



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR

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**Join us on May 16 for the
regular NWSCC meeting -
Guest Speaker TBA**

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

It'll be short and sweet - your Council Pres is getting ready for the FWSA Convention in Santa Clara, and many of our Council board members are highly involved with this annual event. We look forward to many NWSCC members attending convention.

It's Council Election time again! Anyone interested in running for office please contact Steve Coxen. See related article.

I want to congratulate our Council Man & Woman of The Year - Rod & Becki Robinson of Altair Club. They have done an outstanding job in their Eugene based club, promoting skiing and partnering with the local ski industry, as well as being FWSA Ski Week leaders for the Steamboat trip.

Our April Council meeting focused on summer activities of member clubs. Various clubs reported on their fun and unique summer time activities. Many of our clubs golf and hike, a few have camping trips and annual summer picnics where all family members are invited. Don't forget - even though it's almost summer and you've hung up the skis, if you want to go on the 2008 FWSA Ski Week at Whistler/Blackcomb, you need to send in your \$100 deposits now. We will turn back unused spots in July - your deposit is fully refundable up until then. See related article.

FWSA/NWSCC Activities - Dates/Deadlines:

- May 15: FWSA Outstanding Club Essay Due.
- May-June: Council Elections coming up - See Steve Coxen.
- May-June: Attend Convention in Santa Clara, CA.
- June: Council Elections.

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 Steve Coxen at sacoxen@aol.com or 503-635-0974 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 in running the BEST ski club council in the United States!! Board members attend 2 meetings a month and perform other duties as necessary.

The NWSCC president runs meetings, chairs the Executive Board, and represents NWSCC at FWSA board meetings and the National Ski Council Federation.

The Vice President assumes the duties of the president when needed, and performs other duties as assigned.

The Treasurer maintains Council finances. Experience with bookkeeping software is necessary; the Council currently uses Quickbooks. We are in urgent need of a treasurer, as Linda Coxen is stepping down after many years.

The Secretary records council meeting minutes and Board minutes and handles correspondence as needed.

Please note that PACRAT also has elections, and that Jack Folliard is stepping down as PACRAT Chair.

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 was \$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. There might still be rooms available!

Forms are available for downloading from the convention website at www.fwsa.org; Conventions. May 9 was the deadline for early registration and submitting fees for the fun activities; but registration is still accepted at a higher rate. 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.

An important part of Convention is the special awards: one is the **FWSA Safety Contest** (the winner receives a one week trip for 2 to Aspen!) and another is the **Ski Heritage Award** (the winner receives a one week trip for 2 to Steamboat!). Entry deadline is May 15. Check the FWSA website for further details, and get those entries in!

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.**

GUEST SPEAKER, APRIL MEETING:

Our guest speaker was **Dave Tragethon of Mt. Hood Meadows**, who told us about the fun events taking place at Meadows until season end. A pond skimming contest was held April 29, with a prize for the adult winner of a trip for 2 to Hawaii! (We did see members of some of our clubs participating.) Meadows hosts the U.S. Snowboard team for training May 8-13, after which the "May Challenge" is on and Meadows will be open weekends (weather permitting) if enough people show up to ski and board. Cooper Spur is open for lodging all summer long (some of the summer ski camps lodge there), and weddings are also popular. Check "Dave's Blog" on the Meadows website (www.skihood.com) for information on all kinds of topics! Next year will be Meadows' 40th anniversary, so look for specials all year long!

The main discussion centered around the clubs' summer activities.

Sheri Parshall told us that Government Camp is known internationally for its SUMMER activities, especially with all the growth and condominium development there. It's a lovely place to visit, and clubs are always welcome to stop at the **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** or to use it for an event.

Schnee Vogeli Ski Club has a highway cleanup at Government Camp, and incorporates a trap shoot and poker event. Other summer activities include a golf tournament and an annual rafting trip (50-60 people participate).

Skiyente Ski Club also has a highway cleanup, though their stretch of road is between White River and the Mt. Hood Meadows access road, meaning that Mother Nature did some of the trash cleanup for them this past year, though she left in its place the tons of boulders and debris that had to be removed before skiing opened at Meadows this past winter. Skiyente also has a family camping trip the last weekend in August, and of course is planning its family trip to Sun Valley next winter.

Cascade Prime Timers has campouts, goes to central Oregon, has a Pacific City Fish Fry, and offers kayaking, canoeing, and bike rides.

Mountain High also sponsors a raft trip, hikes with champagne and a feast afterwards, and an annual picnic with a baseball game and a pre-picnic round trip bike ride along the waterfront between the Sellwood and the Morrison Bridges.

Cascade Ski Club turns their entire lodge over to the High Cascade Snowboard Camp for the summer, moving all its furniture into storage. (Keep in mind that spring and fall are the best times for other clubs to be able to use the lodge, when it is less full of members.)

Bergfreunde has hiking, biking, rafting, and kayaking, including a Canadian biking trip and a raft/hike/bike trip to Hells Canyon!

Mt. Hood Skikats has various summer events, notably participating in the "Rails to Trails" bike ride from Montana to Coeur d'Alene. They also have an "irrigation canal float" between Highway 35 and Hood River.

Cabernet is going to sail the Greek Islands in September, with extensions to Croatia and Prague.

Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association and a member of Mountain High locally, also belongs to Modesto Ski Club in California, and said they have bike rides, campouts, softball, and a trip to Treasure Island.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PACRAT for winning the overall FWRA Championships in Bend April 1!

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.

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 for further details.

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** will have its 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!

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. Note that you need to make your deposit before July, as that's when we need to turn back spots to FWSA that have not been spoken for (and other councils are always ready to take them!). See attached/included flier 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.

Dan and Rebecca Schindler, who have put on the successful Portland Ski Show for many years, have just taken over the Seattle Ski Show, and for the first time the show will include more than one retailer. Should be GREAT!!!

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

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Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
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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.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

10070 SW BARBUR BLVD, PORTLAND

503-245-2211

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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