



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2009

HIGHLIGHTING OPEN CLUB TRIPS!!!

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NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION!!!

The regular November NWSCC meeting will be held at The Mountain Shop (628 NE Broadway, Portland, OR 97214), on November 18, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm!

(Food and beverages will be provided)

Next week: **Skiyente** has its annual **Wine and Cheese Membership Drive** on **Tuesday, November 3**, at Tubby's Deli on NW Yeon Street in Portland. The event starts at 6:30. Skiyente invites all active women of all ages to come see what this enthusiastic group has to offer. There will be a lasagna dinner served, with wine, cheese, appetizers and desserts, as well as a fashion show! It is a social, but there will also be a short business meeting. Contact Skiyente@yahoo.com for more details.

SKI FAIR NOVEMBER 9, 2009!! NEW LOCATION:

HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97220; doors open 6:00 pm. The show highlights ski/snowboard resorts, retailers and clubs, as well as safety and racing programs. Discounted ski passes will be available. Admission is **FREE** and this event is open to the public--so invite all your co-workers, friends & neighbors. No host beverages available. The SILENT

passes at the reduced rate of \$349 for the last time; that rate expires at the end of the Portland Ski Show for the general public. Buy your pass at Ski Fair and help support NWSCC! **Mt. Bachelor, Timberline, and Mt. Hood Skibowl** will also be at Ski Fair, as well as many ski areas and lodging properties near ski areas. Mt. Bachelor will be giving details of its free card for NWSCC club members, but the card will not be available until you actually go to the Sports Desk at Mt. Bachelor before January 31. Every booth will have a silent auction item, and you could pick up a real bargain!

Washington ski club officers: MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NWSCC has planned a special event for you on Saturday, November 21, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at a location to be determined close to the Convention Center where the Washington Ski Show will be held. Food provided. Contact Sheri Parshall to RSVP and to learn the location!

If you are interested in booth space, volunteering for this fun kick-off event, or donating items, please contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net (503-880-7383).

AUCTION will offer some awesome ski trips and equipment. Remember that this is a free opportunity for your club to have a booth to show off what you are all about!

NWSCC CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS are being mailed or delivered by Director of Membership Colleen Walter to clubs who have paid their dues and updated their club information (including the number of members). Contact Colleen at membership@nwskiers.org if you have questions.

Mt. Hood Meadows will be selling their 10-time picture

PORTLAND AND SEATTLE SKI SHOWS:

(more opportunities for free publicity for your club!)

Portland Skifever & Snowboard Show, Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217

Friday, November 6: 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, November 7: 10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday, November 8: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Washington Skifever & Snowboard Show, Washington Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle, WA 98101

Friday, November 20: 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, November 21: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Sunday, November 22: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

The ski shows are a great venue to showcase your club and its membership benefits. All clubs in NWSCC are welcome to display their brochures/photos at the NWSCC booth. When volunteering to staff the booth, you will be representing all of NWSCC's member clubs and the Council as a whole. Clubs can set up starting the day before each of the shows. We have a 10x10 Booth, with an 8' skirted table, at each show. For volunteering, you will receive FREE admittance to the Ski Show - Portland or Seattle. For either show, please contact Mary Olhausen at 503-880-7383 or omary52@comcast.net.

The ski shows are a lot of fun, with all the major ski resorts and retailers showing their goods - it's also a great place to purchase new equipment. Seattle now has a giant ski show and sale with all of Seattle's best ski and snowboard shops-- save up to 70% on ski and snowboard gear at both shows! So volunteer to work the booth and you can spend some time afterwards shopping!

Coupons are available to save \$2 off of adult admission to the Portland show, or for free admission for children 12 and under, go to this website and register: <http://skifever.org/index.php?CategoryID=8>. Coupons for the Seattle show are available at: <http://skifever.org/index.php?CategoryID=18>.

Look for this year's **Northwest Skiers' Directory** to debut at the ski shows and Ski Fair!

RECAP OF OCTOBER NWSCC MEETING:

As reported in the October newsletter, the 30th Anniversary Party was a smashing success! Over \$17,000 was raised to benefit the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum. The Museum needs over \$400,000 to complete all of its renovation projects, and has presently raised \$250,000. The funds will be applied toward construction of an elevator in the Museum's building so that it can comply with ADA requirements, and handicapped people will be able to see all floors of the Museum's displays. Donations are always welcome - don't wait for a special event! Special thanks go to Tracy Chosa and Debbi Kor for donations of their vacation home/timeshares for the auction. Committee members who donated much of their time were Debbi Kor,

Diane and Jeff Lokting, Toni Wainwright, Bonnie Jondahl, the boards of both NWSCC and of course our president Sheri Parshall, who is also a member of the Board of the Museum.

It's not too late for commercial membership in NWSCC, even though they cannot be in the Directory this year. There are other options for partnerships with the Council, and we are encouraged to "think outside the box" and see about getting commercial members from other fields, not just snowsports, as skiers and snowboarders are usually into a wide variety of sports, including golf, biking, etc. **ALL BUSINESSES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN NWSCC!**

Sheri Parshall and Colleen Walter went to Seattle for a social event hosted by our Director of Washington Clubs, William Shadbolt, and thoroughly enjoyed the chance for discussions with the movers and shakers of some of our Seattle member clubs. Some things were learned which may be routine to Washington residents, but are totally unfamiliar to Oregonians. For example, in most states, the ski areas have their own staff of instructors, whereas in Washington, the ski schools are all independent, and there may be several ski schools operating at each area. There are apparently over 50 registered ski schools in Washington (down from 80 in the past), so there is quite a bit of choice. In addition, some ski club members are instructors themselves.

No Washington ski resort has on-mountain lodging except Crystal Mountain, and the properties at the base of Crystal are all privately owned. The Washington clubs miss the opportunity to deal with one person at the resort (such as Mt. Bachelor) who can set up both lodging and skiing for their groups.

Most Seattle area club members do not buy season passes to a single "home" area like Oregonians do - instead they buy discount tickets in bulk from the Washington Ski Association and offer them to their members. (Randy Lew, president of FWSA, told the group that the Bay Area Council has always bought discount lift tickets to the Lake Tahoe areas in bulk to sell to their member clubs preseason - when the clubs buy them the tickets are nonrefundable.)

The Seattle clubs also tend to plan a lot more trips than the Oregon clubs do, and while many Oregon clubs work the Far West Ski Association trips and the few trips NWSCC offers into their calendars, the Washington clubs are more inclined to go to those places on their own. We would encourage the Washington clubs to consider offering these trips in the future as an addition to their calendars so they wouldn't need to do as much work planning the number of trips they have - we KNOW how much work trip planning can be, and how difficult it can be to have the numbers sign

up so that every trip is a go! Having someone else plan trips which have the numbers of people so they are guaranteed to go can really take some of the burden off of hard working and overstressed club trip leaders. (And your editor has been planning trips for years!)

NWSCC tries to get up to Seattle once or twice a year to meet with our northern Washington clubs, and to offer benefits to those clubs. As in Oregon, NWSCC pays for a booth at the Seattle Ski Show which is intended to promote our ski club members. All ski clubs are afforded the opportunity to provide brochures and informational materials, and club volunteers to man the booth receive free admission to the show. We ask that the volunteers try to promote ski clubs in general, not just to push their own clubs. We hosted the 2008 FWSA Convention in Bellevue as a way to try to show the clubs the benefits that association with FWSA and NWSCC offers, and hope to see more members attend future conventions to continue learning and understanding the benefits. NWSCC will try to continue to offer our Washington clubs more benefits, but it is more difficult when very little of our revenue comes from Washington - either clubs or commercial members.

Did you know that charitable organizations can be "club" members of NWSCC for free? Associations such as the Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation (Mt. Hood Academy), Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and Outdoors for All are all "free" members of NWSCC. We encourage support of these worthy organizations.

NWSCC should be looking to locate and encourage younger skiers who are potential future ski club members. While some schools have absolutely no organized skiing, some high school and colleges take buses to the mountains, and may have ski clubs or associations which should be invited to join NWSCC. Schnee Vogeli supports high school racing by providing all the award ribbons for the Mitey-Mite race program on Mt. Hood. Cascade Ski Club is our only Oregon club which has a clubhouse (in Government Camp) and has many junior members. Several Washington clubs also have clubhouses at or near Washington ski areas, such as Boeing SKIBACS, which has a lodge on Crystal Mountain, and Seattle Ski Club, which has a lodge with its own ski lift at Snoqualmie. Then there is Longview Ski Club, which USED to have a lodge on Mt. St. Helens

Sometimes during a recession, skiing close to home and ski clubs actually benefit as people stay closer to home and look for bargains - both Skiyente and Schnee Vogeli have reported more new members this year than in the past.

This led to an exchange of information about the trips and

events our local clubs are offering, many of which are open to members of other clubs. See the club section below for this information (listed alphabetically by club).

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!

NWSCC is offering an early season "**Ski Safari**" to **Salt Lake City December 11-14, 2009**, which is open to all club members. \$585 PP/DO will get you 4 days of skiing at Alta, Snowbird, Solitude and Brighton; 3 nights' lodging at Crystal Inn; breakfasts and light dinners at the hotel; and private ground transportation from and to the airport, and to the ski areas. Participants will arrange their own transportation to Salt Lake City, and should plan on an early morning flight in order to be able to ski the day you arrive. Driving to Salt Lake City is another option. Contact Barbara Bousum at bbousum@gmail.com if interested. See flier.

The **FWRA Championships** will be held at **Mammoth Mountain, California, April 9-11, 2010**. NWSCC is planning a trip to Mammoth, and has booked condos for a 5-day trip. Horizon Air is offering a roundtrip flight from Portland to Mammoth for \$185, cutting out the 3 hour bus ride from Reno! 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!

The 2010 "**Bachelor Blast**" trip has been set for **April 15-18 at Sunriver**. Pricing has just been set at \$199 for 2 nights lodging in fully furnished 2 bedroom/2 bath Sunriver Tennis Village condos (4/condo minimum), 2 days' skiing at Mt. Bachelor, a mountain picnic lunch on Saturday, and special prizes and surprises from Mt. Bachelor. One day can be added on at either end at an additional cost of about \$90 for lodging (4/room) and skiing. If you have a family or good friends and don't mind a little tighter quarters, ask about special pricing for up to 6 in the condo. Contact Debbi Kor at events@nwskiers.org for further information.

Shawn Storey told us about the "Grease Bus," which 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. Shawn also mentioned the Snowdays Foundation which helps introduce underprivileged children to snowsports. Donations of either money or time are welcome; see their website at www.Snowdaysfoundation.org. It is a 100% volunteer organization with 100% of monies raised going to help the children.

Emilio Trampuz mentioned that OMSI will be having their OmniMax movie, "The Alps," available for private showings for up to 300 people at a cost of \$1,900.

Sheri Parshall requests that clubs send her a list of charities they support, in order to report to Far West Ski Association at their November Board meeting. Some clubs may already have given this information to Director of Membership Colleen Walter, who wrote an article for this year's Northwest Skiers' Directory with some of this information. Check it out when you see the Directory!

Vice President Richard Rizk made a **public service announcement concerning this year's flu season**, which is already upon us, with two suggestions: Encourage those who are sick not to attend events to help prevent the spread of disease and to protect the other participants - nothing can ruin a good trip faster than everyone coming down with an illness! Second, encourage your members to get vaccinated as soon as supplies are available!

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!

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 historian@nwskiers.org.

Altair Ski & Sports Club in Eugene has a Facebook page, and a VERY active schedule, Its annual Pray for Powder event is scheduled November 11, and the annual visit to Berg's Ski Shop by Jeannie Thoren, Guru of women's ski equipment, on November 30!

Bergfreunde Ski Club invites other clubs to attend its **New Year's trip to Schweitzer Mountain December 27-January 1**. As this is a carpool trip, it would be easy for any other club to join in! The price of \$536 includes 5 nights at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, bus transportation to Schweitzer Mountain (about 1-1/2 hours each way) on Monday and Tuesday, bus transportation to Silver

Mountain (about 1-1/2 hours each way) on Wednesday, and an open choice day on Thursday. Cross Country skiers will be doing Farragut State Park. There will be a New Year's supper Thursday night, followed by a river cruise boat for dancing in the New Year. Contact Tom Hiller at trhiller@verizon.net or 503-643-0659 for further information.

Bergfreunde also has a **Sun Valley and Brundage trip January 10-18**; and a **Whitefish Mountain Resort trip March 3-8**. Its **20th Anniversary Tahoe Sampler** trip will be held **February 21-27, 2010**. This popular trip includes 6 nights' lodging, 1 gourmet dinner, 3 nights' hospitality room, dinner dance cruise on M.S. Dixie paddlewheeler, a bus and boat shuttle to Squaw Valley (discount lift ticket available), and a trip souvenir, all for the LOW price of \$364 check/\$375 credit, PP/DO. The leaders scout out the best "deals" for lift tickets on the trip dates. Nordic and non-skiers are welcome. The trip this year is limited to 50 people, so hurry and contact trip captain Bob Burns at 503-524-5261 or bob@inkjetman.com for further details.

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

Cascade Ski Club reports that its Government Camp clubhouse will get a facelift this coming spring. Memberships are available, and rates are good! Members can spend the night at the lodge for only \$12/night; members of NWSCC clubs can stay for \$18/night Monday-Thursday, non-holiday; or \$22/night on weekends (all subject to availability). Their annual **Open House** will be held **December 5**.

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

Mountain High has a **3-day Mystery Trip** over the MLK

holiday weekend in January - who knows where? It will have 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. Linda McGavin has put together a bus trip for Mountain High to **Fernie and Kimberley, BC** (4 nights/4 days skiing), with stops (1 on each side of the main trip) for skiing at **Silver Mountain, Idaho, and Bluewood, Washington**, to break up the long trip, all for a cost of \$950 or less! Altair club members will be joining this trip, and others are welcome also. A land package for just the Canadian part of the trip will be available for those who might want to fly/drive - approximate cost \$500. The trip is family friendly. There is also a **South Lake Tahoe** trip **March 31-April 4**, for only \$400, with 5 nights' lodging at the Lakeland Village Condos (on the lake) and 2 out of 3 days of skiing at Heavenly included, as well as breakfasts and free shuttles.

The **Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation's 23rd Annual Snowball** will be held **Saturday, December 12, 2009 at Sunriver's Great Hall**. These events help support the Foundation and its junior racers, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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

Did you miss FWSA's trip to **Ski Bormio, Italy**? Well, here's your chance to join **S'no Joke Ski Club in Bormio, plus 2 nights in Venice, January 30-February 9, 2010, for only \$1,822 pp/do** (plus airport taxes of approximately \$93). The trip includes round trip air on Delta Airlines from Seattle to Milan, with a return from Venice; private motor coach transfers throughout the trip; 7 nights' lodging in Bormio at the 4-Star Hotel Baita dei Pini with daily buffet breakfasts and multi-course dinners, 2 nights' lodging in Venice at the 4-Star Hotel Bologna with daily buffet breakfasts, the current fuel surcharge of \$224, and all local taxes. There is an opportunity for a 10% discount on ski rentals if you don't want to take your own skis. Contact Jerry Fitts, trip leader, at jfitts@windermere.com or 206-226-0767 or Monica Voltz at Snow Tours West, monicvoltz@yahoo.com or 1-866-365-6266. **There were spots for 14 more people at the time of the October NWSCC meeting, so call early!** Trip prices will be higher if there are fewer than 20 people signed up.

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

- * 1/7-10 Winthrop, WA, Cross Country
- * 1/7-12 Steamboat Springs, Colorado
- * 2/3-8 Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana
- * 2/17-21 Snowbasin/Powder Mountain, Utah
- * 2/17 or 19-24 Utah add on Alta, Snowbird, Solitude

- * 3/4-7 Schweitzer Mountain, Idaho
- * 3/13-18 Jackson Hole/Grand Targhee, Wyoming
- * 3/25-28 Mt. Bachelor, Oregon
- * 4/8-11 Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada

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

Schnee Vogeli's famous (or infamous?) **Pray for Snow Dance** is scheduled **November 14, 2009**. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from your favorite Schnee member sometime starting in late September. Only 250 are sold and they always sell out, so you may reserve your ticket - if you don't know a Schnee member, contact Dale Parshall at dale.parshall@bankofthewest.com.

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

Need **Poinsettias** for the holidays? Call Colleen or Sheri Parshall (or your other favorite Skiyente) **by November 4** to order your beautiful pots of Christmas Red, Soft Coral Pink, or Purest White poinsettias in an 6" pot with one plant for \$10.50 (red pot cover), or two plants in an 8" pot for \$21.00 (green pot cover). Delivery will be in early December.

PACRAT RACING:

Race dates have been confirmed:

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

Dale Parshall reported that the PACRAT races will start out easier and become progressively more difficult this year.

The next **FWRA Championships** will be held at **Mammoth Mountain April 8-11, 2010**. NWSCC will plan another trip to Mammoth at that time for racers and others who just

want to ski there - it's an awesome mountain!

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!

Take FWSA's Survey at www.fwsa.org and be entered in a contest for a chance to win \$500!! Hurry - the survey and contest closes on November 15! The winner will be chosen at random and notified by e-mail December 5, and must respond by December 15 or the prize will go to a second chance drawing!

Unsold spots for the **FWSA Ski Week in Keystone, Colorado, January 30-February 6, 2010** had to be turned back in, but we have 32+ on the trip. A waiting list will be maintained, and people on the waiting list have often been able to attend the trip! We've filled all of our available spots, but Randy Lew reported that spots may also be available through open spots from other Councils. If you've been sitting on the fence, contact Barbara today. We likely can make room for you at the same price (the ground package for NWSCC attendees is \$1,079, including a Council night). Don't miss out on this chance to ski Keystone, Breckenridge, Vail, Beaver Creek, and Arapahoe Basin--all in one trip! Contact Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 (evenings) or Bbousum@gmail.com. See flier for further details.

The **5th Annual Keystone Nationals Race Challenge** will be held just before FWSA Ski Week, from January 27-29, 2010. The event includes a hosted welcome party, 3 days of races, and a Cocktail Awards Reception and Awards Dinner Banquet, all for the price of \$195 (lodging and transportation not included, but packages are available). For further information check the website at www.Keystonenationals.com or contact Nancy at 775-338-3438 or keystonenationals@sbcglobal.net.

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

you are on the main trip!) See flier.

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

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!

It has been announced that **Sun Valley** won the bid for the **2011 FWSA Ski Week**. Watch for further details.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. They have had cruises and a trip to Thailand, and are looking at possible future trips including a trip to Australia and/or New Zealand in August of 2011. For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816.

Check the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarships**. The Far West Ski Association founded its Athletic Scholarship program in 2004 to provide financial assistance to deserving young ski racers. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers licensed by the United States Ski Association (USSA) and participate in racing programs in the states represented by the councils of the FWSA. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic performance, athletic achievement and community activities. Additional information is available at the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org). **Northwest Snowsports Foundation**, which evolved from NWSCC and has given scholarships to many deserving young Northwest racers over the years, has announced its dissolution, and recommends that donations for scholarships be given to the FWSA Scholarship program,

where they can still be earmarked for Northwest recipients.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE: Next year prizes will be awarded for anyone who skis a minimum of 7 areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Check the NWSCC website for details. While you are there, contact management and tell them you are with NWSCC and participating in this program.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS: NWSA informs the skiing public about ski area development issues in Oregon and Washington. This site also provides an opportunity for skiers to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. It's easy and your help is needed NOW! Sign up for the NW Advocates list serve. Visit www.nwskiers.org and click on Northwest Snowsports Advocates.

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.

CALENDAR:

Nov. 3	Skiyente Wine/Cheese Membership Drive
Nov. 6-8	Portland SkiFever & Snowboard Show
Nov. 9	NWSCC Ski Fair
Nov. 11	Altair's Pray for Powder Event
Nov. 14	Volunteer Appreciation, Mt. Hood Museum
Nov. 14	Schnee Vogeli's Pray for Snow Dance
Nov. 20-22	Seattle SkiFever & Snowboard Show
Nov. 21	NWSCC's Hosted Event for WA Clubs
Nov. 30	Jeannie Thoren @ Berg's, Altair
Dec. 1	Oregon Nordic Club's XC Sports Fair

Dec. 5	Tryouts for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
Dec. 5	Cascade Ski Club's Open House
Dec. 11-14	NWSCC's Ski Safari to Utah

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

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

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

NWSCC'S NEW "VOLCANO" LOGO: Looking to retire our current logo, we searched and debated ... what image uniquely represents the northwest and speaks to who we ALL are? The Cascade Volcano!

In selecting this image, NWSCC selected colors blue and white surrounded by green. Blue and white represent sky and snow. Green mimics our northwest mountain forests. Smoke rising from the volcano distinguishes our logo from other ski club and council logos. Smoke also suggests volcanic energy, a metaphor for our mountain passion. Multiple plumes of smoke visually represent our many clubs-all rising from the crater. While NW SCC Clubs flow in different directions, our collective soul resides in the heart of the volcano.

Our new logo was designed by Victor Echevarria of Twirl Advertising & Design under the direction of Council Vice President, Richard Rizk, with input from the entire NWSCC Board.

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2009-2010 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

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

SILVER MEMBERS:

Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Timberline Lodge, OR
Vail Resorts
Wentworth Subaru NW

BLACK DIAMOND:

The Tire Factory/Northwest Tire Factory, LLC

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID
Collins Lake Resort/Grand Lodges Mt. Hood, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR
Hillcrest Ski & Snowboard, Gresham, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
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Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
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49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA
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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.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, November 18, 2009
6:00 PM**

**THE MOUNTAIN SHOP
628 NE Broadway
Portland, OR 97214**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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LOCATION!

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

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

First With Safety Awareness!

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Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org