



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2005

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FEBRUARY MEETING LOCATION: SYLVIA'S!!!

**THE FEBRUARY 16 MEETING WILL BE HELD
AT SYLVIA'S RESTAURANT, 5115 NE SANDY
BOULEVARD, PORTLAND, 503-288-6828;
OUR ROOM IS ON THE LEFT THROUGH THE
LOUNGE - FREE PARKING IN REAR**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS
ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB
MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED!**

**URGENT NOTICE: You may not be receiving
important e-mails from NWSCC any more -
Outlook "lost" Mary Olhausen's entire address
book, including the group lists that you may
have been on for NWSCC news items!! We
cannot depend upon one manually maintained
source any more - the only way to ensure that
you receive important NWSCC news is to sign
up for the ListServ. Please see the last page
of this newsletter with your address label for
instructions!**

GUEST SPEAKER AT JANUARY MEETING: NATHAN BUEHLER OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS OREGON (SOOR):

SOOR is a year-round sports training and athletic competition program offering 14 different Olympic-style sports to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. With the help of a staff of 16 in Portland and an army of volunteers throughout the state, over 5,000 athletes participate from nearly every county in Oregon. In the Special Olympics program, people with intellectual disabilities enjoy the rare opportunity to be treated as people, not just as disabled. Through sport, Special Olympics athletes gain self-confidence, social competency and other enhanced skills, both physical and

social. The program is totally FREE to the participants, and SOOR would like to reach twice as many disabled people with its programs that can bring joy to their lives. It is estimated that there are 60,000 people in Oregon who could benefit, and it takes local programs run by volunteers to put on events that lead up to the state championships.

Mt. Bachelor has been a long-time host of the Special Olympics Oregon Winter State Games and provides free lift tickets to racers. The Games will be held March 5-6 this year, and volunteers are needed in many capacities - gate keeping, course and finish line monitoring, assistance with awards, etc. Volunteers get a free lift ticket and a very warm fuzzy feeling from helping these incredible individuals. Volunteers are also needed for a three-county regional event at Cooper Spur scheduled for February 20 - [Editor's note: though if the current non-winter season keeps on, the event may be moved from Cooper Spur! - Pray for Snow!]

Every four years an international event is held. Nearly 200 Special Olympics athletes and 50 coaches from the United States will represent their country as Team USA at these games in Nagano, Japan from February 26-March 5, 2005. Approximately 2,500 athletes and 650 coaches from 80 different countries are expected to participate in this event. Five of these athletes are from Oregon - 3 alpine skiers, 1 snowboarder, and 1 cross-country skier. As previously announced, PACRAT has invited them to practice by racing free at PACRAT races - now if the snow would just cooperate!!

SOOR receives no funding from United Way or government sources - all of their funds come from private sources, both individual and corporate. Bergfreunde Ski Club has been a major sponsor through the years. Monetary contributions are always welcome; and volunteers are vital to the success of all the events - all through the year - winter, spring, and summer. If you have clothing or equipment donations, call the local office and they will put you in touch with local people who can take them - they don't have the space to store them in Portland. Look at the website at www.soor.org, or call the Portland office at 503-248-0600, or toll free at 1-800-452-6079.

MEMBER BENEFITS:

Keep in mind that ALL NWSCC members (Oregon and Washington) have access to **SPECIAL FLEET PRICING at Carr Auto Group!!** Click onto the link on the NWSCC website and go to the Carr fleet website (www.carrautofleet.com), where you will access a drop-down menu to select NWSCC pricing. The login is "skiclub" and the password is "downhill."

And don't forget to flash your card at **Mt. Bachelor** for **\$6 off an adult, non-holiday lift ticket!**

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

Start your club process NOW to choose your **Man & Woman of the Year** so that they can be considered for the NWSCC M&WOTY - they might win trips to Big White, Canada!

The **Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express for MS** will be held at various locations, all on February 12, 2005. The closest locations to the Northwest are Anthony Lakes, Oregon, Crystal Mountain, Washington, and Schweitzer, Idaho. Check out the website at www.verticalexpress.org for details. A portion of the proceeds from the 2005 FWSA Convention will go to the Jimmie Heuga Center.

Skiyente Ski Club's Annual **King Winter Dance** will be held **February 12** at 7:00 pm at Charlie's Mountain View in Government Camp (check out the NEW bathrooms and non-smoking weekends). Tickets are \$5 in advance. Nominations are being taken of people who have made a significant contribution to the sport of skiing on Mt. Hood.

Skiyente is also putting on its **Masters Race February 28-29, 2005**, at **Mt. Hood Meadows**. Note that this race counts toward participation in the FWRA regional championships.

The **Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center** (a 501(c)(3) charitable organization), now a member of NWSCC, announces the **"Ski the Glade Trail Day"** on March 5, 2005. For \$100 participants get breakfast, lunch, all day skiing on the Glade Trail with shuttles, and an apres ski party. Only 100 tickets will be sold. A signature sponsor is needed; \$1,000 will get you lots of great publicity!

FAMILY SKI DAY March 18, 2005 - a NWSCC event to coincide with Mt. Hood Meadows Kid's Carnival. Kid's events, parties and discount lessons for children.

S'no Joke Whistler Trip, April 7-10, 2005. Priced at \$325 if you drive or \$370 on the bus from the Seattle area. The Council is not doing a Whistler trip this spring, but S'no Joke Ski Club has opened their club trip to all NWSCC ski club members. Contact Sandra Breaux by phone 206-310-2431 or email slbreaux@aol.com for more information.

The 2005 **Clubs-4-Play Golf Tournament** will be held July 24, 2005, at the Oregon City Golf Course. Watch for further details!

PACRAT RACING:

The first two races were canceled for lack of snow, so the make up date is definitely ON!

PACRAT race dates set for 2005:

February 13	Mt. Hood Meadows
March 13	Mt. Hood Skibowl
April 3	Mt. Hood Meadows
April 10	Mt. Hood Meadows (make up date)
April 22	Rat Attack

Contact Jack Folliard (jfolliard@comcast.net) or 503-296-0806 for further information. Race results (when we get some) will be posted on NWSCC's website.

NWSCC BENEFITS & 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. Debbi Kor, FWSA Director of Marketing, advises that **Telluride and Sun Peaks are offering special discounts** this year, and that you will find discounts on ski shops, clothing, and rentals!

Maureen Richards of S'No Joke Ski Club has arranged a **half price ski day** for NWSCC club members at **Stevens Pass, Washington, on February 27, 2005**, and at **Crystal Mountain, Washington on April 9, 2005!** Show your NWSCC member card at the ticket window to receive the discounted lift ticket. THANK YOU, MAUREEN!!!

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 **skigroup** and the password is **24councils**.

MOUNTAIN TRAVEL SYMPOSIUM, April 6-10, 2005, Aspen, Colorado. If your club takes at least 20 members on out-of-state ski trips of 5+ days, your club president may receive an invitation to send a club representative to this fantastic event, at which you will meet sales representatives from numerous ski areas who make appointments with you to offer you their best specials. It is a very exciting event offered at an unbelievable price to qualified club presidents. Steve Coxen will be in touch with NWSCC clubs which qualify, and if you're invited, be sure to book EARLY, as there are only 125 spots available, and they will go fast!

NWSCC TRAVEL:

Please contact our President, Steve Coxen, at sacoxen@aol.com or 503-679-9022, 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.

NWSCC'S TRIPS FOR 2005:

MT. BACHELOR, OREGON, March 17-20, 2005. We're working on details of a trip and a party sponsored by NWSCC! Your club is welcome to plan a trip to join us! Bergfreunde is planning a bus trip and will stay at the Riverhouse; if they don't fill spots may be available for other clubs. Contact Marilyn Sigler at marski@teleport.com for information. **HOT NEWS FLASH: \$10 LIFT TICKETS at Mt. Bachelor on 3/18/05 with coupon from Wells Fargo Bank.**

SUNSHINE/BANFF, CANADA, April 17-23 2005. Another late season trip, but we're going to an area that is famous for late spring snow, including some big powder dumps (your author skied in 10" of fresh powder two years ago at this time in April!). Plans call for 3 nights at Sunshine (ski-in, ski-out with 3 days of skiing), and 3 nights in Banff to enjoy whatever activities you may desire, including more skiing at either Lake Louise or Sunshine. Only \$505 without air (we had to release our group airfare, but if you hurry you can get it for only \$307); \$300 deposits due right away. See flier in this newsletter. This will be a joint trip with the Los Angeles Ski Council! Contact Linda McGavin at 503-412-3531 or lindam@mcewengisvold.com.

RACE AND ACE, May 7, 2005, Mt. Bachelor/Sunriver. Ski and golf tournament; open to all.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION /TRAVEL:

When you get this newsletter the FWSA Ski Week in Aspen will be in full swing. Right after their return to Portland, NWSCC will start taking \$50 (refundable) deposits to hold spots for the 2006 FWSA Ski Week in **Telluride, Colorado!**

The **2005 FWSA Convention** will be FWSA's 75th Anniversary, and will feature special ski history exhibits in which clubs are invited to participate. **The date was extended until January 15 to register your club to participate (tri-fold displays or power point requested)!!** The celebration will replace the traditional convention events with multi-media displays of the history of skiing, and many well known ski celebrities will be in attendance to share their stories and achievements in snow sports. The convention is scheduled June 9-12, 2005, at the Westin Benson in Long Beach, California, and it's not too early to book your rooms for this event - they will sell out early for this convention! Call 800-228-3000 to make your reservation, and mention you are with the FWSA convention to get the special room rate of \$129 plus tax. You can also reserve online by going through the FWSA website. **Book now - 85% of the room block is already reserved!**

THE COUNCILMAN NEWSLETTER is available online at www.FWSA.org.

NEW 15-MONTH FWSA CALENDARS are now available for purchase from Debbi Kor, Director of Marketing for FWSA.

The calendars run from October 2004 through December of 2005, and have pictures from many FWSA trips - if you have been there, YOU might be in this calendar!! The price is reduced to only \$10, and they are a fundraiser for FWSA. Contact Debbi at ijustwannarun@aol.com to order your calendar!

The **FWSA Ski Week 2006** will be held in **Telluride, Colorado**, in February 2006. A \$50 deposit will hold a spot for you. Contact Debbi Kor at 503-682-1563 or ijustwannarun@aol.com - this trip will sell out fast!

The following 3 FWSA trips are presently full, but you can get on a waiting list and maybe still go! Contact travelfwsa@aol.com for further details.

FWSA SKI JAPAN, February 19-27, 2005, priced at \$1,550.
FWSA ST. MORITZ EUROPEAN SKI WEEK, March 12-19, 2005; \$1,360-1,450.

FWSA CHINA ADVENTURE TRIP, September, 2005. Priced at \$2,099 for 15 days or \$2,499 for 21 days.

Hawaii Cruise, October 9-16, 2005. 7 days and 4 islands. Contact Montrose Travel directly at groups@montrosetravel.com or call 800-301-9673.

Far West Racing Association Championships, Heavenly, California, March 18-20, 2005. A special package has been arranged at the Horizon resort (1-866-478-8463 ask for Carol). You don't need to be a racer to enjoy this event! NWSCC plans to host a room party for any NWSCC club members attending these races. Contact Sheri Parshall at 503-245-3782 or cougskier@aol.com for further details.

MISCELLANEOUS:

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

Mt. Ashland received final approval on December 23 for their expansion plans, but 4 organizations have filed appeals in the courts. We will keep you informed. 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.

If you get a 10-gallon fill-up at participating Shell gas stations, and ask for it, and get a special stamp while you are at the gas station, you may be able to get free or 2 for 1 skiing at various resorts across the Northwest. There are date and time restrictions, and most of the free days are midweek.

Dale Parshall advised as a matter of interest that McMenam's has just restored and opened a new facility in Bend: the **Old St. Francis School**. They have a banquet room for 55-60 people, and some cottages for lodging. There is even one cottage that has 5 bedrooms and rents for \$300/night ... not bad for a group!

NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2004 - 2005

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2004-2005 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR
Gl Joe's, OR & WA

GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area, OR
Barbara Parshall, RE/MAX Equity Group
Sun Valley Ski Area, ID

SILVER MEMBERS:

BC Ski Country, Canada
Apex Ski Area, BC, Canada
Big White Ski Area, BC, Canada
Silver Star Mountain, BC, Canada
Sun Peaks Ski Area, BC, Canada
Inn of the Seventh Mountain, Bend, OR
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies
Fernie Ski Area, BC, Canada
Kimberley Alpine Resort, BC, Canada
Ski Big 3 (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Fairmont)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Timberline Ski Area, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Anthony Lakes Ski Area/Geiser Grand Hotel, OR
Aspen/Snowmass, CO
Big Sky Resort, MT
Brundage Mountain, ID
Carr Subaru (Fleet Pricing to NWSCC Members!)
Collins Lake Resort, Government Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Portland, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Journal Graphics, Portland, OR (Directory printer!)
The Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, OR
The Resort at the Mountain, Welches, OR
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Ski Pak/Pacific NW Tours (Travel Agency, WA)
Stevens Pass Ski Area, WA
Vail Resorts, CO / Heavenly Ski Area, CA/NV
Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Big Mountain Resort, MT
Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT
Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association
Prudential Financial, Tracy Chosa
Silver Mountain, ID
Ski Ashland, OR

**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.

WWW.NWSKIERS.ORG - E-Groups:

E-Letter: General list subscription. This is not a chat room, and does not allow replies. Subscribers receive messages regarding announcements from NWSCC, FWSA, and commercial members.

E-Reps is for NWSCC club reps to receive timely announcements to relay to their club membership.

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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00 PM,

followed by meeting

Speaker: Rick Wargo of TIMBERLINE

SYLVIA'S RESTAURANT

5115 N.E. Sandy Boulevard, Portland

(503) 288-6828

** DOOR PRIZES!! **

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

**3 NOTE NEW
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