



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR DECEMBER 2008

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The regular December NWSCC meeting will be held The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on December 17, 2008, starting at 6:00 pm! PACRAT Team Captains receive bibs tonight! Hillcrest Ski Shop may be our special guest speaker! (No host food/special menu)

Due to snow conditions, the Bachelor Blitz has been postponed from December 12-14 to 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. Watch for further details!

Advance Notice - Mark your calendars: The guest speaker at the January 21 meeting will be John Reinhardt, CPA. He will talk about upcoming IRS rule changes as they relate to 501(c)(7) social clubs, which most ski clubs are. Presidents and Treasurers are encouraged to come to the meeting to learn highly important information about the IRS and how their regulations relate to your club.

MT. HOOD MEADOWS 10-TIME PASSES AVAILABLE - Please share this information with your club members!

NWSCC has five (5) Mt. Hood Meadows 10-Time Punch Passes for Sale for the highly discounted price of \$299 each (regular price \$399). Please reply ASAP if you want your name in a drawing. We will put names in a hat and hold the drawing at the NWSCC Board Meeting in early January 2009. You MUST email Mary Olhausen (omary52@comcast.net) with your full name, club name, email address and phone number where you can be reached in the evening. Please submit your information no later than January 4, 2009.

RECAP, NOVEMBER NWSCC MEETING:

Ski Fair Recap: Mary Olhausen thanked volunteers and attendees. Turnout was good and fundraising auctions were well supported. Industry reps appreciate the Ski Fair for the chance to have one-on-one interaction with potential clients for both individual and group participation. The charity auction item to benefit the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol (donated by The Mountain Shop) was purchased by Colleen Walter--a reversible pink furry and plaid-lined Spyder coat. Because of its success the past two years, the Council will continue this charity auction. Sheri thanked Mary and Linda McGavin for all of the hard work in organizing the event and the auction fundraiser. Mt. Hood Meadows sold 130 10-Time Passes, which benefits the Council! It was suggested and discussed that more and earlier advertising would likely improve the turnout of both club members and the general public who may be looking to join a club. Ideas for next year should be directed to Mary, Linda and Sheri. Skiyente Ski Club won the booth decorating contest. They will have their name put on the perpetual trophy and will receive free NWSCC membership for the year.

(courtesy of Sandi Shaub, NWSCC Secretary)

Farzin Ghezel spoke to us about **Schnee Vogeli Ski Club** 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 are welcome! Race fees are \$25 per day, and temporary USSA Masters Memberships will be available for \$25 for the weekend (both races). [Note that USSA membership is also required for the Masters Race that Skiyente puts on later in the year, as well as other fun Masters races, so you might consider full USSA membership.] There are 5 year age brackets for scoring, so all ages over 21 are welcome. This is an exciting race with a FIS course - not a recreational course like PACRAT's. Last year there was a 92-year-old female racer! There may be an Oregon club challenge. Contact Jack Walker at 503-684-0353 or jack@walkerperformancegroup.com or Farzin Ghezel at 503-358-5500 or fraser@smlend.com for further information on racing or volunteering.

The main discussion of the evening was entitled: "**How to Afford Skiing in This Crummy Economy**," which led to a lively exchange with many ideas, the best of which are listed below (thanks to Sandi Shaub for a great chart!):

Cheaper Skiing:

- * Join a ski club and take advantage of group rates and inexpensive ski trips! Club members also receive benefits from the Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation
- * Race PACRAT and get discounted lift tickets
- * Buy \$49 Mt. Hood Meadows day/night tickets from Bergfreunde Ski Club (contact Shawn Storey, irishcatty@gmail.com)
- * Join the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol as a volunteer
- * Work at a ski area
- * Volunteer to help at a ski race and get a ticket good for another day
- * Participate in special "canned food" or other charity events at ski areas where you can ski for donations
- * Ski down the Glade or Alpine Trails from Timberline to Government Camp - just arrange a shuttle or take a free shuttle when available
- * Use the free tickets that come with attendance at the Warren Miller movie - this year including midweek at Mt. Bachelor, Oregon; early and late season at Big White, Silver Star and Sun Peaks in Canada; and BO/GO (buy one/get one) midweek at Crystal Mountain!
- * Check ski area websites for e-ticket specials, package deals, and amazing "beginner" specials - how about \$99 at Mt. Hood Meadows, \$115 at Mt. Hood Skibowl, and \$123 at Timberline for THREE days of rentals, lift tickets (beginner), and lessons for first timers - with additional discounts upon course completion!
- * Check out the Mountain High Snowsport Club web page at

<http://www.mthigh.org/Lift-tickets.htm>

- * Sign up for the Far West Ski Association Ski News to receive lots of information, including occasional deals (contact Barbara Bryant at membership@fwsa.org)

Cheaper/Easier Transportation:

- * Carpool! Some clubs are promoting carpooling by listing date, time, meeting place, and destination for their members' use in getting together. Be sure to pay the driver something for gas!
- * Ride a bus! Bergfreunde has a bus scheduled for January 25 going to Mt. Hood Meadows - members \$15, nonmembers \$22, including coffee and muffins on the bus, and parking right up at the front of the parking lot. Combine this with Bergie's \$49 ticket and you have a great day at a bargain price! (contact Shawn Storey, 360-910-8709 or irishcatty@gmail.com)

- * Other buses are sponsored by ski areas and leave from local ski shops - check ski area websites for details

Cheaper Gear:

- * Support local high schools or the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and attend one of the many ski swaps in the fall in Portland (and possibly other areas)
- * Host a clothing swap at your club meeting or other event
- * Shop the sales at our Commercial Member ski shops
- * Too late this year, but attend the Portland or Seattle Ski Fever shows next fall for bargains galore!

Dining:

- * Bring your lunch and either tailgate or use the designated brown bag eating spaces at the ski areas (please respect their "no brown bag" areas)
- * Potluck with a group of friends (tailgate)
- * Some people heading to Mt. Hood buy a sandwich at the Subway at Zig Zag and eat half for breakfast and half for lunch

General:

- * See the Northwest Skiers' Directory for a two-page list of benefits for members of clubs
- * Have a babysitting problem? Network with other skiing parents, and take turns doing the sitting
- * Lobby for a merger of all Mt. Hood ski areas so one ticket or pass would be good all over the mountain

CLUB INFORMATION:

NWSCC member clubs are welcome to sign up with Sheri Parshall to present a brief history of their club at upcoming Council meetings: so far Cascade and Skiyente have asked to be on the agenda. We are asking member clubs to start assembling their history for presentations, to consider preparing to enter FWSA's club history

competition, and to think about possibly setting up a permanent record of your club at the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center in Government Camp!

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** asked clubs to sign up as the host for three "Après Ski" events the second Saturdays from January through March. NWSCC will host the first of these events on January 10, Skiyente on February 14, and the Oregon Nordic Club on March 14. Think about this for next year - the Museum will put your club in touch with a winery for beverages, and the club should plan to provide hors d'oeuvres and showcase their club. Clubs or organizations are invited to join the Museum for annual dues of \$100. This allows the organization to use Museum facilities for scheduled events without paying the usual \$400 facility charge. Other perks are listed on the Museum website at www.mthoodmuseum.org Individual memberships are \$20, and family memberships are \$35, and help support this very worthy facility. They have raised \$75,000 towards their "elevator" fund that will bring them into compliance with ADA laws. Contact Sheri Parshall for more information on the Museum.

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.

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

PACRAT RACING!

PACRAT has announced its final race dates for 2009 (note some locations have switched from the last newsletter):

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

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

Signup packages for team captains are now available on the website: signups should have been 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 contract Chairman Barbara Parshall at 503-267-9522 or bparshall@equitygroup.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 sigridn@earthlink.net.

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. 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. There may be last minute spots available on this trip - 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.

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!

Bad Gastein in the Austrian Alps (one hour from Salzburg) is 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. There are sometimes last minute spots available.

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. The Tour Operator will be Lori Adis with Rocky Mountain Tours. Pricing will be available at a later time.

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

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. They have had cruises and a trip to Thailand, and are looking at possible future trips including a Barbados dive trip in 2009, a Mediterranean cruise, and even a trip to Australia and/or New Zealand.

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816.

Check the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarships**. Two young racers from the **Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation** (Anton Hilts and Jordan Schweitzer) were among this year's recipients.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE is back with a new, easier format! Don't have time to ski most of the areas in one state? Well, now you can ski as few as 5 ski areas out of the 41 in Oregon, Washington, and/or Idaho and still receive recognition and a chance at prizes. The more areas you ski, the greater the prizes you could win! Check the NWSCC website for further details!

We 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.

We have reports from two areas where we had input into their planning: White Pass and Snoqualmie. **White Pass** won on summary judgment in the U.S. District Court, and can now develop an additional 767 acres of terrain, including two new lifts, a mid-mountain lodge, and expanded parking. Expect to be able to ski this new area in the 2010-11 season. **Snoqualmie** has commenced the installation of a new high-speed chairlift to be named Silver Fir Express. Located just east of The Summit's Central Base Area, the Silver Fir Express will replace the old Silver Fir triple chair, originally installed in 1988. It is expected that the chairlift will open to the public at the start of the 2008-09 season, with ride times shortened from 10+ minutes to 4+ minutes, and lift capacities dramatically improved to 2,400 skiers per hour.

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

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

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!

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 December FWSAnews:

Discount: Identify yourself as a FWSA member and get 20% off lodging at The Canyons, Park City, UT. No online booking. Call 1- 888- Canyons for booking reservations.

The Ski Channel cable television network will launch on 12/25/08 with Warren Miller films and TV shows to 15 million households plus Direct TV and Verizon FiOS TV. It will become the only cable television network devoted to the wide variety of year round mountain activities such as skiing, snowboarding, hiking, biking, backpacking, climbing, etc, along with many off slope activities through magazine shows, reality shows, movies, news, weather and programs that focus on destination travel, equipment, instruction and real estate.

Safety Report by Richard Lubin, FWSA Safety Chair– Encourage your clubs and councils to watch a 5 minute safety video on the newly redesigned FWSA website at <http://98.130.75.33/689585.htm>. NSAA has introduced a new slogan "Objects are closer than they appear." The new program utilized the old heads up slogan with a target. The goal is to make people aware of people and objects long before they get close to them. The NSAA Safety Week is celebrating its 10th year. On January 17th, a week of activities dedicated to promoting safe skiing will be implemented at many member resorts.

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.

Rockers Aren't Just for Your Grandmother's Chair! Powder skis with a rocker design are here to stay. Most major ski manufacturers are offering a "rockered" design super fat powder ski this season; these funny looking boards are turning heads all over the mountain. Granite Chief Ski Shop of Squaw Valley, California, explains this phenomenon at http://www.granitechief.com/tech_talk/

Enjoy This Ski Trip: Order the DVD STEEP, a journey into the glorious, but untamed, Big Mountain Skiing and into the minds of men and women in pursuit of the perfect moment who risk the danger and thrive on the exhilaration of living on the edge. <http://www.thedocumentarygroup.com/featuredProject.php?pid=13>

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2008-2009 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

Joe's Sports & Outdoor, OR, WA, ID
Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, CA
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, OR
Sun Valley Resort, ID

SILVER MEMBERS:

Carr Subaru NW
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies
(Fernie Alpine Resort and
Kimberley Alpine Resort)
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
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:

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

**PLEASE PATRONIZE AND
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, December 17, 2008

6:00 PM

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← NOTE

LOCATION!

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

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

First With Safety Awareness!

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org