



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MARCH 2007

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Join us on March 21 for the regular NWSCC meeting - Guest Speaker Jan Tolman for the Golden Rose Ski Classic!
Meeting Theme: Trips

NOTE: APRIL MEETING WILL NOT BE 4/18, BUT IS MOVED TO THURSDAY, APRIL 26 DUE TO CONFLICTING SCHEDULES OF THE NWSCC BOARD

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Benefits - come get em while they're hot!! At last month's meeting I recapped the many benefits we garner and make available for all club members - from the likes of Far West Ski Association, National Ski Council Federation, and NWSCC. Everything from ski rentals, lodging, cellular phones for use abroad, car rentals, lift tickets, to retail store discounts. Heck, you can even get huge savings on a brand new Subaru!!

I've decided we could all use a little help getting/keeping organized - I'm going to start listing the important (that's VERY important for ski clubs!) dates/deadlines of our ski related activities - maybe a quick checklist will help some of you keep things moving in your clubs. Don't hesitate to call or email me with questions about any of our activities:

- 3/15: FWSA Club Charity Recognition Application Due.
- 3/20: Man/Woman of Year Names Due.
- 4/30: FWSA Convention Club Credentialing Forms Due.
- 5/9: FWSA Convention Hotel Block Ends.
- 5/10: FWSA Convention Optional Events Registration Deadline.
- 5/15: FWSA Outstanding Club Essay Due.
- April-May: Start thinking about Council elections.
- May--June: Attend Convention in Santa Clara, CA.

I look forward to seeing many of you in a few weeks at the Far West Racing Association "Race Championships" at Mt. Bachelor. While it says race, non-racers are welcome to attend (Hey, I'm going and I don't race!!) Come for a great weekend of skiing, meeting skiers from other clubs and councils outside of NWSCC, bid on great items at the silent auction that benefits the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program, and attend a fun Saturday evening with dinner, awards, and dancing!!

Sooooo-get out there and ski up the slopes, but don't put those skis away yet---we've got the Golden Rose Ski Race on May 26th at Timberline - another great fundraiser for junior skiers and NW Snowsports Foundation. And the week after that I hope to see many of you in Santa Clara, California at the 75th Annual Far West Ski Assoc convention. Be sure to take advantage of the many benefits offered to ski club members and be sure to go out of your way to say "thanks" to ski industry when receiving their great benefits, discounts, and service!!!

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

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION: May 31-June 3, 2007!

Far West Ski Association (FWSA) will hold its 75th Annual Convention May 31-June 3, 2007, at the Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara, California. The Convention will hold its usual optional fun activities (Thursday Night Pub Crawl, Friday Golf, Kayaking, or Wineries Tour), as well as the Friday night Silent Auction, Saturday Travel Expo, and Awards Dinner & Dance, and Sunday Eye Opener Reception, Brunch, and FWSA Business meeting. This year's theme is "Double Diamond Dreamin."

Lodging is at the Santa Clara Hyatt Regency, only 15 minutes from the San Jose Airport. The special room rate is \$129 double occupancy (plus taxes and energy charge) before May 9, 2007. Call 1-800-233-1234 and say you're with Far West Ski Association, or reserve online at

www.hvatt.com with group code g-fwsa. Rooms are filling up fast---make your reservation NOW!!! The FWSA room block will end on May 9th.

Forms are available for downloading from the convention website at www.fwsa.org; Conventions. May 9 is the deadline for early registration and submitting fees for the fun activities. You can register individually or all together as a club. Club Presidents should complete the FWSA Credential Form (found on the website) so as to advise FWSA of the number of voting delegates from each club who will attend the Convention.

For more information please contact Mary Olhausen at omarv52@comcast.net or 360-892-1814. She will be happy to send you a complete registration packet. **IMPORTANT: To coordinate NW Ski Club Council activities while at the convention, PLEASE let Mary Olhausen know if you plan to attend.**

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

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. PACRAT racers will receive their usual discount rate on race days.

Plan to show your FWSA/NWSCC card to get discounted skiing at **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 **Whistler1 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!

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!** 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.

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.

Three of the four people who completed the Oregon Ski Challenge last year have already completed or are coming close to completing the Washington Ski Challenge. We haven't heard about any Washington residents who are taking on the challenge of skiing/riding at least 10 of the 14 Washington ski areas during the 2006-2007 ski season - winners could get 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 SPEAKER, FEBRUARY MEETING:

Wayne Jackson of **The Mountain Shop** on N.E. 7th and Broadway in Portland gave us a hands-on demonstration of some of the latest and greatest in outdoor clothing technology, and you had to be there to see and FEEL some of these materials for yourself! There are new "soft shell" fabrics which are stretchy, but still water repellent. Primaloft®, which is incredibly lightweight, is water resistant and very warming: you can't even feel it placed on your hand with your eyes closed, but you immediately start to feel warmth! Marmot® is a new lining fabric - even when wet it wicks moisture - pulling the "wet" side across your skin versus the "dry" side was an amazing demonstration. Wayne also showed a fascinating demonstration of exactly what "breathable" waterproof means, with two fabrics which both held water, but pumping air pressure against them caused bubbles to pass through the breathable fabric - meaning you would stay WAY more comfortable!

The Mountain Shop is the oldest outdoor sports store

in Portland, and is well known for biking, hiking and climbing supplies, as well as winter recreation. The fastest-growing segment of their business, is in backcountry skiing, including telemark and cross-country. Their focus is on service - for example, they have excellent bootfitters.

Wayne recently went to the new ski shows, and advised that the trend appears to be that skis continue to get wider and more shaped; twin tip skis are being pushed, and younger people are being targeted. He also noted a Swedish helmet produced by POC which had a bicycle flashing light on the back. Wayne purchased a bunch of the flashing lights that can be applied wherever you wish, including your helmet - but you had better get into the store and get yours now, before they all disappear!

The Mountain Shop is a long-time supporter of NWSCC, and we encourage you to visit their store and show our support of them in return.

Member discounts were also discussed, and in addition to those mentioned through NWSCC, FWSA, and NSCF listed below, clubs should also keep in mind that if they plan a trip to the Tahoe area and know in advance how many people to expect, they may be able to buy heavily discounted lift tickets through the Bay Area Council. The downside is that the tickets must be pre-purchased by October 15, but this is still something to keep in mind.

Other "tips" from people present were websites to check for skiing discounts in the Tahoe area: www.slidingonthecheap.com and www.snowbomb.com

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.

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. raycraign@verizon.net, phone 805-496-6720. Please also email Mary Olhausen your Judges Names, omarv52@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:

FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the new FWSAVP 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.

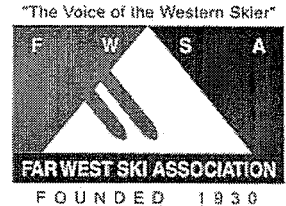
If you ever have a problem obtaining a discount which has been offered to NWSCC members, please report it to us with your name, if possible the name of the employee who turned you down, the date, and a description of the problem.

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.

THE ANNUAL RACE & ACE SKI AND GOLF COMPETITION will be held May 5 in Central Oregon and May 19 in Idaho. Check their website at www.racenadace.com for further details!

BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL



FWSA 75th Convention

May 31st to June 3rd, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

5101 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, CA 95054

1-408-200-1234

15 minutes from San Jose Airport with Free Parking
High Speed Internet Access Available in All Rooms
Marble Baths, Outdoor Heated Pool & Indoor Fitness Center

Hotel Reservations

\$129/night double occupancy before May 9, 2007

Call **1-800-233-1234** and say that you are with Far West Ski Association
Or, reserve online at www.hyatt.com with group code g-fwsa

Convention Highlights

- Friday Night Silent Auction & Dance with GREAT DEALS on over \$100,000 in Ski Trips, Hosted drink, FREE Admission—Public Welcome
- Friday Night Local Ski Club no host Happy Hour 5-7pm
- Celebrity Guest Speakers
- Educational Breakout Sessions
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet & Dinner Dance
- Travel Expo
- FWSA General Meetings and Elections
- Sunday Eye Opener Party

Optional Activities (subject to change)

- Thursday Night Pub Crawl
- Friday Golf
- Friday **Kayaking** at **Elkhorn** Slough Reserve
- Friday Santa Cruz Mountain Wineries Tour
- Nearby Places to **See/Things** to Do
 - Amusement Parks
 - Paramount's Great America
 - Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
 - Attractions
 - Intel Museum
 - Technology Museum of Innovation
 - Children's Discovery Museum
 - The Winchester Mystery House
 - Aquariums in Monterey and San Francisco
 - Zoos in San Francisco and Oakland
 - Sports: Windsurfing, Rollerblading, Hiking,

For more information please contact:

Delegate Questions - Linda Indreboe, FWSA 2007 Convention Coordinator at public-affairs@skibac.org or (408) 248-8426
Industry Questions - Debbi Kor-Lew, FWSA VP Marketing at ijustwannarun@aol.com or (503) 682-1563

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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)
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 Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
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 Big Mountain, MT
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 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 - ReMax 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

P.O. Box 1915

Portland, OR 97207

WEB SITE: www.nwskiers.org

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 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:

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National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org

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