



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MARCH 2009

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The regular March NWSCC meeting will be held The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on March 18, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm! Karen Norton of Mt. Hood Skibowl will be our special guest speaker! (No host food/special menu)

encouraged to participate or donate to team members. There are already some PACRAT teams signed up!

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 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 now expires April 12, and 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, FEBRUARY NWSCC MEETING:

Our guest speaker was Lacey Castellano with the American Cancer Society representing "Hope on the Slopes." Hope on the Slopes is a new event to Oregon, though it has taken place in other areas in prior years. There are only five in the country this year. The format is a vertical challenge to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The event will be held at Mt. Hood Skibowl, and is open to individuals and to teams of up to 15. Team entry is \$150 and individuals are \$35. Lift tickets are available for \$35 and are good for the full 24 hours. Participants can sign up for one of the three challenges: 6 hours, 18 hours, or all 24 hour – the goal is to keep at least one person on the slopes at all times. There is a staggered start (starting March 20 at 1:00 pm), and all end at the same time – March 21 at 1:00 p.m. Skibowl's lodges will be open the entire time, serving hot items. Lodging deals are available at the Hostel and at Collins Lake Resort. There are two competitions. The first is a fundraiser: each member needs to raise a minimum of \$150 to participate. The second competition is the vertical feet competition. There are great prizes in both categories. There will be an event on March 20 to honor survivors. It is happening in conjunction with Skibowl's Spring Fling, so there are many extra activities being held on Saturday – bands, food, entertainment, etc. The goal this year is to get people involved since it is the first year. Everyone is

NWSCC is in the process of planning a **30th Anniversary party** this year. Sheri Parshall stated that the party will be a joint event with the Mt. Hood Museum, being a fundraiser for the Museum, and involving the mountain community. The date has been set for Saturday, September 19, and the Atrium at Montgomery Park is being considered as the venue. There will likely be a silent and oral auction for the museum and a gala dinner/dance event. It will be open to the public, and the entry fee is expected to be in the \$50 per person range. There will be tables for council clubs to share their histories and to use for membership drives. The goal is to get 400 attendees. If you want to help with the organization, please contact Sheri to be on the planning committee.

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.) Previous FWSA winners who were NWSCC nominees are Steve Coxen, Emilio Trampuz, Diane Hicks, and Sheri Parshall.

Club History Night Presentation-Cascade Ski Club

Carolyn Hargus gave a great presentation of Cascade Ski Club's history. Carolyn started off telling us a little about herself. She is originally from Georgia and has been in Oregon only a few years. When she was growing up there was only one small ski area in Georgia, which is now gone. She was very excited to get to Oregon and to learn that Cascade is a very 'family friendly' club which owns a European style hostel lodge in Government Camp. Great news – they have new mattresses this year! The lodge

offers great food on Friday and Saturday night. Dinner starts at 6:00 and is \$9. It is open to members and to the public, so try it out. Breakfast is served on the weekends from 7:00-8:30 for \$6. Carolyn suggested that we all check out their website: www.cascadeskiclub.org. If you are a member you can now make reservations and pay on line (\$12/night) and actually reserve a specific bunk. The Lodge is set up with several dorms, including a "snorers' dorm." They also have some private rooms that members can reserve. Bunks are available to non-members for \$22/night, but they cannot be reserved ahead of time. Dues for the club are \$100 for the primary member, \$35 for spouse, and \$25 per child. They have a limit of 400 members. Current membership is about 360, so sign up soon if you are interested. The club passed out ice scrapers, zip-its and stickers to all council meeting attendees.

Carolyn did a great job presenting the club's history by way of trivia questions, pictures and signs. We learned that the club was started in 1928 by Norwegian ski jumper Hjalman Hvam, who had come to America just the year before. He is known for inventing the releaseable ski binding. He was looking for a place for ski jumping. The club held their first sanctioned ski jump competition in 1929 at what is now Ski Bowl. The lodge was built in 1947. In 1951 the Skyway tram was built. The last ski jumping event on Mt. Hood was held in 1971. There were other great stories included while a video of vintage movie footage from the Club's archives was playing in the background.

Both Carolyn and Rich, Cascade's President, invited us all to stop in and check out the lodge, its facilities and the friendly, family atmosphere.

Randy Lew, President of FWSA, reported on the 2009 Ski Week held at Big Sky, Montana. There were about 360 participants, with 14 from Portland area. Big Sky is huge – over 3800 acres. It was very cold – -23° one morning. Modesto Ski Club had the largest turnout, and the LA Council won the Council Challenge.

The editor thanks Sandi Shaub, NWSCC Secretary, for this information about the Council meeting!

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 and Cultural Center in Government Camp!

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** has "Après Ski" events on the second Saturdays: The Oregon Nordic Club will be the host 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.

Lecture at Mt. Hood Museum: Avalanche Awareness 101 will be held **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. .

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.

Mountain High Snowsport Club has a bus trip to Crystal Mountain March 13-15 which is full. Eight members of Altair

Ski Club are joining this trip. There might be a couple of spots opening up last minute, so feel free to contact trip captain Linda McGavin at mcgavinski@gmail.com.

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

PACRAT RACING!

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

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

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 in the first three 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 bparsshall@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. Hosted by Sierra Council, the Convention will feature the highly acclaimed Snowsport Leadership Academy, a Silent Auction with over \$100,000 in ski and vacation packages, and many exciting and fun events. Randy Lew reported that this year there will be two new modules for the Leadership Academy. The hope is to have Billy Kidd, Jonny Moseley, and Glen Plake, freestyle extreme skier, in attendance. The association is working to retain a keynote speaker to cover the topics of global

warming and ski area sustainability. Randy outlined the planned activities: Kayaking, Golf, Lake Tahoe Cruise, Virginia City Tour, and a National Auto Museum "pub crawl." Check www.fwsa.org/hidden/2009_delegate_info.html for further information. Sierra Council is looking for great skiing pictures for the convention. Contact Randy Lew at fwsarandy

The application for the Council or Club Charity & Community Service Recognition is due March 15th and is available at www.fwsa.org/docs/CharityRecognition08-09Wbsite.pdf. Send your 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 were 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.

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, and skiing at both Breckenridge and Vail will be included in the activities being planned. Contact Barbara Bousum with questions: bbousum@gmail.com.

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

Apr 10-12	BACHELOR BLITZ/OPEN!!
Apr 10-12	Skiyente Family Trip/Mt. Bachelor/OPEN
Jun 4-7	FWSA Convention, Reno, NV

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

CHECK OUT THE FLIER FROM DISCOVER SUNRIVER VACATIONS FOR GREAT SPECIALS!

Information from the February FWSAnews:

The **Canadian dollar** is currently exchanging at 81 cents U.S., so most Canadian resorts and lodging spaces are now being sold at what amounts to a 20% discount—in addition to any discounts being created by the world-wide economic crunch. The bottom line is that ski trips to Canada's resorts will probably be a really good value next ski season.

Can a Resort Be Really Green? A tree-hugger squares off with an eco-realist. In the Feb/March issue of Skiing Magazine, read what Auden Schendler, a world renowned

expert on global warming and the Executive Director of Sustainability for Aspen Skiing Company, has to say about resorts' role in countering global warming.

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.

REPORT ON OREGON CANCER SKI-OUT (just concluded): Your editor participates in this event as a volunteer, and once again I am in awe at the scope of the event, the "serious fun" involved, and the good feelings that come from knowing how well this organization does for its beneficiaries. Some of the stories make you cry. The four organizations they donate to gave little talks at the dinner on Sunday night telling what they are doing with the money, which is given with NO STRINGS ATTACHED. The four are OHSU Cancer Institute (which is using it to help fund a new research doctor), Willamette Falls Hospice (which bought GPS units for its caregivers so they could find the homes faster that they were going to), Hospice of the Gorge (which started a first ever—for them—children's grief program), and Candlelighters, which assists families which have children with cancer in various ways--usually financial support because the families are devastated by the expenses of the illness.

The Ski-Out always has "coaches" for the racers, some of whom can barely ski or snowboard (it's not speed, it's *consistency* in racing that wins), and this year we had Phil and Steve Mahre added as coaches!! This was very dear to their hearts, as their mother died of cancer 16 years ago, and hospice aided her last months. You could have heard a pin drop as Phil talked about caring for their mother for 9 months before she died. They raised thousands of dollars for the cause by selling one of the old suits Phil had worn back in the '70s and by charging \$200 apiece for people to race against them - and then pulled stunts like skiing backwards for a few gates, and letting the ladies win.

Joe's Sports & Outdoor is a major sponsor of this event, and provides prizes for the winning teams. When their team won first place, they auctioned off their prizes!! Don't miss the next event March 7-8, 2010!!

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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, March 18, 2009
6:00 PM**

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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!

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org