, Mt. Hoodlums and Team Tuna, have several Mountain High members among them. Team Tuna is also sponsored by the Hillcrest Ski & Sports store.

Also, anyone who wants to volunteer on March 19 and/or 20 should contact: [ainsley.harlan@gmail.com](mailto:ainsley.harlan@gmail.com). Day-of-the-event volunteers who volunteer at least 4 hours will receive a FREE event lift ticket, good from March 19-20 (1pm- 1pm).

Interested in cheap lift tickets to Mt. Hood areas? Shawn Storey has \$52 "anytime" tickets to Mt. Hood Meadows through Bergfreunde ([irishcatty@gmail.com](mailto:irishcatty@gmail.com)), and Dale Parshall may have some \$42 Timberline tickets for sale ([Dale.Parshall@bankofthewest.com](mailto:Dale.Parshall@bankofthewest.com)).

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## CLUB INFORMATION:

NW SCC 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 FW SA'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 a ladies clinic, day trips to Willamette Pass and Hoodoo, a trip to Hood River/Mt. Hood, and several trips to Mt. Bachelor and other areas which include skiing, snowboarding, cross country, and snowshoeing!

**Bend Ski 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:dolmcd@msn.com) if you can join them! Seattle area clubs particularly take note, as the bus has to go through your area!

The Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center is putting on the **Ski the Glade Trail Day March 6**. For \$100, participants get breakfast, lunch, and shuttle bus service from Government Camp to Timberline. This is the one day of the year that they groom the Glade Trail, and it is quite an experience! Proceeds benefit the Museum.

**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 - contact Debbi Kor at [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net) for information! Linda McGavin has put together a bus trip to **Fernie and Kimberley, BC** (4 nights/3 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 \$895 or less! Members of other clubs are very welcome on this trip! 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**.

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

- \* 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](http://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](mailto:colleenski64@yahoo.com) or Sheri Parshall at [cougskier@aol.com](mailto:cougskier@aol.com) or 503-706-0522.

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## PACRAT RACING:

The first race has been held. Unfortunately, due to timing difficulties, the second race was canceled, making the makeup race necessary. Here are the remaining dates:

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| 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**. NW SCC 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!

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## 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 Charity Recognition Program**—The Club or Council which has shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations during the past year will be recognized at the FWSA Convention in June. A check for \$100 will be

awarded to the club/council's favorite charity. For more information and an application, click: [www.fwsa.org/docs/WebCharityRecognitionInfo\\_andForm\\_2010.pdf](http://www.fwsa.org/docs/WebCharityRecognitionInfo_andForm_2010.pdf)

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## **FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:**

FWSA is now on Facebook!

**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.

**NEW!!!** FWSA has just announced details of its first annual **Dive Trip to Cozumel, Mexico, September 4-11, 2010!** The cost for the land portion of this trip is \$899 for divers (with 5 days of 2 tank boat dives), and \$599 for non-divers. This package includes round trip transfers from the Cozumel Airport, 7 nights at the Wyndham Reef Club (double occupancy), all meals and beverages (including alcohol), all non-motorized watersports and activities, and all hotel taxes and tips! What a GREAT price. If interested, contact Randy Lew right away at 530-304-0802 or [FWSA13Randy@telis.org](mailto:FWSA13Randy@telis.org). 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 and the PGA Skins Game is held! 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 Holiday 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. The anticipated cost will be over \$1,000 without transportation (consider that Sun Valley's lift tickets are \$82 this year!). 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. A limited number of airline seats will be reserved for NWSCC participants, as we expect more people would wish to drive. NWSCC has only 80 spots on this trip (and the last time FWSA went to Sun Valley there was a waiting list), so send your deposits early. This will also give you an opportunity to express your preference either for high end hotel lodging, or condos (we have received allocations of both). 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.

Interested in a **chance to WIN a spot on the FWSA Sun Valley trip** valued at \$950+? NWSCC will be selling tickets, with the drawing to be held at NWSCC's annual Appreciation Night, July 21, 2010. The cost is \$20 for one ticket or \$50 for three tickets. The winner will receive one fully paid trip with condominium lodging (transportation not included; an upgrade to hotel lodging would be at the winner's cost). If you have already paid a deposit at that time, your deposit will be refunded. Tickets will first be available at the February 2010 NWSCC meeting, or contact Sheri Parshall to order your tickets. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so your chances are far better than the lottery!

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](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.

**Win Two Great Ski Vacations from FWSA Safety and Ski Heritage Contest!** The Safety Person of the Year will win a six day vacation for two to Aspen, Colorado; and the winner of the Western Ski Heritage contest will win a five day vacation for two to Steamboat, Colorado! Go to [www.fwsa.org/2010\\_Safety\\_and\\_ski\\_heritage\\_contest.htm](http://www.fwsa.org/2010_Safety_and_ski_heritage_contest.htm) for more information and entry forms. The deadline for entry is April 19, 2010.

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](http://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.

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**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 skiing those areas, contact management and tell them you are with NWSCC and participating in this program.

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

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## 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](http://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](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. The user name is **skiclub** and the password is **member**.

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## 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:

#### February 2010

3-8	Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT (DH)	Bergfreunde
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6	King Winter Dinner/Dance, Gov't Camp	Skiyente
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
10-15	Telluride, CO	Desert Ski Club
11-15	Sun Peaks, BC, Canada (Bus)	Longview
11-15	Family Trip to Brundage, ID (Carpool)	Skiyente
12-14	Winterfest, Bend, OR	Mt. Bachelor
13	Hoodoo, OR, Club Ski Day	Bend Ski Club
13-14	Over the Hill Masters Race, Alpentel, WA	PNSA
14	Chocolate & Champagne After Ski	Cascade
17-21	Whitefish Mountain, MT (Train)	Mountain High
17-24	Utah - 5 Mountains, 3 Trip Options	S'no Joke
18-21	Hickory Lane/Sunriver (DH, XC, SS)	Altair
18-22	South Lake Tahoe, CA	WIHSKI
19-23	Glacier National Park, MT	Oregon Nordic

20	Crab Feed, Cascade Lodge	Cascade
21-27	Lake Tahoe Sampler (20th)	Bergfreunde
22-26	Methow Valley, WA (XC, SS)	Cascade PT
22-26	Schweitzer Mountain, ID (Carpool)	Cascade PT
24-28	FWSA Pre-Trip to Venice	FWSA/All Clubs
25-28	Elk Lake, Bend, OR (XC, SS)	Bergfreunde
26-27	Winter Special Olympics @Mt. Bachelor	Bergfreunde/Open
26-3/1	Shelter Cove, OR (DH, XC, SS)	Altair Ski Club
27	Tryouts for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol	MHSP
27-28	Anthony Lakes, OR	Desert Ski Club
27-3/5	Vail Resorts Smorgasbord, CO	SKIBACS
27-3/6	Taos, NM	Skihawks
27-3/7	Cortina, Italy (FWSA Ski Week)	FWSA/All Clubs
28-3/6	Whitefish Mtn, MT (Amtrak)	Mt. Hood SkiKats

### March 2010

3-8	Sun Peaks, BC, Canada (Carpool)	WIHSKI
4-7	Whitefish Mtn Resort, MT (Train)	Desert
4-7	Schweitzer Mountain, ID	S'no Joke
5-7	Widgi Creek/Mt. Bachelor (DH/XC)	Altair
5-7	Crater Lake, OR (XC, SS)	Oregon Nordic
6	Ski The Glade Trail Day, Timberline to Gov't Camp, OR	Open to Everyone
6-7	PNSA Masters Mania Races, Mt. Hood Skibowl Schnee/Skiyente/ALL	
7	Cascade Ski Day @ Mt. Hood Skibowl	Cascade
7-8	Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, @ Mt. Hood Meadows	Open to Everyone

Maureen Richards of S'no Joke Ski Club in Seattle 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 21<sup>st</sup> year for this event at Crystal; see [www.active.com/donate/VEMScrystal10](http://www.active.com/donate/VEMScrystal10) for full details.

The "Grease Bus" runs a \$10 shuttle to Mt. Hood Meadows. It operates on used cooking oil, and you can find information on its website at [www.greasebus.com](http://www.greasebus.com).

Did you know that the **NWSCC has a Facebook page**? Log on to Facebook and find us there by typing in Northwest Ski Club Council. This will direct you to our page and then you can become a FAN! You can keep up-to-date on all our events and activities.

If your club hasn't received its membership cards yet, contact vice president Colleen Walter at [Membership@nwskiers.org](mailto:Membership@nwskiers.org) to check on how to get cards for your club members.

Watch for further details about a new **Snow**

**Sportsmanship Program**, which will be presented 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](mailto:friendhenry@comcast.net), or Randy Hewitt at 503-804-3838 or [grantskiteam@yahoo.com](mailto:grantskiteam@yahoo.com). See the press release through the electronic version of this newsletter on the NWSCC website for further contact information.

<http://nwskiers.org/Clubs/OISRA/Snow%20Sportsmanship%20Program.12.09.pdf>

### From the FWSA News:

The Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club plans to participate in a Wounded Warrior program with the Disabled Sports USA February 25-28. This program will provide an opportunity for wounded veterans to return to the Disabled Sports USA snow sports program at Alpine Meadows for a weekend of ski/snowboard instruction. TDSASC members will host the Wounded Warriors for three nights and provide transportation to and from all events. Activities will include a reception on Thursday night, snow sports instruction on Friday and Saturday and a potluck dinner at the Tahoe Donner ski lodge on Saturday night. Further information will be posted on the Disabled Sports USA Far West website in the near future.

**SKI SHOWS!** While it's early and the dates could change, it appears that the **Seattle Ski Show** will be held **October 15-17, 2010**, at the Washington State Convention Center; and the **Portland Ski Show** will be held **November 5-7** at the Expo Center. **NWSCC's Ski Fair** is tentatively scheduled for **November 8** at the Holiday Inn Airport (site of last year's Ski Fair).

Sorry, no room for fliers with the mailed version of this month's 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.nwsikers.org](http://www.nwsikers.org) or the NWSCC's Northwest Skiers' Directory for a complete list of member clubs as well as contacts and their phone numbers and/or email addresses. Or, you may contact any of the board members listed above.

### Calendar:

Have an event open to all NWSCC members or the public? Post it on [www.nwsikers.org](http://www.nwsikers.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 on the website, and the link easily be passed on to your members.**

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### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., February 17, 2010 6:00 PM  
(DOWNSTAIRS)

BUFFALO GAP SALOON & EATERY  
6835 SW MACADAM AVE.  
PORTLAND, OR 97219

**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!**

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

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