



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY 2008

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***Join us on January 16 for the
regular NWSCC meeting at
Round Table Pizza!***

Guest speaker TBA ...

on board to help!! Many of our Washington clubs have come forward, but we always need more helping hands, from both Oregon and Washington. Our frequency of meetings will now increase and the frenzy begins. Be a part of the excitement and help show off NWSCC to the other Councils. We'd like clubs to step forward and supply a trinket item for the Goody Bags for delegates (about 350 pieces) - let me know if your club is interested in this. I will be letting you all know, soon, of our convention promotional ideas for your clubs, to encourage club members to attend convention - stay tuned for details!

Ski Hard and Be Safe!!!

Mary Olhausen, President

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

New Year Snow Greetings to all. January is National Skier Safety Month - please take extra special care while out partaking in your favorite snow activities - be it getting to the mountain or swooshing down the slopes!! Oh -and don't forget to collect your lift tickets from OR, WA, & ID resorts for a chance to compete in the NWSCC Ski Challenge.

This issue of our newsletter is filled with several FW SA Awards Programs - I hope many of our member clubs take advantage of these opportunities to enter your club or nominate a deserving person - there's prizes to be had: contributions to your favorite charity, a trip to Steamboat, and a trip to Aspen. Choose from the Charity Recognition Program, Safety Person of Year, Digital History of Club, or Western Ski Heritage Program.

Speaking of awards - calling all clubs to partake in the annual Man & Woman of the Year program. Details inside.

January is here and that means a couple of things on the immediate horizon - Council Elections - see inside for details. Time to cycle in some new people/ideas for running NWSCC. Please let Sheri Parshall know if you're interested in serving on the board.

And while you're chatting with Sheri, let her know if you are interested in helping with Northern Exposure - that is the FW SA Convention, June 5-8, in Bellevue, Washington. I'm SO excited about our Council hosting this great event - we need all clubs

HOT NEWS FLASH!! NWSCC MT. HOOD SKI DAY MARCH 22!

Mark your calendars and tell your club members to plan to ski Mt. Hood on Saturday, March 22, followed by a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Mt. Hood Museum from 3:30 to 5:00. NWSCC also plans to offer a bus to Mt. Hood Meadows that day which will stop at the Museum on the way back for the festivities. Further details to follow.

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 to compete. A panel of judges will review all clubs' Man and Woman of the year nominees and will choose one man and one woman to be NWSCC's 2007-2008 winners. The Man and Woman representing each club will be recognized at an upcoming NWSCC special event. The winners of this competition are eligible to participate in the FW SA competition at the Convention. Council Men/Women of Year who attend the Convention receive a ski trip to Big White/Silver Star whether or not they are the FW SA winners. The deadline to submit nominations to NWSCC is March 10, 2008.

JUDGE NEEDED AT FWSA CONVENTION: Each Council in FWSA needs to provide a Judge to serve at the Convention for judging the Man/Woman of the Year competition. Please contact Mary Olhausen for more details and to volunteer for judging. This is a great way to meet other Council/Club members and contribute to FWSA programs.

ELECTIONS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

It's not too early to be thinking about Northwest Ski Club Council's Annual Elections, and WE NEED YOU!

The following officers will be voted upon at the June 18th, 2008 meeting:

President

*Head of the Council Executive Board

*Represents NWSCC at Far West Ski Association meetings and National Ski Council Federation

Vice President

*Assumes duties of the President when needed and other duties as assigned

Treasurer

*Handles council financials. Experience with bookkeeping software necessary

Secretary

*Handles council notes and correspondence as needed

At-Large Director (two positions)

*Duties as assigned by the executive board

Time involved: A monthly Council meeting and a monthly Board meeting.

If interested in running for an office for NWSCC, please contact Steve Coxen at sacoxen@aol.com for more information or to put your name on the ballot. We need your input, we need your support, and we need your bodies!!

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.

Thanks a million!

Steve Coxen, Election Coordinator - NWSCC

FWSA CLUB AWARDS—VISIT THE FWSA WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS OF THESE AWARDS PROGRAMS:

FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition Program

Charity recognition for Clubs and Councils who, during the past year, have shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations. Submit your application form by March 15, 2008. The winner will be notified by April 15, and should plan to be present June 5 at the Convention. The first place winner will receive a \$100 donation from FWSA to the charity of their choice.

FWSA Club & Council History Digital Competition

Capture the history of your club or council for this new FWSA program. FWSA has just commenced a new award, and is soliciting club, league and council histories. The objective of the annual program is to capture important information about skiing from the skier's perspective and especially that of the club skier. Selection for the prize will be based on digital presentation of club or council history according to a set of weighted criteria and judged by knowledgeable ski historians. A cash prize will be awarded and presented at Convention. Presentation must be digital (CD or DVD) club or council history according to a set of weighted criteria. Deadline is April 21, 2008.

FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award

The Western Ski Heritage Program will annually recognize the best effort in the prior year that communicates the contributions of snowsports to the community at large. The Award is sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation and is presented at the FWSA Convention in June. Steamboat Springs donates a snow sports vacation to the top contender for the Western Ski Heritage Award.—The Award is open to an individual or a group leader (not restricted to Association membership) and the person can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. Materials and history programs will be evaluated against the objectives of the program by individuals selected for their knowledge of the history of Western snow sports and that of the Association. A variety of methods may be used to achieve the objectives of the program. This can include any of the following: original documentation of facets of snow sports (in the legendary Bill Berry tradition); organization histories (club, council, league, company, etc) ; videos; photos; books; field trips; speaker programs; descriptions of past major events. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2008.

FWSA Safety Person of the Year

This annual award is bestowed upon the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs. Entries must be made by club nomination and judging will be done by a group of safety experts and leaders of FWSA. The winner gets a week of skiing in Aspen with air, lodging, lift tickets, and rentals for two people. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2008.

SKI OREGON, WASHINGTON OR IDAHO CHALLENGES:

Back for its third year is the Ski Oregon Challenge - ski or ride 9 out of 11 ski areas in Oregon during the 2007-08 ski season. Extra credit will be given for the 2 optional areas: Spout Springs & Warner Canyon.

This is the second year of the Ski Washington Challenge - ski 10 of the 14 ski areas in Washington during the 2007-08

ski season. Extra credit will be given for the 4 optional areas: Hurricane Ridge, Leavenworth, North Cascade Heli-Skiing and Cascade Powder Cats.

New this year is the Ski Idaho Challenge - ski or ride 12 out of the 16 ski areas in Idaho. Extra credit will be given for the 4 optional areas: Bald Mountain, Cottonwood Butte, Payette Lakes, and Snowhaven.

Prizes of equipment, services, or lift tickets will be awarded. Our favorite snowboarder, David Schor, who completed both the Ski Oregon and Ski Washington Challenges in prior years, is going for a triple header this year!! Check out David's entertaining and well written blog at <http://davidschor.net/>. He makes you want to visit ALL of these ski areas!!

NWSCC IS HOST COUNCIL FOR 2008 FWSA CONVENTION JUNE 5-8, 2008, IN BELLEVUE!!

Sheri Parshall, Chairman of the convention committee, continues to look for volunteers for various committees and events for next year's FWSA Convention. A well-attended meeting in Bellevue on August 18 gave us a good start with many volunteers from the Seattle-area clubs taking on some leadership roles. We are looking for celebrities to attend the convention and working on various other activities for Convention attendees. The activities to be offered include a golf tournament, wine tour, Puget Sound tour, kayaking on the Sound, and a Space Needle Pub Crawl. We also plan to bring back the panel sessions with information directly applicable to ski clubs, not available anywhere else. Skiyente has started a ball rolling by committing to donate items for the goodie bags to be given to convention attendees, and other clubs are encouraged to do the same! We would need 350 items to fill the bags. Clubs are encouraged to plan official club trips to attend this local convention; you only get a chance about once every 5 years to attend a convention in our "home turf"! Watch for further updates; contact Sheri Parshall at 503-706-0522 or cougskier@aol.com for further details.

FWSA Travel has planned an Alaska cruise June 8-15, immediately following the convention! Sail on the Norwegian Pearl from Seattle through the Inside Passage, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, and Victoria, BC! Prices range from about \$996 to \$1656 pp/do, depending upon the type of cabin chosen. Check the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org or contact The Cruise Company at 1-800-274-FUNN and sk for Julie (website www.cruisecompoany.com).

RECAP, DECEMBER NWSCC MEETING:

Racing was the main theme of this month's meeting, as team captains were present to pick up their racing bibs. Jack Folliard, former "Chief Rat" spoke about the bargain that the \$85 charge is for racing - several years ago they added up all

the benefits obtained from that charge, and with the parties and discounted lift tickets, hill fees, etc., the true value was around \$300! PACRAT racing appeals to all because the "improvement" points for bettering your handicap can cause you to gain more points than by being the fastest racer in your handicapped class. Gordy Lusk needs people to help set the courses for PACRAT races so they can be ready sooner - Gordy and Bruce Ellison of Mountain High have been doing it on their own. Volunteers would need to be at the mountain ready to help at 7:00 am on race days; they will get two lift tickets - one for that day and one for another day. Contact Gordy Lusk at GordyLusk@hotmail.com or Bruce Ellison at yuffiet@comcast.net to volunteer.

The venue of the year-end party, the Rat Attack, has yet to be decided, and people with suggestions should contact Barbara Parshall at bparshall@equitygroup.com or any other PACRAT officer.

Willy Scroggins, one of the coaches with the MAC Club, is opening up his special coaching sessions to members of NWSCC ski clubs. One program offers 4 race training sessions for \$175, 6 sessions for \$225, or a full season for \$450. The programs run on Friday nights, or there are Saturday or Sunday sessions from 9:30 to 11:30. Instead of one person doing 4 training sessions, the price is also good for 4 or 6 people doing one training session - great for PACRAT teams. This offer has been sent out to the PACRAT team leaders. Willy may be contacted at 503-593-9954.

Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association, spoke about the National Races at Keystone every December, which has participation from recreational racers throughout the country. No pre-qualifications are necessary, and racers should start considering this trip as a fun way to see Colorado at early season prices, as well as the chance to race against people from all across the country.

Skiyente Ski Club sponsors a Masters Race every year, with a slalom race on Saturday and a Giant Slalom on Sunday, in official FIS format, not recreational racing format. This year the races will be held the first weekend in March, and consideration will be given to adjusting the race times for racers who are doing the Oregon Cancer Ski-Out event on Sunday, March 2. Willy Scroggins might be able to set up a special race training the weekend before this Masters race to teach people how to ski that type of course. Details will be made available if the scheduling works out.

Our other guest speaker, Bob Bourquard of Mt. Bachelor, was unable to make this meeting because of storms in the mountains (not a bad excuse!), but their benefit to NWSCC club members is listed on the back cover of the Northwest Skiers' Directory - presenting your current NWSCC club card

at the ticket window on non-holiday days will get you a \$49 lift ticket - a \$10 savings.

Randy Lew briefly spoke about Far West Ski Association, which is the largest nonprofit ski organization in the country. It now has 10 ski club councils as members, representing 175 ski clubs with 51,000 members. A brand new Council, the Intermountain Ski Council, has just been formed and added to benefit clubs in Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. FWSA has extremely active travel programs, with 750 people traveling to Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, this month, about 150 going to France later this winter, and trips planned to the Greek Isles, as well as a cruise to Alaska following the convention in June.

Debbi Kor, our Special Events Director, is working on a special ski day for all clubs with a gathering afterwards, and possibly bringing back the "Sun Attack," a summer fun day including skiing and non-skiing events. The winter ski day may tie into one of the special "second Saturday" après ski events at the Mt. Hood Museum from about 2:00 to 5:00 on those days. Watch for further details.

Club Information Exchange:

Skiyente has 33 people scheduled for its Sun Valley trip in February, including 10 children. See the Ski Club Trips section for further information about this trip which is fun for all, whether or not you have children!

Trip to FWRA Racing Championships, Mammoth Mountain, California, April 3-6, 2008: Gordon Lusk is arranging for a bus from the Reno airport (time tba) on Thursday night, April 3. Participants will arrange their own transportation to Reno (suggested flights will be provided once the actual flight schedules are known). The expected trip cost of \$382 (based on 40 people) will receive the bus ride and four nights' lodging at the Shilo Inn in Mammoth Village, with a return to the Reno Airport on Monday, April 7. (This MAY be changed to a 3-night trip, leaving on Sunday after the race awards.) Once in Mammoth there are shuttle buses around town. FWRA will have discount lift tickets available to ski at the aptly-named Mammoth Mountain, which offers 32 lifts over 3,500+ acres of terrain ranging from beginner to awesome steeps. Mammoth is famous for excellent spring snow, and this is a great time for anyone from the Northwest to find out - you do not need to be a racer to come on this trip!

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? Please let Mary Olhausen know so that we can share the information with other clubs and FWSA.

PACRAT and RACING:

Watch for further details for the upcoming PACRAT season. The race dates for 2008 are:

- * Jan. 13 - Timberline
- * Jan. 27 - Meadows
- * Feb. 17 - Ski Bowl
- * Mar. 9 - Meadows
- * Mar. 23 - Timberline (Easter; date will not be changed)
- * Apr. 6 - Make up race, if needed
- * Apr. 4-6 - FWRA Championships at Mammoth
- * TBA - Rat Attack
- * TBA - Watch for a potential summer race event!

If you have any ideas for a new location for the Rat Attack, send them on to Barbara Parshall, PACRAT chair, at bparshall@equitygroup.com or call 503-267-9522.

SKI CLUB TRIPS / EVENTS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF NWSCC AND FWSA CLUBS:

Bergfreunde Trip to Mammoth Mountain, California, January 21-25, 2008! Bergfreunde has just opened this trip to members of other clubs. \$899 will get you round trip airfare from Portland to Reno, bus transfers to Mammoth, 4 nights' lodging at the Juniper Springs Resort, 3 days of skiing at Mammoth, and a welcome reception. The trip is limited to 28 people. Contact Ron Neve at 503-635-5444 for further details.

Bergfreunde's Big Mountain Blast to Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana, January 30-February 3, 2008. This train trip includes Amtrak first class sleeper cars both ways, leaving Wednesday at 4:30 pm, arriving at Whitefish in time to ski on Thursday (trip includes 4 days of skiing), stay 3 nights at slopeside condos, celebrate Big Mountain's Winter Carnival, leave after skiing Sunday and take the overnight train back with daybreak scenic vistas through the Columbia River Gorge, arriving back in Portland about 10:25 am on Monday. The price is \$675 for members of NWSCC clubs. Contact Paul Tidball at Paul.Tidball@sas.com or 503-829-3519 for further details.

Bergfreunde's Utah Winter Adventure, February 3-6, 2008. Participants will stay at the Ogden Marriott Hotel, located adjacent to Ogden's interesting historic district and close to Snowbasin and Powder Mountain, Utah. (Editor's note: See the article in the Northwest Skiers' Directory about these two wonderful ski areas!) The \$155 price includes a pre-trip gathering, 3 nights' lodging (pp/do) at the Marriott, 3 hot breakfasts, and a welcome gathering on the first night. Transportation and lift tickets are not included, but discount lift tickets may be purchased at the hotel, and shuttle buses are only \$7 round trip to the ski areas! if there are enough signups the club may be able to arrange discounts on airfare or airport shuttles (currently approximately \$20 each way). (Editor's note: Check Southwest Airlines NOW - if you hurry you could get flights for \$219-264 round trip). Contact

Randy or Sally Wooley at 503-684-1850 or srwooley@msn.com for further information.

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** will again bring back its "Second Saturday" Après Ski events from January through March, 3 to 6 pm at the Museum. They put up a banner and bring in a winery with wine tasting. Local clubs are invited to "host" the event by providing food – sign up in advance to be the host club of the month! Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com to sign up! **Ski the Glade Trail Day** will be March 1, 2008.

All members of all clubs in Far West Ski Association - and their children - are invited to attend **Skiyente Ski Club's third annual family ski trip**, which this year will be an "arrange your own transportation" trip to **Sun Valley, Idaho, February 6-10, 2008!** The cost is \$488 to \$688, depending upon the lodging chosen, and will include lodging, lifts, a welcome party, a race, family challenge bowling, and a dinner. Watch for further details as they become available. Sixty spots are available.

Open Trip!! Bergfreunde's Austria Sampler February 1-11, 2008: An ideal sightseeing vacation, with optional downhill or cross-country skiing! The \$1424 air/land package to Innsbruck, Austria Includes:

- * Round trip air to Innsbruck from Portland on Lufthansa (Other Gateway cities available)
- * Private motor coach transfers between airports and ~~hotels~~ for main group
- * 9 nights lodging in Innsbruck at 4-star Hotel Maximilian in Old Town
- * Breakfast daily and two dinners, including one special mountain hut Tyrolean party night
- * Club Innsbruck Card: free bus alpine/cross country ~~areas~~, welcome drink at casino & ski pass discounts.
- * Local taxes in Austria.

For more info, contact: Bob Burns at 503-524-5261 or e-mail bob@inkjetman.com. (put Innsbruck in the subject line).

Bergfreunde's Ski Steamboat Springs, February 9-16, 2008. Stay in a beautiful private home for about \$475 for food and lodging for a week during Steamboat's Winter Carnival. Airfare and lift tickets not included. Contact Joyce Axelson at 503-370-7946 or Pete Matthey at 503-581-4165 (these are Salem numbers) for further information.

Bergfreunde Tahoe Sampler, February 24-March 1, 2008. This is the 18th year of one of Bergfreunde's most popular trips. The trip price of only \$290 pp/do includes 6 nights' lodging at the Blue Lake Motel, South Lake Tahoe, continental breakfasts, two dinners, including a Dinner Dance Cruise on the MS Dixie II Paddle Wheeler, Happy House with prizes at various locations, a trip souvenir, and a post trip party. Lift tickets are not included, but the motel sells lift tickets or Heavenly or Kirkwood at a 20% discount. Contact trip leader

Trish Sander at 503-590-2528 or tpoipu@yahoo.com for further details.

Mountain High Snowsport Club will be having two weekend bus trips next year, both open to all ski clubs: one a 3-day trip over Presidents' Weekend to ski **Warner Canyon (near Lakeview), Mt. Shasta, and Mt. Ashland.** The other trip is a "**Mystery Trip**" March 14-16 where no one except the trip captains know where the trip will go until it actually leaves! Mountain High also has opened up to all other club members a special **South Lake Tahoe Trip March 29-April 3.** For only \$400 you get 5 nights at Lakeland Village in town homes, with a complimentary wine and cheese reception, daily continental breakfast, private shuttles around town and to the Heavenly gondola or tram, and a 2-out-of-3day lift ticket to Heavenly! (Transportation is not included.) Participants will be able to ski at other areas as well.

On top of that, you can extend this trip with an optional visit to **Mammoth Mountain** for the **Far West Race Championships**, which will be held **April 3-6, 2008.** Since you are already more than halfway there, you may be able to join a bus to Mammoth and receive bus transportation back to Reno at the end of that trip (if that's where you flew to). Watch for further details as they become available.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

At the December meeting of the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors, the newly formed **Intermountain Ski Council**, consisting of five ski clubs in Utah and Idaho, became an official affiliated council of the Far West Ski Association. The Association now represents 11 councils, approximately 180 ski clubs, and 49,000 ski club members!

SKI WEEK 2008: FWSA is going to **Whistler, BC, Canada, January 19-26, 2008!** NWSCC has filled its 50 spots on this trip, but you can still sign up. A \$100 check will hold your place on the waiting list; as vacancies come up they will be offered to people in the order their checks were received. If you do not get on the trip your uncashed check will be returned to you. The trip price is \$1049 for condos or \$1,109 for hotel for 7 nights of luxury lodging (double occupancy), a 6-day lift ticket good at both Whistler and Blackcomb, Welcome Party, Apres Ski Party, Mountain Picnic, a Council Night event, 3 optional races, and a Farewell Party. NWSCC was unable to get enough people to take a bus on this trip. If you want to fly, the cost is approximately \$355 from Portland and \$433 from Eugene. **Payment in full is now due.** Be sure to arrange for your passport well in advance; they are REQUIRED; and make sure you have adequate medical insurance. Contact Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 or BBousum@gmail.com. **For those wanting to stay**

a little longer in Canada, there is a 3-day "post-trip" to the Fairmont Vancouver.

FWSA's **2008 European Ski Week** will be at **Les Trois Vallees, France**, from **March 7-15, 2008**, at a cost of \$1,390 per person including air from LAX, SFO, and SEA. Lodging will be at a ski-in, ski-out hotel located between Meribel and Courchevel. There will be a post-trip extension of 3 nights at Aix-en-Provence and 4 nights in Paris at a cost of \$895 per person. A \$200 deposit is required for EACH of these two trips. See the FWSA website for further details, or contact Norm Azevedo at 1-925-944-9816, or e-mail fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net.

FWSA has announced 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.

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:

See the October newsletter meeting recap for a CALL TO ACTION where your help is needed NOW!! For more information on how you can help support our Northwest ski areas with their expansion plans, go to our website at www.nwskiers.org or contact Steve Coxen at 503-679-9022 or email at sacoxen@aol.com.

MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

The Mountain Shop also offers a "rent to own" lease on skis for the full season (December 1 to April 1) for \$150, with the opportunity to buy the skis at the end of the lease for only an additional \$150!

SKI CLUB TRIP LEADERS TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO OFFERS!!

1. Mountain Travel Symposium:

Vail Resort would like to invite ONE top level trip decision-maker from your club to attend the Mtn Travel Symposium Group Exchange, April 9 -13, 2008. The Vail / Mountain Travel Symposium Group Exchange gives the opportunity to meet and network with over 250 ski industry suppliers to plan future trips. The suppliers come from all over the US, Canada and a few international attending. You will also have a chance to meet 140+ plus other ski club and council leaders. During the Group Exchange on Friday, April 11, 2008 you will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with 40+ ski industry vendors of your choice. There are many more benefits for you and your club can receive in addition to just the Vail Site visit. The person attending **must** be a western trip decision-maker within your ski club for next season (preferable a Trip Chairman, Trip Committee member, President or Vice President). If one of the above is unable to attend, a 2009 western trip leader may be approved to attend. **Your club must book at least one 5-7 day trip for a minimum of 25 people to a Western US or Western Canadian ski destination.** All applicants are subject to approval, as the person attending must be involved with western trips next season. There are a limited number of spaces available so submit your application early! All applications must be received by January 20, 2008 for consideration. Online Registration for Vail Mtn Travel: <http://www.mtntrvl.com/skiclubinvite.aspx>

2. SnowTours Fam Trips:

Ski club officers and trip leaders are being offered several "Fam" (familiarization) trips by **SnowTours**, to **Switzerland, Bulgaria, and Whitefish Mountain Resort** (Big Mountain, Montana). These opportunities to view potential trip destinations first hand are meant to assist serious group trip planners, and are limited to one per club. Participants who book a group of 21 or more for travel to any ski area through SnowTours during the 2008-09 ski season will have their fam trip cost reimbursed by applying the cost of the fam against the final payment for the ski trip (within 2 years of the date of the fam). The prices are for the land packages only (practically all inclusive, including most meals, skiing, and tours) and do not include transportation to or from the areas (though air transportation will be sold at cost). The Switzerland fam is from January 11-18, 2008, including Grindelwald and Zermatt, for \$199. The Bulgaria fam is from March 1-7, 2008, for \$509 (limited to 12 people). The Whitefish, Montana fam is March 13-16, 2008, for \$129, and is limited to 8 people. Contact Bob Rosensteel of SnowTours for further details immediately if you are interested in participating on behalf of your club and are seriously interested in running a ski trip to one of these destinations. Bob may be reached at 1-866-874-4219 or Skipat@aol.com.

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 is constantly adding new benefits!

NWSCC members can also obtain benefits through the National Ski Council Federation. 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.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED! MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH; THE LOCATION MAY VARY, SO CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE. BOARD MEETINGS ARE USUALLY HELD THE 4TH WEDNESDAY; CONTACT AN OFFICER IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONSIDERED.

Emilio Trampuz and Steve Coxen have done a great deal of research on **ski club insurance** and have posted the information on the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org.

LEARN TO SKI & SNOWBOARD MONTH: January is Learn to Ski Month in Oregon. Ski Oregon, Joe's Sports, Outdoor & More and Fox 12 is promoting this annual campaign.

DON'T FORGET THE OREGON CANCER SKI-OUT, March 2-3, 2008. Put some teams together and "Cowboy Up For Cancer" at this 20th annual event held at Mt. Hood Meadows. This "racing" event is unusual because it is consistency which matters, not overall speed. The winning team is the one with the closest handicapped team times (with all team members' times added) between Sunday's and Monday's races. It doesn't matter how slow or fast each racer is, as long as their times are consistent. Last year's winning team had only one second difference in the team times between the two days!!

The cost per team of 5 is \$850 (early bird special), which includes lift tickets, food, and beverages for two days. The cost per team pays for the event, meaning that sponsor money and extra fundraising goes directly to the charities - 90%! Volunteers and sponsors are needed, and \$500 sponsors get their names and logos on the sleeve of the official T-shirts. See www.cancerskiout.org for more information.

FUN 2008 SKI DATES

Jan 19-25	National Safety Awareness Week
Jan 26	Mt. Ashland Bavarian Night Fundraiser
Jan 28	Mt. Hood Meadows Rotary Night
Feb 1	Mt. Bachelor Neighbor Impact Day Food Drive
Feb 8	49 Degrees North Toyota Ski Free Day
Mar 1	Government Camp Ski The Glade Trail Day
Mar 2-3	Mt. Hood Meadows Oregon Cancer Ski Out
Mar 7	Mt. Hood Skibowl Ski For Sunshine Fundraiser
Mar 23	Mt. Ashland Ski & Ride Against Hunger

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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
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Valdez Heli-Camps

HONORARY MEMBERS:

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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.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

10070 SW BARBUR BLVD, PORTLAND

503-245-2211

** DOOR PRIZES!! **

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

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

First With Safety Awareness!

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Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org