



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2011

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NWSCC IS GOING TO QUARTERLY MEETINGS - PLEASE JOIN US!

The next NWSCC meeting will be held March 16 at the Shanghai Noble House (5331 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97239), starting at 6:00 pm. The meeting will highlight the Season, the FWSA Convention, and Man and Woman of the Year. (No host food - full menu - great food!)

The next meetings will be on the third Wednesdays of June (Elections) and September (Looking forward to the next Season). Appreciation Night will be held in the summer, TBA.

TIMELY ALERTS:

Details inside this newsletter for the following: Sign up by February 15 for the Masters Mania Weekend races March 5-6 sponsored by Schnee Vogeli and Skiyente Ski Clubs to avoid a \$5 late penalty. Sign up by February 18 for the Oregon Cancer Ski Out to be held March 6-7 - individuals wanting to race can be placed on a team!

NWSCC MAN/WOMAN COMPETITION

NWSCC is holding its annual Man and Woman of the Year competition. We are looking for a man and woman from each club who the club wishes to honor because they have done something special for their club - it's not a campaign or a popularity contest. **NEW this year - any club member may directly nominate someone from ANY NWSCC club who they feel is deserving of being chosen as NWSCC's Man and Woman of the Year!** You may submit your entries with a description of why the person deserves the honor by email to Colleen Walter at membership@nwski.org.

The NWSCC Board will review all Man and Woman of the year nominees and will choose one man and one woman to be NWSCC's 2010-2011 winners. In making their choice NWSCC will consider FWSA's criteria, which includes service not only to a person's club, but also to their Council, their Community, and FWSA. The persons selected will be required to fill out FWSA's forms to enter that competition; NWSCC pays the entry fees.

All the nominees will be recognized at an upcoming NWSCC special event. Those chosen as NWSCC's man and woman of the year are eligible to participate in the FWSA competition at the FWSA Convention in June. Council Men/Women of Year who attend the Convention receive a ski trip to Big White/Silver Star whether or not they are the FWSA winners. **The deadline to submit nominations to NWSCC is March 16, 2011.**

NWSCC is selling awesome Port Authority Microfleece Vests. They are black with the new logo on the left chest. Men's are \$43.00 and women's are \$40.00, with payment due upon order. We'll get pictures and an order form on the website soon!

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

2011 BACHELOR BLAST TRIP!!

Attention, Clubs! The 2011 Bachelor Blast trip will 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.discoversunriver.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! **Payment in full is required to hold your spot.** Our volunteer treasurer is a CPA, and at the time of the trip will be buried in tax returns.

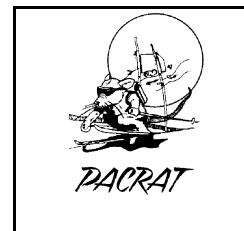
And the good news: **Your club or group can still participate** even after all of our basic trip spots are sold (or even if you would rather stay in a luxury home), because **Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals is giving a special Bachelor Blast discount for ALL homes or condos booked directly with them 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:

Here are the current race dates:

- Feb 27 Race #4 Timberline
- Mar 13 Race #5 Mt. Hood Meadows
- Mar 20 Make Up Race, Location TBD
- Apr 1-3 FWRA Championships, Alpine Meadows, CA
- Apr 15 End of Season Rat Attack Party, The Refectory



Two races have been held, and the results are posted on the PACRAT website (www.PACRATs.org). Dale Parshall says: "It remains close at the top, with 14 teams within 20 points of the lead. Prior champs Ruttin' Rats and Racy Brats climbed to the top two spots, only 2 points apart, with Bad Company and Vertigo Madness just another point back. Tasmanian Ski Devils jumped 19 places from last to 6th and Ruttin' Rats jumped from 12th to 1st, proving if your team is not near the top you can see huge point swings in one race, especially if your team has full participation. As for individuals, it looks like Cooper Raasch is taking over for Aaron Anderson as top dude and Kerry Scroggins brought her 'A' game to top the ladies. Anyone wanting to participate in the FWRA Championships at Alpine Meadows April 1-3 please contact Dale Parshall right away" at Dale.Parshall@bankofthewest.com.

For additional information about PACRAT, contact NWSCC or a member club, visit www.PACRATs.org, or contact Barb Presentin at BP2Ski@Gmail.com or 503-267-0522.

CLUB NEWS AND OPEN TRIPS:

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

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** in Government Camp will again be holding **Après Ski Parties** on the second Saturday of February and March from 3:00 to 5:00. **HOST CLUBS ARE NEEDED!** It's easy to host; all your club needs to do is to provide some appetizers (nothing fancy needed); the Museum arranges for a winery to pour wines. Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com to volunteer your club and get the date of your choice!

S'no Joke Ski Club out of Seattle has a number of trips with spots available for other clubs. Go to the S'no Joke website at www.snojoke.org/Ski-Trips/SkiTrips.htm or contact Jay or Dorothy Hart at hart2hart8@hotmail.com, and they will put you in touch with the appropriate trip captain.

(1) Copper Mountain, CO. Mar. 6-12 - Have you ever skied Copper before? Now is as good as any time to get great group rates with an experienced Colorado trip leader. Sandra Tone has a group of 20 intermediate to advanced

skiers with 3 remaining spots. The trip needs ONE MALE. This trip offers FREE Cat skiing plus a day at Keystone.

(2) Brundage, ID Mar. 23-27 - 4 days of lodging and skiing for less than \$100 day. Feb. sign-ups are packaged at \$325. ROADTRIPPPPP!!!!

(3) Whistler, BC Apr. 14-17 - Sign up for the traditional end of season pilgrimage to Whistler. This trip generally has in between 60 and 80 participants that just don't know when to quit. This year's trip provides ski-in/ski out luxury at a bargain rate, care of the Whistler Hilton, just a hop, skip, and jump away from the main gondola. This is one of the few trips that have a few spots left.

Skiyente and Schnee Vogeli jointly sponsor the **Masters Mania Race Weekend March 5 and 6, 2011**, at Mt. Hood Skibowl. Sign up before February 15 to avoid an extra \$5 penalty charge. The Turkey Slalom is on March 5 and the Memorial GS is on March 6. The race cost is \$30/day for PNSA/USSA members (with an additional \$25 membership fee if you are not a PNSA/USAA member). See attached flier. Contact Diane Hicks at snowwitch@earthlink.net for further information.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

The 79th Annual **FWSA Convention and Snowsports Leadership Academy** will be held **June 9-12, 2011** at the fabulous Pacific Palms Hotel & Conference Center in Industry Hills, hosted by the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs. The Pacific Palms Golf Course (where the tournament will be held) is rated number one in the nation.

Pacific Palms is now taking room reservations. Just log into our special reservations site at: www.pacificpalmsresort.com/FWSAlogin.htm. The Login is fwsa and the Password is 2011. In addition to the Snowsports Leadership Academy, this year's Convention will feature a special Multi-Media Presentation in conjunction with the Convention theme - Making History, the Annual Silent Auction and Travel Expo, plus a variety of fun optional events. For complete information about the Convention, log into www.fwsa.org. Click on Convention 2011 / 2011 Delegate Information and select Convention Flyer from the list. Delegate packets will be sent to all clubs in early March. For information about the hotel, go to www.pacificpalmsresort.com. When making airline reservations, the hotel is apparently closer to the Ontario airport than the Los Angeles airport.

The June 2014 FWSA Convention will be hosted by NWSCC!! We are looking for a host hotel or resort - we hosted our last convention in Bellevue, and will be looking for a hotel with sufficient convention space (minimum 12,000 square feet) and access to a golf course.

Read the attached article by Barbara Bousum about what a great time the participants in this year's FWSA Ski Week in Sun Valley had, and think about signing up for next year's trip!

The **2012 Ski Week** will be in **Jackson Hole, Wyoming**, January 28-February 4, 2012! Plans are being made for a truly memorable week, including a day at Grand Targhee, and possibly tours of the local area (Jackson Hole is located very close to Yellowstone Park). A \$100 deposit made out to NWSCC will hold your spot, and is fully refundable until July of 2011. NWSCC would like each participating club to name one in-club trip leader for this trip, to work with our NWSCC trip leaders Barbara Bousum and Christine Ciardi. See immediately below for potential benefits.

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 might be shared if more than one club with in-club trip leaders has a total of 30 participants. This would also give you more input into future ski weeks that FWSA plans.

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.

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!

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE: Save your lift tickets or credit card receipts from your visits to a minimum of any 7 of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho to be eligible for a prize! The more ski areas you ski, the better your chances of a bigger prize! Tickets will be turned in to NWSCC at the end of the season; the winner is usually announced at Appreciation Night in the summer.

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 always needed! See 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 assisted all of them! **Just announced January 7:** The Forest Service has approved three projects as an amendment to Crystal Mountain's 2004 Master Development Plan. The projects include the replacement of the High Campbell chairlift, replacement of the wastewater treatment plant and various modifications to the Bullion Basin lift and trails. NWSCC provided favorable support and comments every step of the way.

Notes From the Upper Elevation:

By Sheri Parshall, NWSCC President

We have learned from our Washington clubs that there is legislation proposed in the State of Washington that could impose fines of up to \$1,000 on skiers/riders caught skiing/riding out-of-bounds at any of Washington's ski resorts. Not only is a potential fine involved, but the fine is issued by respective sheriff's offices, and results in an actual citation being issued. While Oregon has similar legislation, there is a significant difference: the policing of out-of-bounds snowriders is left up to the individual resort, with "fines" limited to loss of skiing privileges. (Note: since this can mean having your pass pulled for the season, the financial ramifications could be significant.) Legislation in both states includes reimbursement of any costs involved in rescue/medical evacuation of out-of-bounds skiers/riders. Again, this is only a legislative proposal, but all kinds of questions are raised: Who will be authorized to hand out the "citations"? What effect will this have on already-clogged court systems and under-staffed Sheriff's departments? Will a potential \$1,000 fine actually deter out-of-bounds skiers?

We'll keep you posted!

MEMBER BENEFITS AND 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. Note Debbi Kor is constantly adding new benefits! **Here's the two newest benefits:** **Rack Attack** is a full service sport rack company offering our members 15% off any purchase. They are located in the US (Oregon, Colorado, Minnesota, and Maine) and Ontario, Toronto and British Columbia, Canada. Also, we have another new lodging partner: **Painted Buffalo Inn**, in Jackson Hole.

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**. One benefit of note is some really good travel insurance.

Another benefit is Prepaid Legal and Identity Theft Shield (www.prepaidlegal.com) - \$26.95 Membership (a portion will benefit the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program). FWSA Members receive wills and estate planning, contracts reviewed, financial and business issues handled efficiently, personal rights protected, traffic tickets and accidents defended, IRS and tax issues covered, identity theft restored and more. Log in: farwest ski, password: WA98668

Closer to home, NWSCC club members can show their membership card at the ticket windows at **Crystal Mountain** on Sunday, **March 27, 2011**, to get **half price lift tickets!**

You can still sign up until February 18 for the **Oregon Cancer Ski Out**, which will hold its 23rd annual event **March 6 and 7, 2011**, at Mt. Hood Meadows, at the early bird price of \$900 for a team of 5, or \$180 for an individual! **If you want to race and don't have a team, you will be placed on a team** by signing up on the website under "Team Misfits." After February 18 you can call Nancy Chinn at 971-221-5872 to see if there is still a spot available. A full 97% of the funds raised at this event go directly to local beneficiaries: the Knight Cancer Institute at OHSU, Providence-Willamette Falls Hospice and Hospice of the Gorge, Candlelighters, and new this year, the Health Care Chaplains Ministry (a non-sectarian, non-profit professional chaplaincy organization that recruits, trains, certifies and encourages Christian Chaplains serving in healthcare facilities), 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. Over \$627,000 has been raised over the years by this wonderful organization; \$38,000 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 registration for a 5-person team is \$900, and registration for an individual is \$180. 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 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 a number of the top 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! 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. If anyone has contacts with potential sponsors for this very worthy event, send them on to Nancy Chinn through the website!!

Hope on the Slopes, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, will be held at Mt. Hood Skibowl **March 11 and 12, 2011**. This is the third annual event in Oregon. The format is a vertical challenge to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Individuals can sign up for \$35, or the team cost is \$150 for up to 10 members (early bird rates expired December 31). Lift tickets for participants are reduced to \$35 for the full event. It will be a great party with live bands all 24 hours, BBQ, fun activities, and a celebration of the fight against cancer! Emilio Trampuz will again be in charge of the Torchlight Parade, and will take names of people who want to participate. The number of participants in the parade will be limited by the number of torches available, so sign up early! The parade is an awe inspiring sight as it wends its way down the mountain and the torches are placed into the message "HOPE" at the bottom of the hill! Emilio may be contacted at Emilio2000@earthlink.net. On the official event page: www.oregonhopeontheslopes.org, you can either start your own team for the 24-hour challenge, or join one of the existing teams, or donate to one of the existing teams or individuals. Day-of-the-event volunteers who volunteer at least 4 hours will receive a FREE event lift ticket, good from March 11-12 (1pm- 1pm). To volunteer, contact Kristen at Kristen.Lee@cancer.org. Volunteers are needed for 3 hour shifts in the following areas:

- * staffing the registration table (on Friday),
- * staffing the BBQ (selling food and drinks),
- * punching cards in the lift line (to count the number of runs);
- * set-up crew on Friday morning,
- * clean-up crew on Saturday afternoon, and
- * musicians willing to perform live.

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:

February 2011

17-21	Red Fir Lane, Sunriver (DH, XC)	Bergfreunde
17-21	Sun Valley, ID	S'no Joke
18-20	Winterfest, Bend, OR	Mt. Bachelor
18-21	Snowmass, CO	Desert Ski Club
18-22	Sun Peaks, BC, Canada	WIHSKI
19	Crab Feed, Cascade Lodge	Cascade Ski Club
19-27	Yellowstone National Park (XC)	Oregon Nordic
24-3/1	Crested Butte, CO	S'no Joke
25-27	Shelter Cove, OR (DH, XC, SS)	Altair
26-27	Winter Special Olympics @Mt. Bachelor	Bergfreunde/Open
26-3/5	Park City, UT	Cascade PT
26-3/7	Engelberg, Switzerland (FWSA)	Ski Week
		FWSA/All Clubs
27	Portland Bike Swap	NW Trail Alliance
27-3/4	Schweitzer Mtn Resort, ID	Skihawks
27-3/5	Lake Tahoe Sampler (21st)	Bergfreunde
27-3/12	Snowmass/Beaver Creek Ext.	Skihawks
TBA	Tryouts for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol	MHSP

March 2011

2-6	Solitude/Brighton, UT	Desert Ski Club
5	Ski The Glade Trail Day, Timberline to Gov't Camp, OR	Open / \$100
5	Turkey Slalom, Skibowl	Schnee/ALL
6	Skiyente Memorial, Skibowl	Skiyente/ALL
6-7	Oregon Cancer Ski-Out	Open to All
6-12	Copper Mountain, CO	S'no Joke
6-13	Safari-Revelstoke/Kicking Horse/Panorama	SKIBACS
7-13	FWSA Trip Extension: Bulgaria	FWSA/All Clubs
8-13	Jackson Hole, WY	WIHSKI
10-13	Willamette Pass, OR (DH, XC)	Bergfreunde
11-12	Hope on the Slopes (ACS) Mt. Hood Skibowl	Open to All
12-20	Courmayeur, Italy	Mt. Hood Skikats
13	Spree at Alpental-Demos/Benefit Outdoors for All	

13-19 Powder Mountain, UT Cascade PT
13-19 FWSA Extension: Bucharest/
Transylvania FWSA/All Clubs

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>.

SQUAW VALLEY'S NEW FREE FIRST DAY PROGRAM
Squaw Valley USA announces a great new deal where arriving guests can ski the afternoon and evening for free. Simply present a same-day commercial airline boarding pass with a matching photo ID at Squaw Valley's Season Passes & Tickets office and receive a complimentary lift ticket good for the rest of the day as well as night skiing.

LIFT TICKET PRICES HIT \$100

For those skiers not lucky enough to be skiing with a ski club, Vail and Breckenridge have raised the price of lift tickets to over \$100. Aspen promised not to top \$100 this season, so a ticket at the window during high season is now "only" \$99. Vail's ticket at the window cost \$102 from Dec. 17 through Christmas Day. The price went up to \$108 from Dec. 26-31 and Breckenridge's top price was \$102. Makes you glad that you ski with a club and that we get group discounts, doesn't it?

SKI SALT LAKE - LONGER YOU PLAY, THE LESS YOU PAY! Ski Salt Lake hotel sale – book 3+ nights to save up to 30% or free nights. Purchase your Ski Salt Lake Super Pass to ski one of our famed resorts - Alta, Brighton, Snowbird, and Solitude with more added value - 25% Off Rentals, and free RT transportation to resorts. For more information, see:

http://www.visitsaltlake.com/ski/ski_deals_2?utm_source=skinews&utm_medium=advertorial&utm_campaign=LOS

SKI CLUB APPRECIATION WEEK CANCELLED

The Annual Ski Club Appreciation Weekend at Mammoth Mountain Resort that had been scheduled for April 15-17, 2011, has been cancelled due to budget constraints.

Ski Club Trip Leaders - here is a link to current FAM trip offerings (you may need to copy and paste): <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/LandingPage.aspx?id=672402&p=1>

FROM FWSA NEWS:

· Liftopia - Identify yourself as a FWSA member and receive discounted lift tickets. Liftopia partners directly with ski resorts to bring you great lift ticket deals. Book online and save up to 60% at www.liftopia.com.

· **Far West Racing Championships April 1-3, 2011 at Alpine Meadows**; Special Lift Ticket and Lodging Pricing; Individual and Team Awards; Special Junior Racer Price Silent Auction and Banquet; Child Dinner \$15 (age 0-12).

· March 17, 2011 is the deadline for all history-related submittals – Western Ski Heritage prize, Club/council History Recognition, Roll of Remembrance, nominations.

· March 15 is the deadline to apply for the 2011 FWSA **Charity and Community Service Recognition Program**. The committee will take into consideration the size of the club, the number of charitable activities, and also for each separate activity the preparation time, the number of club participants, and the goal/result/benefit.

· Far West Ski Foundation will soon launch new websites: <http://FWSF.net> and <http://FarWestSkiFoundation.org>

· The first digital edition of the FWSA Skier's Guide is now online:

www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2010-11

· History Committee – The committee is planning to produce FWSA ski history DVD's. The convention theme is Making History; content is available and can be edited and compiled, and volunteers are willing to provide the backbone for the production. Such DVD's would have long lives in Speakers Bureaus for club, council, and community organizations. Content should be ready for assembly not later than March 1 in order to produce and premiere in June at the Convention.

· **Forms and Guidelines** Developed by ski clubs and ski industry — Here you can find an RFP (request for proposal) form developed by federation members along with industry. In addition there are sample by-laws, fam (familiarization trip) guidelines, budget guidelines, and job descriptions for various club offices. Attached on the NWSCC newsletter web page are a Standardized Request for Proposal and Fam Trip Guidelines. Also available from NSCF is a powerpoint Technology and Marketing Workshop Presentation.

· **Tamarack Ski Resort is Back**—Located in central Idaho, Tamarack offers great snow, no lift lines, friendly staff, great prices and amazing views of the valley and lake. The resort re-opened Dec. 20 for the first time in 20 months. Tamarack Municipal Assoc is the group of property owners that pushed ahead to re-open the ski area this winter while the ski area owner wrestles with the bankruptcy court. The group vaulted over one big hurdle to re-opening with the state land board. TMA and Credit Suisse, the company that foreclosed on the resort, paid around \$480,000 for the lease to cover running the ski area through 2011. TMA is operating the resort in the interim until a buyer can take

over. Meanwhile, the homeowners hired staff to operate the resort with the lifts scheduled to run Thursdays through Sundays, plus holidays. "We're creating 65 jobs in a valley of 8,000 people with 30 percent unemployment," said TMA board member, Doug Dvorak. TMA plans to run five of the seven lifts, including one to the summit, and operate two restaurant-style bars.

· **Reno Tahoe Winter Games Coalition Working Behind the Scenes for 2022** – While the 2022 Winter Olympics are years away, the Reno Tahoe Coalition is working behind the scenes in preparing its bid for the U.S. Olympic Committee to contend for the games. Even talk of bringing the Olympics is good for business, making north Lake Tahoe in the ski industry "the hot space," said Andy Wirth, the new head of Squaw Valley USA. More so than any other sector, long-term planning for the Olympics dovetails with long-term planning required for transportation, said Lee Gibson, Regional Transportation Commission executive director.

· **North American Tree Well Fatalities Are Sober Start To Winter.** Tree wells claimed two lives at Whitefish Mountain Resort within 10 days of each other, causing skiers, snowboarders, and resort officials to assess ski habits. The deaths are two of five tree well fatalities in North America this winter and a sobering start to a winter of big snows. A 29-year-old male snowboarder died after falling into a tree well Jan. 8 at Whitefish Mountain Resort. A 16-year-old male skier was found buried in a tree well Dec. 29 and died four days later when taken off life support. Both had been cruising the off-piste trees alone. Tree well deaths stand in a class by themselves known as Non-Avalanche Related Snow Immersion deaths (NARSID). In short, a skier or snowboarder falls upside down in the soft, loose snow at the base of a tree and suffocates. Over the holidays, tree wells claimed the lives of a 29-year-old male snowboarder at ChinaPeak Resort, Calif., and a 32-year-old female snowboarder on a snow cat trip at Retallack Lodge, B.C. A 20-year-old male snowboarder found dead in a creek on Dec. 25 at Whistler Blackcomb was trapped in an inverted position after falling in deep snow. His death is classified also as NARSID.

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.**

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!

RECAP OF FWSA Ski Week – Sun Valley – January 22-29, 2011

By Barbara Bousum, NWSCC Director of Travel

Thirty-eight NWSCC members journeyed to historic Sun Valley in late January. Some flew to Boise, then bused to Sun Valley, three hours away. Most others drove, and one foursome arrived by private plane. Ten of our group stayed at the legendary Sun Valley Lodge (where the movie Sun Valley Serenade plays continuously on room TVs), while the rest stayed in comfortable apartments and condos. Four participants' Lodge rooms were just two doors down from where Ernest Hemingway once lived and worked on his novel For Whom the Bell Tolls.



Sunday morning, many took guided tours of Bald Mountain and then skied on our own in the afternoon. At the end of the day, we partied as part of the nearly 600 FWSA members at a welcome reception and dessert bar at the Sun Valley Inn. Plenty of sweet treats and ice cream accompanied wine, beer, mixed drinks, and coffee/tea.

Monday, the races began with the qualifier run. After qualifying, a dozen or so NWSCC'ers met for lunch at the Roundhouse, a famous mountain restaurant. Choices included elk medallions with spaetzle, Croque Monsieur, salmon, quiche, and beef tenderloin with Portobello mushrooms and, of course, famous Idaho spuds. Fine victuals all—possibly one of the best on-mountain meals some of us ever tasted. That night, Far West sponsored a "pub crawl" in neighboring Ketchum. Numerous restaurants and bars provided specials on food and drink just for our group.

With no races Tuesday, we skied to our hearts' content. That evening, NWSCC'ers headed into Ketchum for dinner at the storied Pioneer Saloon. The menu included steak, prime rib, and Idaho trout along with fine local potatoes. Yum, mighty good! Be sure to stop in at the "Pio" when you are in the area!

Wednesday, brave and foolhardy souls descended the icy slalom course on Cozy. Finishers deserved gold medals. Far West hosted a mountain lunch, where we enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, Gardenburgers, salad, chips, cookies, and brownies. Believe it or not, lunch was served outside in a shady clearing with the temperatures in the mid 20's. Water started to freeze in glasses during lunch—no surprise. Après ski, participants had the option of ice skating at the Sun Valley Lodge. Some skipped the blades and headed into Ketchum for dining delights.

Thursday, races concluded with the giant slalom and Council Challenge. Fortunately, Sun Valley had turned on the snow guns to soften up the race course. That evening, NWSCC hosted a private Happy Hour before heading to the FWSA banquet and dance with a "Back to the 50s" theme at the Sun Valley Inn. Participants feasted on a buffet that included salmon and prime rib. After dinner, many danced to nostalgic tunes of the '50s and beyond--you should see skiers dance the twist! For NWSCC'ers, the party continued into the night at one of the condos.

Friday, we gathered at Baldy for NWSCC group photos. After skiing, we enjoyed après ski with heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. NWSCC finished 5th overall in the racing competition, and many racers received medals on Friday. Sadly, it then was time to pack up and say goodbye to glorious Sun Valley!



Sound like you missed a wonderful trip? Sign up for Ski Week in 2012 at Jackson Hole, January 28-February 4, 2012, and you can have this much fun, too! Contact Barbara Bousum Bbousum@gmail.com or Chris Ciardi at C2blondie@hotmail.com. Trip details will be revealed soon.

SKIER SAFETY: FALLING FOR YOU

By Richard Rizk for Northwest Ski Club Council and Cascade Ski Club (Winner of the 2010 FWSA Safety Person of the Year Award)

In late December 2010 eight people were injured when a chairlift at Sugarloaf Ski Resort in Maine derailed. As we all know, when a chairlift stops, be patient. Almost always the lift will start up again...no problem. Derailements like the one in Sugarloaf are very rare. Those who did fall were cushioned by new snow. Thus, the Sugarloaf incident teaches us that choosing a soft landing spot is crucial in reducing injuries from any fall.



While skiers and riders cannot eliminate the risk of an unlikely event such as the Sugarloaf scare, the incident got me thinking... Why do some folks who fall from great heights survive with few injuries while others do not? Here I list some suggestions that may reduce severity of injury falling from height:

1. Avoid falling in the first place if possible.
2. If falling from a great height (such as an airplane or building) make like a skydiver... face the ground, arch your back, bend your arms and legs slightly. Using your arms and legs, aim for a soft landing spot such as deep water or deep snow.
3. Relax as you near the ground.
4. With your feet together, fall on feet first.
5. Land on the balls of your feet first.
6. Tuck and roll.
7. Protect your head on the bounce.
8. Seek immediate medical care (if you are conscious).

In contrast from falling from a height, falling while skiing is an expected part of the sport. If falling while skiing:

1. Become aware of the pending fall.
2. Relax and don't fight the fall.
3. Fall uphill if possible. Why? Falling uphill is a shorter distance.
4. Avoid hard objects like rocks or trees.
5. Get out of the way of other skiers.
6. If you can't move or suspect a back injury, ask a buddy to mark your spot from above with crossed skies.
7. If injured, ask for help and stay put in a safe place until aid arrives.
8. If you are ok, smile! You are in good company. Every skier and rider bites the dust at one time or another.

Editor's note: It is with great sadness that we announce the deaths of two ski club members this year. Both were skiing in Lake Tahoe, and both died as a result of falls while skiing. Donna (DiDi) Drummond broke her neck in a fall onto a rock at a Tahoe ski area, and was transported by helicopter to a hospital in Reno. She was paralyzed and died about a week later, on January 3, 2011. Donna was an avid cyclist, skier and traveler, and a long time member of the Cascade Prime Timers Ski Club. A memorial service will be held on February 13, 2011, from 5-8 pm at PNCA, 1241 NW Johnson in the Pearl District, Portland.

Two days later (January 5), Les Davenport, a member of the Desert Ski Club and Mountain High Snowsport Club, sustained a fall at the Homewood Ski Area in the Lake Tahoe area while on a solo ski safari type trip. When the ski patrol arrived, he was out of his bindings and had apparently hit his head hard, followed by a slide into a tree.

Our condolences to their families and friends; they will be missed. And please ski carefully!

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