



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2008

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The regular September NWSCC meeting will be held at The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on September 17, 2008, starting at 6:00 pm! Guest speakers will include Brundage Mountain.

(No host food/special menu)

SAVE THE DATE: December 12-14, 2008 - The Blitz is back!! NWSCC is planning a revival of the famous "Bachelor Blitz" ski trip to help our Platinum Member Mt. Bachelor celebrate its 50th Anniversary! - See flier attached!

PREZ SAYS

Hey Northwest snowriders! Welcome to the first of the "burr" months. September is great, isn't it? Trees are starting to turn, the days are getting shorter, and most important: ski shops are starting to fill up with new clothing and gear (I just KNOW they're going to bring back neon some season soon). And many clubs are having their first meetings of the season this month, as well.

The September council meeting is going to be a sort of "Back to Ski Night," with a ton of information being discussed. Brundage Mountain will be our first guest speaker of the year, bringing us up to date on what's new and exciting at Brundage. PACRAT will be giving a presentation on this year's race season. Travel Director Barbara Bousum will be there to chat about the Bachelor Blitz (Happy 50th, Mt. Bachelor!!) and the FWSA Ski Week at Big Sky. We'll be taking sign-ups for "club nights" at the council meetings, where you can showcase the history of your club.

And speaking of history, the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum is hosting its annual "Heritage Night at the Museum" silent auction. The Museum has been a staunch supporter of NWSCC's clubs-here's a way to give a little back the fun

and easy way-shopping! The event takes place on Saturday, September 20th, from 7-10 p.m. Members get in free (memberships start at \$20 for individuals) or \$20 at the door. You'll enjoy wine from The Naked Winery from Hood River, and gourmet appetizers from Busy Bee Catering.

We'll also be asking if your club wants to sponsor a "Second Saturday Apres Ski" at the Museum. The Museum will hook you up with wineries (unless you have one of your own) and provide an excellent location in Government Camp-your club provides some goodies, and enthusiasm. It's an outstanding way to market your club. Second Saturdays take place the 2nd Saturday of the month, December through March.

So put September 17th at 6 p.m. on your calendar. And don't forget, WE'RE MEETING AT THE BUFFALO GAP!!

Thanks everyone!

Be skiin' ya!

Sheri

NOTE: NWSCC is planning an "Appreciation" Event in Seattle at Pyramid Brewing on the afternoon of October 25; watch for further details!

Note: NWSCC is again providing a FREE booth at both the Seattle (October 24-26) and Portland (November 14-16) Ski Shows for clubs to promote membership. Club members will be solicited to work at the booths in exchange for free admission, but they are to promote ALL clubs when they work at the booths. Volunteer coordinators will be announced in the near future.

NWSCC Ski Fair has been scheduled for Monday, November 17, at the Monarch Motor Hotel. Donations of auction items and items for the "goodie bags" are being solicited to make the event more fun for everyone. Do you have any kind of item or service you can donate? We'll even take "re-gifted" items! To donate, contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net

2008 SKI & SNOWBOARD SHOWS

We have two ski shows coming up this Fall - one in Seattle and one in Portland. We will need volunteers for both shows.

WASHINGTON SKIFEVER & SNOWBOARD SHOW

Seattle Qwest Field Event Center. 1000 Occidental Avenue, S., Seattle, WA 98134.

Friday, October 24:	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, October 25:	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday, October 26:	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

PORTLAND SKIFEVER & SNOWBOARD SHOW

Portland Expo Center. 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217.

Friday, November 14:	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, November 15:	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday, November 16:	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. Please contact Mary Olhausen at 360-892-1814(home) or 503-880-7383 (cell) or email omary52@comcast.net to volunteer for a shift - typically 2 hours.

The ski shows are a lot of fun with all the major ski resorts & retailers showing their goods - it's also a great place to purchase new equipment. Like the Portland show, save up to 70% on ski and snowboard gear from Seattle's Best Retailers! Seattle now has a giant ski show and sale with all of Seattle's best ski and snowboard shops! This simply will be the largest Ski and Snowboard Sale ever to hit Seattle! So volunteer to work the booth, and you can spend some time afterwards shopping!

SKI FAIR NOVEMBER 17, 2007, MONARCH MOTOR HOTEL, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, OR (I-205 & Sunnyside Road, Exit 14, West Side of 205)

Take advantage of this early opportunity to visit with snowsport industry reps, see new fashions, and visit other club members. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is FREE and this event is open to the public—so invite all your co-workers, friends & neighbors. The show highlights ski/snowboard resorts, retailers and clubs, as well as safety programs and racing programs,. No host beverages available. The **SILENT AUCTION** will offer some awesome ski trips and equipment.

DONATE - DONATE -

At SKI FAIR, we're having a **Silent Auction and Goodie Bag Drawing** to benefit the many programs who receive NWSCC's support, including the Mt. Hood Museum, Northwest Snowsport Foundation, Special Olympics, and many others. Any item you are willing to donate for this exciting and fun event will be appreciated! Items should be new—suggestions range from ski equipment/clothing; lift tickets; services such as restaurants/catering, sports, car repair, entertainment—just about anything you can think of!! In return for your support, you will be listed in our program with telephone numbers and/or web site information (if you wish), and we'll also display any promotional literature that you provide.

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, or call 360-892-1814 (home) or 503-880-7383 (cell).

CLUB INFORMATION:

Cascade Ski Club will celebrate its 80th birthday in conjunction with the Mt. Hood Heritage Day Saturday, September 20!

Mt. Hood Ski Patrol has a new fundraiser this year: the **Mt. Hood SnoSport Swap, October 11 (9:00-5:00) and 12 (9:00-2:00)**, to be held at the West Linn High School, 5464 West A Street, West Linn, OR 97068. Local shops will participate, and items will be accepted from the public

on October 10 for resale. The sale will benefit the MHSP and the West Linn Snow Board Team. Questions? Contact Bill Johnson at Timberline, 503-349-6905.

Altair Ski Club has some exciting events planned: their annual **"Pray for Powder" Winter Sports Fair** will be held November 12, featuring vendors, a silent auction and guest speaker, and followed by a dance. On December 1 Altair presents **"Ladies' Night" with Jeannie Thoren**, at Berg's Ski & Snowboard Shop. Later in the season there will be a weekend with Jeannie at Hoodoo Ski Resort and Black Butte Resort! Way to go, Altair - Jeannie is the premier authority on helping women understand the difference women-specific ski equipment makes - she is my hero (from the editor)!

Oregon Nordic Club has been awarded an REI Grant of \$4,500 in cash and some equipment, which will be used for expanding winter sports with a focus on young adults and youth, as well as working on a day use shelter.

Skiyente Ski Club has had to cancel its 2009 Family Ski Trip to Silver Star, BC, Canada, due to schedule conflicts.

PACRAT RACING!

PACRAT has announced its final race dates for 2009:

Jan 11	Timberline
Jan 25	Mt. Hood Meadows
Feb 15	Mt. Hood Skibowl
Mar 8	Mt. Hood Meadows
Mar 22	Timberline
Mar 29	Makeup race, if necessary

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

For further information see the PACRAT website at www.pacrats.org or contact Chairman Barbara Parshall at 503-267-9522 or bparshall@theperottigroup.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.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

SKI WEEK 2009: Join NWSCC as we hit the wide open slopes of Big Sky, Montana, for FWSA's annual Ski Week, January 24-31, 2009. Send a check NOW to NWSCC for \$400 to reserve your place. Spots are held for NWSCC only until September, so sign up now to assure your choice of lodging: lodge hotel or condo. A number of options are waiting for you. The trip promises to be lots of fun with expansive terrain for all levels, social activities, racing, and an option to tour Yellowstone National Park. See the attached flyer or call Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 for

more information.

FWSA (Far West Racing Association) invites you to attend the annual **Keystone Nationals** which will be held **December 10-13, 2008**. Keystone is the perfect setting for an early season racing experience. To book your trip contact Ryan Jordi: ryan@ski.com, 866-665-1041. Welcome Party, 3 days races, Reception/Awards Dinner. Race Training Camp option. Non-racers are invited - even if you don't race, you'll enjoy wonderful snow, meeting skiers from all over the country and no crowds.

Bad Gastein in the Austrian Alps (one hour from Salzburg) will be the destination for the FWSA European Ski Week February 27-March 7, 2009, at an estimated base cost of \$1,690 PP/DO including air from LAX or SFO. Bad Gastein is a charming, historic village with a world famous spa, and lots of restaurants and shops, located in the Gasteinertal Mountains. March 7-14 will be an extension to Munich and Prague at an estimated cost of \$855. See flier attached. Contact Norm Azevedo at (925) 944-0420 or e-mail fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net for more information.

The **2010 FWSA Ski Week** will be held in **Keystone, Colorado**. Signups are not taken until after the ski week in Big Sky has concluded.

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**.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

NWSCC strives to inform the skiing public about ski area development issues in Oregon and Washington. This site also provides an opportunity for skiers to take an active roll 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**.

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!

Mountain High Snowsport Club is planning a trip to Crystal Mountain that weekend (March 13-15) which will be open to other NWSCC club members as well, with special group pricing on Saturday included. The bus will be out of Eugene and could make several stops to pick up skiers on the way. Mountain High has a unique trip pricing method which shares the savings as a bus fills up: Pricing starts at \$220 for bus, 2 nights' lodging in Enumclaw (sorry, we can't stay on mountain for that price), 2 breakfasts, and a Saturday lift ticket to Crystal, and goes down \$3 for each additional 2 people who sign up! Contact Linda McGavin at mcgavinski@gmail.com or 503-652-2840 for further details.

S'No Joke Ski Club is also planning a trip to Crystal, staying at the Alta Crystal Resort and including a wine and cheese party, dinner, bonfire, and more, for prices ranging from \$185 to \$356 depending upon the type of lodging chosen. Contact Maureen Richards at 206-399-2361 or mrichard@windermere.com for further information.

Will YOUR club also join us for this fun weekend?

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.

Scott Kaden of the **Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association** has just put out a press release advising that after adding in Timberline's Labor Day numbers, Oregon had an all-time record 2.01 million visits last season! Washington State and tallied attendance of 2.10 million visits. Ski area operators in Alaska, Idaho, and Montana also reported strong visitation in 2007-2008.

NOW is the time to think about your **Season Pass** for the coming year: **Mt. Hood Meadows** has announced its popular 4x4 pass for ages 23-64 will be \$444 this year; the 3x3 pass for ages 15-22 will be \$333, and the 2x2 pass for ages 7-14 will be \$222. The last day for the general public to buy these passes - ONLINE - will be November 16, 2008. The popular 10-time passes will be available at a discount at the NWSCC Ski Fair.

Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl are again offering their two-area **Fusion Pass** through November 16 for \$449 for adults 23-64, \$349 for ages 15-22, and \$249 for ages 7-14 and 65-70. The price goes up \$50 apiece from November 17-January 3, and another \$50 apiece starting January 4. In addition to skiing at both areas, passholders get to ride the FREE Fusion Shuttle from December through February between Timberline and Skibowl (think no driving up the Timberline Road!). Some people may even ski the Glade Trail back down to Government Camp!

SKI TRIPS & FUN DATES

Sep 20, 2008	Mt. Hood Heritage Day
Sep 20, 2008	Cascade Ski Club 80th Anniv. Party
Oct 23, 2008	Warren Miller Movie, Eugene
Oct 24-25, 2008	Warren Miller Movie, Portland
Oct 24-26, 2008	Seattle Ski Show
Nov 12, 2008	Altair Ski Club's "Pray for Powder"
Nov 14-16, 2008	Portland Ski Show
Nov 17, 2008	NWSCC Ski Fair/Monarch Hotel
Nov 27, 2008	Thanksgiving Dinner @ Cascade
Dec 1, 2008	Altair "Ladies Night"/Jeannie Thoren
Dec 6, 2008	Cascade Ski Club Open House
Dec 10-14, 2008	Keystone National Races, CO
Dec 12-14, 2008	Return of the NWSCC Bachelor Blitz!
Jan 24-31, 2009	FWSA Ski Week, Big Sky, MT
Feb 21, 2009	Cascade Ski Club Crab Feed
Mar 1-2, 2009	Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, Meadows
Mar 13-15, 2009	Crystal Mountain Trip, Mtn High
Jun 4-7, 2009	FWSA Convention, Reno, NV

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2007-2008 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS: (watch for 2008-08 next month!)

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

Joe's Sports & Outdoor, OR & WA
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area, OR
Sun Valley, ID

SILVER MEMBERS:

Moonlight Basin Ski Area, MT
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
Ski Banff (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Tamarack Resort, ID
Timberline Ski Area, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Brundage Mountain, ID
Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
Crystal Mountain Resort, WA
Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Gresham, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
The Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)
Red Mountain Resort, 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
Sturtevant's, Seattle, WA
Vail Resorts, Inc.
Valdez Heli-Camps

HONORARY MEMBERS:

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

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

6:00 PM

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← NOTE!!

NEW 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