



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2010

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## **NWSCC IS GOING TO QUARTERLY MEETINGS - PLEASE JOIN US!**

**The next NWSCC meeting will not be held until December 15 at the Shanghai Noble House (5331 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97239), starting at 6:00 pm! Guest speakers may include Mt. Bachelor, some Bend lodging properties, and of course it's PACRAT bib pickup night and the PIE sale! (No host food - full menu - great food!)**

The next meetings will be on the third Wednesdays of March (highlighting the End of the Season, FWSA Convention, and Man & Woman of the Year) and June (Elections).

## **TIMELY ALERTS:**

The **Portland Ski Show** is scheduled for November 5-7 at the Expo Center - check out the NWSCC booth! Member clubs will be displaying promotional materials and the booth will be staffed by volunteers.

**NWSCC's Ski Fair** is scheduled for **November 8** at the Convention Center, Holiday Inn Airport (site of last year's Ski Fair), 8439 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97220. Doors open 6:00pm. Take advantage of this early opportunity to visit with snowsport industry reps, see new fashions, and visit other club members. Discounted ski passes will be available. **LAST CHANCE TO BUY A MEADOWS SEASON PASS BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP - OR TO BUY A 10 TIME PASS FOR THE BEST PRICE**

Admission is FREE and this event is open to the public--so invite all your co-workers, friends & neighbors. The show highlights ski/snowboard resorts, retailers and clubs, as

well as safety programs and racing programs. No host beverages available.

The SILENT AUCTION will offer some awesome ski trips and equipment. Remember that this is a free opportunity for your club to have a booth to show off what you are all about! If you are interested in booth space, volunteering for this fun kick-off event, or donating items, please contact Debbi Kor at [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net) or 503-314-7078.

**PRAY FOR SNOW DANCE November 13** at Charlie's Mountain View. Contact your favorite Schnee Vogeli Ski Club member to obtain your \$15 ticket, as a limited number will be sold in advance - none at the door!

The **deadline to sign up for a PACRAT** race team is **November 30** - see inside for further details.

There will be a **demo PACRAT race** to test out the new timing system on **Saturday, December 11**, location TBD, to be followed with an **Après Ski Party** at the **Grand Lodges Mt. Hood (Government Camp)** in the afternoon. Watch for further details - our Membership Director Colleen Walter will be sending out a special email when full details are known.

See the fliers on the website offering NWSCC clubs specials from **Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals** and from **Collins Lake Resort**.

Read the special article which came out of an email from Emilio Trampuz to Mountain High Snowsport members about **buying lift tickets versus passes at Mt. Hood Ski areas**. He likes to ski everywhere, so provides some very good ideas!

## **2011 BACHELOR BLAST TRIP!!**

**Attention, Clubs!** NWSCC is proud to announce the details of the **2011 Bachelor Blast** trip, to be held **April 7-8-9-10-11, 2011!** The reason for the "extra" dates is that

for the amazing base trip price of **\$180** you will have a choice of an extra night lodging FREE (either Thursday night or Sunday night) added on to make your weekend extra special.

Yes, you heard right - \$180 for this trip will get you either two or **three** nights of lodging, **two** lift tickets to Mt. Bachelor, and **one** heavy hors d'oeuvres party on Saturday night! If you want to ski a third day you can get a discounted ticket – or else you can hang around and have a day to relax and unwind, shop, or enjoy access to the fantastic Mavericks recreation facility at Sunriver. See <http://www.discover.sunriver.com/site/2670/default.aspx>

This year we are staying in Mountain View or Meadow House condos with **Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals**, with 4-6 per condo, depending upon the layout. Trip leader Linda McGavin will work with your club to put your members into condos that fit your needs, if you wish to book a full condo.

Seniors and juniors will get extra discounts: Seniors 65-69 or Teens 13-18 can deduct \$15, and Super Seniors 70+ or Youths 6-12 can deduct \$30 from the basic trip price! Children are welcome on this trip as long as you fill a condo with the minimum number of people who agree to lodge together – we will not assign adults into a condo with children. As an added bonus, if you fill the minimum number of spots in a condo and there are extra bunks or sleeper sofas available, we will give you an additional discount for any further children, making this an extremely affordable family vacation.

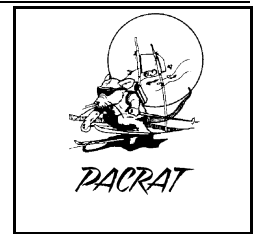
The bad news: **We only have 52 spots available** at these incredible prices – so you'll need to book early and contact trip leader Linda McGavin to work out the best condo(s) for your club members. Like other trips, individual club members can sign up directly and will be assigned lodging if they don't have a preference of roommates. So sign up early!

And the good news: **Your club or group can still participate** even after all of our basic trip spots are sold (or even if you would rather stay in a luxury home), because **Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals is giving a special Bachelor Blast discount for ALL homes or condos booked directly with them for this trip** – mention Bachelor Blast if you call, or use the code "BACHELORBLAST" if you book online. Everyone still gets a FREE extra night! An amenity package is available for those booking Discover Sunriver properties, starting at \$95 for 2 lift tickets and the party on Saturday night, again with further discounts for seniors and juniors!

Check out the flier and signup sheet, and get the word out to all your club members right away!

## PACRAT INFORMATION:

Provided by Chief Rat  
Barb Parshall



Thank you to the team captains and invited guests who made it to our PACRAT/NASTAR 101 meeting in October. The Board and our dedicated Rat Patrol introduced and educated all the team captains about PACRAT Race Day Policies and announced our new timing and NASTAR involvement and what it means for our league. It is sure to be a memorable and exciting PACRAT season this La Niña year!

BIG changes are coming to the PACRAT racing program this year! The PACRAT league has made the decision to buy its own race timing equipment - a state of the art wireless Phoenix timing system. This will be the finest timing system found on the mountain, and PACRAT will be trained by the manufacturers on how to properly set it up and operate our own equipment to help reduce the timing malfunctions that can be associated with ski racing. PACRAT is going to great lengths to see to it that our racers will have an enjoyable on the hill experience. One variable we can't always control is Mother Nature!

ALSO NASTAR!!! Rank yourself nationally and try to qualify for regional and national competition by comparing your handicap by age category throughout the country! You will also win a very special NASTAR PACRAT Mt. Hood Pin for your best handicap time of the season!

S.A. Piazza & Associates, LLC, has paid the club national member fee for PACRAT to offer NASTAR (National Standard Race) qualifications and points and awards at no extra cost this season! View [www.NASTAR.com](http://www.NASTAR.com) to register and learn all the benefits of being a NASTAR racer.

PACRAT's tentative dates for this season are as follows:

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| Nov 30 | Team registration deadline   |
| Dec 11 | Training day & test new timing equipment<br>Location TBD - Après Party at Grand Lodges |
| Dec 15 | Team Captain meeting and Bib Pick Up at<br>NWSCC General Meeting Shanghai Noble House  |
| Jan 2  | PACRAT/NASTAR Training Day, Meadows<br>Open to all to try out NASTAR                   |
| Jan 9  | Race #1 Timberline   |
| Jan 23 | Race #2 Mt. Hood Meadows   |
| Feb 6  | Race #3 Mt. Hood Skibowl   |
| Feb 27 | Race #4 Timberline   |
| Mar 13 | Race #5 Mt. Hood Meadows   |

Mar 20 Make Up Race (if necessary), Location TBD  
Apr 1-3 FWRA Championships, Alpine Meadows, CA  
Apr 15 End of Season Rat Attack Party, The Refectory

For additional information about PACRAT, contact NWSCC or a member club, visit [www.PACRATs.org](http://www.PACRATs.org), or contact Barb Pressentin at [BP2Ski@Gmail.com](mailto:BP2Ski@Gmail.com) or 503-267-0522.

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#### **FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:**

FWSA is on Facebook!

Next year's **FWSA Convention** will be held in Industry Hills, California (Los Angeles area) June 9-12, 2011. The Pacific Palms Golf Course (where the tournament will be held) is rated number one in the nation. It is apparently closer to the Ontario airport than the Los Angeles airport.

The National Ski Council Federation and Aspen Skiing Company are sponsoring the **Snowmass Alpine Nationals** ski race January 3-9, 2011 at Snowmass. The midweek event is a race between council racers and all ski club and councils are invited to participate. Cost is \$190 per person plus lodging, lift tickets, and transportation. Call Stay Aspen Snowmass for reservations at 877-308-7978 or contact Bob Ellis, President of the Far West Racing Association at [rellis9681@aol.com](mailto:rellis9681@aol.com) for more information.

The **2012 Ski Week** will be in **Jackson Hole, Wyoming**, January 28-February 4, 2012! A \$100 deposit made out to NWSCC will hold your spot, and is fully refundable until July of 2011.

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](http://www.FWSA.org) or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email [fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net) or phone 925-944-9816.

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**NWSCC can still get you on the 2011 FWSA Ski Week in Sun Valley (January 22-29, 2011)**, though possibly not with our group (we had to turn back spots that were in demand by other Councils). Depending on lodging, the trip price ranges from \$895 to \$1325 per person, without transportation. If you have access to your own lodging at Sun Valley you may purchase an "amenities package" that includes registration, racing, parties, picnic, banquet, and the 5 days of lift tickets included. A \$100 deposit is still necessary to hold that reservation.

See the attached Sun Valley flier to determine what type of

lodging you would like to request. There's lots of flexibility with this trip. If you don't want to use all your lift tickets, their value may be applied to other activities, including lessons, dining and entertainment, ice skating and lunch, massage, gifts, or even helicopter skiing!

Children are welcome on this trip, but there is no special child's pricing. Senior discount pricing will be answered soon. This is a great trip from the Northwest, as Sun Valley is within driving distance for most of us, saving the cost and hassles of air travel. However, if you wish to fly, FWSA will arrange air and shuttles. Contact Barbara Bousum with questions at [travel@nwski.org](mailto:travel@nwski.org).

Interested in a **chance to WIN a spot on the FWSA Sun Valley trip** valued at \$950+? NWSCC will be selling tickets, with the drawing to be held at a time to be announced. The cost is \$20 for one ticket or \$50 for three tickets. The winner will receive one fully paid trip with condominium lodging (transportation not included; an upgrade to hotel lodging would be at the winner's cost). If you have already paid a deposit at that time, your deposit will be refunded. Tickets are available through Sheri Parshall or other NWSCC officers. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so your chances are far better than the lottery!

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FWSA will offer a trip to **Switzerland** (Engelberg and Interlaken) **February 26-March 7, 2011**, starting around \$1,357 without air. A Bulgaria extension March 7-13 starts around \$954, and a further extension to Bucharest and Transylvania March 13-19 is \$1,140. See fliers. **THERE IS STILL ROOM ON THIS TRIP!**

Upside Down Skiing? Well, at least skiing "down under." Be a Hobbit on skis; say hello to some sheep; most importantly, visit with the most wonderful, hospitable people in almost all the world, who live in what some have called paradise. Check out the flier for the FWSA trip to **New Zealand July 24-August 5, 2011** (\$2,891 from SFO/LAX), with a Pre-Trip to **Rarotonga** July 24-27 for only \$250, and a **Sydney/Cairns** post-trip extension August 5-12 starting at \$1,099!

**WOULD YOUR CLUB LIKE TO EARN A COMP ON ANY FWSA SKI TRIP?** All you need to do is to bring 30 people, and the comp is yours to do with as you please. This would also give you more input into future ski weeks that FWSA plans.

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**THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:** Watch for the coming year's Challenge - ski any 7 of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to be eligible for a prize!

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**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. See [www.nwskiers.org/NWSA/NWSA.htm](http://www.nwskiers.org/NWSA/NWSA.htm).

This year three Washington ski areas have new lifts: Crystal Mountain, The Summit at Snoqualmie, and White Pass, and we helped to provide the skiers' point of view to assist all of them!

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**MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:**  
Look at the NWSCC website at [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org) to see an updated list of **member benefits and discounts**, and check out the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://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](http://www.skifederation.org) in the Members Only section. The user name is **skiclub** and the password is **member**. One benefit of note is some really good travel insurance.

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**MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:**  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGULAR NWSCC MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED! Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday QUARTERLY; 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.**

Did you know that the **NWSCC has a Facebook page?** You can reach this page from the NWSCC website, and you can keep up-to-date on all our events and activities.

**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**  
**November 2010**

2	Wine & Cheese Membership Drive	Skiyente
6	Annual Gala Auction, Seattle	Outdoors for All
11	Kickoff Party & Swap, Grey Gables Mountain High	
13	Pray for Snow Dance, Gov't Camp Schnee	

**December 2010**

9-14	Aspen in December	Cabernet/Open
11	Demo PACRAT Race & Après Party at Grand Lodges Mt. Hood Government Camp	
29-1/2	Buenos Aires/Antarctica Cruise	FWSA/All Clubs

**Bergfreunde's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Lake Tahoe Sampler Trip February 27-March 5 is open to all other clubs - see flier attached on the newsletter web page.**

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**From the National Ski Club News:**  
To subscribe to the National Ski Club News, go to <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/Subscribe.aspx?m=4704>.

**FAM TRIPS ANNOUNCED EARLY**  
While we had announced that we would list familiarization trips beginning in our November 2010 Newsflash, a couple of them were scheduled in December and we decided to start the listing a month early to give ski club officers more time to apply to attend the early FAMS. Please click below to see FAM trips that are available to ski clubs in December 2 0 1 0 . C l i c k <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/LandingPage.aspx?id=623922&p=1> to see the FAMS.

**SKI SALT LAKE EARLY SEASON VACATION SALE!**  
Purchase your Ski Salt Lake vacation package including the Ski Salt Lake Super Pass providing access to each of our famed resorts - Alta, Brighton, Snowbird, and Solitude. Book now to save 25% on 4+ Nights lodging, last day ski free, 25% Off Rentals, and free RT transportation to resorts. Nowhere else in North America can skiers and snowboarders combine four world-class resorts with the amenities of a metropolitan setting, including exceptional dining, cultural arts, shopping, and eclectic night-life. Limited-time offer ends December 15, 2010, book now! For more information, go to [http://www.ski-saltlake.com/ski\\_deals\\_1?utm\\_source=nscn&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=four4free](http://www.ski-saltlake.com/ski_deals_1?utm_source=nscn&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=four4free)

FROM FWSA [News:](#)  
· The FWSA scholarships for 2010-2011 are in the final stage of the approval process. Fifteen scholarships have been approved with the possibility of a 16th. Despite a poor showing at the 2010 convention (raffle/auction receipts were \$1000 below 2009), the addition of two, possibly three, scholarships can be attributed to the generous donation from the Far West Racing Association and the addition of three (possibly four) new partners: Mountain High Snowsports Club (Portland, OR), Los Angeles Council, and

San Diego Council. In addition, Skiyente, our first partner, has raised \$1,050 for its Erin Nicole Award which will be awarded separately.

· The **FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program** continues to benefit from the generosity of its sponsors: Canadian Mountain Holidays ([www.canadianmountainholidays.com](http://www.canadianmountainholidays.com)), heli-skiing and heli-hiking at its best; Whitefish Mountain Resort ([www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com)), a year around family fun destination; Grouse Mountain Lodge ([www.grousemountainlodge.com](http://www.grousemountainlodge.com)), the premier choice in mountain resorts; and Schure Sports Inc. ([www.karbonmail.com](http://www.karbonmail.com)), maker of the Karbon brand of snowsports apparel; and the Far West Racing Association ([www.fwra.com](http://www.fwra.com)) We extend our sincere thanks to these sponsors for their continued support.

· **Heli-Skiing Operation to Open in Lake Tahoe** Long absent from the Sierra Nevadas, heli-skiing returns to Lake Tahoe after a nearly forty-year absence. We spoke to the owner of the newly opened Pacific Crest Heli-Guides about filling the void. The heli-deprived residents of Lake Tahoe can finally rejoice...and start saving. Pacific Crest Heli-Guides in partnership with HeliTahoe have announced plans to operate a full-fledged heli-skiing operation accessing over 100,000 skiable acres along the spine of the Pacific Crest beginning December 15. Outside of a few unsuccessful heli-skiing enterprises in the early 1970's, much of Tahoe's potential heli-accessed terrain has remained untouched for almost four decades.

The **American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation** (ABSF) announced that it is currently seeking grant applications for young skier programs associated with schools and cross-country ski organizations throughout the country. "The mission of the Foundation is to promote cross-country skiing as a fun, energetic activity that is part of an active and healthy lifestyle," said Executive Director Ned Zuelsdorff. "A significant portion of our effort focuses on young skiers. To this end the Foundation annually provides grant funding to young skier programs. Zuelsdorff said the ABSF will award a total of \$15,000 in grants with up to \$1,000 being awarded to each organization selected. He said grant applications from youth cross-country ski programs throughout the country are welcomed. Priorities for ABSF funding include, but are not limited to the creation or expansion of young skier programs and first time applicants. Zuelsdorff said the Young Skier Development Grant application is available here. Grant applications are due in the American Birkebeiner office by Friday, October 1, 2010. The ABSF Skier Development Committee will review all applications received by the deadline and

announce grant awards by November 1, 2010. If you are interested in helping this effort and contributing to the Young Skier Development Fund, which is used exclusively for this purpose, call (715) 634-5025 or send a check to "ABSF," PO Box 911, Hayward WI 54843, designating Young Skier Development Fund.

**CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!** You will find all the latest news, as well as informative articles that contain information your club can really use! As part of our P.I.E. program, Powerpoint presentations will be available for presentation at club meetings if desired.

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Note: We have stopped mailing any copies of the NWSCC newsletter, as there were only 5 people who did not have email addresses ... sorry, guys!

## NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2010-2011

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## 2010-2011 NWSCC COMMERCIAL SPONSORS:

### PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

### GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR  
Sun Valley Resort, ID

### SILVER MEMBERS:

Carr Subaru, Portland, OR  
Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)  
Timberline Lodge, OR

### BLACK DIAMOND MEMBERS:

The Tire Factory/Northwest Tire Factory, LLC

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Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR  
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Mt. Ashland, Ski Area OR  
Mountain Shop, Portland, OR  
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

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SPONSORS AND LET THEM  
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

## NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check [www.nwskiers.org](http://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.

**Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format on the website, and the link easily be passed on to your members.**

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### **NEXT MEETING:**

Wed., **DECEMBER 15, 2010**, 6:00 P.M.

**SHANGHAI NOBLE HOUSE  
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**← NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING THIS MONTH!**

### **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](http://www.fwsa.org)

National Ski Council Federation: [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org)