



Northwest Ski Club Council

NWSCC May 2021 Newsletter FWSA April News Flash Industry News

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS!

NWSCC will not conduct a Zoom Council meeting in May.

The June 16, 2021 NWSCC Council meeting will be held via ZOOM!!

Everyone is invited - please tell your club members! Normally this would be an elections meeting. The BOD is discussing the best way to do elections for 2021, keep checking here for details.

Date: June 16, 2021

Time: 6:45 pm PDT call in; meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81003754078?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81003754078?pwd=OGdDbjBldXpyNWtoT2NVS2t3dGVHQT09)

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Meeting ID: 810 0375 4078

Passcode: 544525

See [Article](#) on **Elections** and officers and directors who will be up for election in June - and please consider joining the board to help our NWSCC Clubs!

Also see the interesting and informative [Article](#) by Tom Arnold, our Eugene Rep, with the most thorough discussion of taking care of your ski equipment - ALL of your ski equipment - at the end of the season!

FWSA Ski Week 2022 Aspen/Snowmass registration is now open - sign up NOW! As we are getting vaccinated for COVID and dreaming of new fun adventures, please consider joining us for what is sure to be an exciting Aspen/Snowmass group ski adventure in 2022. FWSA's 2022 Aspen/Snowmass Ski Week is open for registration. The trip dates are January 29-February 5, 2022. See NWSCC website for details; click on the flier and the registration links on the NWSCC home page and/or the [Trips](#)

page. Note: the cancellation policy has changed from prior years. Be sure you read it. Contact Rod Robinson at rdrobinsonskier@gmail.com with questions.

For many interesting articles, including tons of information on how ski areas across the country are dealing with Covid, Indy pass additions, invention of the ski lift, folding skis, cross country skiing, and MORE, check out the **National Ski Council Federation's April 2021 Newsbeat**. Check out interesting articles on the NSCF website including [What Fully Vaccinated Travelers Need to Know Before Planning a Trip](#) and [What Are Vaccine Passports—And How Would They Work?](#)

Other recent articles include:

- * [Finally, A Way to Keep Old Ski Boots Out of the Landfill](#)
- * [Are reciprocal pass coalitions dying? Or growing?](#)
- * [Ikon Is Absolutely Crushing Epic in Spring Skiing Access](#)
- * [Indy Pass Adds Powder Mountain, West Mountain, Mount Ashland for 2021-22 Season](#)

NWSCC and Social Media:

Beyond the informative monthly newsletter from NWSCC and other notices distributed by email, we continue to spread helpful and interesting news and ski world articles by Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NWSkiers> Be sure to like our page, join our facebook group and stay informed throughout the month. NEW AND GROWING FAST is our **NWSCC Facebook Group** - it is growing by leaps and bounds!

Another important source of information is [Northwest Snowsports Advocates](#), follow them on Facebook and learn the latest in the ski industry world. The latest posts include the proposed Valemount Glacier Destination Resort, which is expected to be the largest year-round ski resort in North America with the third tallest vertical drop out of any ski area on earth, and the Aspen Skiing Co.'s coal mine methane-capture plant. Check it out!!!

NWSCC INDUSTRY MEMBER NEWS

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You can get a jump on next season too and purchase your 2021-22 Value Pass, All Access Pass, or Nordic Season Pass today -- all of which are currently available in our Online Store! Purchase now, and you'll get some great benefits:

- * Best pricing: Prices on passes will increase after May 31
- * All Access add-on option: We may limit the number of All Access Passes available next season, as we did this season, to help manage our peak day experience
- * One free lift ticket: Your pass will include one free unrestricted lift ticket

that you can use for yourself or give to a friend

* One free Nordic track fee: Your pass will include one free day down at our Nordic Center

* Free scenic chairlift rides for Summer 2021

Head to our [blog](#) to learn more, then click [HERE](#) to purchase your 2021-22 Season Pass! Also, if you prefer to purchase in person and are in the Portland metro area, you can get your pass at Meadows PDX, located at 1639 NW Northrup!

Meadows thanks its guests during this past season!

As our season comes to a close, the entire Mt. Hood Meadows and Cooper Spur Mountain Resort Teams want to sincerely thank you for your patience, compliance and loyal patronage during this challenging season.

Beyond COVID, what has made this season so historic for us is your resilient response to the pandemic. We operated 142 days this season with no COVID interruptions and more importantly, no traceable workplace transmissions at Meadows or Cooper Spur.

We thank our guests for acknowledging that our first priority was the health and wellbeing of our team. Without our team there would be no season. The vast majority of our guests, especially our season pass holders, respected and complied with our COVID protocols. You reviewed our operational plans and planned accordingly to do your part to keep our season going. You wore your mask. You listened and even shared that message with others – reminding them that we are all in this together.

You understood our decision to open on a Monday following Thanksgiving, so as not to endanger our season by stumbling right out of the gate. Our team appreciated so much being able to put our plans to work in preparation for the next weekend's crowd. One of our greatest concerns was accommodating the passes and vouchers from the previous season during the first three weeks of operation. And while that challenged us – it also forged us. We honed our plans to better anticipate and manage each day's turnout. Thank you for understanding and giving us the space we needed to make corrective actions.

We are grateful that La Nina blessed us with early snow – and that our mountain teams were able to open so much of the mountain. From opening day, we could open terrain from the bottom of Hood River Express to the top of Cascade. Having that much terrain helped spread us out and helped create an epic on mountain experience.

We appreciate all of our day and night guests who purchased their tickets, rented their equipment and reserved lessons online, allowing us to prepare for your arrival and expedite getting you to the slopes.

We are so grateful that we had Sahale this season – to provide a more efficient use of space and allow more room in our existing lodges to accommodate our team. We can't wait for next season when we'll be able to welcome you into our buildings for a more complete and comfortable experience.

Last fall we all knew things would be different, but we were confident that if we all worked together, we would have a great season. With your trust, cooperation and sacrifice – it's been a great season.

You were patient. You were flexible. And you were kind.

Thank you for making our season and we can't wait to see your smiling

faces next season.

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Show your NWSCC membership card to get a 10% discount on full price items!

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See [specials](#) on NWSCC website for 15% off!



April 2021 Excerpts *Far West Ski Association* WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2021

FAR WEST CONVENTION – DATES CHANGED TO OCTOBER 7-10, 2021: The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is busy, busy with plans for the *88th Annual Far West Convention*. Please change your calendars to these new dates! We want to see you all in San Diego October 7-10, 2021 for some outstanding Snowsports Leadership sessions, informative Public Affairs Sessions, a great Silent Auction and Trade Show, as well as some fun outside activities including: biking on Coronado, Sailing in San Diego Harbor, golfing, kayaking and paddle boarding and an Oktoberfest-themed Pub Crawl. Room reservations will be available soon. See Flier [HERE!](#)

All FWSA board positions will be open for election at the Convention. See [FWSA page](#) on the NWSCC website for details.

FAR WEST OFFICER ELECTIONS 2021: The Far West Ski Association Annual Meeting & Convention will be held October 7-10, 2021, in San Diego, CA. Voting for FWSA Officer and Trustees will occur on Sunday, October 10. ALL Board positions are up for election. Listed below are names of those who have committed to run at this time. We will continue to add names as they come in.

Officers – 1-year terms:

- President – Gloria Raminha (incumbent)
- Secretary
- Treasurer - Randy Lew (incumbent)

Carryovers from 2020 –

1-year term remaining:

- Trustee (2 positions) - Linda Westlund (incumbent)
- VP Communications - Joe Harvis (incumbent)
- VP International Travel – Debbie Stewart (incumbent)
- VP Marketing - Debbi Kor (incumbent)
- VP Membership –

Positions open for 2-year terms:

- Trustee (2 positions) – Tom Bundgard (incumbent)
- VP Council Services – Chris Gill (incumbent)
- VP North American Travel -
- VP Public Affairs –

If you have an interest in serving as an Officer or Trustee, please contact Steve Coxen at pastpresident@fwsa.org or phone (503) 679-9022. For a copy of FWSA Qualifications for the positions of President, Treasurer, Trustee, VP of International Travel, and VP of North American Travel, please contact Steve Coxen.

All candidates must be members in good standing of clubs affiliated with FWSA or a direct member of FWSA. Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of the elections.

FWSA By-Laws, Job Descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. Click on the “About” tab, then click on the “Governance” tab. For information or advice on running for any FWSA office contact a member of the FWSA Nominating Committee:

- Steve Coxen, Nominations Committee Chair, pastpresident@fwsa.org
- Todd Hood, Succession Planning Committee Chair, successionplanning@fwsa.org

The change in the Convention dates changes the due dates for submission for awards (including the Environmental Award, Safety Award, among others), Club and Council Newsletter and Website awards, and the Charity Recognition Program to July 18, 2021. See [FWSA website](#) for details about all awards! Note there are some WONDERFUL prizes for the [Safety Person of the Year](#) (4 nights lodging with 3 day lift pass to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for two), [Western Ski Heritage Prize](#) (5-day ski/board package for two at Steamboat), and [Environment Award](#) (5-night ski/board package for two at Aspen/Snowmass, including air!). Look at the requirements, and nominate yourself or someone you know who is deserving!

Recognition Awards

The deadline for submissions for Recognition Awards is July 18, 2021. Click on name of Committee Chair to send emails.

- Council’s Man & Woman of the Year ([Sheri Parshall](#))
 - Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort, Canada
- Western Ski Heritage Prize ([Fran Long](#))
 - Sponsored by Steamboat Ski Resort, Colorado
- Richard Lubin Safety Person of the Year ([Fran Long](#)) & ([Kat Severin](#))
 - Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, California
- Environment ([Fran Long](#))
 - Sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant, Crestwood Condominiums

- Charity & Community Service ([Sigrid Noack](#))
- Club/Council History Recognition ([John Watson](#))
- Historic Ski Club ([John Watson](#))

U.S. SKI & BOARD HALL OF FAME: The U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame has partnered with the NSCF to provide our councils, clubs and members with an affiliate membership opportunity with perks ranging from discounts, free museum access plus voting to see who gets inducted into the Hall of Fame. Get the full details and registration info by clicking this link: [SkiHallofFameFlyer](#). Some of the perks include: up to 60% off on event tickets; hotel and lift ticket deals; access to Partner deals; Promo code access for industry sales and special events; entrance into quarterly give-aways; and IKON Pass give-away entry, to name a few.

THE 7 BEST SPRING SKI RESORTS IN NORTH AMERICA: Spring skiing is here. Check out some of these outstanding resorts, and here's the reasons why: *Mt Bachelor* for its "deep spring snowpack, and the Bend Beer (Bend is known as Beer City U.S.A.). *Whistler Blackcomb* – (Open May 24) for the Spring Powder storms; *Snowbird* – for deep Spring Snowpack and late season dumps. *Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows* – for the "cushing cross". Home of the original pond crossing event. *Killington* – latest closing. *Mammoth Mountain* – the best Spring Park. Lastly, *Arapahoe Basin* – "it's the Beach!"

U.S. SKI & BOARD HALL OF FAME AND NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF SKIERS: U.S. Ski & Snowboard, has announced a new four-year partnership with the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS). Founded in 1973, the NBS promotes winter sports among minorities and seeks to develop elite-level minority winter sport athletes. "We are honored to officially partner with the National Brotherhood of Skiers," said U.S. Ski & Snowboard President and CEO Tiger Shaw. "I regret we have not done so sooner, as our missions are aligned in making the U.S. Best in the World at Olympic skiing and snowboarding. We cannot truly be the best until we are more inclusive and accessible to all. We recognize the economic and geographical barriers to our sports and in partnering with NBS know we will be better equipped to engage with minority and underrepresented communities. We look forward to working with NBS over the next four years, and well into the future, in creating a more inclusive winter sports community."

This new partnership seeks to establish a comprehensive program involving outreach efforts, training, funding and other resources aimed at achieving athletic excellence and furthering the mission of the NBS and developing a pipeline of elite-level minority winter sport athletes. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will provide NBS coaches access to its Sport Education programs as well as provide training opportunities to NBS athletes commensurate with their level of athletic accomplishment and qualifications. Both organizations will facilitate access to resources for minority athletes who have experienced economic barriers to the entry into and continued participation in winter sports. To kick off the partnership U.S. Ski & Snowboard is proud to announce its title sponsorship of the NBS 2021 Virtual Black Ski Summit.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FAR WEST 2021 DIVE TRIP: *Coming Up!* The 2021 Dive Trip will be October 9-16, 2021 to the wonderful *Anthony's Key Resort* in *Roatan, Honduras*. We have great pricing for their top-of-the-line Key Deluxe lodging, meals, and 6 days of 3 tank boat dives. The registration forms and additional information are available on the [FWSA website](#) or contacting Randy Lew at divetrips@fwsa.org

FWSA SKI WEEEEK 2022: *Aspen/Snowmass Resort* will be the destination for the annual Far West Ski Week. **NEW DATES: January 29-February 5, 2022** We will be staying in Snowmass Resort and participants have a choice of ski in/ski out lodging or units a short walk to the ski hill. The Snowmass base area has many new restaurants, lodging, and activities such as a climbing wall and ice rink. The *Alpine "Breath-taker" Mountain Coaster* now traverses the mountain slopes. Sign up information is now available through your Council - see NWSCC home page or [Trips](#) page.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK: *Solden, Austria* will be the setting for the 2022 International Ski Week. Dates are set, leaving the US on February 25th, with Ski Week dates: **February 26 - March 5th**. There is an extension to the *Black Forest*, **March 5-11, 2022**. For more information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org.

FWSA MINI SKI WEEK: The *Zermatt Utah Resort* Mini Trip has now been set for **March 20 - 25, 2022**. Participants will have the option to ski/ride *Deer Valley, Park City, and Sundance Resorts*. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: president@fwsa.org; 661-800-8229. Stay tuned for further Information.

FWSA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE 2022: There's still plenty of time to sign up for the *Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise*. Participants can sign up for the *Denali Tour*, **June 21 - 25** or *Alaska Inside Passage Cruise*, **June 25 - July 2, 2022**, or for the combined two trips. The Denali Trip starts with two days in Fairbanks, AK, followed by two days in Denali, and ends in Anchorage for those doing this portion only. The Inside passage Alaska Cruise starts in Whittier and travels southward with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan before docking in Vancouver, BC. Trip information and registration available on the FWSA.org website or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, vpnorthamericantravel@fwsa.org; (530) 414-8261.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL "ADVENTURE TRIP": The Trip to Croatia, originally set for September 2022, has now been set for **September 2 – September 11, 2022**. Departure date from the U.S. will be September 1st. For further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: vpinternationaltravel@fwsa.org.

Stay safe! Stay healthy!

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NWSCC would like to thank our Industry Members for their generous support. Without their help, it would be impossible for NWSCC to accomplish our goals of supporting ski clubs and the ski industry. Please visit these businesses that support NWSCC.

NWSCC is always accepting memberships at all levels. If you are interested, or know a business that is, please contact IndustryMember@nwskiers.org.

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