



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY 2007

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Join us on January 17 for the regular NWSCC meeting for a special presentation on safety (It's National Safety Week). Guest speakers may include Mt. Hood Skibowl and Collins Lake!

websites, newsletters, and outstanding club.

Ski With Pride, Let It Ride, Watch All Sides!! (FWSA Motto)
Mary Olhausen, President

SKI OREGON AND SKI WASHINGTON CHALLENGES: Back for its second year is the Ski Oregon Challenge. Ski 9 out of 11 ski areas in Oregon during the 2006-07 ski season and you could win equipment, services, or lift tickets for Oregon ski areas. Extra credit will be given for the 2 optional areas: Spout Springs & Warner Canyon.

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Enjoy the snow and winter activities!! Other parts of the country are not so lucky as us!! And while you're out in the elements - BE SAFE!! Ski resorts celebrate national safety week during January. Join us at the Jan 17th Council meeting for a presentation on various safety issues/topics that relate to winter sports. We'll have a short presentation on helmets. Did you know you could enter a safety contest through FWSA and win a trip for two, to Aspen??? You can't win if you don't enter!

There's a lot of skiing & snowboarding and winter activities to be had - the OR & WA Ski Challenges, Oregon Cancer Ski Out, Ski The Glade Day, PACRAT racing, club trips, discount ski days at Stevens Pass and Crystal Mountain, and several ski events for charity - to mention a few. Have you signed up yet to attend the FWSA Race Championships in Bend, OR? March 29--April 1. Details inside - it's gonna be a big party and lots of fun (oh, and some awesome skiing & boarding with club members from all of FWSA)!!

Want to get the latest news from FWSA? Just sign up for the Email Group - visit www.fwsa.org, subscribe, and you'll receive all the latest news from them (travel, benefits, etc.). Don't forget to mark your calendar for May 31-June 3, 2007 to attend the FWSA convention in Santa Clara, CA. And don't forget to enter your club in the various competitions for

NWSCC is expanding its Ski Challenge to the 14 ski areas in the State of Washington. To meet the Challenge you have to ski/ride at least 10 of these during the ski season. If you ski 10 of the 14 ski areas in Washington during the 2006-07 ski season you could win equipment, services or lift tickets for Washington ski areas. Extra credit will be given for the 4 optional areas: Hurricane Ridge, Leavenworth, North Cascade Heli-Skiing and Cascade Powder Cats.

One of last year's winners of the Oregon Ski Challenge - David Schor, our snowboarder, FINISHED the challenge before the official first day of winter! See David's blog at skiwashington.blogspot.com. The challenge is ON!!

More information and the Ski Challenge rules are posted on our website at www.nwskiers.org. Contact Steve Coxen, email: stevecoxen@aol.com or phone: 503-679-9022.

FWSA Convention, May 31-June 3, 2007!

Mark your calendars to attend this Convention at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, California. It's your last chance to attend a convention before it's OUR TURN for 2008! See the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org; Conventions.

GUEST SPEAKERS, DECEMBER MEETING:

RACING was the main topic of this meeting, as it was the deadline for club teams to sign up with PACRAT. PACRAT racing is for everyone; our racing format is unique among the race leagues belonging to FWSA. Randy Lew, President of FWSA, told us that all the other leagues run one racer at a time in true slalom and true GS races, longer than the "recreational" races put on by PACRAT. PACRAT uses shorter courses with two people racing against each other. As mentioned in the PACRAT racing section below, potential racers for the Far West Racing Association championships to be held at Mt. Bachelor March 30-April 1 can qualify by racing 3 qualifying races, which can include PACRAT courses. You can also qualify by racing at FWSA ski week races, or at the **Skiyente Masters Races** to be held **March 3-4, 2007**.

Interested in training? **Mountain High Snowsport Club** has 3 free training sessions for its members. You can sign up for the **MAC Masters Ski Training Programs** at a price of \$150 for 4 sessions or \$200 for 6 sessions. The training is offered various Saturdays and Sundays in January and February 2007 for both "Basic Training" and "Masters Ski Racing" programs. Contact Will Scroggins at wmscrogginscontractor@msn.com for further details.

Others at the meeting shared their thoughts on racing: Gary Gunderson says that newcomers will have fun and get better every time, and that everyone from snowplowers to elite racers can participate. Stevie Viaene praised the team building, camaraderie, and overall fun. Dale Parshall, the scorekeeper for PACRAT, said that only the best of 2 runs is scored, participants get 1 point just for racing, and 3 bonus points if they improve their handicap. It is often the newcomers who score top points for their team! He suggested having the experienced team members show newcomers how to ski around the gates, and to stress that they **MUST** cross their own finish line. PACRAT usually runs 150 racers through its courses, and finishes for the day around 1:00. Racers get discounted lift tickets at the ski areas on race day, and an after-race party is held starting around 3:00. Snowboarders and telemark skiers are welcome to race (snowboarders get a 10% "break" on their time), but they must do ALL their races in the same format. It is good racer etiquette to sideslip the course and help keep it smooth for the other races, but be sure **NOT** to go through the finish line! Be courteous, be patient, and help out if needed. [Note that FWRA races are different: there is **NO** slipping the courses, and **NO** going through the gates.]

The first PACRAT race of the season will be at Timberline on January 14, followed by a party at the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp. Racers must bring their racing bibs to get in free; guests are \$10 for the party.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? Please let Mary Olhausen know so that we can share the information with other clubs and FWSA. Upcoming January events include the Meadows Rotary Ski Night January 22 (\$10 lift tickets to benefit the Rotary); the Mt. Bachelor Neighbor Impact Food Drive on January 26 (ski free for 3 cans of food); and the Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol fundraiser on January 27.

FWSA 2007 SKI CLUB COMPETITIONS:

The **Far West Ski Association** invites all member clubs to participate in the **2007 Club Competition**. Entry forms and information were emailed to all clubs in early January. Competition includes: Tollakson Outstanding Club Award; Wentworth Outstanding Newsletter Award; Outstanding Website Award.

Judging is easy and painless, but important to the integrity of the Competition. If your club wishes to participate in the Newsletter & Website Competition, then you need to complete an application and name 1-2 club members who will serve as Judges. Newsletters to be judged will be sent to the Judge either by hard copy or website address where the newsletter can be viewed or downloaded. The Judge simply reviews these newsletters (about 4-6 of them) and completes a short score sheet. Websites to be judged will be sent to the Judge. The Judge simply reviews these websites (about 4-6 of them) and completes a short score sheet. The score sheets can be sent back electronically.

Applications for clubs wishing to participate in the competition are due no later than JANUARY 31, 2007.

Send to Ray Craig, VP of Communications for FWSA. raycraig@verizon.net, phone 805-496-6720. **Please also email Mary Olhausen your Judges Names, omary52@comcast.net.**

A charitable donation will be made by FWSA in the name of the winning club or council and FWSA to a charity designated by the winning club or council. The designated charity must "qualify" by providing proof to FWSA that it is a valid 501(c)(3) charitable organization in order to receive the funds. \$50 will be awarded to a qualified charity of choice for first place in each class, for Wentworth Outstanding publication and Outstanding Website. \$100 will be awarded to a qualified charity of choice for first place winners in each class, for Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year. The Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year competition consists of writing an essay about your club. Materials can be found on the FWSA web site (www.fwsa.org).

SKI CLUB TRIPS / EVENTS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF NWSCC AND FWSA CLUBS:

CLUB INFORMATION:

OPEN TRIPS:

Altair Ski Club needs 1 single man and 1 single woman for its **Bend Bachelor Blowout** trip **January 19-21, 2007**. The price for nonmembers is only \$147, which includes 2 nights' lodging at the Fairfield Inn, 2 breakfasts, a Friday night soup dinner with the group at the Fairfield, and Saturday après ski hot tub gathering, happy hour with hors d'oeuvres, AND a pizza buffet dinner! Contact Mary Spencer at maspencer@comcast.net or 541-344-1445 or Diana Cantwell at di3183@yahoo.com or 541-461-3122.

The **Oregon Nordic Club** has several trips and events to pass on to NWSCC clubs, though joining their club (\$27 single membership, included in the trip price) would be required to attend any overnight trip. The first event is a **FREE PRESENTATION** at the REI Portland Store, in the Pearl, **January 31, 7:00 pm**. Ted Schienman spent 9 days of Hut-to-Hut Skiing in Norway's mountains, an 80-mile adventure on skis, and will get you primed for the same trip which is being offered by ONC (see below).

See it, do it! Oregon Nordic Club offers a land package of **The Ultimate Norway Hut-to-Hut Ski Tour March 22-April 1, 2007**, for Nordic skiers with strong intermediate ability or above who will be carrying a pack with clothes and other personal items. This tour goes through the Rondane National Park, staying at full-service and self-service huts, and includes 8 nights' lodging and all meals except the first and last dinners in Oslo and taxes. The estimated cost for the land package is \$1,327 (including ONC membership); sign up by January 20. Contact Ted Scheinman at scheinman@comcast.net or 503-452-7432.

At the time of printing 4 spaces were still available on **Oregon Nordic Club's All Abilities Ski Trip to Glacier National Park February 16-20, 2007**. The estimated cost of \$702 pp/do includes Amtrak transportation in sleeper cars (both ways), 2 nights' lodging at the cozy Izaak Walton Inn in Essex, 3 days of skiing, and all breakfasts and dinners. Full payment due by January 15. Contact Julius at jndazell@comcast.net or 1-503-559-3760 or Ted at scheinman@comcast.net or 503-452-7432.

Bergfreunde is planning two major ski trips this coming season which will be open to other club members, one to Whistler and one to Utah (**February 3-10, 2007**), and they have a number of shorter trips as well. Their Utah "Winter Fun" trip will allow members to downhill, cross country ski, snowshoe and hike in many different places, from Brian Head, to Sundance, through the Cottonwood Canyons near Salt Lake, to Snowbasin near Ogden.

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum in the heart of Government Camp** will be having après ski events the second Saturday of each month from 2:00 to 5:00 (January 13th, February 10th, and March 10th), sponsored by area ski clubs. January will be hosted by Skiyente Ski Club; contact the Museum to volunteer for another weekend for your club to host. And any and all snowsports clubs are welcome to talk to the Museum about their needs for any functions they'd like to have on the mountain! The facilities are quite nice; if you haven't stopped you need to plan to visit!

On **March 3rd** the Museum presents **Ski The Glade Trail Day**. Tickets are available for \$100, and include continental breakfast, lunch, wine and appetizers, and unlimited shuttle rides to Timberline all day.

The **Cascade Ski Club** offers lodging at their lodge in Government Camp in bunk rooms for \$22/night for members of other NWSCC clubs. See details at www.cascadeskiclub.org.

See the December NWSCC newsletter (archived on the NWSCC website) for information on other Ski Lodges operated by member clubs: **SKIBACS** at Crystal Mountain, Washington; and **Seattle Ski Club** at Snoqualmie Pass, Washington. See the club websites for further details.

PACRAT RACING:

PACRAT race dates for the 2006-07 season are:

1st race - 2nd Sunday in January (1-14-07) Timberline
2nd race - 4th Sunday in January (1-28-07) Meadows
3rd race - 3rd Sunday in February (2-18-07) Ski Bowl
4th race - 2nd Sunday in March (3-11-07) Meadows
make-up - 4th Sunday in March (3-25-07) Meadows
5th race - 1st Sunday in April (for 2007 only - Saturday, March 31st) Bachelor/FWRA
Rat Attack - 2nd Friday in April (4-13-07)

Contact Jack Folliard (jfolliard@comcast.net) or 503-975-4488 (cell) for information, or check the PACRAT website at WWW.PACRATS.ORG.

NWSCC TRAVEL:

Please contact our new Director of Travel, Barbara Bousum at babawawa31@aol.com or 503-224-3584, regarding where your club plans to or would like to travel next year; perhaps we can assist you in getting more than one club together for group discounts, etc.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION:

THE COUNCILMAN NEWSLETTER is available online at www.FWSA.org. Very few are being mailed, and this publication used to only go out to ski club and council officers. You can learn a lot by looking at this publication

online, where you will have color pictures and links!

FWSA Ski Week 2007 will be held at **Steamboat, Colorado January 27-February 3**. The cost is \$1,215 with air from Portland, \$1,250 with air from Eugene, and includes a special sleigh ride/dinner for NWSCC participants. Contact trip captain Rod Robinson of Altair Ski & Snowsport Club in Eugene at rrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170 to be put on the waiting list - and you still might get to go - some people have already cleared the waiting list!

FWSA's Ski Week 2008 will be held at **Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada, January 19-26, 2008**. Make your future plans so you can attend this trip to one of our favorite places! \$100 deposits to hold your spot will be accepted on February 4, 2007, and will be fully refundable until sometime in the summer.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the new FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816. The 2007 FWSA International Trip has just been announced. It is to Bormio, Italy, from March 3-11, with a potential "post" trip to Florence and Rome. The base trip price is \$1,335-\$1,440 depending upon choice of lodging. See flier attached to this newsletter, or check out the FWSA website for up-to-the-minute information. Deposits should be made promptly, as the international European trips tend to sell out early!! \$200 deposits are required, and are nonrefundable.

FWSA is also offering a **15 to 21 day China/Tibet tour** departing **September 14, 2007**. The group will take a passenger train from Beijing to Lhasa, Tibet (altitude 13,000', oxygen provided in the railcar). Excursion options will include Beijing and Shanghai. Refundable \$200 deposits are being taken now - get yours in fast if you are interested!

Check the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarship**.

Far West Racing Association has chosen **Mt. Bachelor, Oregon**, as the site of its 2007 Championships to be held **March 30-April 1, 2007!** See attached flier for lodging options. If you are planning a trip for your club to Mt. Bachelor, make it this weekend and join us for a special party hosted by NWSCC to welcome all racers. PACRAT racers are automatically eligible as well! **PACRAT has scheduled the final 2007 PACRAT race at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, March 31**, to make it easier for PACRAT racers to participate in this exciting event.

Plan early to qualify - you will need to race in 3 qualifying races this season before the championships. PACRAT racers are automatically eligible; with advance notice non-PACRAT

racers may be allowed to ski the PACRAT courses for qualifying times; and there are several other local races to qualify, including the Skiyente sponsored Masters Race March 3-4, 2007. Please note that anyone in NWSCC who wants to participate in these championships (other than PACRAT racers) must keep in touch with Dale Parshall so he can track your qualifying races. Contact Dale at Dale.Parshall@usbank.com or 503-245-3782.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

For more information on how you can help support our Northwest ski areas with their expansion plans, go to our website at www.nwskiers.org or contact Steve Coxen at 503-679-9022 or email at sacoxen@aol.com.

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 is constantly adding new benefits!

Plan to show your FWSA/NWSCC card to get discounted skiing at Washington ski areas on two days: **Stevens Pass on Saturday, March 3** (\$40 tickets), and **half price at Crystal Mountain on Saturday, March 31!** Thanks to Maureen Richards of S'No Joke Ski Club for making these arrangements!

NWSCC members can also obtain benefits through the National Ski Council Federation. 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**.

If you don't know if a place offers a discount or not, sometimes just showing your FWSA card and asking if they give a discount, saying that other places do, has sometimes resulted in a surprise discount for those who have tried it.

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.

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2006-2007 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

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

SILVER MEMBERS:

Carr Auto Group
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Tremblant, Copper, Winter Park, Squaw)
Moonlight Basin Ski Area, MT
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
Ski Banff (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Fairmont
Hotels)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Tamarack Resort, ID
Timberline Ski Area, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

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BC Ski Country, Canada (Apex, Big White,
Silver Star, Sun Peaks)
Big Mountain, MT
Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
49° North 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 Ski Bowl, OR
Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder
Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Signal Sports (in the Pearl District of Portland)
Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth, WA
Vail Resorts, Inc.

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
Ski Big White (Lodging facility, BC, Canada)

**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. This suggestion comes to you from Emilio Trampuz of Mountain High Snowsport Club, who has decided to do it rather than digest it for the club.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007

7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

10070 SW BARBUR BLVD, PORTLAND
503-245-2211

**** DOOR PRIZES!! ****

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← **NOTE
MEETING
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