



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2007

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**Join us on February 21 for the
regular NWSCC meeting -
Guest Speaker TBA**

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

We're in the thick of fantastic skiing here in the NW. Count your blessings - no snowmaking for us!! There's so much skiing to be had and so many ski events to attend - where to start?? We had a great January Council meeting on safety - a presentation on helmets and roundtable discussion about how to promote safety to your club members and on the mountain. There's some great ski events for charity in the next few months-Special Olympics in Idaho and Oregon, Vertical Express for MS at Crystal, and the Oregon Cancer Ski Out at Meadows. And WOW! Get a load of some of the lift ticket discounts - just flash that FWSA/NWSCC membership card and away you go - check out the article in this issue on various resorts' offerings. Did you know that we represent 11 clubs in Washington?? These clubs represent a huge population of our total membership. I'd like to start highlighting more activities for these clubs - let me know if you have club news you'd like shared in the newsletter - or drop me a line with suggestions for articles focusing on our Washington skiers. FWSA has a lot going on - for all clubs - Club Competitions in newsletter & website, Man & Women Competition, Race Championships, and Convention in June.

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

GET YOUR RED-HOT CLUB DISCOUNTS WHILE THEY LAST!!!

Ski Mt. Hood Meadows for only \$27.50/day (when you buy the LAST 10-time pass that NWSCC is offering at the LOW price of \$275 - regularly \$330). Contact Mary Olhausen to purchase this item.

\$44 tickets to Mt. Hood Meadows, good any time, open-close, nonrefundable, are available through Shawn Storey, dhski_director@bergfreunde.org, or 360-256-4321.

Mt. Hood SkiBowl is pleased to offer NWCC members a discount on lift tickets. \$29 will get you an open to close ticket (day/night). Just show your FWSA/NWSCC ID card at any ticket window at the mountain. One exception date: Sunday, February 18, 2007, when tickets will be \$38 for day ticket; \$41 for day/night ticket. PACRAT racers will receive their usual discount rate on race days.

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!

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 made out to NWSCC and mailed to our post office box to hold your spot are being accepted NOW, and will be fully refundable until sometime in the summer. About ten deposits have already been received; we have requested 94 spots on this trip!

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.

The 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.

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.

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.

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.

GUEST SPEAKERS, JANUARY MEETING:

Karen Norton of Mt. Hood SkiBowl and Collins Lake Resort spoke about the "family experience" that SkiBowl offers. By not putting the big dollars into upgrading the lifts to high speed quads, SkiBowl is able to offer families an extremely affordable and family friendly place to visit.

The mountain includes everything from beginner slopes on the lower mountain to challenging black diamond terrain in the Upper Bowl and Tom Dick Peak area. In addition, the Multitorpor side has a snow tubing and adventure park, as well as sleigh rides. And in summer SkiBowl offers adventures galore, from the dual Alpine Slide to bungee jumping, in their Summer Action Park, with over 20 attractions! Lift tickets run from \$32 midweek to \$38 on weekends, with night skiing from 3:00 to closing for \$24. AAA members get a discount on night

skiing, and those who spend \$100 at Signal Sports (a sports shop catering to women, located in the Pearl) and show their receipt can get \$10 skiing on Tuesday nights, with free demos from Signal. Tuesday nights are regularly "Ladies' Night" with \$12 night tickets.

SkiBowl also offers meeting and conference facilities, and the ability to "rent a mountain" - groups can book the Cascade Chair and tubing hill on the Multitorpor side, with a buffet. SkiBowl is the developer of the Collins Lake Resort in Government Camp, with upscale condos and townhomes that can be rented through www.collinslakeresortvacations.com and include passes for skiing or adventures at SkiBowl. 151 chalets have been completed; 48 units are being built in the "Lodge" phase, and approval has been granted for the Village Center which will break ground in 2008, offering 200 units ranging in size from 800 square feet to over 2,000 square feet. A free shuttle runs hourly to take guests around Government Camp and to SkiBowl and Multitorpor. A proposed tram will eventually tie Collins Lake Resort to both SkiBowl and Timberline.

Want to stay in Government Camp on the cheap? SkiBowl also has a hostel with 30 beds for only \$20/night (bring your own bedding). Check it out at www.mthoodhostel.com.

New this year is the Fusion Pass, a seasons pass offering skiing at BOTH SkiBowl and Timberline for the winter season. What you may not know is that Fusion passholders don't have to drive up to the mountain if they don't want to brave the winter driving conditions - they can take a FREE shuttle that picks up in Sandy. Others can take that shuttle for a fee.

As part of our **SAFETY** theme for the meeting, our second guest speaker was **Christopher Campbell**, an OHSU PA student who spoke to us as part of their community outreach program. Christopher gave us a GREAT presentation on how helmets save lives - everyone should have one!

A general discussion on safety brought up many ideas. Skiyente promotes safety with articles in its newsletter and guest speakers at their meetings.

Emilio Trampuz has written many ski areas about how he would like to see ski areas promote TURNING instead of speed, suggesting that they set aside areas specially to teach people how to practice turning, possibly with orange cones, bamboo poles, or "whisker" poles. (Your editor was skiing at Mt. Hood Meadows on February 11 and found a special "skiers only" area on Two Bowl with whisker poles set to encourage the buildup of moguls - one thing that is guaranteed to make you turn!)

Mt. Hood Meadows is promoting "Space Not Speed," and is making speeders watch a safety video in order to be able to

continue skiing at the resort. The person in front always has the right of way, and several recent accidents, including one fatality, have been caused by speeders crashing into the person in front of them.

The U.S. Outdoor Store recently did a great ad promoting helmets.

Even traveling in your vehicle can have safety issues - everyone was aware of what happened to the Kim family - and you should always carry food, water, and warm clothing in your car in the winter.

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 February and March events include the Special Olympics of Idaho at Schweitzer Mountain on February 17; the Winter Games of Idaho February 17-22 at Schweitzer Mountain; the Vertical Express for MS, a fundraiser for the Jimmie Heuga Center, at Crystal Mountain February 23-25; and the Oregon Cancer Ski-Out March 4-5 at Mt. Hood Meadows (www.cancerskiout.org).

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 were 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).

The Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) is holding a Man and Woman of the Year competition. The winner of this competition is eligible to participate in the competition described below. We are looking for a man and woman from each club to compete in the NWSCC annual event. The winners are not required to travel to the FWSA Convention to participate, however participating candidates are generally rewarded for attending. The Far West Ski Association is again sponsoring the "Councils' Man & Woman of the Year" competition at the 75th Annual FWSA Convention May 31 - June 3, 2007 in Santa Clara, CA. The Councils' Man & Woman of the Year competition provides an excellent venue for recognition of outstanding efforts by individuals within your council and club. Selection criteria are based on each individual's involvement in skiing; club, council, regional and national activities; knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport of skiing. Each club may use its own criteria to select their candidates. The Contestant Entry Form that NWSCC will be using is available by emailing Mary Olhausen. The deadline for submitting entry forms is March 20, 2007. Please send them to the Council PO Box (below). A panel of judges will interview all clubs' Man and Woman of the year nominees and will choose the NWSCC 2006-2007 winners. The Man and Woman representing each club will be recognized at an upcoming NWSCC special event. Please contact John or Mary if you have any questions, and to submit the names of your club candidates. Entry forms can be mailed directly to NWSCC, (please mark Confidential), PO Box 1915, Portland, OR 97207, or emailed to Mary Olhausen, NWSCC Awards Chair (omary52@comcast.net), 360-892-1814; or John Reinhardt, NWSCC Vice President, at johnreinhardt@hotmail.com.

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

CLUB INFORMATION:

OPEN TRIPS AND EVENTS:

Skiyente's 52nd Annual King Winter Celebration will be held Saturday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. at Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp. \$7.00 admission. Coronation of the King, music, door prizes, lots of fun!!

Portion of proceeds benefits Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, Mt. Hood Museum, and Erin Nicole Scholarship Fund. Come help Skiyente raise funds for these great endeavors.

Incidentally, Skiyente just got back from its second annual **Family Trip**, this year to Big Mountain, and announced that their **Family Trip for 2008 will be to Sun Valley!**

At the time of printing **Cascade Prime Timers** had room for 5 more skiers on their trip to **Sun Peaks, BC, February 24-March 3**. The package price of \$1,052 pp/do includes round trip bus from Portland, 7 nights' lodging at the Fireside Lodge (ski in/ski out), 5 days of skiing, socials, and more! Contact Alan White at alanw@comcast.net or 503-472-9644.

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.

On **March 3rd** the **Mt. Hood 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 **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, sponsored by area ski clubs. The next one will be March 10th, co-sponsored by Oregon Nordic Club. Contact the Museum to volunteer for a weekend for your club to host this event. 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!

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.

FWSA is 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**.

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!

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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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
Intrawest (Whistler/Blackcomb, Panorama,
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

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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, February 21, 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