



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2009

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The regular February NWSCC meeting will be held The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on February 18, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm! Bonnie Ell with American Cancer Society/Hope on the Slopes will be our special guest speaker! (No host food/special menu)

The Bachelor Blitz will be held April 10-12, 2009!

The trip will run in conjunction with Skiyente Ski Club's Family Trip, so special events will be planned for families, and FWSA has endorsed the trip. Price per person: \$129 double, \$109 triple, \$99 quad occupancy, including 2 nights at The Bend Riverhouse (2 queen beds/room), 2 breakfasts, and Saturday night Mexican buffet/party. Children 6-12 are only \$20 and children under 6 are FREE in a room with 2 paying adults or children over 12. Lift tickets for the Blitz may be purchased from Mt. Bachelor for only \$79 for 2 days or \$99 for 3 days. See new flier in this newsletter.

And don't miss out on your Nifty Fifty member benefit from Mt. Bachelor - \$50 lift tickets (saves \$19 on weekends) by showing your current NWSCC member card and valid photo ID at Mt. Bachelor Sports Desk only. Limit one purchase per cardholder per day. This offer is not valid for holiday periods: 2/14-16/09; offer now expires April 12. Cannot be combined with other discounts.

For more "Winter Stimulus" DEALS (such as \$29 midweek "hookey days" or buy 2-get 4, or buy 3-get 7 days, and MORE) see: <http://www.mtbachelor.com/winter/staticpages/DEALS/Deals>

RECAP, JANUARY NWSCC MEETING:

Our special guest speaker was **John Reinhardt**, a CPA who served as the NWSCC treasurer for a number of years. John spoke to us about **new IRS reporting requirements for tax exempt ski clubs starting with tax years beginning in 2008**. This is an extremely important topic for all of our member clubs which are nonprofit IRS 501(c)(7) "social clubs," and the information should be shared with all club officers, particularly your treasurers! A full version of John's handout will be posted to the NWSCC website and can be printed directly from the website for discussion at your ski club board meetings.

Not all income of a tax exempt organization is exempt from tax. For a ski club, membership dues and income from club members participating in club activities (e.g. ski trips, parties, and other such functions) are exempt from tax. However, investment income (e.g. interest income) and unrelated business income (e.g. revenue from advertising in a club publication) are subject to tax if the combined total exceeds \$1,000 in a year. **The IRS has substantially changed tax exempt entities' reporting forms and requirements for 2008.** There are now three reporting levels, and your reporting level is determined by the amount of total gross receipts your club has during the tax year.

"Gross receipts" are generally your total deposits, not counting transfers between accounts. This includes the

total receipts from running trips or other activities, without reduction for the costs of putting on those activities. You need to file Form 990-N if gross receipts are not more than \$25,000 in 2008 and 2009, and \$50,000 in 2010 and later years. You must file Form 990-EZ if gross receipts are not over \$1 million in 2008, \$500,000 in 2009, and \$200,000 in 2010 and thereafter. You must file Form 990 if your gross receipts exceed the limits for filing Form 990-EZ. *In addition*, if you have combined investment income and/or unrelated business income in excess of \$1,000, you are required to file Form 990-T.

Penalties for not filing: All organizations that fail to file their required 990 forms for three consecutive years will lose their tax exempt status. Once tax exempt status is lost, the organization will have to go through a new application process to regain tax exempt status, and there is a fee involved in doing this. There are penalties to the organization for not timely filing a required Form 990-EZ or Form 990. The penalty is \$20 per day (\$100 per day if gross receipts are in excess of \$1 million). The IRS will send the club a notice of failure to file, and if a return is still not filed, than the responsible person(s) within the club will be subject to personal penalties of \$10 per day.

Due dates for filing: The due date for filing tax returns is the 15th day of the fifth month after the club's year end (May 15th for clubs using a calendar year). The IRS will grant an automatic 3-month extension if you timely file Form 8868 to request an extension. You may also apply for one additional 3-month extension. In doing so, you have to provide them with a reason as to why you need the extension, and you must be prepared, as they may deny it.

See the rest of John's handout online on the NWSCC website (it will be one of the items accessible when you click on the February 2009 newsletter).

NWSCC is in the process of planning a **30th Anniversary party** this year. We are discussing a September or October event which will be FUN, as well as showcasing our member clubs and their histories. Watch for further details.

Speaking of **club histories**, NWSCC encourages all its member clubs to organize and prepare their club histories to help celebrate! We will provide display space at the anniversary party, and the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum has a club history room where your club could maintain a permanent record of its history. Our **Council Historian Norvin Peer** will work with you on your submissions - contact Norvin at 1-360-430-4546, or send information to Norvin at 1510 Ocean Beach Highway, Longview, WA 98632.

NWSCC is taking names from its clubs for their **Man and Woman of the Year** nominees, and will vote upon the NWSCC Man and Woman of the Year in March. Please bring a short paragraph about your winners to the March NWSCC meeting. The NWSCC winners will be entered into competition at the FWSA Convention in June, and if they are present at the Convention, each will receive a 2-day trip for two to Big White/Silver Star, BC, Canada! The overall winner at the Convention receives a 5-day trip. The criteria for the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year include lifetime achievement, involvement in club, council, and FWSA activities, as well as charitable activities, and the number of areas skied. These criteria are not used to judge the NWSCC winners.

The American Cancer Association is sponsoring a special event at Mt. Hood Skibowl on March 20-21, 2009 called Hope on the Slopes. This is a vertical foot challenge, and individuals or teams will be skiing for 24 hours trying to get the most total vertical feet. Prizes will be awarded based upon both the vertical feet skied and the fundraising accomplished. A team entry is only \$150 for 5-15 team members (which is a better deal than the \$35 individual registration fee). Discount lift tickets will be available for \$35. Each participant and team receives a personal web page to assist in its fundraising efforts. See attached flier or [check out the website at www.oregonhopeontheslopes.org](http://www.oregonhopeontheslopes.org) - the event happens at several Northwest ski areas, as well as other areas in the country. Proceeds will support the work of the American Cancer Society. This event will be featured at the regular NWSCC meeting on Feb. 18.

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: so far Cascade and Skiyente have asked to be on the agenda. 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 and Cultural Center in Government Camp!

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** has "Après Ski" events on the second Saturdays: Skiyente will be the host on February 14, and the Oregon Nordic Club on March 14. Think about this for next year - the Museum will put your club in touch with a winery for beverages, and the club should plan to provide hors d'oeuvres and showcase their club. Clubs or organizations are invited to join the Museum for annual dues of \$100. This allows the

organization to use Museum facilities for scheduled events without paying the usual \$400 facility charge. Other perks are listed on the Museum website at www.mthoodmuseum.org. Individual memberships are \$20, and family memberships are \$35, and help support this very worthy facility. They have raised \$75,000 towards their "elevator" fund that will bring them into compliance with ADA laws. Contact Sheri Parshall for more information on the Museum.

Skiyente's King Winter Dance will be held at Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp on February 14. They have announced this year's King Winter to be **Jack Nantz**.

Lectures at Mt. Hood Museum: Avalanche Awareness 101 will be held **February 21 and March 21, 2009**, at 7:00 pm. This free class is presented by Roland Emetaz of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center, and Jim Thorten of the U.S. Forest Service. Find out how local terrain, snow cover, weather, and human factors all contribute to avalanche danger. Learn what clues to look for, gear to take, routes to follow, and what to do if you or your companions are caught in an avalanche.

Ski The Historic Glade Trail Day - March 7, 2009 - Annually on the first Saturday of March, by special permit from the Mt. Hood National Forest, the Glade Trail is opened and groomed for this living history event. This full day event is a chance to experience a historical way of skiing on Mt. Hood. Skiers are shuttled to Timberline Lodge by bus, and escorted down the 3.0 mile trail to Government Camp by local guides and the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. Lunch, Après ski party and prizes are included in this unique fundraiser. Participation is limited to 75 people, and always sells out. Event tickets are \$100.00 per person; reserve tickets by calling 503-272-3301.

Altair Ski Club has a very full schedule of events, too numerous to mention here. Check the club's website at www.altairsports.org - some events are open to members of other clubs. **There are two upcoming Jeannie Thoren Women's On-Snow Clinics to be held at Willamette Pass, and they are open to other clubs:** February 20-22 (space extremely limited), and February 27, 28 and March 1st (space limited). The cost is \$249.00 (discount available if you already have a pass.) The evening plus two day clinic includes: Lift ticket for Saturday and Sunday. Friday night light dinner/equipment check. Saturday and Sunday Bus Rides. Continental Breakfast for both days. Lunch on the hill for both days. Personal instruction from Jeannie and other Instructors for both days. For more details contact: Berg's Ski and Snowboard Shop - 367 W. 13th Phone: 683-1300

to sign up today.

The **Bend Ski Club** has been VERY active, offering members chances to meet up and ski together at Mt. Bachelor, as well as having social events. We hope to meet up with them at the Bachelor Blitz in April.

Cascade Ski Club has been presenting a Winter Safety Speaker Series at the clubhouse in Government Camp. Featured speakers have been Senior Oregon State Trooper Duane Larson on December 27 (timely subject was winter travel safety), and Richard Rizk spoke on January 31 about skiing risks and the law, with a goal of helping to raise awareness of who, how, when, and where skiers and riders are hurt, and the Oregon laws that affect skiers and resort operators.

Mountain High Snowsport Club has a bus trip to Schweitzer Mountain and 49 Degrees North from February 18-22, and could possibly fit in a couple of extra people. Contact Emilio Trampuz at emilio2000@earthlink.net if interested. The club's trip to Crystal Mountain March 13-15 is full, with a waiting list. Eight members of Altair Ski Club are joining this trip.

Skiyente Ski Club will have a "staycation" April 10-12, 2009, to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, in conjunction with the rescheduled Bachelor Blitz. Watch for further details.

PACRAT RACING!

PACRAT has run its first two races for the year. The remainder are scheduled as follows:

Feb 15	Timberline
Mar 8	Mt. Hood Meadows
Mar 22	Mt. Hood Skibowl
Mar 29	Makeup race, if necessary

Rat Attack (end of season awards party): Date TBA

PACRAT has now run the first two races of the year. They readjusted the class barriers this year to get a better bell shaped distribution, putting many racers in different classes than they were in last year. There are 13 boarders this year, and they are scored with the 10% discount as prescribed by NASTAR.

The final race results are published on the PACRAT website. Don't be discouraged if your team is not near the top to start as we have seen huge point swings in the past (which have already shown up between the first two races!). Those teams who have the best participation will be in the running at the end so make sure your teammates show up to all of the races.

For further information see the PACRAT website at www.pacrats.org or contact Chairman Barbara Parshall at

503-267-9522 or bparshall@equitygroup.com. Anyone wanting to participate in the FWRA Championships at Northstar at Tahoe April 3-5 please contact Dale Parshall right away at Dale.Parshall@bankofthewest.com.

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 with other clubs and FWSA. Sigrid Noack is chairperson of the FWSA Charities and Community Committee, and is interested in your club's activities for consideration for a FWSA award. See the FWSA website, or contact Sigrid at sigridd@earthlink.net.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

It's time to make your room reservations NOW for the **2009 FWSA Convention** to be held at the Peppermill in Reno June 4-7. For convention information and current forms, check www.fwsa.org/hidden/2009_delegate_info.html. NOW is the time to make your hotel reservation!

The application for the Council or Club Charity & Community Service Recognition is due March 15th. The application for this award is available at www.fwsa.org/docs/CharityRecognition08-09Website.pdf. Send completed application to Sigrid at skisig@earthlink.net. FWSA will recognize the outstanding club or council for its outstanding service contribution (s) at the FWSA Convention in June 2009. The First Place winner will receive a \$100 donation from FWSA for the charity of the choice.

The rules for **FWSA Outstanding Club, newsletter, and website competitions** have been totally revamped by Catherine Ohl, Mary Olhausen, and Mary Azevedo. Applications are due by February 20, 2009; details, judging criteria, and new application forms can be found at: <http://acatmeowz.com/FWjudging/index.html>. Note that your club or Council must supply judges for each category which you enter.

Bad Gastein in the Austrian Alps (one hour from Salzburg) is the destination for the **FWSA European Ski Week February 27-March 7, 2009**. March 7-14 will be an extension to Munich and Prague. See flier on the NWSCC website. Contact Norm Azevedo at (925) 944-0420 or e-mail fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net for more information. There are sometimes last minute spots available.

The **2009 FWRA Race Championships** will be held at **Northstar-at-Tahoe April 3-5, 2009**. Further information

will be published as it becomes available. Note that the 2010 championships will be held at Mammoth Mountain, California, the second weekend in April (it was moved from the first weekend due to Easter). Plan early to have a club trip this weekend in 2010, and enjoy Mammoth's legendary spring skiing. You don't have to be a racer to join in the fun!

NEW Summer 2009 trip - Argentina & Chile: Ski and See Bariloche and Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 16-25; pre-trip Aug 10-17 to Valle Nevado and Santiago, Chile; post trip Aug 25-28 to Iguazu Falls, Argentina.

Cruise Scandinavia and Russia with The Cruise Company and FWSA September 13-23, 2009. Pre-cruise Copenhagen September 10-13. Contact Norm Azevedo for more information (contact info above).

FWSA 2010 Ski Week will be at **Keystone Resort**, Colorado, January 30th to February 6th, 2010. This is the only Colorado resort with night skiing. NWSCC has requested 40 spots on this trip, and will take \$100 deposits to hold a spot for you at this time (fully refundable until later this summer). The Tour Operator will be Lori Adis with Rocky Mountain Tours. Pricing will be available at a later time.

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.

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 Barbados dive trip in 2009, a Mediterranean cruise, and even a trip to Australia and/or New Zealand.

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**. Two young racers from the **Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation** (Anton Hilts and Jordan Schweitzer) were among this year's recipients.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE is back with a new, easier format! Don't have time to ski most of the areas in one state? Well, now you can ski as few as 5 ski areas out of the 41 in Oregon, Washington, and/or Idaho

and still receive recognition and a chance at prizes. The more areas you ski, the greater the prizes you could win! Check the NWSCC website for further details!

We have sent out information to resorts about the Challenge so they are aware that it is happening, and will try to let them know if groups come to participate. Participants should thank the resorts for participation, and maybe submit pictures for the ski area websites - several resorts were thrilled by David Schor's blog from last year, and included his information on their websites.

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.

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 across the western United States and Canada. Note Debbi Kor is constantly adding new benefits!

As a member of Far West Ski Association you also belong to the National Ski Council Federation, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. One of your member benefits is the ability to purchase ski equipment, clothing, goggles, gloves, etc. at a discount. 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.

SKI TRIPS & FUN DATES 2008-09

Feb 14 Skiyente Ski Club's King Winter Dance
Feb 21 Cascade Ski Club Crab Feed & Auction
Feb 27-Mar 7 FWSA European Ski Week
Feb 28-Mar 1 Skiyente Memorial Cup/Masters Race

Mar 1-2 Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, Meadows
Apr 10-12 BACHELOR BLITZ/OPEN!!
Apr 10-12 Skiyente Family Trip/Mt. Bachelor/OPEN
Jun 4-7 FWSA Convention, Reno, NV

Crystal Mountain will allow NWSCC members to ski for HALF PRICE (only \$30!) on Sunday, March 15, 2009, by showing your FWSA/NWSCC card at the ticket windows!

NWSCC will be planning a special event at Crystal for its member clubs who are there that day.

Information from the January FWSAnews:

The Luggage Club — The Luggage Club will pick up luggage, golf clubs, skis, snowboards, bikes, scuba gear, gear bags, business and tradeshow materials and more; which will be delivered to the traveler's final destination. TLC offers members a 15% discount with the code NSCF. For more information contact Tod Kempinger, 920-231-5111, tgk@theluggageclub.com.

You may wish to check out an **interesting website**— www.EpicSki.com, which has an online forum that feels like a virtual snowsports club with people from around the world talking about snowsports travel, trip reports, gear, boot fitting techniques, racing, turning adaptive snowsports, family skiing, beginner zone, and many other topics.

Are You Stuck in the Same Old Skiing Rut? As an intermediate skier have you been skiing for years at the same level and haven't progressed to those black or double black diamond runs that you would like to tackle? Harold Harb presents his Primary Movements Teaching System (PMTS) through books, videos, ski lessons, and equipment. Check out an online lesson by clicking www.harbskisystems.com/lessonindex.

FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program: In 2008 we awarded scholarships to seven young athletes. In 2009 our goal will be to help out 10-12 athletes. The increase is necessary to accommodate the increased demand anticipated with the addition of the Intermountain Council. In 2008 the USSA Intermountain Division, which includes Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado, had approximately 600 racers in the J1 through J3 categories. All of these racers are eligible to apply for financial help. FWSA skiers are encouraged to help out by showing their usual generosity in supporting this worthy program.

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Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, CA
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, OR
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(Fernie Alpine Resort and
Kimberley Alpine Resort)
Ski Banff/Lake Louise/Sunshine, AB, Canada
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Timberline Lodge, OR

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Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
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Crystal Mountain Resort, WA
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR
Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Gresham, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder
Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)
Red Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Signal Sports (in the Pearl District of Portland)
Silver Star Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth, WA
The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Barbara Parshall - Re/Max Equity Group
Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT
Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
Mt. Ashland, Ski Area OR
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

**PLEASE PATRONIZE AND
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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:

**Wednesday, February 18, 2009
6:00 PM**

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PORTLAND, OR 97219**

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