



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MAY 2006

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SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

I am pleased to let you know that the **NWSCC Man & Woman of The Year** have been selected. Proudly representing us this year are **Dale Parshall from Schnee Vogeli Ski Club** and **Colleen Walter from Skiyente Ski Club**. Congratulations to both Dale and Colleen for being chosen by their respective clubs to compete at the Council level competition. They will now go on to the FWSA level and compete at the convention in June. Best of luck to our Council Man & Woman of The Year!!

We're looking for a few good board members!! That could be YOU!! Elections for NWSCC are just around the corner - at the June 21st Council meeting. Contact Sheri Parshall if you are interested in running for a board position. I hope to see many of you at the FWSA Convention in Chandler, Arizona. What a great way to network with ski clubs in Far West Ski Association, meet ski celebrities, bid on great ski trip packages at the silent auction, and enjoy fabulous sunny/hot weather!! Early registration ends May 15th. Thanks to all the club members who volunteered to judge websites and newsletters for the convention.

Don't forget you can still ski Meadows on the weekends - they are staying open until June 4 IF they get 4,000 people per weekend. Of course Timberline is open all summer! Ready for golf?? Be sure to join us at the NWSCC "Clubs 4 Play" on July 30th.

Mary Olhausen, President

GUEST SPEAKER, APRIL MEETING:

Our **GUEST SPEAKER** at the April Council meeting was **Paul Sunderland**, who is the local representative for **Schweitzer Ski Area** located outside of Sandpoint, Idaho. For the past year Schweitzer has had a new owner who is REALLY into skiing, and he is making BIG improvements. This year 400 more acres were opened to skiing with a new T-bar; there is a new lodging facility, the White Pine Condo Hotel; they are remodeling the Lakeview Day Lodge, expanding restaurants, and looking at future development in the Blue Basin area. Snowcat skiing has been offered on the "backside" of Schweitzer and Blue Mountain, using a Sherpa Cat snowcat which is fast and gives more runs for customers. In summer there are chairlift rides, hiking, and even mountain biking downhill to Priest Lake, with a sag wagon to pick up the riders and bring them back. Sandpoint is building multi-million dollar new resorts, including Hidden Lakes Golf Resort, so this is a year round area. If your club hasn't been to Schweitzer yet, it's a great time to plan a trip. Paul mentioned that it is also a great place to have a base for side day trips to Silver Mountain (Idaho) and Red Mountain (Canada).

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 21 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. If you are interested in running please contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or 503-245-3782.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION: June 8-11, 2006.

Far West Ski Association (FWSA) will hold its 74th Annual Convention June 8-11, 2006, at Chandler (Phoenix), Arizona. The Convention will hold its usual optional fun activities (Thursday Rawhide Steakhouse Dinner, Friday Golf, South Mountain Day Hike, and Aji Spa Day), 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 "Wild, Wild West."

Lodging is at The Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa in Chandler, Arizona. The special room rate is \$129 (plus taxes and energy charge) before May 15, 2006. Call 602-225-0100 and say you're with Far West Ski Association. Room rates are available three days before or after the convention dates. Rooms are filling up fast--make your reservation NOW!!! You can also book your room online by using the website link through the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org, click on "Convention," then on the "2006 Far West Convention," and then on the link to the discounted hotel rates. The FWSA room block will end on May 15th.

Forms are available for downloading from the convention website as described above. **May 15, 2006 is the deadline for early registration at the lowest price.** 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.

Awards presented at the Convention will include the Western Ski Heritage Award and FWSA Safety Person of the Year awards where the winners receive A WEEK for two at Steamboat, or Aspen, respectively. Details are on the FWSA website, and while you may be too late for this year's deadline (May 15), this is something to think about all year long.

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.**

MOUNTAIN TRAVEL SYMPOSIUM, APRIL 2006

By Debbi Kor-Lew, NWSCC Travel Director

This year's Mountain Travel Symposium was held at Squaw Valley Ski Resort. MTS is the largest gathering of ski club, ski club council, vacation resort and hotel representatives this side of the Mississippi. It is a chance to network, and to plan that one trip that you've always wanted to plan for your club.

It's the time when the ski resorts come to us and say "what can we do to get your group to our area?"

On Wednesday, April 5th, I left Portland to attend this fantastic Symposium. We had a meet and greet that evening with all of our industry friends, and prepared ourselves for all that we would be experiencing over the next couple days. Thursday was filled with a hosted breakfast by East-West Resorts, along with a presentation of their many resorts. A couple of them really caught my eye, in the hopes of planning a council trip one of these days to Panorama, or another to Whistler/Blackcomb. This was followed by a great day of skiing, and an incredible après ski party held throughout Squaw Valley Village in 5 of their pubs and restaurants.

Friday morning, breakfast was hosted by Vail Resorts, with a presentation of their many properties, and then it was time to get to work. I met with approximately 35 different representatives, and received a boatload of information, much of which I have already passed on to our club reps who have trips planned for next season.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the folks who can get us to the destinations we want to go to, and doing the things we want to do on the trips we go on each ski season. I'm looking forward to MTS 2007, in Whistler, BC.

You may contact me at 503-682-1563 or ijustwannarun@aol.com.

2006 SKI OREGON CHALLENGE

Three people have submitted entries in the 2006 Ski Oregon Challenge. A snowboarder, David Schor, is the first to complete the Challenge at all 11 ski areas in Oregon. Two people tied for second place, Emilio Trampuz and McCoy Smith both of Mountain High Snowsport Club. McCoy skied all 11 ski areas on telemark skis. Northwest Council issued a challenge to the public to ski or board 9 out of 11 ski resorts in Oregon during the 2005-06 ski season and they would be entered in a drawing to win equipment, services, 2006-07 lift tickets or a ten-time punch pass at Mt. Hood Meadows. Go to the Council website at www.nwskiers.org for complete details and to read about the experiences of these three participants.

BARBADOS, ANYONE? Debbi Kor-Lew, Director of Marketing for FWSA, has arranged for a special raffle - the prize, donated by the **Barbados Tourism Authority**, will be a **trip for 2 to Barbados, including airfare and 4 nights' all-inclusive lodging (approximate value \$4,000!)**. Tickets are being sold for \$5 each, or 6 for \$25, with 50¢ per ticket going back to your club. Proceeds will benefit the FWSA athletic scholarship program for junior racers. Your club president or representative should have tickets, or contact Debbi Kor-Lew at ijustwannarun@aol.com or 503-682-1563 for information, or come to a Council meeting.

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

PACRAT RACING:

Here are the FINAL PACRAT results for the 2005-06 season - and as pointed out by Dale Parshall, it is obvious that the more your team members participate, the better the team does:

PI	Team Name	Club Name	Pts	% Part.
1	Psychothermia	Mt. High	244	88%
2	Rattitudes	Mt. High	215	92%
3	Rocket Dawgs	Mt. High	214	92%
4	Infra-Rats	Mt. High	197	88%
5	Racy Brats	Skiyente	195	92%
6	Vertical Chaos	PDX	190	90%
7	Tasmanian Ski Devils	Bergie	178	84%
8	Drunken Losers	Free Riders	176	82%
9	Ruttin' Rats	Schnee	157	92%
10	Drooling Moose Rats	Mt. High	144	68%
11	Brat Chic	Skiyente	138	76%
12	Avalanche Express	Mt. High	132	84%
13	River Rats	Free Riders	126	67%
14	Mixed Nuts	Mt. High	123	78%
15	Mt. Hoodlums	Mt. High	101	66%
16	The Specialists	SOAR	21	20%

The King and Queen Rat awards go to the racers who participate in at least 4 races and show the most consistent improvement over the year. This year the King Rat is Ron Williams and the Queen Rat is Tamela Cantor. For full details on all racer standings see the PACRAT website.

The PACRAT board is working towards standardizing specific weekend dates for races, but of course the ultimate dates are dependent upon the ski areas' availability to host the races.

Contact Jack Folliard (jfolliard@comcast.net) or 503-975-4488 (cell) for information, or check the PACRAT website at WWW.PACRATS.ORG.

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** has really BIG news - the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners voted to take over the mortgage, and to lease the property to the Museum for \$1/year. This frees the museum supporters to focus their fundraising activities on a future elevator (for ADA access) and a store. There is some "matching" money available, so if you make a donation to the Museum now your money will go TWICE as far! Check out their website at www.mthoodmuseum.org. And speaking of stores, new stores and markets have opened in Government Camp - you MUST go up to the mountain and see all the changes!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: The annual **Clubs-4-Play Golf Tournament** has been scheduled for **July 30, 2006**, at the Oregon City Golf Course at Lone Oak (same as last year). Contact Marilyn Sigler at marski@teleport.com for more information. Mark your calendar for this fun event!

NWSCC TRAVEL:

Please contact our Director of Travel, Debbi Kor-Lew, at ijustwannarun@aol.com or 503-682-1563, regarding where your club plans to or would like to travel next year; perhaps we can assist you in getting more than one club together for group discounts, etc.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION:

THE COUNCILMAN NEWSLETTER is available online at www.FWSA.org. Very few are being mailed, and this publication used to only go out to ski club and council officers. You can learn a lot by looking at this publication online, where you will have color pictures and links!

Panama Canal Cruise, October 29-November 11, 2006.

Sail from San Diego with stops in Acapulco and Huatulco in Mexico, Puntarenas in Costa Rica, then cruise the Panama Canal. In the Caribbean the cruise ship will stop at Oranjestad, Aruba before docking in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Prices range from \$1,218 pp to \$2,118 depending on the cabin berth selected. Prices do not include airfare to San Diego or from San Juan. \$450 deposit per person due April 4, 2006. To see the flyer and sign up sheet check the FWSA website. For additional information go to the webpage at www.fwsacruises.com.

FWSA Ski Week 2007 will be held at Steamboat, Colorado!

\$100 deposits are being taken. The trip captain is Rod Robinson of Altair Ski & Snowsport Club in Eugene. Contact Rod at rrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170. See flier sent with this newsletter.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact Tucker Hoffmann, FWSA VP International Travel by email TravelFWSA@aol.com or phone 510-278-5900.

Check out the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarship**. Forms are available on the website.

For racers who like to get started early, the **Keystone Nationals** sponsored by **Far West Racing Association** will be held **January 17-21, 2007** at Keystone, Colorado. This event is open to any club or council in the entire United States, and there is a NATIONAL winner!

HOT NEWS FLASH!! Far West Racing Association has chosen **Mt. Bachelor, Oregon**, as the site of its 2007 Championships to be held **March 30-April 1, 2007!** If you are planning a trip for your club to Mt. Bachelor, make it this weekend and join us for a special party hosted by NWSCC to welcome all racers. PACRAT racers are automatically eligible as well! **The PACRAT board is working on plans to schedule the final 2007 PACRAT race at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, March 31,** to make it easier for PACRAT racers to participate in this exciting event.

SKI SHOW DATES FOR 2006:

Mark your calendar now for the following dates:

Portland Ski Fever Show	November 3-5, 2006
NWSCC Ski Fair	November 6, 2006
Seattle SnowSports Expo	November 17-19, 2006

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.

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**.

And don't forget our **fleet pricing at Carr Subaru!** It's not just on **Subaru**, but also on **new or used Chevrolet, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles!** Check the NWSCC website for the link; e-mail NWSCC for the sign in and password.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

NEWSLETTER: We are now sending the Newsletter out in PDF format, via email, to as many club members and commercial members, as possible. We urge club presidents or club reps to forward the Newsletter on to all their club members - a great way to share what's new with the Council, member benefits, and trip information. If you start receiving a .pdf and would rather receive a mailed copy, or if you want a copy in Word or WordPerfect for ease in insertion in your newsletter, please contact Linda McGavin at lindam@mcewengisvold.com or 503-412-3531.

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 BY THE COUNCIL.

2010 WINTER OLYMPICS, ANYONE?

It's not too early to start thinking about making plans to go to the closest arena the Winter Olympics have ever come to Oregon and Washington: Vancouver, BC, and Whistler/Blackcomb! By coordinating all our efforts we might be able to come up with some way to get our club members up there.

If anyone is interested in working on getting this going, please contact the Council so we can report on all the latest information. You might also consider volunteering to work at the Olympics - some of our club members have done that in the past.

Far West Ski Association
2007 Ski Week



STEAMBOAT



January 27 – February 3, 2007

Located in the Colorado Rockies, Steamboat Ski Resort has 143 trails, 3,600 vertical feet, and nearly 3,000 skiable acres. Steamboat provides a variety of terrain for every level of skier. Steamboat's six peaks are filled with groomed cruisers, bumps, steep, open meadows and legendary tree skiing.

The phrase "champagne powder snow" was coined at Steamboat. During the 2004-05 season, Steamboat invested over \$1 million improving their chairlifts. It has a total of 20 lifts including an 8 passenger gondola and high speed quads.

The price for NWSCC participants has not yet been finalized but it will be about \$850, not including air and ground transportation. We are limited to 62 spots. This includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and the FWSA amenity package. Lodging will be at The Lodge at Steamboat, located just 200 yards from the gondola. The Lodge provides a private shuttle to skiing, dining, etc.

The FWSA amenity package includes: Welcome Party, Apres Ski Party, Mountain Picnic, 3 Races, Farewell Awards Party and 5 of 7 day Lift Tickets.

Plan now and reserve your spot by making a \$100 deposit! Your deposit is fully refundable until June 30th. Payment Schedule: July 1st – \$250 due, September 1st - \$350 due and November 1st – remaining balance due.

Trip cancellation policy: Cancellation from July 1st until September 1st will result in a \$25 cancellation fee, cancellation between September 2nd and November 15th will result in a \$100 cancellation fee. NO REFUNDS after November 15th.

Please make your checks payable to: Northwest Ski Club Council, P.O. Box 1915, Portland OR 97207

For More Information Contact: Rod Robinson at (541) 344-7170 or rdrobinson@aol.com

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Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area, OR
Gi Joe's, OR & WA
Sun Valley, ID

SILVER MEMBERS:

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Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Tamarack Resort, ID
Timberline Ski Area, OR

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Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, OR
NA Charters
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
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Ski-Pak/Pacific NW Tours
Stay & Play Hood at Collins Lake Resort
Vail/Heavenly Ski Resorts

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Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

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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.

WWW.NWSKIERS.ORG - E-Groups:

E-Letter: General list subscription. This is not a chat room, and does not allow replies. Subscribers receive messages from NWSCC regarding trips, events, and benefits.

E-PACRATs is for PACRAT announcements.

NWskiers-Advocates is for updates on development plans at Northwest Ski resorts.

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:

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

10070 SW BARBUR BLVD, PORTLAND

503-245-2211

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

**← NOTE
MEETING
LOCATION!!!**

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