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NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MAY 2005

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MAY MEETING LOCATION: SYLVIA'S!!!

THE MAY 18 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

DEBBI KOR JOINS THE COUNCIL BOARD

Debbi Kor has been appointed Director of Travel for NWSCC. Debbi was the Council trip captain for the FWSA Aspen trip in 2005 and is the Council trip captain for the FWSA Telluride trip in 2006.

ATTENTION SKIERS: TIMBERLINE NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW (DEADLINE MAY 9, 2005)!!!

The Forest Service has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Timberline's proposed "Timberline Express" chairlift and Ski Trail Network. The proposed chair is located in the lower portion of the mountain between the Pucci and Stormin' Norman chairlifts, and

would provide 4 new intermediate and advanced trails that would provide protected skiing when weather conditions shut down the upper mountain. Night skiing would be expanded, as half the terrain would be lighted for night skiing. This chairlift proposal will improve guest experiences in the following ways: shorter lift lines throughout Timberline Ski Area; more terrain available when the upper mountain closes due to inclement weather, more intermediate and advanced intermediate terrain (including tree skiing!), a better night skiing product, and less crowding during special events like ski racing and halfpipe competitions. A brief synopsis, with pictures, is available at www.timberlinelodge.com.

The full text of the DEIS is available for public viewing on the Mt. Hood National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood, under "Projects and Plans." Please take a look and send favorable comments to Paul Koehler, Zigzag Ranger District, 70220 E. Highway 26, Zigzag, OR 97049, or e-mail comments to: comments-pacificnorthwest-mthood@fs.fed.us. It is extremely important for positive comments to be received from as many ski area users as possible, because it is well known that the highly organized environmental groups will flood the Forest Service with adverse comments to anything proposed by any ski area - and most of their people commenting have never set foot on Mt. Hood! The Forest Service prefers substantive comments (based on supportive data) rather than comments like "Build it and they will come." First-hand experience, and personal knowledge of the ski area, will add credibility to your comment letter. PLEASE SHOW THEM THAT SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS CARE ABOUT EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR SKI AREAS!

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE OF MAY 15 COMING UP FAST

to save on registration fees for this year's FABULOUS **FWSA 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. See flier re Silent Auction and Dance.

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 ohl@acatmeowz.com or 858-467-9469.

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 15 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. The nominations committee includes Steve Coxen (who will not be running for President again), Barbara Parshall, Diane Hicks, and Shawn Storey. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on June 15.

DIRECTORY COVER CONTEST - PICTURES WANTED!

We're starting to plan next year's Northwest Skiers' Directory, and are now accepting submissions for the annual cover contest sponsored by Mt. Hood Meadows, and for pictures for the interior of the Directory. The winner of the cover contest receives a 10-time punch pass for Mt. Hood Meadows, valued at \$325! Out-of-towners may enter as well; something could be worked out if you win!

Digital pictures may be e-mailed to Leslie Baird, our graphic designer, at leslie@egr.up.edu. Pictures for the cover contest should be in vertical format that Leslie can crop to 4"x9", and should be as high resolution as possible (the more pixels, the better!). Please be sure to provide your name, address, and telephone number so Leslie can get in touch with you with any questions. Credit will be given to the photographer for all pictures used in the interior of the Directory, but no monetary compensation is paid. Photos of skiing or snowboarding, of club activities, or anything related to the mountains will be considered.

Don't have a digital camera yet? Arrangements can be made with Leslie to mail her photographs which she will scan; call her at 503-245-4368.

Mt. Hood Museum Needs Your Help!

We'd like to welcome any and all ski club members to attend a "Volunteer Orientation" on Saturday, May 14th, at 10 a.m. at the Museum at Government Camp. Mount Hood Museum and Cultural Center needs volunteers for the coming summer months, weekdays and weekends. Volunteers can help greet visitors, perform data entry and assist with displays and curating artifacts. There are also several upcoming events where we'd love to have your help—including our Heritage Days celebration in September, as well as other events happening this summer. Here's a fabulous opportunity to help the Museum as it grows to become a top-notch Oregon attraction. After all, as a ski club member, you'll probably be in it someday!

For more information, contact Sheri Parshall at 503-245-3782, or e-mail cougskier@aol.com, or call the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp at 503-272-3301.

The 29th Anniversary **U.S. Bank Pole Pedal Paddle** will

be held **May 14, 2005**, from Mt. Bachelor to Bend. This is a multi-sport event attracting over 2800 competitors who alpine ski, cross country ski, bike, run, paddle and sprint/run to the finish, and is the largest fundraiser of the year for Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation (a Council member), which trains up-and-coming young ski racers. This event is a natural for ski club teams, and the Cascade Prime Timers usually sponsors a team or two. If these over-50 people can do it, the younger members of other clubs should take up the challenge and join in this fun event! Many other activities are planned in Bend around this race: see www.mbsef.org for further details! New this year! Thanks to U.S. Bank, the prize purse for the elite category has increased significantly!

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."

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

The recent news that the **Golden Rose Ski Classic** had been dropped by Timberline is true. However, through the efforts of Bill Gunesch at Mt. Hood Academy, Jan Tolman and Steve Coxen the race is back on schedule at Timberline on **Saturday, June 4, 2005**. The race format will be different this year. Each team will have six racers. There will be no junior racers on the teams this year. Each racer will get three runs on the race course. The cost per team is \$330, or \$55 each, which includes the race and an awards party at the WyEast Lodge after the race. Food will be provided at the party. Timberline has agreed to a lift ticket price of \$31 which is in addition to the race fee. For race registration information and to download forms, go to the Mt. Hood Academy website at www.mthoodacademy.com. Or, you can contact Steve Coxen at 503-679-9022 or Jan Tolman at 503-201-7341 or email jan_and@earthlink.net.

Mark your calendar NOW for this summer's annual **CLUBS 4-PLAY GOLF TOURNAMENT**, to be held July 24, 2005, at the Oregon City Golf Course at Lone Oak (Beaver Creek Road). Price is only \$49 for tournament, food and prizes. Cart not included. Contact Marilyn Sigler at marski@teleport.com or phone 360-883-6937 for further information or to volunteer to assist with this fun event! 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!

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:

The final results of PACRAT for the year are published on their website: WWW.PACRATS.ORG and listed below. **NOTE THAT SOON THE TELEPHONE ANSWERING SERVICE WILL BE DISCONTINUED.**

FINAL RESULTS

Place	Points	Team Name	Club Name
1	Rattitudes	Bergfreunde	187
2	Rat Chic	Skiyente	181
3	Avalanche Express	Mt. High	173
4	Rocket Dawgs	Mt. High	166
5	Mt. Hoodlums	Mt. High	160
6	Frozen Assets	Bergfrunde	155
7	Drooling Moose Rats	Mt. High	149
8	Ruttin' Rats	Schnee Vogeli	148
9	Tasmanian Ski Devils	Bergfreunde	144
10	Dragon Bottom	Mt. High	143
11	Racy Brats	Skiyente	140
12	Rude Dawgs	Bergfreunde	130
13	Pronto Pups	Mt. High	126
14	Drunken Losers	Free Riders	121
15	Vertical Chaos	PDX Ski Club	116
16	River Rats	Free Riders	98
17	Mixed Nuts	Bergfreunde	76
18	Northern Exposures	Vancouver	58
19	SOOR	Special Olympics	2

Contact Jack Folliard (jfolliard@comcast.net) or 503-975-4488 (cell) for further information. CONGRATULATIONS, RATTITUDES!

NWSCC TRAVEL:

Please contact our new Director of Travel, Debbi Kor, 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.

2005-06 NWSCC SKI TRIPS

The following NWSCC ski trips are tentatively scheduled for next ski season.

Breckenridge and Keystone	Dec. 8-13, 2005
Telluride (FWSA Ski Week)	Feb. 4-11, 2006
Mt. Bachelor	Mar. 17-19, 2006
Whistler/Blackcomb	April 7-9, 2006

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION /TRAVEL:

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

The **FWSA Ski Week 2006** will be held in **Telluride, Colorado**, February 4-11, 2006. Cost estimated at \$895 plus airfare. Limited to 44 spots. A \$100 deposit will hold a spot for you. Contact Debbi Kor at 503-682-1563 or jjstwannarun@aol.com - this trip will sell out fast! See flier in this newsletter.

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, AVAILABLE!!! 7 days and 4 islands. Andi from Montrose Travel has informed us that one comp will be received for every 16 people on this cruise. So, if your club can get 16 people on the Hawaii Cruise you will receive one comp. If you have 32 participants you will receive two comps! For more information, go to www.FWSA.org. Call now! Contact Montrose Travel directly by phone at 800-301-9673 or e-mail groups@montrosetravel.com.

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.

FWSA 2006 EUROPEAN SKI WEEK - ZERMATT

March 11-18, 2006. Cost will be \$2,195-2,250 including airfare. Optional extensions, pre-trip to Davos and post-trip Nile River cruise. Few spots remaining. We recommend that you send your \$200 deposit now. Contact Tucker Hoffmann, TravelFWSA@aol.com or 510-278-5900.

THE COUNCILMAN NEWSLETTER

The Spring 2005 issue of the FWSA Councilman is now available on-line. Go to www.FWSA.org.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

Please see page 1 for important information on how to assist Timberline Lodge with their plans!

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:

Bryan Boice of NWSCC Bronze Member **Ski-Pak, aka Pacific Northwest Tours**, was the tour operator who put together our highly successful trip to Sunshine and Banff which just concluded. While the trip was not successful in number of participants (only 16 plus 2 children from the Northwest), the people who went enjoyed mostly sunny skies, spring skiing conditions, and the opportunity to stay both on-mountain with ski-in, ski-out facilities, but also lodging in the heart of Banff, with all its attendant shops, fantastic restaurants, and night life. Thanks to Sigrid Noack from Los Angeles Ski Council, who got us free use of the snow bikes and incredible price discounts on our Lake Louise bus/lift tickets. Thanks also to Sunshine "Ambassador" Diane Hicks for helping out with a welcome party and race while we were at Sunshine.

Bryan and others in his office are a joy to work with, handling all the curves thrown at them in the course of trip planning, and making sure that every detail is taken care of. They handled an Amtrak train trip for Mountain High Snowsport Club to Grouse Mountain Resort and Big Mountain in February, as well as making sure that this Sunshine trip went, even when we didn't have enough people for group airfare. (Trip planners beware: many people these days desire to use their frequent flier miles to cut down the cost of a trip!)

Bryan Boice may be contacted at 206-729-8200, e-mail bryan@ski-pak.com, or you can check out their website at www.ski-pak.com.

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. This may be arranged for early next year.

NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2004 - 2005

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Director, Communications Director, Membership (& Web Site Coordinator) Director, Racing (PACRAT Chair) Director, Travel Past President Commercial Membership Program/Advertising PACRAT WORLD HEADQUARTERS	Steve Coxen (503) 679-9022 (Cell) John Reinhardt (503) 590-6901 (H) Sylvia Kearns (360) 260-7169 (H) Linda Coxen (503) 679-6425 (Cell) Linda McGavin (503) 412-3531 (W) Mary Olhausen (360) 892-1814 (H) Jack Folliard (503) 975-4488 (Cell) Debbi Kor (503) 682-1563 Sheri Parshall (503) 245-3782 (H) Barb Parshall (503) 267-9522 (Cell)	sacoxen@aol.com johnreinhardt@hotmail.com slyviakearns@hotmail.com snowmidget@comcast.net lindam@mcewengisvoid.com omary52@comcast.net jfolliard@comcast.net ijustwannarun@aol.com cougskier@aol.com bparshall@equitygroup.com
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www.pacrats.org

2004-2005 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR
 GI 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, 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, May 18, 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!!**

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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