



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JULY/AUGUST 2007

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***Join us on August 15 for the
regular NWSCC meeting at
Round Table Pizza!***

the correct information for your club.

Our NWSCC Convention Committee, headed up by Sheri Parshall, is busy with details and plans to bring you one of the best ever conventions!! We'll be in Bellevue, Washington in June 2008. Want to help out? Join the Northern Exposure Team - we're looking for clubs to step up and assist with various activities. Contact Sheri for all the details.

Time to get out and enjoy the sunshine - it'll be snowing before you know it!!

Mary Olhausen, President

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Are you thinking ski trips yet?? How about FWSA Ski Week in Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada? We have spots available. FWSA expects upwards of 700 skiers on this fantastic trip.

Thanks to all the clubs for your support of Council activities. Heading into my 3rd year as Pres, I can proudly say we have 32 active clubs serving large geographical populations, lots of ski trips, racing programs, a commercial member program for ski industry, the Ski Oregon/Washington Challenges, an advocacy group for industry, ski shows in Portland & Seattle, Ski Fair event, and lots of member benefits through NWSCC, Far West Ski Association, and National Ski Council Federation. Whew--that's a lot!!!

It's the Board of Directors who make it all happen for clubs - my big thanks to the board members who served last season with their invaluable work and support of NWSCC: John Reinhardt (Vice President), Jeannie Reinhardt (Secretary), Linda Coxen (Treasurer), Linda McGavin (Communications), Jack Folliard (PACRAT Racing Chair), Debbi Kor-Lew (Special Events), Barbara Bousum (Travel), Steve Coxen (Past President), and Barb Parshall (Commercial Membership Program). Elections from our June meeting are listed below. If you are interested in serving on the board, don't be shy - just step up and help out. We'd love to have someone help us with meetings (format & locations) and with membership.

Time for Club membership renewals - email renewal information has been sent to all clubs - Please see that you get back to us with updated club descriptions ASAP (by August 31) - the Skier's Directory will go to print soon and we want to have

NEW SKI TRIP: SILVER STAR, B.C., CANADA, December 7-12, 2007!

Only \$740 will get you on this fantastic trip, which includes airfare from Portland, transfers to Silver Star, 5 nights' ski-in, ski-out lodging in Chilcoot Deluxe rooms, with hot tub, 4 days of lift tickets at Silver Star Mountain, one group dinner, and more fun than you can imagine! A \$100 deposit will hold your spot; \$200 more is due as of August 19. This exciting trip is currently limited to 20 people, and you MUST sign up right away. We may be able to get more spots later, but the current price is not guaranteed because of possible airfare fluctuation. See attached flier or the NWSCC website for full details. Contact John Reinhardt at 503-590-6901 or johnreinhardt@hotmail.com for further details.

DEADLINE AUGUST 31 FOR CLUB INFO FOR DIRECTORY!!!

The club dues notices have gone out by e-mail to the responsible club officers. If you have received a notice and you are no longer the responsible officer, PLEASE forward it immediately to the correct person. We don't know the results of your elections - and it's VITAL to get your revised club descriptions back to Linda McGavin at mcgavinski@gmail.com by August 31 in order to have your club listed in the Northwest Skiers' Directory!

NWSCC ELECTIONS!!!

Elected at the June 20 NWSCC meeting were:

- ✿ Mary Olhausen, President
- ✿ Sheri Parshall, Vice President
- ✿ Jeanne Reinhardt, Secretary
- ✿ Linda Coxen, Treasurer
- ✿ Barbara Bousum, Board Member
- ✿ Linda McGavin, Board Member
- ✿ Debbi Kor-Lew, Board Member

Mary Olhausen and the Board will be looking for more people to serve as Board Members for the coming year to cover special positions. Please contact Mary if you are interested.

PACRAT also had elections, and is pleased to announce that Barbara Parshall is the new PACRAT Chairman. Other officers elected include Colleen Hankins, Vice Chairman; Colleen Kelly, Secretary; Sheri Parshall, Treasurer; Dale and Bruce Parshall, Race Results; Diane Hicks, Parties; and Tracy Chosa, Special Events. Members of the Board at Large include Gordy Lusk and Gary Stevenson, and Jack Folliard is Past Chairman and Webmaster.

NWSCC IS HOST COUNCIL FOR 2008 FWSA CONVENTION JUNE 5-8, 2008, IN BELLEVUE!!

Sheri Parshall, newly elected Vice President of NWSCC, is Chairman of the convention committee, and wants everyone to put those dates on your calendars, and to plan to attend and to HELP if you can!! We are going to need a ton of help for everything: sponsorships, goodie bags, registration check-in, Friday activities, door monitors for every single event, runners for silent auction, table decorations for the banquet--not to mention volunteers to coordinate the volunteers!--just to name a few. We will be asking both our Washington clubs and our Oregon clubs for assistance! **Site tours** of both the Meydenbauer Center and the Westin Hotel are being arranged for **Saturday, August 18**, starting at 11:00 am, followed by a hosted gathering. Council officers will meet with Washington club officers and members who are planning to assist with this event. Contact Sheri Parshall at 503-706-0522 or cougskier@aol.com for further details and to RSVP.

RECAP, JULY NWSCC MEETING:

Our good friend Dave Tragethon, of **Mt. Hood Meadows**, joined us to talk about Dave Riley's decision to take a position at Telluride, Matthew Drake's taking over in the interim, and the fact that there is a very good team in place at Meadows to assist with the transition. At the National Ski Areas Association convention recently, Meadows took their "team" to receive two very special awards: First, the Safety Award, for the best use of the website, their "Safety Week," the "Are You Aware?" campaign, and the educational program for skiers and

boarders who were "stopped" for unsafe practices. They also won #1 in Guest Services for their size of ski area, competing against many Colorado resorts.

What's going on at Meadows this summer? The gear box on the ailing Mt. Hood Express will be replaced; the Yellow Chairlift will get a new drive and new chairs; a new Ski Patrol Headquarters building will be built on the knoll overlooking South Canyon (instead of under the top terminal of the Blue Chair); 2 or 3 more webcams will be put in place; and there will be general preventative maintenance. Their sales office has moved to the Clackamas Promenade from downtown Portland. Next year there will be discounts on food and beverages after 3:00 in the Finish Line to encourage less crowding during the lunch hour.

Season passes are on sale right now at last year's prices for the 4x4, 3x3, and 2x2, with prices good until the last day of the Portland Ski Show (November 4). If you have a teenager whose birthday will put them into a higher priced group, they might be able to save money if they can put together their group and buy their passes before their birthday.

This coming ski year will be Mt. Hood Meadows' 40th season of operations, and from December 22 through January 31 (40 days), celebrations will be taking place, including awarding one season pass every day, and on January 26 (the official 40th anniversary) a pass will be given away which is good for the next 40 years!

General: A discussion at the July meeting centered on why attendance at NWSCC meetings has been dropping off. It was suggested that we go back to the method of sending out a postcard announcement, or else call to remind people about the meetings. It was suggested that we reach out to college groups, alumni associations, and corporations as a source of new members or clubs. The average age of our members is going up, and Dave Tragethon pointed out the same thing is happening in their midweek ski bus programs, and said that the main reason people join clubs is a change in their lifestyle.

RECAP, JUNE NWSCC MEETING:

Without a guest speaker, and considering our recent participation in the Far West Ski Association Convention, we had discussions about NWSCC and why it is such a GREAT Ski Club Council:

- ✿ Our commercial membership program is unique
- ✿ The Northwest Skiers' Directory is a quality publication
- ✿ Ski Fair
- ✿ We support two ski shows (Portland & Seattle)
- ✿ Northwest Snowsports Advocates
- ✿ Our PACRAT racing league, and FWRA participation
- ✿ Golf Tournament

In addition, we participate in FWSA ski weeks and the Man and Woman of the Year competitions - and several of our candidates have won the FWSA Man or Woman of the Year! Our clubs did well in the FWSA competitions: Skiyente Ski Club won the first ever Charity award (winning a contribution to the charity of their choice), and our own Emilio Trampuz won the Safety Award (winning a week's trip to Aspen for two!). We will be hosting our third FWSA Convention in 2008, with the additional task of long distance planning - it will be held June 5-8, 2008, in Bellevue, Washington. One of our goals is to get members of Portland clubs up to Bellevue for this convention - so we want to get it on ALL your club calendars now!

SKI OREGON & WASHINGTON CHALLENGE WINNERS:

Steve Coxen announced the winners of these challenges for the 2006-07 season. Three Oregon club members completed the Ski Washington Challenge (no one from Washington participated): Ed Palmer, David Schor, and Emilio Trampuz. (It should be noted that these three people completed the Ski Oregon Challenge last year.) Only one person completed the Ski Oregon Challenge: Nancy Tsai, who was unable to attend the meeting. Plaques were given to each of the participants, and in the drawing for the grand prize (to be awarded next fall) of a 10-time ski pass to Mt. Hood Meadows, Nancy Tsai was the winner. Each of the other participants received a \$50 gift certificate to Joe's.

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.

PACRAT and RACING:

New Chairman Barbara Parshall is looking at options for the Rat Attack Party next year to have it in a different venue than the Greek Cuisina. Dave Tragethon mentioned that the Three Rivers League of Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing has had the number of racers drop by 50%, and said we need an emerging league for freestyle skiers. Sheri Parshall suggested a "junior" division of PACRAT to encourage young racers, saying that Far West Racing Association has junior racing. It was mentioned that it is difficult to find Oregon ski areas that have the capability of setting up multiple courses for racers of different abilities, as FWRA does, and a suggestion was made that PACRAT buy its own timing equipment or hire someone to do it as opposed to solely depending upon ski area personnel. The demise of NASTAR or coin-op racing was bemoaned, but apparently it was a money losing proposition for the ski areas in our area. It was mentioned that Timberline will be reintroducing running gates for its guests, though the specific format is not known at present.

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

Altair Ski & Sports Club out of Eugene has a September 9-15 trip to the **Wallowas and Hells Canyon!** Check out their website at www.altairsports.org for further details!

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 Ski Patrol** will host its **11th Annual Golf Benefit** at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon, on **September 9, 2007**. The event honors Lt. Col. John Keyes of the 939th Search and Rescue Wing who, along with ten others, lost his life while on duty on November 22, 1996. John was an active member and past President of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. Founded in 1937, the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol is the oldest non-profit volunteer patrol in the nation. They provide first aid equipment and supplies, sleds and radios to the Mt. Hood area, funded entirely by donations, grants and our members.

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!

All members of all clubs in Far West Ski Association - and their children - are invited to attend **Skiyente Ski Club's third annual family ski trip**, which this year will be an "arrange your own transportation" trip to **Sun Valley, Idaho, February 6-10, 2008!** The cost is \$488 to \$688, depending upon the lodging chosen, and will include lodging, lifts, a welcome party, a race, family challenge bowling, and a dinner. Watch for further details as they become available. Sixty spots are available.

Open Trip!! Bergfreunde's Austria Sampler February 1-11, 2008: An ideal sightseeing vacation, with optional downhill or cross-country skiing! The \$1424 air/land package to Innsbruck, Austria Includes:

- * Round trip air to Innsbruck from Portland on Lufthansa (Other Gateway cities available)
- * Private motor coach transfers between airports and hotels for main group
- * 9 nights lodging in Innsbruck at 4-star Hotel Maximilian

in Old Town

- * Breakfast daily and two dinners, including one special mountain hut Tyrolean party night
- * Club Innsbruck Card: free bus alpine/cross country ~~area~~, welcome drink at casino & ski pass discounts.
- * Local taxes in Austria.

For more info, contact: Bob Burns, Bergfreunde Ski Club Trip Captain, 503-524-5261 or e-mail bob@inkjetman.com (put Innsbruck in the subject line).

Mountain High will be having two weekend bus trips next year, one a 3-day trip over Presidents' Weekend to ski Warner Canyon (near Lakeview), Mt. Shasta, and Mt. Ashland. The other trip is a "Mystery" trip March 14-16 where no one except the trip captains know where the trip will go until it actually leaves!

FWSA TRIPS

SKI WEEK 2008: FWSA is going to **Whistler, BC, Canada, January 19-26, 2008!** The trip price will be \$999 for condos or \$1,059 for hotel 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, 3 optional races, and a Farewell Party. If you want to fly, the cost is approximately \$355 from Portland and \$433 from Eugene. NWSCC is also arranging for bus transportation, which would take a minimum of 20 people from Eugene at a cost of \$160-200 each, and a minimum of 22 people from Portland at a cost of \$120-135 each (all depending upon the number of people on the bus - the fuller the bus, the cheaper the cost!). **\$450 deposits are being taken now.** See attached/included flier for further details. NWSCC has dropped to 48 spots on this trip, and a waiting list will be maintained (and people usually are able to get on the trip!). Be sure to arrange for your passport well in advance; they are **REQUIRED**; and make sure you have adequate medical insurance. Contact Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 or BBousum@gmail.com.

FWSA's **2008 European Ski Week** will be at **Les Trois Vallees, France**, from **March 7-15, 2008**, at a cost of \$1,390 per person including air from LAX, SFO, and SEA. Lodging will be at a ski-in, ski-out hotel located between Meribel and Courchevel. There will be a post-trip extension of 3 nights at Aix-en-Provence and 4 nights in Paris at a cost of \$895 per person. A \$200 deposit is required for EACH of these two trips. See attached flier for further details, or contact Norm Azevedo at 1-925-944-9816, or e-mail fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net. An interesting side note from Emilio Trampuz is that in the swimming pools or hot tubs in France, men are not allowed to wear boxer shorts; they are required to wear Speedo suits!

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 in Spring of 2008, a Barbados dive trip in 2009, 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 FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsatravel@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.

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2006-2007 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

GI Joe's, OR & WA
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Sun Valley, ID

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Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
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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 - 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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, August 15, 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