



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR APRIL 2007

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*Join us on Thursday, April 26 for
the regular (but rescheduled)
NWSCC meeting*

**NOTE: APRIL MEETING MOVED TO
THURSDAY, APRIL 26 - ONE TIME ONLY!!**

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Snow continues to fall - there's lots more skiing to do and more opportunities to visit resorts to compete in the Oregon & Washington Ski Challenge. It's Council Election time again! Anyone interested in running for office please contact Sheri Parshall.

In need of planning a trip for your club? You've come to the right place!! Our March Council meeting focused on trips and we had a lively discussion of ideas for different types of trips, secrets for successful trips, dealing with current travel dilemmas such as Canadian boarder crossings and airline restrictions, trip planning/proposals (RFP's), and FAM trips. There's the "Mystery Trip" - members sign up without knowing the destination until the bus pulls out of town and gets going in the direction of the resort. Skiyente Ski Club is in their 3rd year of running a "Family Trip" and they offered up secrets to mixing children and adults on the same trip - everyone can be a happy camper. And there's the popular "NW Road Trip," Usually held early season, utilizing Warren Miller movie discount/free lift ticket coupons. The Council continues to offer a popular early season trip. Our monthly newsletter lists charity ski events at various resorts - clubs might plan a trip around a free ski day, which would offset costs for attendees. Our publication, NW Skiers Directory, lists clubs' ski trips - a great way to see who's going where and when and meet up with other Council clubs on the slopes. If you have questions about travel for your clubs, please visit with our Council Travel Director, Barbara Bousum. Barbara has lots of experience

running trips and can help with you with trip planning from selecting a venue to marketing your trip. Speaking of travel - have you made your deposit for 2008 FWSA Ski Week at Whistler/Blackcomb?? Taking \$100 deposits now - see related article.

FWSA/NWSCC Activities - Dates/Deadlines:

April 30: FWSA Convention Club Credentialing Forms Due.

April 30: FWSA Convention Early Registration Due.

May 9: FWSA Convention Hotel Block Ends.

May 10: FWSA Convention Optional Events Registration Deadline.

May 15: FWSA Outstanding Club Essay Due.

April-May: Council Elections coming up - Contact Sheri Parshall if you want to run for office.

May--June: Attend Convention in Santa Clara, CA.

June 20: Council Elections.

OH--and don't forget that our April Council meeting is moved to THURSDAY, April 26th - still at Round Table Pizza - see you there!!!!

Mary Olhausen, President

NWSCC ELECTIONS!!!

NWSCC is taking names of people who want to run for office in this great organization we have. Elections will be held at the June 20 NWSCC meeting, and we encourage all clubs to have their representatives available at the meeting to VOTE! Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as two Board of Directors positions. The Board positions are "open" and people don't run for a specific director position. Following the election the President, with the assistance of the elected Board members, will assign duties to the elected directors and appoint persons to the remaining director positions. Please contact Sheri Parshall at 503-245-3782 or cougskier@aol.com if you are interested in running for office. Please note that several officers will NOT be running again, and we need YOU to join us!

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.hyatt.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 omary52@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.**

SKI OREGON AND SKI WASHINGTON CHALLENGES:

There is still a little time to participate in these challenges! 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 4 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, MARCH MEETING:

Jan Tolman spoke to us about the **Golden Rose Ski Classic**, the longest continuous running ski race in the world. Jan has been the one to keep this race running for many years, and this year has gotten it back as a sanctioned Rose Festival event. Note that the race will be held at Timberline on **Saturday, May 26, 2007** (a week earlier than usual, and also note that the Rose Festival Association has published the wrong date!). Only 20 teams will be allowed, and they must register EARLY so that adequate preparations can be made for this race. The cost of \$700 per team of 6 will include lift tickets, the cost of the race, a commemorative T-shirt and wine glass, optional challenge races, pizza party, and awards at the ceremony following all activities. (Some of the cost may be written off as a charitable donation - the beneficiary is the Mt. Hood Academy/Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation.) Team registration forms, together with event updates, will be available at www.mthoodacademy.com. A silent auction will be held after the race in the Wy'east Day Lodge, with proceeds to benefit the Northwest Snowsport Foundation and their scholarships for junior racers. Non-racers are welcome to participate in the silent auction! Donations are needed and welcome, and in addition workers are needed to help run both the junior races and the Golden Rose race that day.

Mary Olhausen led a roundtable discussion about **CLUB TRIPS**. "**FAM**" trips were discussed - these are "**familiarization**" trips arranged by ski areas to showcase their facilities, including lodging and dining, as well as skiing. They are generally offered at an extremely reduced price for the land package, and the ski areas putting on the "FAM" trip want only potential LEADERS of future trips to attend. They are not offered as cheap vacations for non-trip leaders, and the participants, while they may be wined and dined, are expected to spend time viewing all the properties and seeing everything offered in order to take back the information to their club for use in planning a trip to the area.

"**RFP**" - this is a "**request for proposal**" that YOU send out to ski areas when you are planning a trip. Often you can find information on ski area websites about who to contact to plan a trip there, and you send out a RFP to have them price out the trip for you. Some notes here: please be courteous. Negotiate with the areas, but don't play off one area against another. Use good business practices so that everyone will be pleased with the results obtained.

A new issue that is arising is because of increased security at our country's borders - **passports are REQUIRED**. Anyone attending your trip who does not have a passport should be advised to apply EARLY, as it takes way longer to get one than it used to. Also, trip leaders should be aware that if one of your participants has a criminal record, even a DUI, there is a chance that they might not be able to cross the border. This is a totally new issue arising over the past few years; and people have actually been rejected at the border, even if they are on a bus or have flown into Canada; they might end up stranded.

Skiyente Ski Club has been our leader in offering true **affordable family trips** on public transportation, and Sheri Parshall spoke about their trips. They first offered a bus trip to Big White, Canada, and this year had a train trip to Big Mountain, Montana. Both trips were extremely successful, and both the children (from very young to teenagers) and the adults had fun. Activities are offered to keep the kids busy, and babysitting arrangements can be made for "adult" nights out. They plan the trips to be about 4 days and work around school holidays. Next year's family trip will be at **Sun Valley, Idaho, from February 6-10, 2008**, and will be a driving trip. This trip will be open to EVERYONE from the get-go since it is a driving trip and will not have limited transportation options. Watch for further details!

Mountain High Snowsport Club (when it was Plaza Ski Club) offered several **Mystery Trips** over the years. Linda McGavin told us that participants know only the price and where and when to catch the bus, but don't know where they are going. It is a great time to be really creative about what you offer your participants. The two Mystery Trips offered by Plaza Ski Club both included visits to TWO ski areas. The first Mystery Trip went to Oakridge on Friday night, to Willamette Pass on Saturday and then on to Sisters Saturday night, with skiing at Hoodoo on Sunday. The second Mystery Trip really had people guessing, because they were told that they would be skiing two areas, one in a different state. Emilio Trampuz published tantalizing pictures in the newsletter of the areas. There was a contest on the bus to guess where they were going, and only one person guessed that they were going to ski Mt. Shasta in California and Mt. Ashland in Oregon! One of the secrets to success in filling a bus is to offer a really great price for a weekend of skiing. This type of trip can't be done on an airplane, so you are limited to how far a bus can comfortably go on a weekend.

Barbara Bousum is our **NWSCC Trip Director**, and she comes to us with experience from running "sleeper bus" trips through the Kansas City Ski Club. They used to run 30-35 trips a year, including at least 20 that included overnight bus rides both ways (often to Colorado). Participants would get on

a bus Friday night, convert the seats to sleepers, and wake up in Colorado, with skiing Saturday and Sunday, lodging only Saturday night, and a return home over Sunday night. We never have seen sleeper buses around here, but maybe we should! Barbara will be attending the Mountain Travel Symposium April 18-22 on behalf of NWSCC, and will be speaking to 40 vendors (ski areas, tour operators, lodging facilities) for information on potential future NWSCC trips. She will be working on an **early December 2007 trip, probably to Park City, Utah, for NWSCC** (instead of the Colorado trips offered the past 3 years).

Debbi Kor-Lew is also attending the Mountain Travel Symposium, and is on the Travel Staff for FWSA. She is currently working on the FWSA Whistler trip to be held January 19-26, 2007, where they expect around 700 participants.

Steven and Linda Coxen had just been on the FWSA trip to Bormio, Italy, with approximately 150 participants. They had a tip for those planning overseas travel - that some four star hotels might not be as good as other three star hotels, and that trip leaders should try to actually view overseas properties before booking. A diverse mix of people can lead to problems, and it is good to have a "code of conduct" that participants should abide by.

There was a general discussion about what to do about a "problem" person on trips, and a general agreement that the problems should be documented and discussed at Board meetings. Trip participants should sign a form saying they will abide by club trip regulations, with penalties listed if they don't follow the rules. NWSCC will try to publish a sample form on our website for clubs' consideration.

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. In April and May look for the following events:

Mt. Bachelor Riders for the Cure	April 14
Anthony Lakes Food Drive	April 15
Mt. Bachelor Pole, Pedal, Paddle	May 19
Timberline Golden Rose Ski Race	May 26

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

Other clubs should be aware that **Cascade Ski Club** with their lodge at Government Camp (and probably **Boeing SkiBacs** with their lodge at Crystal Mountain AND **Seattle Ski Club** with their lodge at Snoqualmie Pass) have lighter usage at their lodge in late spring (until late May when the ski camps come into Government Camp) and in the fall, and that these are the best times for other clubs to make

arrangements to use these club facilities. Visit the club websites (accessible through the NWSCC website) for further details.

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** will have their annual **Heritage Day** on **September 22, 2007**, with many exciting offerings, including an old time car show, hikes, a fabulous silent auction, and a wonderful dinner. This event just gets better every year!

OTHER CLUB NON-SKI EVENTS:

Cascade Prime Timers and **Bergfreunde** are both putting together kayaking groups. Bergfreunde has a summer trip to **Hells Canyon** and is planning a **Florida trip in December**. **Skiyente** has booked the **Silcox Hut** for a "Foo-Foo" Campout this summer.

FWSA TRIPS

FWSA is going to **Whistler, BC, Canada, January 19-26, 2008!** The trip price won't be finalized until our lodging costs are known, but the trip is expected to cost about \$1,000 for 7 nights of luxury lodging (double occupancy), a 6-day lift ticket good at both Whistler and Blackcomb, Welcome Party, Apres Ski Party, Mountain Picnics, a Council Night event, and a Farewell Party. NWSCC is investigating offering bus transportation, which will make it WAY cheaper than trips where we need to fly. \$100 deposits are being taken now; see the flier enclosed with this newsletter for further details.

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!

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 to the Greek Isles, Barbados, 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 new FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816.

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!

The PACRAT "**RAT ATTACK**" party is being held Friday, April 13, at the Greek Cuisina in downtown Portland - watch for the announcement of the big team winners and the King and Queen Rat!

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Ski Banff (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Fairmont
Hotels)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Tamarack Resort, ID
Timberline Ski Area, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Anthony Lakes, OR
BC Ski Country, Canada (Apex, Big White,
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Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
49° North Mountain Resort, WA
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The Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
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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:

Thursday, April 26, 2007

7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

10070 SW BARBUR BLVD, PORTLAND
503-245-2211

**** DOOR PRIZES!! **
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

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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