



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR OCTOBER 2007

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Join us on October 17 for the regular NWSCC meeting at Round Table Pizza!

The featured guest speaker will be Matthew Drake, new acting General Manager of Mt. Hood Meadows. Note that PACRAT team captain packets will be available at the meeting.

NWSCC is starting the ski season off by helping some of our favorite charities. Come to Ski Fair where we'll auction off a ski lift chair from the old Yellow Lift at Mt. Hood Meadows. Bid high on this gotta-have Yellow Chair and help support our ski-related charitable organizations.

The Silver Star trip in Canada still has a few openings - call now for details.

See you at the October 17th Council meeting where Matthew Drake and Dave Tragethon from Mt. Hood Meadows will be our guest speakers and Cascade Ski Club will tell us what's new at the Lodge. PACRAT team captain packets will be available for pickup also.

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Well, after a long vacation in Greece I'm jumping into ski season big time!! I attended the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol meeting this week and WOW - those folks are busy sprucing up their skills and getting the equipment ready. Be sure to thank them for being on the hill for our safety and be sure to support their fundraising efforts to continue their mission. You may well need their help some day! We had a 100% renewal rate on our club memberships. Membership doesn't stop with sending in your dues payment - we count on club reps to attend Council meetings, get acquainted with the board members and other ski club members, and share with their own ski clubs all the news and benefits that NWSCC and FWSA offer. I know a lot of clubs are patiently awaiting the distribution of the membership cards----hang on, they are coming!!

Do all your club members know about SKI FAIR on Thursday, November 1st? See the flyer attached - remember this event is for clubs to promote their membership (each club can have a table). Our commercial members - the ones who support us through our NW Skiers' Directory and with our ski business all year long - are counting on a large attendance at Ski Fair - so I ask each and every one of you to help promote this event - admission is free and the event is open to the public.

For all you Seattleites - I and a few board members will be at the SkiFever & Snowboard Show in Seattle, Oct 26-28. I urge you to volunteer to staff the NWSCC booth (contact me at omary52@comcast.net). Or, just drop by the NWSCC booth and chat with us. This year's show promises to be a lot more livelier with many more retailers participating - bargains galore!!

Mary Olhausen, President

SKI FAIR NOVEMBER 1, 2007, MONARCH MOTOR HOTEL, 12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, OR (I-205 & Sunnyside Road, Exit 14, West Side of 205)

Take advantage of this early opportunity to visit with snowsport industry reps, see new fashions, and visit other club members. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is FREE and this event is open to the public—so invite all your co-workers, friends & neighbors. The show highlights ski/snowboard resorts, retailers and clubs, as well as safety programs, racing programs, and helmet sales. No host beverages available. The **SILENT AUCTION** will offer some awesome ski trips and equipment.

DONATE - DONATE -

At SKI FAIR, we're having a **Silent Auction and Raffle** to benefit the many programs who receive NWSCC's support, including the new Mt. Hood Museum, Northwest Snowsport Foundation, Special Olympics, and many others. Any item you are willing to donate for this exciting and fun event will be appreciated! Items should be new—suggestions range from ski equipment/clothing; lift tickets; services such as restaurants/catering, sports, car repair, entertainment—just about anything you can think of!! In return for your support, you will be listed in our program with telephone numbers and/or web site information (if you wish), and we'll also display any promotional literature that you provide.

If you are interested in booth space, volunteering for this fun kick-off event, or donating items, please contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net (360-892-1814).

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 johnreinhardt@hotmail.com or 503-590-6901 for further details.

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. We are looking for celebrities to attend the convention; checking into doing a pub crawl in conjunction with a Mariners game; and working on various other activities for Convention attendees. We also plan to bring back the panel sessions with information directly applicable to ski clubs, not available anywhere else. Clubs are encouraged to plan official club trips to attend this local convention; you only get a chance about once every 5 years to attend a convention in our "home turf"! Watch for further updates; contact Sheri Parshall at 503-706-0522 or cougskier@aol.com for further details.

New: FWSA Travel has planned an Alaska cruise June 8-15, immediately following the convention! Sail on the Norwegian Pearl from Seattle through the Inside Passage, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, and Victoria, BC! Check the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org or contact The Cruise Company at 800-274-FUNN and sk for Julie.

RECAP, SEPTEMBER NWSCC MEETING:

Sheri Parshall, Vice President, presided in the absence of our President and several other Council officers, who were enjoying a sailing trip to Greece! Sheri told us about a new idea - a "**virtual ski club**" started by Nancy Sanford in the Orange County, California area. Starting with a website called www.meetup.com, where people can pick an area of interest and a zip code and meet other people in the area with similar interests, Nancy formed a ski interest group which now has over a hundred members. Nancy brought the idea to the National Ski Council Federation meeting to share with other councils and clubs.

A discussion about potential upcoming Council meeting themes led to suggestions of "membership outreach" and "convention" themes as our hosting of the 2008 FWSA Convention gets closer.

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 3 hours.

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 - Timberline
- * 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!

Team information is going out to last year's team captains via e-mail, but will also be available at the October 17 Council meeting. Bibs will be passed out to team captains at the December 12 NWSCC meeting.

If you have any ideas for a new location for the Rat Attack, send them on to Barbara Parshall, PACRAT chair, at bparshall@equitygroup.com or call 503-267-9522.

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

Boeing SKIBACS endorses the **Outdoors for All annual used gear sale** to be held **Saturday, October 27, 10:00 to 5:00**, at the downtown Seattle REI Store, 222 Yale Ave N. The mission of Outdoors for All Foundation is to enrich the quality of life of children and adults with disabilities through outdoor recreation. There is also a Snow Ball & White-Out Gala Auction Friday, November 9, 2007. Check the website at www.skiforall.org for further details about this very worthy organization.

Desert Ski Club holds its **39th Annual Ski Swap on Saturday, November 10**, at the Benton County Fairgrounds in

Kennewick, Washington.

Altair Ski Club will hold its annual **Pray for Powder Fair** in conjunction with its regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, November 14**, at the Vet's Club in Eugene. This event gets bigger and better every year, and is one of the reasons why Altair nominated Rod and Becki Robinson as its Man and Woman of the Year last year (and they were also elected as NWSCC's Man and Woman of the Year)!

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**. The event will start at 7:00 pm, and the band "Forty Fingers" will again play. Proceeds benefit Schnee Vogeli's scholarship through NWSSF. 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!

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** will again bring back its "Second Saturday" Après Ski events from January through March, 3 to 6 pm at the Museum. They put up a banner and bring in a winery with wine tasting. Local clubs are invited to "host" the event by providing food - sign up in advance to be the host club of the month! Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com to sign up! **Ski the Glade Trail Day** will be March 1, 2008.

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 ~~are~~ 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!** Note that due to the falling value of the US dollar this trip price has had to be increased by \$50 - and that's after the Whistler and the tour operator both absorbed some of the loss! The new trip price will be \$1049 for condos or \$1,109 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!). **\$700 deposits are being taken now; balance due by November 1.** 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. **For those wanting to stay a little longer in Canada, there is a 3-day "post-trip" to the Fairmont Vancouver.**

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 the FWSA website 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.

Don't forget to attend the real kickoff to ski season in Oregon: the annual **Warren Miller** movie, **Playground**, will be in Portland only 2 days this year: October 26 and 27! Participants in Portland receive free lift ticket coupons* for Apex, Big White, Silver Star and Sun Peaks in Canada, to Crystal Mountain in Washington, and to Mt. Hood Meadows in Oregon, as well as coupons good at US Outdoor Store, Joe's Sports and Outdoor, and REI. *Lift tickets have early or late season date restrictions, depending upon the area. Mountain High Snowsport Club has traditionally had people who do a driving "ski safari" to Canada to use those tickets!

This year's **Northwest Skiers' Directory** will debut at the Washington Skifever and Snowboard Show, and will first be publically available in Oregon at Ski Fair on November 1.

The annual **Grant Ski Racing Team Ski Swap** will be held November 10 and 11 at the Budweiser Building (formerly 7-Up) at 37th and N.E. Sandy Boulevard, Portland. Ski fitness classes will be held at 1:00 each day of the sale, taught by the Alameda Fitness Center. Contact Randy Hewitt, DC, at grantskiteam@yahoo.com or 503-804-3838 for further information.

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PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

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GI Joe's, OR & WA
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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, October 17, 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