



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR AUGUST 2008

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In place of our regular August meeting, join us at 6:00 pm on August 20 for Appreciation Night - to be held at Sheri Parshall's home - details below!



Note that future meetings of NWSCC will be held the third Wednesday at a NEW LOCATION: The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, Portland, OR 97219), and will start at a new time: 6:00 pm! (No host food/special menu)

SAVE THE DATE: December 12-14, 2008!! The Blitz is back!! NWSCC is planning a revival of the famous "Bachelor Blitz" ski trip to help our Platinum Member Mt. Bachelor celebrate its 50th Anniversary! - Watch for further details!

you know what that means! Ski season is right around the corner!

NWSCC has a totally action-packed winter all ready for you. We're kicking it off with Appreciation Night at the Parshall house--you need to be there! How about this--THE BLITZ IS BACK! Remember those wild weekends in Bend (then again, maybe that brain cell is buried somewhere, still recuperating)? We are headed back to Bachelor, ladies and gentlemen! We're going to help Mt. Bachelor, our NWSCC Platinum Sponsor, celebrate their 50th season. How cool is that!? Then there are ski shows in Seattle and Portland, followed by our own NWSCC Ski Fair on November 17th at the Monarch. Our December meeting will focus on PACRAT racing, and Barb Parshall is getting the PACRAT board all ready to go. We're going to be having a NWSCC function in Seattle on October 25th, in conjunction with the ski show there, so to all you northern snowriders, put that on your calendar. Big Sky, Montana, is all ready to host NWSCC and our sister Far West councils during FWSA Ski week, and Far West Race Championships are being held at Northstar-at-Tahoe in April. And more fun! NWSCC is celebrating our 30th anniversary! So be watching this newsletter for more updates on events surrounding our birthday. We're planning some great activities--club history nights, and a NWSCC council logo

APPRECIATION NIGHT IS BACK!!

Wednesday, August 20th, Starting at 6 P.M.

This is the night we appreciate the club presidents and reps who've worked hard for their clubs and our council this year, and all of the volunteers who helped with PACRAT and the FWSA Convention. And for this special occasion, we have a special location! Food and beverages will be provided.

Dale & Sheri Parshall's Home (see map inside newsletter)
(near Blue Lake Park, just off I-84)
20721 NE Interlachen Lane
Fairview, OR 97024
Phone: 503-912-0064 (Please RSVP!)

PREZ SAYS

Hey snowriders!

I know it's August, but those "ber" months are just a few days away (you know--SeptemBER, OctoBER...you get it)! And

contest, to name a few. And then we'll end things with a big birthday bang sometime next summer.

The Northwest Skier's Challenge is back, too! Let's support the ski resorts who support us by dropping by and taking a few runs. And don't forget to stop by their sales offices and say "thanks for supporting NWSCC."

Last but not least, we have a new meeting location! We've been trying to return to a more centralized location in Portland, and we're hoping the Buffalo Gap fits the bill. We have our own room, our own menu, and it'll be closer to those folks coming down from Vancouver and the east side. So see you at the "Gap" in September!

We've come a long way in thirty years, folks. Your NWSCC board is ready to start the next thirty. Come play with us!

Warm regards,
Sheri

Note: NWSCC is again providing a FREE booth at both the Seattle (October 24-26) and Portland (November 14-16) Ski Shows for clubs to promote membership. Club members will be solicited to work at the booths in exchange for free admission, but they are to promote ALL clubs when they work at the booths. Volunteer coordinators will be announced in the near future.

NWSCC Ski Fair has been scheduled for Monday, November 17, at the Monarch Motor Hotel. Donations of auction items and items for the "drawing bags" are being solicited to make the event more fun for everyone. Do you have any kind of item or service you can donate? We'll even take "regifted" items! To donate, contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net

RECAP, JULY NWSCC MEETING:

As a meeting with no scheduled guest speaker, the main focus of discussion was to brainstorm ideas to make future Council meetings lively, interesting, and enjoyable. Ideas included continuing with guest speakers, including ski areas, a meeting at a ski shop, a presentation by the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, and meetings focusing on newsletters, web page development and resources to use to make websites better, round tables to discuss getting and keeping new members, a travel/trip roundtable, highlighting

a club each meeting, and including Seattle area clubs and Washington resorts.

This upcoming year will be the 30th anniversary of NWSCC (founded in 1979), and council and club histories will be a big part of this celebration. Clubs are encouraged to develop their histories and prepare summaries, which ties into a new category of FWSA awards for club histories. Clubs' historical displays could be presented at a big Council anniversary party to be planned for late next summer, and ideas for such an event were discussed. In addition to a big "gala" of some sort, other events such as ski days at our local areas with an Après event at the Mt. Hood Museum were discussed. Watch for further information as the year goes on!

Last year we helped Mt. Hood Meadows celebrate its 40th anniversary. Another big anniversary this coming season is Mt. Bachelor's 50th, and we expect to publish all kinds of specials that we encourage our clubs to participate in to enjoy this special time. We had a request from our good friend Bob Bourquard of Mt. Bachelor to bring back one of our longest running and best ski trips: The Bachelor Blitz! The general opinion was that it was a good idea to do another Blitz. We would need to have the same time of the year as in the past, because rates are better. The trip will be planned December 12-14, with bus transportation available. The trip will be offered to other FWSA councils/clubs. Save the date, and watch for further details!

The last item discussed at the meeting was a potential change in meeting location from Round Table Pizza, in order to attempt to come up with a more central location. The Buffalo Gap on Macadam Avenue was suggested, and subsequently it has been confirmed that we will have most of our meetings there (we may have one or two in local ski shops or other locations). So be sure to watch each meeting announcement to see where that month's meeting will take place!

COMMERCIAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

We're very pleased to welcome our new director of the commercial membership program, Jessica Lee! Many of you will remember Jessica from all her hard work at the convention. Jessica will be working with a super committee of outstanding and dedicated club members who'll be providing guidance and support of the program: Linda McGavin, Mary Olhausen, and graphic designer Leslie Baird. If you have suggestions for new commercial members, give Jessica a shout right away at jlee1284@gmail.com. They're putting the new directory together right now!

CLUB INFORMATION:

Skiyente Ski Club announced that its 2009 Family Ski Trip will be to Silver Star, BC, Canada. FWSA has jumped on the bandwagon and is making this an official FWSA family trip open to all FWSA members!

PACRAT RACING!

PACRAT has announced its (probably) final race dates for 2009:

Jan 11	Timberline
Jan 25	Mt. Hood Meadows
Feb 15	Mt. Hood Skibowl
Mar 8	Mt. Hood Meadows
Mar 22	Timberline
Mar 29	Makeup race, if necessary

Rat Attack (end of season awards party): Date TBA

For further information see the PACRAT website at www.pacrats.org or contact Chairman Barbara Parshall at 503-267-9522 or bparshall@theperottigroup.com.

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 with other clubs and FWSA.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

SKI WEEK 2009: Join NWSCC as we hit the wide open slopes of Big Sky, Montana, for FWSA's annual Ski Week, January 24-31, 2009. Send a check NOW to NWSCC for \$400 to reserve your place. Spots are held for NWSCC only until September, so sign up now to assure your choice of lodging: lodge hotel or condo. A number of options are waiting for you. The trip promises to be lots of fun with expansive terrain for all levels, social activities, racing, and an option to tour Yellowstone National Park. See the attached flyer or call Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 for more information.

FWSA has a **Greek Isles Tour October 1-17, 2008!** Travel to Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Mykonos plus a two day tour of Athens. The trip cost is \$3,390 per person. There is an optional extension to Turkey October 17-24 for \$1,050. See the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org under the Travel tab. This trip is full, but there is a waiting list and the trip leader advises that he always has last-minute cancellations (and in fact has recently put out a call to fill 4 vacancies).

FWRA (Far West Racing Association) invites you to attend the annual **Keystone Nationals** which will be held **December 10-13, 2008**. Keystone is the perfect setting for

an early season racing experience. To book your trip contact Ryan Jordi: ryan@ski.com, 866-665-1041. Welcome Party, 3 days races, Reception/Awards Dinner. Race Training Camp option. Non-racers are invited - even if you don't race, you'll enjoy wonderful snow, meeting skiers from all over the country and no crowds.

Bad Gastein in the Austrian Alps (one hour from Salzburg) will be the destination for the FWSA European Ski Week February 27-March 7, 2009, at an estimated base cost of \$1,690 PP/DO including air from LAX or SFO. Bad Gastein is a charming, historic village with a world famous spa, and lots of restaurants and shops, located in the Gasteinertal Mountains. March 7-14 will be an extension to Munich and Prague at an estimated cost of \$855. See flier attached. Contact Norm Azevedo at (925) 944-0420 or e-mail fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net for more information.

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 Barbados dive trip in 2009, a Mediterranean cruise, and even a trip to Australia and/or New Zealand.

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 Scholarship**.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

NWSCC strives to inform the skiing public about ski area development issues in Oregon and Washington. This site also provides an opportunity for skiers to take an active roll 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.

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 across the western United States and Canada. Note Debbi Kor is constantly adding new benefits!

As a member of Far West Ski Association you also belong to the National Ski Council Federation, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. One of your member benefits is the ability to purchase ski equipment, clothing, goggles, gloves, etc. at a discount. 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**.

If you don't know if a place offers a discount or not, sometimes just showing your FWSA card and asking if they give a discount, saying that other places do, has sometimes resulted in a surprise discount for those who have tried it.

If you ever have a problem obtaining a discount which has been offered to NWSCC members, please report it to us with your name, if possible the name of the employee who turned you down, the date, and a description of the problem.

Hot News Flash! Crystal Mountain will allow NWSCC members to ski for HALF PRICE (only \$30!) on Sunday, March 15, 2009, by showing your FWSA/ NWSCC card at the ticket windows!

Mountain High Snowsport Club is planning a trip to Crystal Mountain that weekend (March 13-15) which will be open to other NWSCC club members as well, with special group pricing on Saturday included. The bus will be out of Eugene and could make several stops to pick up skiers on the way. Mountain High has a unique trip pricing method which shares the savings as a bus fills up: Pricing starts at \$220 for bus, 2 nights' lodging in Enumclaw (sorry, we can't stay on mountain for that price), 2 breakfasts, and a Saturday lift ticket to Crystal, and goes down \$3 for each additional 2 people who sign up! Contact Linda McGavin at mcgavinski@gmail.com or 503-652-2840 for further details.

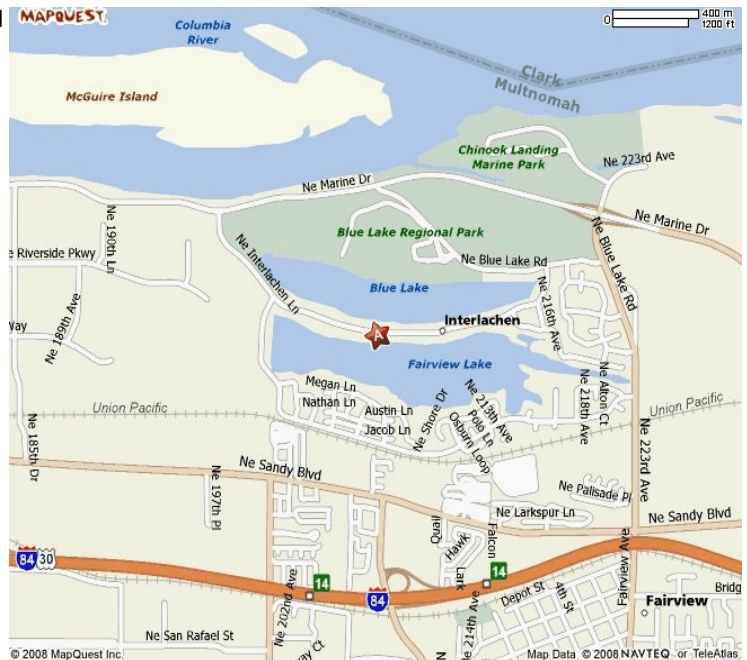
CONTACT AN OFFICER IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONSIDERED.

WARREN MILLER'S CHILDREN OF WINTER

Kick off the winter sports season with Warren Miller's Children of Winter film premier, narrated by Jonny Moseley - incredible cinematography, deep powder, fresh lines and outrageous adventure. This World Tour starts October 22 and tickets go on sale in September. CLUBS - get involved with a Warren Miller Street Team, host a screening of the film, buy cheap tickets and get Warren Miller gear. Check out www.warrenmiller.com for more information.

MAP TO PARSHALL HOME:

20721 NE Interlachen Lane, Fairview, Oregon



The easiest way to go is to take the 207th Street exit from I-84, turn left and go to Sandy Boulevard; right on Sandy to 223rd; left on NE Blue Lake Road, left again on NE Blue Lake Road towards the park (if you hit Marine Drive you've gone too far), and left on NE Interlachen Lane to the house at 20721 Interlachen Lane on the right hand side of the street. Parking on the street wherever you can find it.

SKI TRIPS & FUN DATES

- Dec 10-14, 2008 Keystone National Races, CO
- Oct 24-26, 2008 Seattle Ski Show
- Nov 14-16, 2008 Portland Ski Show
- Nov 17, 2008 NWSCC Ski Fair/Monarch Hotel
- Dec 12-14, 2008 Return of the NWSCC Bachelor Blitz!
- Jan 24-31, 2009 FWSA Ski Week, Big Sky, MT
- Mar 13-15, 2009 Crystal Mountain Trip, Mtn High
- Jun 4-7, 2009 FWSA Convention, Reno, NV

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;

NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2008-2009

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2007-2008 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

Joe's Sports & Outdoor, OR & WA
Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area, OR
Sun Valley, ID

SILVER MEMBERS:

Moonlight Basin Ski Area, MT
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
Ski Banff (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Tamarack Resort, ID
Timberline Ski Area, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Brundage Mountain, ID
Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
Crystal Mountain Resort, WA
Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Gresham, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
The Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)
Red Mountain Resort, Canada
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Signal Sports (in the Pearl District of Portland)
Silver Star Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth, WA
Sturtevant's, Seattle, WA
Vail Resorts, Inc.
Valdez Heli-Camps

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Barbara Parshall - Re/Max Equity Group
Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT
Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
Mt. Ashland, OR
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

**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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, August 20, 2008
6:00 PM - APPRECIATION NIGHT

TO BE HELD AT SHERI PARSHALL'S
HOME, 20721 NE Interlachen Lane
Fairview, Oregon

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← NOTE!!

SPECIAL LOCATION!

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES!

First With Safety Awareness!

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org