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NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MARCH 2005

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MARCH MEETING LOCATION: SYLVIA'S!!!

THE MARCH 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

NWSCC'S TRIPS FOR 2005:

MT. BACHELOR, OREGON, March 18-20, 2005. HOT NEWS FLASH: \$10 LIFT TICKETS at Mt. Bachelor on 3/18/05 with coupon from Wells Fargo Bank. NWSCC invites you to join ski clubs in Bend/Mt. Bachelor, for a weekend of skiing and fun!! We're going March 18-20. We've made arrangements for a special room rate at Phoenix Inn Suites (300 NW Franklin, Bend, OR). This hotel is within walking distance of downtown Bend—close to all those great places to eat and shop!! One King Bed is \$79 and 2 Queen Beds are \$89 per night (+ tax), which

includes a great continental breakfast—including eggs and build your own omelettes. CALL EARLY—Spring break is upon us for this particular weekend—MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY as rooms will go fast! Call 1-888-291-4764 (or 541-317-9292). Tell them you want the special rate for NWSCC. (If any problems, please let Mary Olhausen know immediately. Our contact at Phoenix Inn is Carol McCart)

Don't forget to bring your NWSCC/club membership card in order to get \$6 off your lift tickets!!

We're working on a party for all who go over to Bend this weekend—will be something on Saturday afternoon. If you are planning on going to Bend this weekend, no matter where you stay, please email NWSCC (contact@nwsc.org) and let us know you will be there. We will send an email to everyone, just prior to the trip and let you know details of our party.

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, so you have to book at the "current" fares); payment in full due now. 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.

GUEST SPEAKER AT FEBRUARY NWSCC MEETING: RICK WARGO OF TIMBERLINE LODGE AND SKI RESORT.

Timberline needs help from all skiers!!! The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Timberline Express is scheduled (at long last) for release on March 1st. That will trigger the public comment period and they would like to encourage skiers to receive a copy

of the DEIS and to submit a positive comment to the USFS. People can register to receive the DEIS (on cd rom) by going to their website www.timberlinelodge.com or contacting Paul Koehler of the Forest Service directly at 503 622-3191 - ext 614.

Rick reported that, despite the low snow year, Timberline Lodge is reporting good to excellent ski conditions and brisk business levels. This is due to the advantage of being able to run the Palmer Express, located at the 8500 foot level of the mountain, which has enabled Timberline to operate on a daily basis since November 7 while some lower elevation ski areas have had to shut down for a period of time for lack of snow. In fact, if you are a season passholder at another area and your area is closed, Timberline is offering a 25% discount on full priced lift tickets. The offer will stand through the winter season as long as the other ski areas are closed, and pass holders are asked to show their seasons passes at the Timberline Mountain Services Desk in order to receive their discount.

Due to low snow levels on its lower slopes (which are 75% open with "early season" conditions), Timberline has built a public terrain park up on the Palmer snowfield. Go to www.timberlinelodge.com or call the SnoPhone at (503) 222-2211 for the latest ski conditions and updates on operating hours.

Rick also advised us that 2005 marks three important anniversaries for Timberline Lodge. 100 years ago the U.S. Forest Service was created as a governmental agency charged with sustaining healthy, diverse, and productive federal forests and grasslands. At the height of the Great Depression, in 1936, Timberline Lodge was built as a project to provide jobs for unemployed craftspeople. Over 500 workers built this magnificent lodge, largely by hand, in an amazingly short period of 15 months. The Forest Service was then charged with the administration of the building. Go to www.fs.fed.us/centennial/ for more information on the USFS Centennial.

Unfortunately, Timberline suffered from serious mismanagement and carelessness under a succession of failed operators, was closed temporarily during World War II, and by 1955 the future for the Lodge looked very bleak. At this point Richard Kohnstamm undertook operation of the Lodge. This year marks the 50th anniversary of his successful operation with his management company, RLK and Company. Kohnstamm not only brought the Lodge back, upgrading the facilities and providing first-rate hospitality services and dining, but he created the Timberline ski area, which now includes 4 high-speed lifts and the world-famous summer skiing on the Palmer Snowfield, enabling Timberline to operate

year-round, with only a brief shutdown for lift maintenance each fall. For more information on RLK and Company, go to www.timberlinelodge.com.

In 1975 Kohnstamm urged the creation of a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Timberline Lodge, called the Friends of Timberline. Many of the NWSCC ski clubs contributed to the early efforts, buying handcrafted tables for the new West Lodge. 2005 represents the 30th anniversary of this organization. The Friends of Timberline has dedicated its efforts to historic preservation and particularly to ensuring that the decorative arts that make the lodge so special are well cared for, and in some cases are reproduced just like the originals. In 1978, Timberline Lodge was proclaimed a National Historic Landmark. In more recent years, the Friends have accomplished significant improvement projects including the installation of reproduction light fixtures, and they are currently working on a project to replace the winter entrance tunnel with a more aesthetic and inspired design. For more information on the Friends of Timberline go to www.friendsoftimberline.org.

In 1992 Richard Kohnstamm turned over the operation of the lodge and ski area to his son Jeff, who works with his father and a dedicated management team and staff to continue a dynamic and successful role for Timberline in the 21st century. The collaborative stewardship of these 3 organizations continues. Plans have been made for a new ski lift (the Timberline Express), and the lodge has recently been completely retrofitted for barrier-free access. The Friends of Timberline are currently spearheading an effort to renovate the Lodge's original outdoor amphitheatre.

RLK and Company's 50th Anniversary plans for May 2005 include two employee reunion weekends and a special luncheon ceremony for Forest Service officials, various dignitaries, and people who have played an important role in Timberline's past 50 year history. The skiing public will be treated to lift tickets discounted for the month of May to just \$19.55!!

FARWESTSKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION: June 9-12, 2005. Far West Ski Association (FWSA) will hold its 75th Annual Convention June 9-12, 2005, at Long Beach, California, at the Westin Long Beach Hotel. Come join the fun and celebrate the 75th anniversary of FWSA with ski history exhibits, ski history reunion/reception, and celebrity guest speakers. The Convention will hold its usual fun activities (Thursday Mardi Gras Pub Crawl, Friday Golf, Tennis, Aquarium of the Pacific, The Queen Mary, and Kayaking through Alamitos Bay), 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.

Lodging is at The Westin Long Beach (333 East Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90802). The special room rate is \$129 before May 15, 2005. Call 800-228-3000 or 562-436-3000, 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 listed at the bottom of this article. The FWSA room block will end on May 15th.

Don't forget, Long Beach is close to major attractions—Catalina Island, Disneyland and California Adventure Park, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Beverly Hills and Hollywood.

Forms are available for downloading from the convention website at <http://www.fwsa2005celebration.org/Registration/RegistrationDelegate.htm>. May 15, 2005 is the deadline for early registration and submitting fees for the fun activities. 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.

For more information please contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net or contact@nwskiers.org, or phone her at 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.**

Also, visit www.fwsa2005celebration.org or contact Catherine Ohl, Convention Chair, at olh@acatmeowz.com or 858-467-9469.

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!

Here's chance for you to own a valuable piece of Mt. Hood history!! The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** is raffling off a fabulous "artist's proof" of the limited edition, embossed white-and-copper poster issued to commemorate Timberline's 50th Anniversary. The poster is valued between \$4,000-\$5,000. Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold, at a cost of \$100 each, and all proceeds will go to the Museum. The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum is located in Government Camp, Oregon. While continuing to add to its collections of Mt. Hood history and provide lectures and classes to the Mt. Hood community, the Museum is also available for meetings, weddings, and other functions. Information on the Museum is available at www.mthoodmuseum.com, or 503-272-3301. For information on raffle tickets, please contact Sheri Parshall at (503) 245-3782, or cougskier@aol.com.

SKIBACS invites all NWSCC members to participate in one of their trips: a **Canadian Ski Safari, March 12-19!** Lucky participants will ski/ride 4 resorts in eastern BC. Red Mountain, outside of Rossland, is one of the oldest and most famous ski resorts in Canada. It was the site of the first World Cup race in Canada, and is the location of the Canadian Downhill Championships. Whitewater Resort, near Nelson, is a mecca for adventurers looking for a pristine powder destination. Panorama, with 2800 acres of lift-served skiing, has long been known as a heli destination. Recently opened Taynton Bowl, once only accessible via helicopter, brings another 1,000 acres "in-bounds." Finally, Kicking Horse offers over 4,000 feet of uninterrupted vertical, a village to peak gondola, and the sunshine and powder that the Purcells are famous for. The package includes transportation from Seattle, lodging, lifts, several meals, and lots of riding with a congenial group of winter sports enthusiasts. Prices start at \$775 for quad occupancy, and NWSCC members will not be charged a non-member premium. For details visit: <http://skibacs.org>.

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 sbreaux@aol.com for more information.

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

The **Golden Rose Ski Classic** will be held June 4, 2005, at Timberline - many of our club members participate.

The 2005 **Clubs-4-Play Golf Tournament** will be held Sunday, July 24, 2005, at the Oregon City Golf Course.

Watch for further details!

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 **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**.

PACRAT RACING:

TEAM STANDINGS - RACE 1

Place	Team Name	Club Name	Points
1	Rattitudes	Bergfreunde	45
2	Rocket Dawgs	Mountain High	43
3	Drunken Losers	Free Riders	39
3	Rude Dawgs	Bergfreunde	39
5	Frozen Assets	Bergfreunde	38
5	Racy Brats	Skiyente	38
7	Tasmanian Ski Devils	Bergfreunde	36
8	Rat Chic	Skiyente	34
9	Pronto Pups	Mountain High	33
10	Mt. Hoodlums	Mountain High	31
11	Drooling Moose Rats	Mountain High	28
12	Vertical Chaos	PDX Ski Club	27
13	Dragon Bottom	Mt. High	24
14	Ruttin' Rats	Schnee Vogeli	19
15	Avalanche Express	Mountain High	17
16	Mixed Nuts	Bergfreunde	13
16	River Rats	Free Riders	13
18	Northern Exposures	Vancouver	5
19	SOOR (Various)	Special Olympics	2

Remaining PACRAT race dates set for 2005:

March 13	Mt. Hood Skibowl
April 3	Mt. Hood Meadows

April 10

Mt. Hood Meadows (make up date)
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April 15

Contact Jack Folliard (jfolliard@comcast.net) or 503-975-4488 (cell) for further information. Race results (when we get some) will be posted on NWSCC's website.

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.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION /TRAVEL:

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

15-MONTH FWSA CALENDARS are 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 \$100 deposit will hold a spot for you. Contact Debbi Kor at 503-682-1563 or ijustwannarun@aol.com - this trip will sell out fast!

FWSA CHINA ADVENTURE TRIP, September, 2005. Priced at \$2,099 for 15 days or \$2,499 for 21 days. This trip is full, but names are being taken for a waiting list.

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.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

See page 1 of this newsletter for information on

Timberline's proposed Timberline Express and what YOU can do to help make it a reality!

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.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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.

If you're interested in touring a **brand new ski area** in Idaho as a potential trip for your club, contact John Williams of **Tamarack Resort** near McCall, Idaho, at 208-325-1022 or jwilliams@tamarackidaho.com for details. He promises free skiing, a mountain tour, and discounted lodging for a representative from NWSCC member clubs.

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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
Femie 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, Govt 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.

NORTHWESTSKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00 PM,

followed by meeting

Speaker: TBA

SYLVIA'S RESTAURANT

5115 N.E. Sandy Boulevard, Portland

(503) 288-6828

**** DOOR PRIZES!! ****

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

**³ NOTE
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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