



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2008

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The regular November NWSCC meeting will be held The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on November 19, 2008, starting at 6:00 pm! Guest speakers MAY include Mt. Bachelor and Timberline.

(No host food/special menu)

THE BACHELOR BLITZ RETURNS December 12-14, 2008! Sign up NOW and pay \$249 for this classic trip, which includes bus transportation from Portland, 2 nights' lodging at The Riverhouse in Bend (pp/do; discounts available for 3-4/room), breakfasts, and a sit-down dinner and party on Saturday night! Mt. Bachelor is offering us 2-day lift tickets at only \$79 for this trip to help them celebrate their 50th anniversary (making the total trip price \$328)! The special lift ticket price is only available to those signed up for the Blitz. Lodging spots will only be held at our special discounted price through November 10, so get your deposit in right away!! See flier attached. To attend the dinner and party only is \$59. For further information, contact Debbi Kor at ijustwannarun1@comcast.net, or 206-283-0269. Clubs outside of Portland are WELCOMED; contact Debbi for out-of-area pricing.

November Club/Council events:

- 4 - Skiyente Membership Wine & Cheese Party**
- 12 - Altair "Pray for Powder" Winter Sports Fair**
- 13 - Mountain High Membership Party**
- 15 - Schnee Vogeli "Pray for Snow" Dance**
- 17 - NWSCC SKI FAIR - Don't miss it!!**

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 the show. We have a 10x10 Booth, with an 8' skirted table.

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.

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).

Note a beautiful flier is available on the NWSCC website in either color or black and white. Please feel free to print off this flier and share it with your friends, co-workers, local businesses around your work or home, etc. The more participants we get, the happier our commercial members are, and we want to make them happy!

RECAP, OCTOBER NWSCC MEETING:

Dave Tragethon of **Mt. Hood Meadows** came to our meeting at the Mountain Shop and told us the newest updates at MHM for the coming year. The 10-time pass price has increased to \$399 to the general public, but will be available at Ski Fair for only \$330. The new 10-time pass will be a "direct to lift" pass with a person's picture on it, and will no longer be "shareable" with your friends at the end of the season as in years past. At the regular price a person can make this pass pay for itself with only 6 visits midweek or 5 visits on weekends, since regular ticket prices at MHM vary from \$54 to \$69 (peak weekend pricing).

If you are still trying to get together people for the 4x4, 3x3, or 2x2 passes, the Mountain Shop is maintaining lists to get these groups together. Remember the deadline to order these passes online is the last day of the Portland ski show on November 16!

Meadows will have its camera on site at Ski Fair to take pictures for the 10-time passes or for your season passes.

Also new at Meadows this year will be lift ticket scanning in the lift lines. A new Howitzer is being installed off of Shooting Star Ridge to enable efficient and safer avalanche control, which should lead to more consistent operations in Heather Canyon.

Even more advanced double black diamond expert terrain will be available this year as the "S&R Cliffs" area will open with access from the Hood River Meadows lift. Take note: "S&R" stands for "search and rescue," which is what happened in the past when adventurous skiers and boarders would explore on their own and be stuck on top of these

cliffs. There are limited ways down, and only experts should attempt it. It is recommended at a minimum to have a partner, a probe, and avalanche transceivers to ski this terrain!

Last year Meadows opened another double black diamond area to skiers' right of the Hood River Meadows chairlift called "Far Right Trees," or "FRight Trees," which starts out deceptively gentle and ends up in extremely steep tree skiing terrain. Again, don't go in unless you can handle that type of terrain!

Inside the Lodges you will find upgraded restrooms on the upper levels, and an entirely new Schuss Café which has been gutted and redone to make ordering and food pickup much faster. All new energy efficient appliances were installed.

Cooper Spur is much the same - the two major fires in the area only burned a slight portion of its 1,400 acre permit area, and were nowhere near the buildings. Historic Tilly Jane and Cloud Cap buildings also survived the fires. Lift tickets at Cooper Spur are extremely affordable, from \$15-\$25, or \$20-\$35 if you want to include tubing. Rope tow tickets alone are \$5 and tubing is \$10. The Spur Steakhouse Restaurant offers two prime rib dinners on Thursday and Friday nights for only \$34, and has great food anytime.

As usual, Meadows is offering a wide variety of bus/lift programs from various neighborhoods in Portland. Most people are signed up for multi-week programs, but single day trips are usually available at a cost of \$79 for bus and lift, or \$35 for bus only.

John Hanson of **Ski Chalet/Mountain Shop** (now in association with each other), told us that the two shops both have a strong emphasis on customer service, with highly knowledgeable staff. They offer high quality products, and services including boot fitting and ski balancing. John has a strong racing background and is supportive of local ski racing. He designed a ski racing program for high schools which is unique in the industry. PACRAT racers may qualify for special "race ski" prices on equipment - check directly with Ski Chalet to inquire.

Demo skis are available from both shops, and The Mountain Shop, with its "all mountain" line of products, including alpine, nordic, and backcountry skiing and snowboarding and hiking, backpacking, and climbing, will also rent avalanche probes and transceivers this year. Starting Friday, December 12, there will be weekly Friday buses going to Mt. Hood Meadows leaving from The Mountain Shop at 7:30 am. You can sign up on the Mt. Hood Meadows website. If you need demo skis you can

get them at the shop, and if you need your skis waxed or tuned and drop them off by Wednesday, they will be ready to go with you on the bus on Friday.

On Sunday, December 14, there will be an Industry Demo Day at Mt. Hood Meadows. Sign up at the Mountain Shop or Ski Chalet in advance for ease of participation and to avoid lines at the mountain. Call either shop for further details.

The Mountain Shop will offer "Tele Tuesdays" on January 13, February 3, and March 3, 2009, at Ski Bowl from 5:00 to 9:00 pm for a "festival of freeheeling." There are new releaseable bindings available for alpine touring skis. Product reps and Mountain Shop staff will be on hand to help you find and demo your new skis. Instructors from Wy'east Nordic will be offering telemark classes, and they will wrap up the evening with raffles and prizes. January 13th will feature an Uphill/Downhill Race, February 3rd a Freeski Event, and March 3rd a Slalom Race (no demos that day). Demos are \$10, lessons are \$20, and participating in the racing will be \$15 each, or \$30 for all three races.

John Hanson is on the board of the National Ski/Snowboard Retailers Association (NSSRA) involved in ski retailing at a national level, and is an advocate for skiers and snowboarders becoming more vocal with the industry about what we like and want. He tells us that we in the Pacific Northwest have a lot of sway in the industry because of our many areas, great snows, and consistent skier days. John has a ski instructor background and is willing to come to ski club meetings to talk about products, ski balancing and boot fitting, clothing, racing questions, or anything that helps make skiing more fun!

Our 84-year-old friend, **Henry Bendinelli of Mt. Hood Skikats**, shared his perspective on the status of snowsports in these uncertain financial times. Henry said that during the depression skiing blossomed, as it was good, healthy, close to home entertainment for families. Henry says that the best time to go to the ski areas now is midweek, when you have lower prices and uncrowded slopes - and you have to trust someone who is still skiing - and skiing well - at his age!

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!

Welcome to our newest club, **Clark College Snow Sports Club!** This club has about 60 members, and we look forward to seeing them at some of our events!

Skiyente Ski Club invites all women 21 and over to come to its annual **Membership Drive, "A Wine and Cheese Affair,"** on **November 4** starting at 6:30 p.m. at Tubbys Deli, 3330 NW Yeon, Portland.

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)!

Mountain High Snowsport Club will have its annual **Membership Party Thursday, November 13**, at the Masonic Lodge at 57th and N.E. Sandy, Portland, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome

Schnee Vogeli has announced its annual **Pray for Snow Dance** will be held **November 15, 2008**, at Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp. The same popular band will be playing: 40 Fingers. Tickets are only \$10, and may be obtained from any Schnee Vogeli member (you can always find one at the Council meeting!). Only 250 tickets will be sold, and when they're gone, that's it - no tickets will be sold at the door, so you'll just be looking in from the outside at all that fun!

Schnee will be hosting its own PNSA/USSA sanctioned Masters Race, the **Turkey Slalom and GS**, on **January 17-18, 2009, at Mt. Hood Meadows**. Racers and volunteers welcome! Race fees are \$25 per day, and temporary USSA Masters Memberships will be available for \$25 per event (both days). Contact Jack Walker at 503-684-0353 or jack@walkerperformancegroup.com or Farzin Ghezeli at 503-358-5500 or fraser@smlend.com for further information on racing or volunteering.

Cascade Ski Club is featuring a special presentation on **Winter Travel Safety** at its lodge in Government Camp on **Saturday, November 29**, from 7:00-8:00 pm, with guest speaker Senior Trooper Duane Larson. The goal is to promote safe travels to and from the mountain and to raise awareness of safety procedures. This event is free; coffee and a light dessert will be provided. Help keep our roads safe! **Cascade's annual Open House** will be held **Saturday, December 6**, from 6:00-10:00 pm,

and will feature fantastic food and beverages, door prizes and raffle, great music, a president's award presentation, and free overnights for members! This is a great way to learn about the benefits of being a member of the only ski club in the Portland area which has a family friendly lodge for its members in Government Camp. RSVP to 503-272-9204.

HOT NEWS FLASH!! Jeannie Thoren is coming to Gresham December 5 for our own "Ladies' Night"!!! She will be at the Hillcrest Ski & Sports Shop in Gresham on Friday, December 5 for a fun and exciting event. Come at 6:00 pm for refreshments; the main event will start at 7:00 pm. Jeannie is a skier and crusader for women skiers everywhere. Over many years she found that to perfect her own skiing she had to make some serious adjustment to her ski equipment (designed by and for men!). While customizing her own equipment, she realized that she wasn't the only woman skier experiencing the problems she was encountering. [Editor's comments: I am a huge fan of Jeannie, and I give great credit to her for improving my skiing tremendously many years ago, due to her recommendations for mounting my bindings forward of the midpoint, installing heel lifts, etc. Jeannie is the "mother" of all of today's skis and boots made especially for women!!] Come meet Jeannie and learn how to improve your skiing, have some laughs, and enjoy the camaraderie of other women skiers. Don't miss this event! Jeannie will also have some time slots available on Saturday, December 6, for individual appointments.

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** again asks clubs to sign up as the host for three "Après Ski" events the second Saturdays from January through March. 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 with queries.

Bergfreunde Ski Club is planning an affordable sightseeing trip to **Turkey, March 17-29!** The price is only \$719 for the land portion, and \$1,887 for air and land (price may vary on day of signup). The price includes transfers, first class accommodations, sightseeing with guides in modern motor coaches, 11 breakfasts and 7 dinners, entrance fees, and more! Contact Bob Burns at bob@inkjetman.com or 503-

524-5261 immediately if you are interested!

Skiyente Ski Club announced a tentative date for its rescheduled family trip: a "staycation" April 10-12, 2009, to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. Watch for further details.

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

Signup packages for team captains are now available on the website: signups should be in by December 1. Racers should write checks to their clubs, and the club will send in one check to PACRAT for all of their racers. Bibs may be picked up by team captains at the regular December 17 NWSCC meeting at the Buffalo Gap.

Note that Timing Guru Dale Parshall will be adjusting the classes of racers based upon the last three years' results.

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 \$700 to reserve your place. There is a choice of lodge or condo accommodations. 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 flyer on the NWSCC website or call Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 for more information. Note that you are allowed to make your own transportation arrangements, and ground transportation will be offered from Bozeman or Billings.

FWRA (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.

The **2009 FWRA Race Championships** will be held at **Northstar-at-Tahoe April 3-5, 2009**. Just announced: 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, and enjoy Mammoth's legendary spring skiing. You don't have to be a racer to join in the fun!

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 on the NWSCC website. Contact Norm Azevedo at (925) 944-0420 or e-mail fwsatravel@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.

Watch for further information and pricing for a 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.

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!

The 2007-2008 winners who completed the Ski Oregon Challenge by skiing 9 out of the 11 resorts in Oregon each received a \$50 gift certificate to Joe's Sports & Outdoor. They are: Charles Sheehan, Peggie Hodge, and Peter Werner. The grand prize winner of a Mt. Hood Meadows 10-time ski pass is David Schor, who completed the challenge by riding 39 areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho (yes, David is a snowboarder)! David kept fascinating blogs of his adventures at <http://skiwashington.blogspot.com>, <http://skiid.blogspot.com>, and <http://skior.blogspot.com>, and has written an article for the upcoming Northwest Skiers' Directory encouraging YOU to participate!

We will be sending 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'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

Nov 4	Skiyente's Wine/Cheese Membership
Nov 12	Altair Ski Club's "Pray for Powder" Event
Nov 13	Mountain High Membership Party
Nov 14-16	Portland Ski Show
Nov 15	"Pray for Snow Dance" - Schnee
Nov 17	NWSCC Ski Fair/Monarch Hotel
Nov 27	Thanksgiving Dinner @ Cascade
Nov 29	"Winter Travel Safety" at Cascade Lodge
Dec 1	Altair "Ladies Night" w/Jeannie Thoren
Dec 5	Hillcrest Ladies Night w/Jeannie Thoren
Dec 6	Cascade Ski Club Open House
Dec 10-14	Keystone National Races, CO
Dec 12-14	Return of the NWSCC Bachelor Blitz!
Dec 14	Mountain Shop Demos/Mt. Hood Meadows
Jan 17-18	Schnee Masters Race, Mt. Hood Meadows
Jan 24-31	FWSA Ski Week, Big Sky, MT
Feb 14	Skiyente Ski Club's King Winter
Feb 21	Cascade Ski Club Crab Feed
Feb 28-Mar 1	Skiyente Memorial Cup/Masters Race
Feb 27-Mar 7	FWSA European Ski Week
Mar 1-2	Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, Meadows
Apr 10-12	Skiyente Family Trip/Mt. Bachelor/OPEN
Jun 4-7	FWSA Convention, Reno, NV

NEW!! DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS? Your club can get a FREE listing with Retire Northwest. www.RetireNW.com is an online resource for boomers and seniors ready to retire in Oregon, Idaho, or Washington. The free resource listings include CLUBS, resorts, retirement communities, home and health services, summer and winter recreation, retirement articles and much more. Contact Barbara Dunlap, 541-330-8888, barbara@retirenw.com or Darius Whitten, 541-382-9079, darius@retirenw.com for details and to have your club added to this wonderful new resource. You might get some new members out of it!

Nordic News: Sun Valley has new trails, a new lodge, and new yurts. The Blaine County Recreation District, U.S.

Forest Service and Sun Valley Company are gearing up in a big way for the 2008-2009 Nordic skiing season, with some new goodies and more than 260 kilometers (160 miles) of groomed trails for all abilities. The unique private-public partnership in the Wood River Valley gives skiers a wonderful array of Nordic skiing experiences, including immaculately groomed fast skating lanes and traditional set track, forested mountain trails and open meadow trails bordered by quaking aspen, and beautiful indoor facilities with food and beverage at Galena Lodge and Sun Valley Nordic Center. Check out the website at: www.visitsunvalley.com; click on Sports and Recreation, Winter, and Nordic Skiing.

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 and S'no Joke Ski Club are both planning trips 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. Contact Linda McGavin at mcgavinski@gmail.com or 503-652-2840 for further details on the Mountain High trip, and Maureen Richards at 206-399-2361 or mrichard@windermere.com for information on the S'no Joke trip..

Will YOUR club also join us for this fun weekend?

Information from the FWSAnews:

National Ski Areas Association Report: Baby Boomers Ski Strong—(Lakewood, CO. Ski Press) Among the most prominent trends noted in the 2008 NSAA National Demographic Study are continued gains in visitation among skiers and riders aged 45 and over. Specifically, since 1997-98, the proportion of visitors aged 45 to 54 has increased from 14.0 % to 19.9%; the proportion of visitors aged 55 to 64 has doubled from 4.6 % to 9.2%; and the proportion of visitors aged 65 and older has increased substantially, from 2.4% to 3.8%. According to the study, the loyalty and staying power of older participants has been a plus for ski resorts and has been a key driver of the success enjoyed by the industry in recent seasons.

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Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, CA
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, OR
Sun Valley Resort, ID

SILVER MEMBERS:

Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
Ski Banff/Lake Louise/Sunshine, AB, Canada
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Timberline Lodge, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID
Carr Subaru NW
Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
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:

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Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
Mt. Ashland, Ski Area OR
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

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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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

6:00 PM

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

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