

NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR DECEMBER 2009

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The regular December NWSCC meeting will be held UPSTAIRS at The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on December 16, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm! It's PACRAT night; team captains can pick up bibs.

(No host food/special menu - possibly PACRAT sponsored pizza)

NOTE: The NWSCC "Ski Safari" to Salt Lake City December 11-14, 2009 has been canceled for this year due to lack of snow. We did not wish to move it later in the year when it might "compete" with club trips.

If you haven't looked at the NWSCC website (www.nwskiers.org) recently, it's time to take another look!!! Our new webmaster John Jessen has been working hard on making ours a truly first class website! Starting with the home page, note that when you run your mouse over the trips and calendar items, many of them have links directly to the club websites to tell you all about their trips! The list continues on the Calendar page, again with links where available. On the Board Members page, new e-mail addresses are listed for officers. They are not clickable to avoid e-mail "harvesters," but you can paste them into an e-mail and simply replace the @ symbol with the @ from your keyboard. However, other names in blue on the website will give you a direct e-mail link to the named club officer. Our Commercial Members page gives you direct links to most of their websites. The Clubs section has links to each club's website. The Newsletter section contains all. the newsletters archived back to mid 2004. Note the box on the right side of the page which contains the fliers attached to the current issue of the newsletter. The PACRAT section links you to the PACRAT website. If you click on the "Education" section, you'll see it's "Under Development." Watch for new and exciting things from NWSCC this year in the way of educational information for clubs and club officers - to be rolled out under our new P.I.E. acronym. (For a sneak peak, look at page 73 of this year's Northwest Skiers' Directory!). Thanks, John, for ALL

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And speaking of **P.I.E.**, that's one thing that you are going to find if you come to our December meeting - a **PIE AND BAKE SALE** to benefit local charitable causes. We'll have a short, fun auction to get the pies sold - you'll find some homemade and other treats to tickle your taste buds - and it's all for one or more good causes! Bring your sweet tooth and money!

your hard and continuing work on our website!

You'll also find a few special auction items to bid on which are left over from Ski Fair - for example, a \$150 gift certificate good towards lodging in a beautiful home in Sunriver through commercial member Discover Sunriver Vacations; a 10-time pass to Mt. Hood Meadows; some Columbia Sportswear clothing; and a truly unique opportunity and potential once-in-a-lifetime Christmas gift for someone: one hour of professional photography of you or your family skiing on Mt. Hood (Timberline or Mt. Hood Meadows), with one 8x10 picture included, by professional photographer Randy Boverman (several years the winner of the cover contest of the Northwest Skiers' Directory, including this year!). The auction will be conducted during the first part of the December Council meeting, along with the PIE auction!

The **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is out - look for it in ski shops on Certified Folder Display racks, or at your club meetings - we'll provide them to any clubs who ask! Contact Mary Olhausen or Linda McGavin to request Directories for your club.

And if your club hasn't received its membership cards yet, contact vice president Colleen Walter at Membership@nwskiers.org to check on how to get cards for your club members.

RECAP OF NOVEMBER NWSCC MEETING:

Our special guest speaker was Nancy Chinn, Executive Director of the Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, which will hold its 22nd annual event March 7 and 8, 2010, at Mt. Hood Meadows. A full 97% of the funds raised at this event go directly to four local beneficiaries: OHSU Cancer Institute, Willamette Falls Hospice, Candlelighters, and Hospice of the Gorge, without any restrictions on how they use the donations. See the website at www.CancerSkiOut.org to see more about how these organizations make use of these funds. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised over the years by this wonderful organization; \$33,000 last year alone. Also on the website you will find all the information and forms necessary to sign up as a team for this year's event, to sign up as a sponsor, to donate, or to learn anything you might want to about the event.

The early bird price of \$900 for a 5-person team has been extended to December 31, 2009; after that the price goes up to \$1,000. While this may seem like a large amount to some, the cost covers 2 days of skiing; your meals, including 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and a fantastic BBQ dinner and party at the Best Western Hood River; racing and coaching with a staff that includes Olympians (think the Mahre brothers!); silent and oral auction items; and "serious fun"! Best of all, you don't need to be a serious racer to enjoy this event - the winning team has scores based on the *consistency* of team race times between the two days of racing! Prizes are awarded to the top ten teams.

Teams and individual team members are also involved in fundraising, both in person and online, and those who raise the most money also win special prizes! Any team that raises over \$2,500 this year is eligible for a \$200 rebate. Donations are welcome from anyone and may be made through the website, either to a team, individual, or directly to the event! Sponsors are extremely important to this event - all sponsors receive recognition and advertising in the program; sponsors of \$1,000 and over receive longtime recognition by being on the T-shirt given to all participants and volunteers; and lots of recognition, banner placement, etc., throughout the event for major sponsors. This is a tough year, as Joe's Sports, Outdoor and More was a HUGE supporter over the years, and is now out of business. Their long term commitment furnishing funding and team prizes will be sorely missed. If anyone has contacts with potential sponsors for this very worthy event, send them on to Nancy Chinn through the website!!

Those present at the meeting discussed **trip planning** and ways to encourage clubs to participate in NWSCC and FWSA trips in addition to their own club trips. It should be a benefit to clubs to be able to offer a trip that doesn't require planning and financial commitment on their part, and which gives club members an opportunity to meet and mingle with other club members - there are a lot of people who end up joining more than one club because of getting to know other clubs through trips and events involving other clubs.

The 2010 "Bachelor Blast" trip has been set for April 15-18 at Sunriver and Mt. Bachelor. Pricing has been set at \$199 for 2 nights lodging in fully furnished 2 bedroom/2 bath Sunriver Tennis Village condos (4/condo minimum), 2 days' skiing at Mt. Bachelor, a mountain picnic lunch on Saturday, and special prizes and surprises from Mt. Bachelor. One day can be added on at either end at an additional cost of about \$90 for lodging (4/room) and skiing. If you have a family or good friends and don't mind a little tighter quarters, ask about special pricing for up to 6 in the condo. A special guest at this event will be Jordan Schweitzer, one of the top J3 racers in the nation, and a recipient of a FWSA racing scholarship! Contact Debbi Kor ijustwannarun1@comcast.net, Mary Olhausen PastPres@nwskiers.org, or Linda McGavin at Communications@nwskiers.org for further information.

SPECIAL SKI FAIR WRAP UP REPORT

By Mary Olhausen

The umpteenth annual SKI FAIR event was held November 9th at the Holiday Inn-Airport. This was a new location for us this year, and it seemed everyone liked the new digs!! SKI FAIR provides an opportunity for club members to meet with industry reps and discuss club travel. This year we had several of our supporting commercial members in attendance as well as some brand new vendors. Many thanks to all those vendors who made it to our event after spending 3 grueling days at the Portland Ski Show. The silent auction was once again a huge hit-- club members got killer deals on equipment and trips. And of course SKI FAIR just wouldn't be complete without those wonderful little "brown bags" full of items you need and want!!! Jessica Lee, our Commercial Membership Program Director, honored several industry representatives for their support of NWSCC. We thank all of them from the bottom of our skis and the tips of our poles for all their support of our Council clubs and programs!!! A big thanks goes to those who helped make SKI FAIR happen. I could not have done it without the assistance of Debbi Kor, who put in many-many hours on collecting items and working on bid On-site helpers were abundant and most sheets. appreciated: Sheri Parshall, Colleen Walter, Barbara

Bousum, Jeannie Reinhardt, John Reinhardt, David Schor, Sandi Shaub, John Jessen, and Jessica Lee (if I left anyone out, I'm terribly sorry, but know you were appreciated!!). I urge club members to support our vendors – when you visit them, please mention NW SCC!!!!

SKI FAIR participants this year included: American Ski & Snowboard Association, Big White/Silver Star Ski Resorts, Blue Lake Shipping LLC (Sheri Parshall), Brundage Mountain Resort, Canadian Mountain Holidays Heli-Skiing (Fred Noble), Collins Lake Resort/Grand Lodges Mt. Hood, Columbia Sportswear, Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, Grouse Mountain Lodge (Whitefish, MT), Healthy Living (Mary Coleman), High Desert Museum, Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Holiday Inn-Airport, Honest Tea, Huckleberry Inn, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, John Aranda Fleece Products, Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort, Mt. Ashland Ski Resort, Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort, Mt. Bachelor Village Resort, Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood Skibowl, The Mountain Shop, Northwest Tire Factory, Ogden Utah Convention and Visitors Bureau, Powder Mountain Ski Resort, Randy Boverman Photography, ReRack Portland, Re-Max Realty (Barbara Parshall), Resorts of Canadian Rockies – Fernie Alpine Resort, Schweitzer Mountain Resort, Seventh Mountain Resort, Shilo Inns, Ski Chalet, Sleeping Lady Mountain Resort, Ski Tube, Snowbasin Ski Resort, Sun Valley Ski Resort, Sun Valley For Less (Bruce Hackett), Sunriver Resort, The Riverhouse, Timberline Ski Resort, Twirl Advertising, U4E Clothing, VAIL Resorts, Wentworth Subaru, Whitefish Mountain Resort, and White Pass Ski Resort!

CLUB INFORMATION:

NWSCC member clubs are welcome to sign up with Sheri Parshall to present a brief history of their club at upcoming Council meetings. We are asking member clubs to start assembling their history for presentations, to consider preparing to enter FWSA's club history competition, and to think about possibly setting up a permanent record of your club at the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp!

Club histories: NW SCC encourages all its member clubs to organize and prepare their club histories to help celebrate! The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum has a club history room where your club could maintain a permanent record of its history. Our Council Historian Norvin Peer will work with you on your submissions - contact Norvin at 1-360-430-4546, or historian@nwskiers.org.

AltairSki and Sports Club in Eugene has a full calendar of events, including many trips, and a special day at

Willamette Pass January 23 with ski lessons for all abilities at special prices! Altair announces with sadness the recent death of Jane Eliason, who has been on a number of NWSCC and FWSA trips.

Bend Ski Club is planning a special training day at HooDoo with former Olympian A.J. Kitt! The club offers many events, racing, and "meet and ski together" days.

Bergfreunde Ski Club invites other clubs to attend its New Year's trip to Schweitzer Mountain December 27-January 1. As this is a carpool trip, it would be easy for any other club to join in! The price of \$536 includes 5 nights at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, bus transportation to Schweitzer Mountain (about 1-1/2 hours each way) on Monday and Tuesdsay, bus transportation to Silver Mountain (about 1-1/2 hours each way) on Wednesday, and an open choice day on Thursday. Cross Country skiers will be doing Farragut State Park. There will be a New Year's supper Thursday night, followed by a river cruise boat for dancing in the New Year. Contact Tom Hiller at trhiller@verizon.net or 503-643-0659 for further information.

Bergfreunde also has a Sun Valley and Brundage trip January 10-18; and a Whitefish Mountain Resort trip March 3-8. Its 20th Anniversary Tahoe Sampler trip will be held February 21-27, 2010. This popular trip includes 6 nights' lodging, 1 gourmet dinner, 3 nights' hospitality room, dinner dance cruise on M.S. Dixie paddlewheeler, a bus and boat shuttle to Squaw Valley (discount lift ticket available), and a trip souvenir, all for the LOW price of \$364 check/\$375 credit, PP/DO. The leaders scout out the best "deals" for lift tickets on the trip dates. Nordic and non-skiers are welcome. The trip this year is limited to 50 people, so hurry and contact trip captain Bob Burns at 503-524-5261 or bob@inkjetman.com for further details.

The Cascade Prime Timers has about 10 trips scheduled, and have a policy that if a trip runs through the club treasury, only official club members may attend. There is one trip that is open to non members. The Mt. Hood Gang is the name of the group which is going to Sun Valley the week of January 16. The cost of the trip varies by type of accommodation. Activities are plentiful and include Lodge Apartments accommodations and lift tickets, 3 hospitality parties, discounted ski lessons, and much more. While I don't have full details at present, you may contact B. Mary at 503-244-7282 or bmary123@yahoo.com.

Cascade Ski Club reports that its Government Camp clubhouse will get a facelift this coming spring. Memberships are available, and rates are good! Members can spend the night at the lodge for only \$12/night; members of NWSCC clubs can stay for \$18/night Monday-Thursday, non-holiday; or \$22/night on weekends (all

subject to availability). Their annual **Open House** will be held **December 5**.

Longview Ski Club is planning a bus trip to Sun Peaks, BC, Canada, February 11-15, with the bus leaving from Kelso, Washington. The trip cost of \$750 includes the bus trip, 4 nights' lodging in studio condos with kitchens, and 3 days of lift tickets, with a \$42 discount for age 65 and over. At the time of publication there were 4 spots available in 2 condos, plus one spot for a woman to share with a club member. Contact Delores McDonald at dolmcd@msn.com if you can join them! Seattle area clubs particularly take note, as the bus has to go through your area!

Mountain High has a 3-day Mystery Trip over the MLK holiday weekend in January - who knows where? It will have a train trip to Whitefish Mountain Resort February 17-21, staying at Grouse Mountain Lodge, with an optional 2 days at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake. Linda McGavin has put together a bus trip for Mountain High to Fernie and Kimberley, BC (4 nights/4 days skiing), with stops (1 on each side of the main trip) for skiing at Silver Mountain, Idaho, and Bluewood, Washington, to break up the long trip, all for a cost of \$950 or less! Altair club members will be joining this trip, and others are welcome also. A land package for just the Canadian part of the trip will be available for those who might want to fly/drive approximate cost \$500. The trip is family friendly. There is also a South Lake Tahoe trip March 31-April 4, for only \$400, with 5 nights' lodging at the Lakeland Village Condos (on the lake) and 2 out of 3 days of skiing at Heavenly included, as well as breakfasts and free shuttles.

Mt. Hood Skikats is planning a train trip to Whitefish Mountain Resort February 28-March 6.

Did you miss FWSA's trip to **Ski Bormio**, **Italy**? Well, here's your chance to join **S'no Joke Ski Club in Bormio**, **plus 2 nights in Venice**, **January 30-February 9**, **2010**, **for only \$1,822** pp/do (plus airport taxes of approximately \$93). Contact Jerry Fitts, trip leader, at <u>ifitts@windermere.com</u> or 206-226-0767 or Monica Voltz at Snow Tours West, <u>monicvoltz@yahoo.com</u> or 1-866-365-6266. Trip prices will be higher if there are fewer than 20 people signed up.

S'no Joke has a number of other trips that are open to members of NWSCC clubs:

- * 1/7-10 Winthrop, WA, Cross Country
- * 1/7-12 Steamboat Springs, Colorado
- * 2/3-8 Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana
- * 2/17-21 Snowbasin/Powder Mountain, Utah
- * 2/17 or 19-24 Utah add on Alta, Snowbird, Solitude
- * 3/4-7 Schweitzer Mountain, Idaho
- * 3/13-18 Jackson Hole/Grand Targhee, Wyoming

- * 3/25-28 Mt. Bachelor, Oregon
- * 4/8-11 Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada

For information on any of these trips go to www.snojoke.org.

Skiyente will have its Fifth Annual Family Trip February 11-15, 2010, this year for the first time going to Brundage Mountain, Idaho. They will carpool to McCall, Idaho, and will be staying at the Brundage Bungalows for 4 nights. The trip includes 3 days of skiing at Brundage, a Friday Night Après Ski Party, and a Family Downhill Challenge Race. Pricing including lodging and skiing starts at just \$219 for adults, depending upon the room configuration (the Bungalows have many choices) and how many adults or children are in each room. While only 24 spots are available at the Bungalows, any extra people may be accommodated at a nearby lodging facility with slightly higher rates. For questions or to sign up, contact Colleen Walter at colleenski64@yahoo.com or Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or 503-706-0522.

PACRAT RACING:

Race dates have been confirmed:

January 10 Timberline

January 24 Mt. Hood Meadows, Middle Fork Trail February 7 Mt. Hood Skibowl, Dog Leg Trail

February 28 Timberline

March 14 Mt. Hood Meadows, Stadium Run (Yellow)
March 21 Make up race, if necessary (Meadows)
April 2 RAT Attack Year End Party (tentative)
TBA Summer Sun Attack at Mt. Hood Skibowl

The FWRA Championships will be held at Mammoth Mountain, California, April 9-11, 2010. NWSCC is planning a trip to Mammoth, and has booked condos for a 5-day trip. Exact details are TBA. Everyone will be welcome, racer or not, to join us and ski this incredible mountain - it's not named "Mammoth" for nothing!

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? Please let Sheri Parshall know so that we can share the information! Watch for a special article in the upcoming Northwest Skiers' Directory!

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

FWSA is now on Facebook!

You might still be able to get on the FWSA Ski Week in Keystone, Colorado, January 30-February 6, 2010, as FWSA President Randy Lew reported that spots may also be available through open spots from other Councils. Contact Randy if you are interested, at FWSA13randy@telis.org.

The 5th Annual Keystone Nationals Race Challenge will be held just before FWSA Ski Week, from January 27-29, 2010. The event includes a hosted welcome party, 3 days of races, and a Cocktail Awards Reception and Awards Dinner Banquet, all for the price of \$195 (lodging and transportation not included, but packages are available). For further information check the website at www.Keystonenationals.com or contact Nancy at 775-338-3438 or weystonenationals@sbcglobal.net.

The 2010 FWSA Europe ski trip will be to Cortina, Italy, February 27-March 7, at a base cost of \$1,844 from SFO/LAX (plus airline fees & taxes of approximately \$303), with a pre-trip February 24-28 to Venice at an approximate cost of \$575, and a post-trip extension March 7-14 to Vienna and Budapest for approximately \$858. (Note you cannot go on the pre or post trips unless you are on the main trip!) See flier.

FWSA Cruise in the fall of 2010 - Leaving Boston, visiting Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, St. John, New Brunswick, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Boston. The Cruise Company is putting together a package for this cruise. There will also be a package prior to the cruise to tour the Boston area. Pricing will be available for this trip at a later date.

How about a really memorable way to celebrate the new year in 2011? FWSA is joining Holidaze Ski Tours for an Antarctica Adventure & New Year's Eve in Buenos Aires December 29, 2010-January 12, 2011!!! Participants will leave December 29, 2010, for a 15 day trip with 3 nights in Buenos Aires, followed by a flight to Ushuaia and a 10-day cruise on the MS Fram. The cruise includes meals, lectures, guided tours and many fantastic locations and sights you have only seen on TV, including whales, seals, penguins, icebergs, snowy peaks, ice cliffs, and much more! The last night will be at a hotel in Ushuaia. Prices including airfare from JFK or LAX start at approximately \$5,800 pp/do including extra charges, and go up from there - but this is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Sun Valley won the bid for the 2011 FWSA Ski Week. Watch for further details. Initial deposits won't be collected until after the completion of the 2010 FWSA trip to Keystone.

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 including a trip to Australia and/or New Zealand in August of 2011. 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 Scholarships. The Far West Ski Association founded its Athletic Scholarship program in 2004 to provide financial assistance to deserving young ski racers. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers licensed by the United States Ski Association (USSA) and participate in racing programs in the states represented by the councils of the FWSA. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic performance, athletic achievement and community activities. Additional information is available at the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org). Northwest Snowsports Foundation, which evolved from NWSCC and has given scholarships to many deserving young Northwest racers over the years, has announced its dissolution, and recommends that donations for scholarships be given to the FWSA Scholarship program, where they can still be earmarked for Northwest recipients.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE: Prizes for the 2009-2010 season will be awarded for anyone who skis (or boards) a minimum of 7 areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. Check the NWSCC website for details. While you are there, contact management and tell them you are with NWSCC and participating in this program.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

NWSA informs the skiing public about ski area development issues in Oregon and Washington. This site also provides an opportunity for skiers to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. It's easy and your help is needed NOW! Sign up for the NW Advocates list serve. Visit www.nwskiers.org and click on Northwest Snowsports Advocates (coming soon on the new improved website).

MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

Maureen Richards of S'no Joke Ski Club in Seattle has again arranged for the annual Half Price Ski Day at Crystal Mountain for NWSCC club members - just show your membership card at the ticket window to receive half off the price of your adult lift ticket (only \$30!) on Sunday, March 21, 2010, which happens to be the first day of spring. Thanks, Maureen!

Look at the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org to see an updated list of member benefits and discounts (coming soon on the new improved website), and check out the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org under Membership to see the current discounts. Note Debbi Kor is constantly adding new benefits!

As a member of FWSA, you also belong to the National Ski Council Federation, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. 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.

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.

CALENDAR:

12/26-1/3 Yellowstone National Park (XC) Oregon Nordic
 27-1/1 Schweitzer & Silver Mountain, ID Bergfreunde
 31-1/3 Schweitzer Mountain, ID Desert Ski Club
 January 2010

7-10	Winthrop, WA (XC)	S'no Joke
7-12	Steamboat, CO	S'no Joke
8-10	Bend Bachelor Blowout (DH, XC, S	SS) Altair
9	Mountain Safety Lecture @ Lodge	Cascade
9-10	Telefest, Hoodoo Ski Resort	Altair
9-16	Big Sky, MT (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
9-16	Sun Valley Prime Time, ID (Air)	SKIBACS
10-18	Sun Valley & Brundage, ID	Bergfreunde
13-18	Jackson Hole/Grand Targhee, WY	Desert Ski Club
15-18	Mystery Trip (Bus)	Mountain High

Ski Oregon was recently granted a proclamation by Governor Kulongoski proclaiming January 2010 as **Learn a Snow Sport Month!** The proclamation notes the importance of outdoor recreation as a part of the Oregon lifestyle and the great impact that the industry has on Oregon's economy and tourism industry. http://www.traveloregon.com/upload/Images/Photos/Ski_Oregon 2009/PDFs/SkiORAug09%20News.pdf

Ski Oregon is pleased to announce they will again be participating with Shell on a 2 for 1 promotion that starts in January. Local ski areas that are participating are Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood SkiBowl, Mt. Ashland, Timberline, Willamette Pass, Hoodoo, Cooper Spur and Ski Anthony Lakes, as well as many around the Northwest and even other parts of the country. Purchase a minimum of 10 gallons of gas and receive a 2 for 1 lift voucher at participating ski areas in Oregon. This is a great promotion not only for ski areas but for the entire industry as it brings more skiers to the sport as well as more ski visits.

Did you know that charitable organizations can be "club" members of NWSCC for free? Associations such as the Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation (Mt. Hood Academy), Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, and Outdoors for All are all "free" members of NWSCC. We encourage support of these worthy organizations.

Shawn Storey told us at the October meeting about the "Grease Bus," which runs a \$10 shuttle to Mt. Hood Meadows. It operates on used cooking oil, and you can find information on its website at www.greasebus.com. Shawn also mentioned the Snowdays Foundation which helps introduce underprivileged children to snowsports. Donations of either money or time are welcome; see their website at www.Snowdaysfoundation.org. It is a 100% volunteer organization with 100% of monies raised going to help the children.

Emilio Trampuz told us at the October meeting that OMSI will be having their OmniMax movie, "The Alps," available for private showings for up to 300 people at a cost of \$1,900.

NEW BENEFIT: Mt. Bachelor will offer a FREE picture "Club Card" to NWSCC club members. Here's the latest:

- 1. For the general public: Up until the lifts open for the year Mt. Bachelor is offering a "club card" picture pass for \$29 that will allow purchase of \$49 non-holiday lift tickets online (excluded dates are 12/26/09-1/3/10; 1/16-18/10; 2/13-15/10).
- 2. NWSCC club members can go to the Sports Desk at Bachelor up through January 31 and get that same card for FREE by showing your NWSCC membership card and picture ID. (The card cannot be obtained for free at ski shows or other places Mt. Bachelor sells them.)
- 3. On the day you pick up the Club Card, you can "load" it with your credit card with multiples of \$49. In the future you can load it up any time online before arriving at the mountain. When you get to the mountain, you can go directly to the lifts and, as you pass through, \$49 will be deducted from your balance on the Club Card. Note that you can load the card in person at the Sports Desk only the first time. After that, you'll need to do it online, using a credit card.

Thanks, Mt. Bachelor, for this great benefit!!

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PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, OR Sun Valley Resort, ID Twirl Advertising

SILVER MEMBERS: Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder Mountain & Snowbasin, UT) Ski Chalet, Portland, OR Timberline Lodge, OR Vail Resorts Wentworth Subaru NW

BLACK DIAMOND:

The Tire Factory/Northwest Tire Factory, LLC

BRONZE MEMBERS:
Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada Brundage Mountain Resort, ID Collins Lake Resort/Grand Lodges Mt. Hood, Gov't Camp. OR Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR Hillcrest Ski & Snowboard, Gresham, OR Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, W Y Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR Mountain Shop, Portland, OR Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie Alpine Resort) Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID Silver Star Mountain Resort, BC, Canada

Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth, WA

HONORARY MEMBERS: 49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA 49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA
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Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
Mt. Ashland, Ski Area OR
Pacific NW Ski Area Sassociation

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.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wed., December 16, 2009 6:00 PM

BUFFALO GAP SALOON & EATERY 6835 SW MACADAM AVE. PORTLAND, OR 97219

> **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!** IT'S P.I.E. NIGHT!

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LOCATION!

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan: SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES! First With Safety Awareness!

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National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org