



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

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***The regular April NWSCC meeting will be held DOWNSTAIRS at The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on April 21, 2010, starting at 6:00 pm!
(No host food/special menu)***

At-Large Director (two positions): Duties as assigned by the executive board

Time involved: A QUARTERLY** Council meeting and a monthly board meeting.

If interested, please contact Mary Olhausen, Immediate Past President, at PastPres@nwskiers.org or 503-880-7383 for more information or to put your name on the ballot. We need your input and support, and want YOU to consider serving on the Board! PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.

TIMELY ALERTS:

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!** Deposits are refundable until June 2010.

NWSCC OFFICER ELECTIONS - GET INVOLVED - WE NEED YOU!

Join the leadership of the Council – serving on the board of directors is a great way to get involved in club, council and Far West Ski Association activities. Ideally the board is made up of members from different clubs in the council—bringing a variety of style and experience to the Council. All officer positions are open, and the following officers will be voted upon at the June 16, 2010 meeting:

President: Head of the Council Executive Board; represents NWSCC at Far West Ski Association board meetings and at National Ski Council Federation meetings

Vice President: Assumes duties of the president when needed and handles other duties as assigned

Treasurer: Handles council financials. Experience with bookkeeping software necessary.

Secretary: Handles council notes/minutes and correspondence as needed

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: NWSCC MEETINGS TO BE REDUCED TO QUARTERLY, PLUS APPRECIATION NIGHT!

The NWSCC board has decided to hold quarterly public Council meetings (instead of monthly), following the Appreciation Night party in July 2010. Regular meetings will be held in May and June (when elections are held); the July 21 meeting will be “Appreciation Night” held at the Parshall home on Blue Lake for all NWSCC volunteers, club officers, commercial members, and anyone else deserving to be appreciated!

The next Council meetings after July will be held September 15 for a “kickoff,” December 15 for PACRAT Night and a continuation of the highly successful Pie Sale to benefit a “food” charity; followed by meetings on the third Wednesdays of March and June. The meeting venue will be changing; watch for notices of where the meetings will be held.

It is hoped that this change to reduce the number of NWSCC meetings will encourage more participation from member clubs. Each meeting will have some FUN involved, as well as a chance to meet our commercial members, educational presentations, and of course wonderful door prizes. NWSCC will continue to provide information monthly through its newsletter (watch for big

changes), and from its newly redesigned and extremely current website! You HAVE to see what's new on the website - it's AWESOME! John Jessen has done an amazing job, and 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.

NWSCC MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION:

Congratulations to the winners of NWSCC's Man and Woman of the Year competition: **Colleen Walter** and **Dave Rasmussen**. Colleen is no stranger to this honor, having been selected several times due to her many contributions to her club and to NWSCC. Dave Rasmussen has been president of Schnee Vogeli Ski Club and was a huge help during the 2008 FWSA convention in Bellevue, both with the golf tournament, and as a shuttle driver.

RECAP OF MARCH NWSCC MEETING:

Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association, gave more details of the **2010 FWSA Convention** - check the FWSA section below for details. Also see details about a **5-day family summer fun trip to Ogden, Utah, July 21-25, 2010!** The trip will be in conjunction with Utah's birthday celebration, so there will be LOTS of activities, including golf and fireworks. Randy also made the first announcement about an awesome Dive Trip to Cozumel September 4-11 - details below and in the attached flier.

NWSCC's Annual **Clubs 4 Play Golf Tournament** will be held **Sunday, July 25**, at **Lewis River Golf Course** in Washington (an amazing course!). Tee-offs start at 10:00. Fee: \$89. Sandi Shaub provided fliers and team sign-up forms. They are also available on the NWSCC's website. We are likely to have teams travel from Seattle to participate. Get your teams signed up! See attached flier and the NWSCC website!

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!

Bend Ski Club (as reported by Colleen Walter): The club raised approximately \$1000 for Oregon Adaptive Sports at a recent fundraiser.

Oregon Adaptive Sports and Shriner's Skiing Program

are always looking for volunteers. Update: Check out the Adaptive Skiing information of NWSCC's website, under the Education tab.

Cascade Prime Timers has some special summer trips, including an annual Holland Bike and Barge trip, and a Bike and Hike trip to Austria. Their annual trip to Big Sky is scheduled January 1-8, 2011. There are lots of activities besides skiing: hiking, kayaking, bridge, etc. While trips are for members only, membership is only \$35 for persons over 50 years old.

Sue Rimkeit of the Cascade Prime Timers reported that **Bob Bennett** from Bend has passed away. He was a long-time contributor to the snowsports community.

Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum will be starting the construction of their elevator very soon, as Clackamas County has provided a \$175,000 grant. Additional funds will be needed to complete the project. The Government Camp Township is voting in May to determine if Govy will become incorporated. If so, then the Museum will also become City Hall! Currently there are two 'Visitors Centers' designated by the county in Government Camp, one being the Museum and the other The Rathskeller. The county is working on the "Visitors Centers" program and will likely designate only the Museum in the future.

Skiyente Ski Club's Spring Plant Sale is going on, so see your favorite Skiyente for details. Plants will arrive May 8, in time for Mother's Day. Proceeds go to the Erin Nicole Scholarship Fund, Mt. Hood Museum, and Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

PACRAT RACING:

WOW, what a season! One race was canceled at Mt. Hood Meadows when a snowcat cut the timing wires, but Meadows made up for it with specials for the racers. The final race was held March 21, and winners were announced at the Rat Attack party on April 2. This year Skiyente's **Racy Brats** came from behind to win over Schnee Vogeli's **Ruttin' Rats!** Five Mountain High teams followed: **Rattitudes, Avalanche Express, Rat Racers, Psychothermia, and Infrarats**. The top ten were filled out by teams from Skiyente, PDX Ski Club, and another Mountain High team. As usual, the teams with the most participation ended up with the top scores - so teams should encourage their members to participate in the races!

This year's **King Rat** (the male with the most improvement in handicap points throughout the season) was **Frank Hadella** of **Rattitudes**, with an overall 31% improvement. **Queen Rat** was **Elsebeth Frank** of **Rat Racers**, with an overall 62% improvement! Note that Frank finished in the Advanced Intermediate class, and Elsebeth in the Intermediate class.

See the PACRAT website at www.pacrats.org for race details and standings - click on Race Results 5 for the final results for this season. Note that PACRAT elections are coming up, and that some board positions with the PACRAT organization will be open.

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!

FWSA now has information on a FABULOUS Summer trip **July 21-25 to Wolf Creek Utah**, with many great activities for the whole family! See attached flier. Many different rooming configurations are available, including camping(!); please share this information with your club and see if you can get a group together to join FWSA in Utah! Contact Gloria Raminha at Fwsa.natravel@sbcglobal.net or our own Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com for further details.

FWSA will have 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. See flier.

FWSA Cruise September 25-October 2, 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. Rates range from approximately \$626 to \$1,016 depending upon the cabin chosen (cruise only; transportation to ship at your cost). See flier.

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! The planned leadership seminar topics for this Convention currently include (1) Ski Clubs and Ethics, and (2) Using Social Media to Enhance Your Club. See flier referenced with the electronic version of this newsletter for more details. Make your hotel reservations NOW, and talk to your club officers about signing up as a delegate. Your club needs to provide a form listing all delegates, or else you won't get to vote! The deadline for early registration (saving \$30 or more on the registration fees) is May 7. It is best if the club collects all delegate registration forms and sends them all in together with one check from the club for all events, so it's time to have one person from each club assume responsibility for this procedure.

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!

NEW! FWSA will offer a trip to Switzerland (Engelberg and Interlaken) February 26-March 7, 2011, starting around \$1,725. A Bulgaria extension March 7-12 will be offered starting around \$839, and a further extension to Bucharest and Romania is still being negotiated. See the flier for all the details known at this time.

If you have never been on a FWSA Ski Week, look at the attachment from Barbara Bousum telling what a GREAT time people had on the recent Keystone trip!!

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. **NEW:** See the attached Sun Valley Lodging listing to determine what type of lodging you would like to request. Anticipated costs range from \$895 to \$1325 per person 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. 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 are available through Sheri Parshall or other NWSCC officers. 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 or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE: It's time to submit your entries! If you skied a minimum of 7 areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho during the ski season that is close to ending, you need to turn in your lift tickets or credit card receipts from each eligible area you ski to NWSCC. The winner will be announced at Appreciation Night, and everyone entering will receive a prize!

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. See www.nwskiers.org/NWSA/NWSA.htm.

Thanks to Scott Kaden, Executive Director of the Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association, and to Maureen Richards of S'no Joke Ski Club, for alerting us to the following information. **There will be FIVE lifts under construction at ski areas in the state of Washington this summer: two quads (one detachable) at White Pass, the East Peak Triple and Hidden Valley double chairlifts at Summit East (Snoqualmie Pass), and the base-to-summit gondola at Crystal Mountain.** Scott suggests that some of the Oregon-based clubs consider putting together trips to Washington state ski areas to sample some of these improvements! Maybe substitute a trip to Utah, or Colorado, with a "road trip" to a couple of different Washington ski areas! (Mountain High already has plans in the works for this type of trip!)

Stevens Pass has just received approval for construction of lift-served mountain biking trails this summer! See the front page of the NWSCC website for up to the minute information!

NWSCC wrote letters to the Forest Service in support of three of these local Washington ski areas.

Scott Kaden also tells us: Another fun story is the LEED certification of Mt. Hood Meadows' Patrol Headquarters building (top of Blue Chair) and the clinic/ski patrol building in the base area. The patrol Headquarters was awarded LEED's Silver, while the clinic/ski patrol building in the base area received LEED's Gold. These two buildings are the only LEED certified ski area buildings on the West Coast!

MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

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

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:

May 2010

15 MBSEF/US Bank Pole Pedal Paddle Open to All Mt. Bachelor, OR

June 2010

10-13 FWSA Convention, Indian Wells, CA/FWSA Clubs

July 2010

21-25 FWSA Family Trip to Utah FWSA Clubs
25 Annual Clubs-4-Play Golf Tournament NWSCC/
Lewis River Golf Course All Clubs

September 2010

4-11 FWSA Cozumel Dive Trip FWSA Clubs
11-25 Holland Bike & Barge Trip Cascade PT
25-10/2 FWSA Fall Canada/New England Cruise FWSA

December 2010

29-1/2 Buenos Aires/Antarctica Cruise FWSA/All Clubs

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).

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.

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, 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.

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

From the National Ski Club News:

The National Ski Club Newsflash is emailed each month to America's ski club officers by The National Ski Club Newsletter on a year-round basis to augment our printed issues which are published in November, January, March, and May. If you wish additional club officers to receive the Newsflash, please email their names, club name, their office within the club, and email addresses to wilbanks@ski-club.net.

From the FWSA News:

Athletic Scholarship Raffle Tickets are available for the CMH Heli Hike Adventure — Most councils have received their allotment of raffle tickets for the athletic scholarship's grand prize. A description of the CMH Heli-Hike prize is available on the Far West Ski Association web site (FWSA.org). Click on Programs, then FWSA Athletic Scholarships, and there is a link to Michelle and Roy Nightengale's experience. If you're not going to attend the FWSA convention, you can support the athletic scholarship program and have a chance at a truly exceptional adventure by buying raffle tickets. If your ski club does not have tickets available, contact Dick Shawkey at rshawkey@comcast.net. Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20.

Entries for FWSA's Safety Person of the Year, the Club and Council History Prize, and the Historic Ski Club Designation are all due April 19, 2010. See the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org/689620.htm for further details - and HURRY!

We are fortunate to have a race representative, Mike Braun, who can help you obtain racer pricing (which is wholesale cost) on the following brands: Dynastar skis, Rossignol skis, Lange boots, Look bindings, Uvex helmets and goggles, and Swix wax and poles. Contact him at: lapdski@sbcglobal.net.

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 2009-2010

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Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

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Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, OR
Sun Valley Resort, ID
Twirl Advertising

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Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Timberline Lodge, OR
Vail Resorts
Wentworth Subaru NW

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The Tire Factory/Northwest Tire Factory, LLC

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Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
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Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie Alpine Resort)
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Silver Star Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort, Leavenworth, WA

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Bruce Hackett Company (Sun Valley for Less)
Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT
Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
Mt. Ashland, Ski Area OR
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

**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 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, 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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wed., April 21, 2010 6:00 PM
(DOWNSTAIRS)

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← NOTE

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

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org