



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2007

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***Join us on September 19 for
the regular NWSCC meeting at
Round Table Pizza!***

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Gosh--the sun is still shining, but there's lots of ski stuff on the agenda. I'm sure snow is just around the corner. Time for **Club membership renewals** - several of you have sent in your forms (thanks!). For those who have not yet sent in forms or contacted us, please do so ASAP. The Skier's Directory goes to print soon and we want to have the correct information for your club.

The fun stuff includes the **September 30th Sternwheeler Club Cruise** - get on board for some great fun and food. We'll even raffle off some great stuff. Hey clubs--want to promote your club membership? You can do so at the upcoming **September 22nd Mt. Hood Heritage Day** in Government Camp. Great stuff going on up there--Museum open house, booths, silent auction/raffle, buffet dinner, and lots of family fun.

Jump into the ski season by signing up for trips NOW. Join NWSCC in early December for a trip to **Silver Star in Canada**. We have several clubs offering trips to all NWSCC and then there's the big one - the **FWSA Ski Week in Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada**.

The FWSA Convention Committee met with Seattle ski clubs a few weeks ago - WOW!!! What great enthusiasm and a very productive meeting. Many thanks to Sheri Parshall for all the organization and leadership and thanks to all those who turned out on a nice Saturday afternoon to talk business and make plans. I'm very confident that the **Northern Exposure Team** will put on one of the finest conventions of all time. I hope to see all of you in Bellevue, June 2008!!

Mary Olhausen, President

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 \$300 deposit will hold your spot. This exciting trip is currently limited to 20 people (15 have signed up already), 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 johnoreinhardt@hotmail.com or 503-590-6901 for further details.

DEADLINE AUGUST 31 (or ASAP) 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!

JOIN NWSCC FOR A FUN STERNWHEELER CRUISE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30!!

Details are still being worked out, but we have the boat from 2:00 to 5:00 (a three hour cruise!), with a Fajita Bar, all for a cost of \$40 per person! Debbi Kor-Lew is working on details; contact Debbi at ijustwannarun@aol.com. This event will be OVER by the next newsletter, so make the commitment NOW to attend! The event will be held in conjunction with Mountain High Snowsport Club, which was already planning this same event.

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

Sheri Parshall, Chairman of the convention committee, continues to look for volunteers for various committees and events for next year's FWSA Convention. A well-attended meeting in Bellevue on August 18 gave us a good start with many volunteers from the Seattle-area clubs taking on some leadership roles. Watch for further updates; contact Sheri Parshall at 503-706-0522 or cougskier@aol.com for further details and to volunteer.

RECAP, AUGUST NWSCC MEETING:

Pat Stevens spoke to the group about the **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** and their annual **Golf Benefit (in honor of Lt. Colonel John Keyes)**. MHSP is the oldest ski patrol organization in the nation (70 years!). The all-volunteer MHSP's 2000+ members provides the sleds, radios, and all supplies for five first aid rooms at Mt. Hood Ski areas, as well as maintaining two buildings in Government Camp. They answer over a thousand calls for on-mountain help each year, 50% of which require high level search and rescue skills or advanced first aid. Members include not only the traditional and highly visible red coated full members on the mountain, but there are associate members (blue coats) manning the first aid rooms, a Nordic Patrol covering the backcountry, a Mountain Bike Patrol at Skibowl, and the MHSP has undertaken the Guest Host program at Timberline. There is a huge time commitment for members, as there is a need to be recertified each year in chairlift rescue, search and rescue, and first aid. On top of all this, members have to PAY to belong to MHSP and provide all this service. They would like to support the organization through fundraising activities rather than through member dues.

Their biggest fundraiser of the year is the **11th Annual Golf Benefit** scheduled for **September 9, 2007 at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, Aloha, Oregon**. The event includes a golf tournament (with many local corporations participating), a luncheon, raffle, and silent and oral auctions. Individual or team golfers are welcome at a cost of \$175 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, refreshments on the course, the luncheon/awards party, and a tee gift bag. There are all types of special awards and prizes, including the chance to win a Harley for a hole in one! There are many opportunities for sponsorship or other donations to this event. All cash or prize donations are welcomed! For further details contact Pat Stevens at pat@sdeld.com or 503-293-6896 or check the website www.johnkeyesmemorial.org.

Sheri Parshall reported that the **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** is now the official center for information for Clackamas County from the Mt. Hood Loop to Warm Springs. The County is providing some signs and funding for the

Museum. Throughout the summer there have been exhibits of wildlife art, Warm Springs basket art, and there have been art, jewelry making, and blacksmith classes at the historic Steiner Log Cabins. Ski clubs should take note that they are welcome to store their historic records at the Museum; note that Skiyente Ski Club lost many of its older records in a house fire years ago. The executor of the estate of Jean Sauberg, a former Olympian from Oregon who recently passed away, may donate some of Jean's medals to be displayed at the Museum - all because of an article written by Sheri several years ago in our Northwest Skiers' Directory!

The Museum will have its annual **Heritage Day** on **September 22, 2007**, with many exciting offerings, including an old time car rally, hikes, a fabulous silent auction, and a wonderful dinner. This event just gets better every year! Clubs are invited to have free booths at this event.

2007 SKI & SNOWBOARD SHOWS

We have two ski shows coming up this Fall - one in Portland and one in Seattle. We will need volunteers for both shows.

WASHINGTON SKIFEVER & SNOWBOARD SHOW

Seattle Qwest Field Event Center. 1000 Occidental Avenue, S., Seattle, WA 98134

Friday, October 26:	12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, October 27:	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday, October 28:	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

PORTLAND SKIFEVER & SNOWBOARD SHOW

Portland Expo Center. 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217

Friday, November 2:	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, November 3:	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday, November 4:	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

The ski shows are a great venue to showcase your club and its membership benefits. All clubs in NWSCC are welcome to display their brochures/photos at the NWSCC booth. When volunteering to staff the booth, you will be representing all of NWSCC's member clubs and the Council as a whole. Clubs can set up starting the day before each of the shows. We have a 10x10 Booth, with an 8' skirted table, at each show.

For volunteering, you will receive FREE admittance to the Ski Show. Please contact Mary Olhausen at 360-892-1814 (omary52@comcast.net) to volunteer for a shift - typically 2 hours (will respond after Sept 25th).

The ski shows are a lot of fun with all the major ski resorts & retailers showing their goods - it's also a great place to purchase new equipment. New this year - Seattle will have more retailers represented - a lot of excitement going on up there!!!

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:

Watch for further details for the upcoming PACRAT season.

The race dates for 2008 are:

- * Jan. 13 - Timberline
- * Jan. 27 - Meadows
- * Feb. 17 - Ski Bowl
- * Mar. 9 - Meadows
- * Mar. 23 - Meadows
- * Apr. 6 - Make up race, if needed
- * Apr. 4-6 - FWRA Championships at Mammoth
- * TBA - Rat Attack
- * TBA - Watch for a potential summer race event!

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 **Wallows 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.

Schnee Vogeli Ski Club will host its annual **Pray for Snow Dance Saturday, November 10, at Charlie's in Government Camp.** Tickets for this event are sold in advance by Schnee Vogeli members (they will be available at NWSCC meetings), and are NOT sold at the door - last year some people were turned away, so get your tickets early!

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 areas, 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 Snowsport Club 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! Mountain High also has opened up to all other club members a special **South Lake Tahoe Trip March 29-April 3.** For only \$400 you get 5 nights at Lakeland Village in town homes, with a complimentary wine and cheese reception, daily continental breakfast, private shuttles around town and to the Heavenly gondola or tram, and a 2-out-of-3day lift ticket to Heavenly! (Transportation is not included.) Participants will be able to ski at other areas as well.

On top of that, you can extend this trip with an optional visit to **Mammoth Mountain** for the **Far West Race Championships**, which will be held **April 3-6, 2008.** Since you are already more than halfway there, you may be able to join a bus to Mammoth and receive bus transportation back to Reno at the end of that trip (if that's where you flew to). Watch for further details as they become available.

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 Picnic, 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 working on 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 filled its 50 spots on this trip, but you can still sign up. 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.

NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2007-2008

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2006-2007 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

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

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Anthony Lakes, OR
BC Ski Country, Canada (Apex, Big White,
Silver Star, Sun Peaks)
Big Mountain, MT
Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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WEB SITE: www.nwskiers.org

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, September 19, 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