



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR APRIL 2014

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**The next NWSCC meeting will be held on April 16 at Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97219 (hiding behind McDonalds and next to the Japanese restaurant, if you have trouble finding it), with speakers TBA, starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. Pizza will be provided; \$5 donation suggested.**

**Meeting topics will include Ski Season Wrap Up, Club Summer Activities, and of course the upcoming FWSA Convention. The winner of the Club Web Challenge for two paid Convention delegates (\$308 value) will be drawn; the only three clubs who met the challenge were Cascade Prime Timers, Cascade Ski Club, and Mountain High.**

**The June 18 meeting will include Elections, Summer Activities, Summer Safety, Club Membership, Skiers' Directory; NWSCC's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - All Past Presidents of NWSCC are invited to the June meeting!). Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!**

## TIMELY ALERTS:

**CONVENTION PLANNING MEETINGS** are scheduled - we need help from all the clubs to make OUR convention a success!! The next meetings will be held May 14 and June 3, with a possibility of additional meetings being scheduled. Meetings will usually start at 7:00 pm with opportunity to buy food and socialize starting at 6:30. Contact Mary Olhausen at [President@nwskiers.org](mailto:President@nwskiers.org) for current information about convention planning meetings.

Sheri Parshall is in charge of signing up volunteers for the Convention, and there are LOTS of ways that YOU can

help! Contact Sheri at [cougskier@aol.com](mailto:cougskier@aol.com). Note that after Convention NWSCC will be receiving money from FWSA for acting as the host convention, and that NWSCC will share those funds among the clubs based upon the number of volunteers from each club.

Sheri Parshall will also be taking names of people who want to run for an office with NWSCC - see Elections (inside this newsletter). The officers to be elected for NWSCC will include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and two Directors at Large (other Directors will be appointed by the newly elected board). Note that Mary Olhausen will not be running for re-election as President and Dave Rasmusen will not run for Vice President. This is a prime opportunity for anyone with an interest in helping to run the Council to run for office!! Please consider it! You can ask questions of Mary or Sheri.

**FWSA CONVENTION 2014** is just around the corner, NWSCC is the host council, and we have a VERY special deal for our member clubs who have paid their dues this year (non-dues-paying charitable member organizations are included!): NWSCC will reimburse your club for the cost of ONE voting delegate registration (\$154) after Convention as long as your club has at least one other voting delegate. (It's BOGO time!) This special offer is *in addition* to the FWSA's "six pack" program which would rebate your club one registration if your club has at least six delegates who participate). Your delegates must actually participate in Convention activities, including the caucus on Saturday afternoon where candidates are introduced, and must participate in the voting on Sunday morning, before you will be able to receive the reimbursement. So sign up before May 9 and get the best rate on registration!!

A Volcanic Paradise is coming to a Convention near you!! Get ready for the 82nd Annual **Far West Ski Association Convention, June 12-15, 2014, in Bend, Oregon**. The high desert awaits you at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention

Center. To make your reservations, call 800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111. Group Name: Far West Ski Association 2014. Arrive Early – Stay Late! Hotel rates will be honored three days pre- and post-Convention. Take advantage of the Central Oregon outdoor mecca with fishing, river rafting, hiking, biking, stand up paddle boarding, golfing, rock climbing, desert cave tours, canoeing, kayaking, volcano tours, tax free shopping, and of course sampling many of the finest brewpubs along Bend's "Ale Trail." For further information on Bend and surrounding areas see Visit Bend at [www.visitbend.com](http://www.visitbend.com).

Begin your Convention Trip on Thursday, June 12th, with the Mt. Bachelor Tour, Lunch & Activities. That evening, enjoy the infamous Pub Crawl at the Deschutes Brewery, McMenamins, and a slew of other micro-breweries in downtown Bend. Friday is Optional Activity Day, with your choice of participating in the 8th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at River's Edge Golf Course; hiking and sightseeing at the world-famous Smith Rock State Park on the Smith Rock Geologic Wonderland Tour; or Shop-Dine-Wine at the Old Mill District. The Pool Party later on Friday afternoon will cool you off before the annual **FWSA Silent Auction on Friday night. This FREE event is open to all FWSA delegates and guests.** Bid on ski, sport and adventure packages and enjoy a Taste of Bend. **The Silent Auction is open to the general public and we encourage our Bend and Redmond communities to take part in this event - spread the word!**

Note that you do not have to be a registered delegate to attend the optional events on Thursday and Friday, but you do need to pre-register through the FWSA website.

Saturday morning brings us the Travel Expo, where industry and delegates will meet to talk about club travel. Saturday also offers the Multi-Media Presentation with our keynote speaker, as well as Public Affairs and Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions. Saturday night erupts for the real Volcanic Paradise. We'll have a live band this year. Northwest Ski Club Council guarantees you'll dance your flip-flops off to the sounds of Thrillride. Yes, we said flip-flops! The attire for Saturday night is black tie & shorts. You can check out Thrillride at [www.thrillrideband.com](http://www.thrillrideband.com).

**NEW THIS YEAR:** You will be able to register and pay online via PayPal at the following website: [www.fwsa.org/Conventions/FW-2014Conv/Registration/FW-2014Conv-Registration.html](http://www.fwsa.org/Conventions/FW-2014Conv/Registration/FW-2014Conv-Registration.html).

Note that FWSA has a special "6-pack" incentive for clubs: if 6 members of the same club register for convention (both voting and non-voting delegates) and all attend, after the convention FWSA will return one registration fee to the club. AND this will be for EACH set of 6 registrations from your club!

For more information about Convention, please contact Host Council Convention Coordinator Mary Olhausen at [omary52@comcast.net](mailto:omary52@comcast.net).

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## NWSCC NEWS:

### **NWSCC OFFICER ELECTIONS - GET INVOLVED - WE NEED YOU!**

Join the leadership of the Council – serving on the board of directors is a great way to get involved in club, council and Far West Ski Association activities. Ideally the board is made up of members from different clubs in the council—bringing a variety of style and experience to the Council. All officer positions are open for one-year terms. The following officers will be voted upon at the June 18, 2014 meeting:

**President:** Head of the Council Executive Board; represents NWSCC at Far West Ski Association board meetings and at National Ski Council Federation meetings

**Vice President:** Assumes duties of the president when needed and handles other duties as assigned

**Treasurer:** Handles council financials. Experience with bookkeeping software necessary

**Secretary:** Handles council notes/minutes and correspondence as needed

**At-Large Director (two positions):** Duties as assigned by the executive board

**Time involved:** Quarterly or every other month Council meetings; a monthly board meeting; other duties as assigned or as you volunteer to work on

If interested, please contact Sheri Parshall, Immediate Past-President, at [cougskier@aol.com](mailto:cougskier@aol.com), for more information or to put your name on the ballot. We need your input and support, and want YOU to consider serving on the Board! **PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.**

**PACRAT elections will also be held at the June 18 meeting;** the following are Elected Positions for the PACRAT Board:

- \* President
- \* Vice President
- \* Secretary
- \* Treasurer
- \* Results/Timing
- \* Sponsorship/Awards
- \* Race Director
- \* Party Director
- \* Communications

Also on Board, but NOT elected, is the Immediate Past President. Appointed Positions are Chief Rat Patrol and

Member at Large.

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**THE 2014-15 NORTHWEST SKIERS' DIRECTORY COVER PHOTO CONTEST IS OPEN UNTIL JULY 31, 2014!**

Send your entries to Leslie Baird at [leslieb@aracnet.com](mailto:leslieb@aracnet.com). Photos should be in vertical format (look at the size of the Directory and consider past covers) and should be sent to Leslie in high resolution.

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**PACRAT NEWS:**

PACRAT was able to squeeze in all five races this year, and the winning teams will be announced at the year end party to be held April 18, 2014 in the dance pavillon at Oaks Park, with a theme "The Great Ratsby." The party is free for all PACRAT racers; guests are welcome at a cost of \$30.

Check the PACRAT website at [www.pacrats.org](http://www.pacrats.org) for the race results.

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**CLUB NEWS:**

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** says that registration is now open for the Third Annual Barlow Road Ride to be held August 23 and 24, 2014. This Century Ride retraces the historic Barlow Road from Oregon City to Government Camp (and return). Get details and register at the event website: [www.barlowroadride.com](http://www.barlowroadride.com).

**Windjammer Cruise!** Dale and Sheri Parshall are running a "**Schneyente**" trip and have chartered the sailing ship Sagitta through Island Windjammers to cruise around St. Maarten and the Leeward Islands (St. Barts, St. Kitts, St. Eustatius, Anguilla, Nevis). The charter is **June 22-28**. There are 12 double occupancy cabins (so 24 total passengers) and they need to fill 4 cabins. \$3,290 per cabin includes 6 nights (board Sunday, sail Mon-Fri, depart Sat). Meals and wine/beer/non-alcoholic beverages are included. Some participants will be diving (extra cost) and others doing the beach/snorkeling/shopping thing. You are responsible for travel to and from St. Maarten, including any extra days on the island. You can check it out more at <http://www.islandwindjammers.com/>. If you are interested contact Sheri ([cougskier@aol.com](mailto:cougskier@aol.com)) or Dale ([dale.parshall@bankofthewest.com](mailto:dale.parshall@bankofthewest.com)). See flier on newsletter page.

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**NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:**

The ski season is almost over - it's time to gather your lift tickets or receipts for lift tickets from your visits to 7 or more of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Canada or Alaska, and NEW THIS YEAR, to Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee, or Mammoth Mountain, to be eligible for a chance of a prize! The more ski areas you ski, the better your chances of a bigger prize! You should

mail or deliver your tickets to NWSCC at the end of the season and winners will be announced in October (when we know what prizes are available). Not everyone will be guaranteed a prize; if there are a large number of entries next year we will need to have a drawing for prizes.

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**NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:**

Steve Coxen reports that Mt. Ashland, which was never able to open this year for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, is now selling season passes for its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of operations - next year. Steve also reports that the Highway 26 to Mt. Hood project is being reopened for bids, as all the bids came in too high.

Northwest Snowsports Advocates has its own Facebook page. Keep current on news about what is going on in the Pacific Northwest with ski area development, roads, and environmental issues by joining our Facebook Group. You will have an opportunity to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. Every skier or snowboarder in the Pacific Northwest should join this page! Let's get the "Fan Base" WAY up there! Become a FAN today!!!!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Snowsports-Advocates/174195539354385>.

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**COMMERCIAL MEMBER NEWS:**

NWSCC appreciates ALL of its commercial members - see the list on the last page of this newsletter and be sure to check out the fliers on the right hand side of the Newsletter page on the website for specials.

Several of our commercial members are making special offers for all club members who show their membership card this coming year. We will continue to publicize these special "deals" all season.

**Brundage Mountain Resort** is offering a \$50 adult lift ticket (ages 18-69) during weekend/holiday periods and a \$45 adult lift ticket during mid-week/non-holiday periods. You will need to show your FWSA/NWSCC membership card at the time of purchase. See flier on newsletter page.

**Resorts of the Canadian Rockies**, representing Fernie Alpine Resort, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, and Kimberley Alpine Resort, is offering 3 days for the price of 2 for NWSCC members from March 1 through the end of the season! This is a great opportunity to visit these fine Canadian resorts! See flier on newsletter page for details.

**NEW! Stevens Pass** is offering NWSCC club members half price lift tickets Monday through Friday from now through the end of the ski season (April 20)! Just show your FWSA/NWSCC membership card at the ticket window to redeem the offer. For more information, please contact

Group Sales at [groupsales@stevenspass.com](mailto:groupsales@stevenspass.com) Or at 206-812-7377.

## **FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:**

If you've never experienced the full-week fun of a FWSA ski week, what are you waiting for? Next year's trip will be back to a northwest favorite:

**Whistler/Blackcomb.** Join us **January 31–February 7, 2015** for a week chock full of activities and 5,000+ feet of vertical. Deposits of \$100 are being accepted now to hold your spot (mail to NWSCC at our mailbox, marked as a Whistler deposit). Final details and pricing are yet to come.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. For information on all FWSA International trips go to [www.FWSA.org](http://www.FWSA.org) or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Debbi Stewart, by email [fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net) or phone 559-734-9294. For information about North American/domestic trips, contact Nancy Ellis at [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net) or 530-414-8261.

**Far West International Adventure Trip 2014:** FWSA's 2014 Adventure Trip will be to **South Africa, September 5-16, 2014, with an extension to Victoria Falls September 16-20, 2014.** This unique experience will offer much more than the normal game safaris. You will also travel through the garden route in South Africa, visit botanical gardens, travel through the winelands area to enjoy wine tastings, view native birds in their natural habitat, experience animal viewing while river boat cruising, and so much more. While traveling to South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana you will enjoy the true African safari experience. We will search to see the "Big 5" and many other animals and native birds in the wild. Pricing for this trip is based on both "land only" packages, for those who want to use air miles, or "land and air" packages. Check with Debbie Stewart for more details at [fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net). See the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org/Travel/Adventure/2014-FWSA-Africa/2014-FWSA-Africa.html](http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Adventure/2014-FWSA-Africa/2014-FWSA-Africa.html) for details.

**Register online for South Africa:** To sign up for the South Africa Trip, go to FWSA's new interactive website at: <https://fwsa-connect.herokuapp.com>, click the "sign up" link to create a new account; click on the "confirm" link in the email you receive, and then use your new account to login. Look in the Trips menu to sign up for the trip to Africa. You can also view the trips you have signed up for and make online payments using your PayPal account or your credit card. Space is limited, so register NOW. Click on the link



to view the Safari video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/SzDrEr7Llhg>.

**Far West Dive Trip:** The FWSA 5th annual scuba dive trip will be October 11-18, 2014 to Occidental Grand Cozumel Resort on the great island of Cozumel, Mexico. The price is \$1,138 for divers and \$758 for non-divers. Price includes 7 nights at the Occidental Grand Cozumel (2 persons in a deluxe room), and all meals and drinks including alcohol! The dive price includes 5 days of 2-tank boat dives and unlimited Nitrox. Contact Randy Lew at 530-304-0802 or [fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org).

**Far West Elections:** Elections of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting & Convention June 12-15, 2014 at the Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center in Bend, Oregon. Delegates will elect their President, Secretary and Treasurer for one-year terms and two (2) Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, the following functional Vice Presidents will be elected for two-year terms: VP of International Travel, VP of Communications, VP of Membership, and VP of Marketing. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, job descriptions, Bylaws, and the Operations Manual are linked to the FWSA website under About-Governance at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). For more information contact Steve Coxen at [stevecoxen@yahoo.com](mailto:stevecoxen@yahoo.com).

**Far West Ski Foundation Sets Sights for 2014:** Members, industry partners and friends of the Association are the principal, historic and continuing donors to the Far West Ski Foundation, which in turn supports, through grants, some very important and high-profile programs. The Foundation acts on behalf of organized snow sports and provides a convenient avenue for tax-deductible contributions to athletic scholarships, women's ski jumping, adaptive skiing and rehabilitation and education. The Foundation provided over \$10,000 in grants in 2013. We'd like to enhance our scholarship grants for promising young skiers "on the way up" in 2014. The Women's Ski Jumping Team will start a rebuilding process. We had great response to the Vail Veterans Program for injured military skiers and to the Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Foundation, and we would like to increase these grants. Our education and ski history mission will soon be consumed by the new Squaw Valley Museum. With support from our traditional friends, we hope to top that \$10,000 this year---the Foundation's 50th YEAR. Contributions may be made through the web page: [farwestskifoundation.org](http://farwestskifoundation.org).

**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.

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### **MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:**

An attachment to the newsletter page is a listing of this year's member benefits that we didn't have room to publish in the Northwest Skiers' Directory.

Look at the NWSCC website at [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org) to see an updated list of **member benefits and discounts**, and check out the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) under Membership to see the current discounts. Note Debbi Kor is constantly adding new benefits!

As a member of FWSA, you also belong to the **National Ski Council Federation**, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. A current list of NSCF benefits can be found at [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org) in the Members Only section. User name: **skiclub** - password: **member**.

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### **MISCELLANEOUS AND FUN INFORMATION:**

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGULAR NWSCC MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED! The meeting location may vary, so check the NWSCC website or contact President Mary Olhausen at [President@nwskiers.org](mailto:President@nwskiers.org). 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.

This year's **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is now available at Certified Folder Display locations throughout sports locations in the Northwest! But it's truly cool to look at it online, on the home page of NWSCC's website. You can turn the pages and hit links that take you directly to the clubs or commercial members' websites!

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### **HOSTS NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

NWSCC was asked to publicize this request because some students arriving this August have skiing, snowboarding, and outdoor activities as their top interests. Contact David Harriman, Local Coordinator, Education Travel & Culture (ETC), at 562-209-6533 or email [harriman.dm@gmail.com](mailto:harriman.dm@gmail.com) if you might be interested.

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### **UPCOMING 2014 CHARITABLE EVENTS**

Mark your calendar now for charitable events that NWSCC clubs have supported every year, as participants, volunteers, and donors:

**April 12, 2014** **Ski to Defeat ALS**, Mt. Hood Meadows,

a fundraiser for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), which is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that slowly robs a person of the ability to walk, speak, swallow and, eventually, breathe. Fred Noble, who is living with ALS himself, is the local spokesperson. In the past two years, they have been able to collectively raise over \$330,000, and are hoping that this third year will bring the total raised to half a million dollars in the fight against ALS. The monies from this event bring hands on services to local families living with this disease and also fund research. Go to [skitodefeats.org](http://skitodefeats.org) for more information. See flier on newsletter page.

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### **From March FWSA NEWS:**

**Taos Ski Valley Purchased:** The founding Blake family has sold Taos Ski Valley to a conservationist based in New York City. Taos was the last of New Mexico's founding-family-owned resorts to be sold. Immediately following the announcement, Taos released news of the first new terrain expansion and lift projects for the 2014-2015 season, which will increase the mountain's advanced and expert lift-service terrain by 50%. The Kachina Peak area, with a summit at 12,450 feet, will be lift-accessed for the first time ever. The area was previously accessible only by hiking up. It provides superb scenic views.

**2014 Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Inductees:** Six athletes and sport builders have been elected to the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame for their contributions to the sport. Honorees include big mountain skier Scot Schmidt, freestyle pioneer and world champion John Clendenin, 2006 Olympic moguls bronze medalist Toby Dawson, freestyle aerials champion Kris Feddersen, globally acclaimed ski film producer Joe Jay Jalbert (Far West Warren Miller Award Recipient in 2005), and ski show pioneer Jerry Simon (Far West Snow Sports Builder Award Recipient in 2008). The six will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame at a ceremony to be held in Park City, Utah on Saturday, April 5.

**HELI-SKIING GUIDE CAUGHT IN AVALANCHE:** A 31-year-old Bend, Oregon native heli-ski guide, Aaron Karitis, was buried in an avalanche on Saturday, March 15, in an Alaskan back country area known as Kicking Horse Valley. Aaron was a very experienced heli-ski guide with Southeast Alaska Backcountry Skiing Adventure (SEABA) and was flown up 4,000 feet on the mountain with four clients to ski down. He was finishing his condition-check precautions when the slide was triggered. His four clients and fellow guides were not caught in the avalanche and were able to rescue him because he was wearing a locator beacon. Aaron was buried under 7 feet of snow for about twenty minutes and was unconscious when found. Unfortunately, Aaron passed away on March 17th from his injuries. He was to have been one of our guest speakers at this year's convention. For

anyone lucky enough to meet this incredible young man, he was truly a shining star.

This avalanche followed one, 30 feet deep, which hit the High Campbell chairlift, the highest of 10 chairlifts, at Crystal Mountain Resort on Mount Rainier, Washington on March 11. The avalanche was intentionally triggered by the Ski Patrol, who threw a 40-pound explosive on unstable snow as a safety precaution on a slope known as "The Throne" in the High Campbell basin. "That got a bigger result than any of us anticipated" stated Tiana Enger, Crystal Mountain's marketing director. It brought down more snow than expected and wiped out a chairlift. Luckily, no one was injured. The area had been closed, and the explosion was set off at 4:45 p.m. Monday after the resort had closed. However, the slide knocked the lower terminal off its foundation and toppled one of about 10 towers.

This is the time of the year that the snow is softening, and we ALL need to be more careful and aware of where we are skiing. Be safe out there, when you're enjoying your Spring Skiing!

#### **Far West Skiers' Guide Digital Edition Now Available:**

Have you visited the Digital Edition of the 2013-2014 issue of the Far West Skier's Guide yet? In addition to all the information found in the printed edition, there is also an extra 28 page insert with more feature articles including one on Yellowstone National Park, the end of the ski season resort fun, Exploring the World on Two Wheels, the answers to the Resort Quiz found in the printed issue, and much more. The link can be found at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org), [boundforsnow.com/far-west-skiers-guide-2013-2014](http://boundforsnow.com/far-west-skiers-guide-2013-2014), FWSA council websites, and many of their club sites. The direct link to the Digital Edition is [www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2013-14](http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2013-14).

#### **From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:**

#### **UTAH PROPOSES THE WORLDS SECOND LARGEST LIFT-CONNECTED RESORT:**

On March 19, 2014, Nathan Rafferty, CEO of Ski Utah, a marketing and trade organization of the state's ski resorts, and representatives from Alta, Brighton, Canyons, Deer Valley, Park City Mountain Resort, Snowbird, and Solitude held a joint news conference to announce their support for a connection between all seven of the resorts via chairlift and ski runs, forming a European-style mega resort to be called ONE Wasatch.

The resorts in the Wasatch Mountains that are close proximity to each other and connecting these resorts via chairlift and ski runs would allow access by intermediate level and above skiers to more than 18,000 skiable acres and more that 750 runs, serviced by 100 lifts, and

accessed on a single lift ticket. The proposed plan calls for connecting Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, connecting Big Cottonwood to Park City Resort, connecting Park City Resort and Canyons -- all of which could be done on private property but would still require government approval due to watershed issues that must be addressed. Dropping the rope line that currently divides Deer Valley and Park City Resort would instantly connect those resorts and Alta and Snowbird have been connected for years.

At the news conference, Nathan Rafferty of Ski Utah pointed out that, at this point, ONE Wasatch is a concept, not a plan, and it's certainly not a reality. Right now, the idea is to establish a vision for a one-of-a-kind mountain experience by providing information, defining the process, encouraging dialog, and listening to feedback. But once a consensus is made, the resorts say that the connecting lifts could be installed in a single summer's construction cycle.

There are a few obstacles to the idea. How will they devise a revenue-sharing plan between the resorts? (It's done in Europe all the time.) Two of the resorts, Deer Valley and Alta, don't allow snowboarding. (That would probably have to change.) Park City's and Canyons' owners, Vail Resorts and Powdr Corporation, are currently in court deciding whether or not to dissolve Park City's long held land lease. (Both resorts are behind the idea of ONE Wasatch, and say that the idea should go forward regardless of who wins or loses the lawsuit.) And local environmentalists and backcountry skiers have yet to be sold on the idea. Nonetheless, all the affected resorts seem optimistic that this idea can and will work.

If successful, the connection would create North America's largest ski resort and it would be the world's second largest, after France's Les Trois Vallées with 24,711 acres of terrain, but larger than Italy's Sella Ronda (currently the world's second-largest lift-connected ski resort at 6,900 hectares). See the list of the 50 largest ski areas in the world (as measured in hectares) on page 29 of the May-June, 2013 issue of The National Ski Club Newsletter. Clearly, if accomplished, this concept could be a game changer in the North American -- and the world's -- ski market! For more information, check out the One Wasatch website at <http://onewasatch.com/>.

#### **SUN PEAKS TO BECOME CANADA'S JOINT 2ND LARGEST SKI AREA NEXT SEASON:**

Sun Peaks Resort in British Columbia will build new trails in the resort's West Morrisey and Gil's area, increasing the area to 4,200 acres for the 2014-2015 ski season and making it one of the largest in and joint second biggest in Canada, equal to Lake Louise, but after Whistler Blackcomb. The resort has grown significantly in the past two decades after being purchased by Nippon Cable in 1992.

**NEW SKI RESORT IN UTAH:** Next ski season, there will be a new ski resort in Richmond, Utah (near Logan), bringing the state's total to 15 ski resorts. Cherry Peak Ski Resort, a 200-acre resort will be a teaching mountain with three lifts on private land with its base at 5,800 feet and which receives 322 inches of snow annually.

**NEW WORLD RECORD SET FOR SPEED ON SNOW:**

An Italian speed skier has broken his own eight-year old speed record by a little under one mile per hour to set a new speed skiing record – the fastest speed man has travelled on land without mechanized propulsion. Racing on the intimidating Chabrières speed run at the French resort of Vars as part of the Speed Masters event, Simone Origone reached 156.87 miles per hour. [Bruce Kuper, don't try to beat this time!]

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

**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**

**April 2014**

- 12 Ski to Defeat ALS Fundraiser, Open to All  
Mt. Hood Meadows
- 16-18 Palmer Glacier, Oregon Desert Ski Club  
or Crystal Mtn, WA

**May 2014**

- 17 MBSEF/US Bank Pole Pedal Open to All  
Paddle, Mt. Bachelor, OR

Did you notice the highlights on some of the headings in this newsletter? Here's the key:

- TURQUOISE** = NWSCC news and events
- PURPLE** = FWSA news and events
- YELLOW** = Clubs news and events
- GREEN** = Other news and events

## NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2013-2014

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Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR  
Timberline Lodge, OR

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Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resorts, CO  
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Brundage Mountain Resort, ID  
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Mammoth Mountain, CA  
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#### SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

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

#### NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

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#### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., April 16, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Round Table Pizza  
10070 SW Barbur Blvd.  
Portland, Oregon 97219

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← **NOTE THERE IS A MEETING IN APRIL!**

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

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

**First With Safety Awareness!**

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