



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2014

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**The next NWSCC meeting will be held on February 19 at Izzy's Pizza (1307 NE 102nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220), starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. Pizza and sodas will be furnished (\$5 donation suggested); other beverages on your own.**

**Our featured speakers include a safety talk by Carla Zenner, a Certified CPR/First Aid training specialist; Ski to Defeat ALS; and Oregon Cancer Ski Out. Meeting topics will include Travel, the Web/Newsletter Challenge, FWSA Convention & Awards Program (deadline March 20), and a special video from Whitewater Ski Resort. And of course we'll celebrate the Olympics!**

**The next meetings will be held April 16 (Ski Season Wrap Up, Club Summer Activities, FWSA Convention); and June 18 (Elections, Summer Activities, Summer Safety, Club Membership, Skiers' Directory). Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!**

## TIMELY ALERTS:

**Cascade Ski Club's** famous annual **Crab Feed and Silent Auction** is scheduled for February 15 at the club's lodge in Government Camp, starting at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 and can be obtained by calling at 503-272-9204 or emailing [lodge@cascadeskiclub.org](mailto:lodge@cascadeskiclub.org). See flier on newsletter page.

**Oregon Cancer Ski Out** is holding two Bingo Against Cancer nights to help raise money to help their causes: February 22, 6-9 pm, at Tryon Creek Bar & Grill; and March 2, 5-8:30 pm, at Coaches Bar & Grill.

**CONVENTION PLANNING MEETINGS** are scheduled - we need help from all the clubs to make OUR convention a success!! The next meetings will be held March 12, April 3, May 14, and June 3. 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).

**FWSA Convention 2014** is just around the corner, and NWSCC is the host council: 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).

**[Note new information!]** 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 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! 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 to celebrate the Volcanic Paradise. For more information, please contact Host Council Convention Coordinator Mary Olhausen at [omary52@comcast.net](mailto:omary52@comcast.net).

Note that FWSA has a special "6-pack" incentive for clubs: if 6 members of a club register for convention 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!

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**FWSA AWARDS PROGRAMS AT FWSA CONVENTION:** With NWSCC hosting this year's FWSA Convention, we would like to see MANY of our clubs entering the awards competitions and sending their members to Convention. There are no opportunities quite like this for your club to gain recognition for its accomplishments!

The easiest entries for your club are for **Outstanding Newsletter** and **Outstanding Website**, and while it is a bit more effort to prepare an **Outstanding Club Application**, your club will be judged against other clubs of the same size throughout FWSA, and it is really fun to WIN! With the entries you need to submit the name of someone from your club who will act as a judge in the category you are entering; it's easy because the judge will only need to look at 2 club's newsletters or websites.

Your club can also enter the "**Club & Council Historical Recognition**" Program with a history of your club - potential museum or library reference resources!

Is your club active in community service or charitable activities? Then enter the "**Charities and Our Community Service Recognition**" program for the chance to be one of 3 clubs to receive checks to be donated to the charity of your choice!

Individual awards that are well worth entering are for the following awards:

**Safety Person of the Year Award:** Any ski club or council can nominate any club member. The prize is an all expense paid trip for TWO to Aspen/Snowmass, including

airfare, luxury lodging, skiing, demos, and is a fantastic trip! Isn't there someone in your club who has done special things to promote safety? Take the steps to enter them - Oregon has had TWO winners of this prize so far!!

**Western Ski Heritage Award:** The prize for this award is a 5-night ski package for two at Steamboat with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, tours, lessons, and a lunch (no airfare), and an engraved crystal trophy. The award recognizes the best effort in the prior year that finds, preserves, documents and shares the history of snowsports in the West. The award is open to an individual, a group, or a team and can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. This award is not restricted to FWSA club members.

NWSCC encourages ALL of our member clubs to consider entering these competitions!! For an extremely concise and easy-to-read summary of the awards, requirements, and contact information, including exact websites for entry forms, go to two attachments on the newsletter page: **FWSA Recognition Awards Program and Communication Awards**. We want to see OUR clubs as winners at Convention!

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#### **NWSCC NEWS:**

**CLUB WEB/NEWSLETTER CHALLENGE CONTEST!!** NWSCC wants to encourage all clubs to promote FWSA, the 2014 FWSA Convention in Bend, and NWSCC on their websites and in their newsletters, and is offering a prize worth \$298!! Your club can be entered in this contest simply by updating its website to include logos of the Far West Ski Association, the 2014 Convention logo, and NWSCC; and by including links to the two organization websites and to the Convention flier. See attachment on the newsletter page for further details. NWSCC will provide the logos and links. The club delegates must pay the registration in advance, and the club will be reimbursed after the convention. The offer cannot be combined with any other promotion, i.e., the FWSA "six pack" program.

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#### **NOTICE: NWSCC MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION; Club Entry Deadline March 1**

NWSCC is holding its annual Man and Woman of The Year Competition. Is there someone in your club who has shown outstanding service to the club and snow sports? There are many club members who qualify for this award! Grab a pen and write a short paragraph about them, and submit it to NWSCC. We are looking for a man and woman from each club who the club wishes to be honored because they have demonstrated outstanding service to their club and the ski community. Any club member may directly nominate someone from ANY NWSCC club who they feel is deserving of being chosen as NWSCC's Man and Woman of the Year! You may submit your entries with a description of why the person deserves the honor by email to Julie Rasmussen at

[secretary@nwskiers.org](mailto:secretary@nwskiers.org). **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2014. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.**

The NWSCC Board will review all Man and Woman of the year nominations and will choose one man and one woman to be NWSCC's 2014 winners. In making its choice NWSCC will consider FWSA's criteria, which includes service not only to a person's club, but also to their Council, their Community, and FWSA. The Man and Woman selected will go on to the FWSA level to compete against the other councils in FWSA. The Council Man and Woman must attend the FWSA 2014 Convention in order to compete at the FWSA level. NWSCC will pay their Convention registration fees. This is a great way to meet other Council/Club members and contribute to FWSA programs. The overall winning Man and Woman at the FWSA level each wins a 5-night trip for two to Big White Ski Resort—the sponsor of the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year Competition. All nominees will be recognized at upcoming NWSCC special events. To review the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year forms, please visit their website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). NWSCC will assist with completion of the application form.

It may help you to understand the FWSA judging criteria: 10% Application Look & Completeness; 15% On-Snow Activities; 15% Public Affairs, Charity & Safety; 35% Activities & Offices Held; 25% Interview. While initial club nominees will not need to fill out the entire form, here is the web link to detailed information and the FWSA entry form: <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-mwofy.html>

For more information on the Man and Woman of The Year, see flier on the newsletter page, and please contact Julie Rasmussen or Mary Olhausen.

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#### **RECAP OF DECEMBER 18 MEETING:**

Our guest speaker was **Karen Norton of Mt. Hood Skibowl**, which in hindsight has been making the best of a very bad snow year. Skibowl was able to open for tubing, but until recently there has not been enough snow for skiing. Skibowl offers the extremely popular cosmic tubing at night, and has two ziplines open. Any time they were able they made snow, and offered beginner lessons at amazing rates on their rope tows. The snowmaking during the latest deep freeze, combined with natural snow, has finally enabled them to open all the lifts. The bars and restaurants have been open and there is a new bar and grill at East side (Multitorpor). We wish Skibowl the best for the remainder of this unusual season!

The 2012-2013 Ski Challenge Winners were announced. First, with 14 areas skied, was Emilo Trampuz, who won a Mt. Hood Meadows lift ticket. There was a tie for second place with 10 areas skied, so Kurt Wilke and Bob Burns each received a gift certificate to Huckleberry Inn.

Membership report: We have two new ski club members from Seattle: Eastside Seattle Ski Meetup Club and Ski Duck.

Randy Lew talked about the FWSA Surge to Sochi, which is a fundraiser for the US Women's Ski Jumpers. FWSA was trying to raise \$5,000 by February 5th. The proceeds from the PIE Auction held that evening were donated to this cause.

Sandi Shaub led our annual PIE auction, and we raised \$360 to be donated to the women ski jumpers.

**RECAP OF JANUARY 15 MEETING:** (Thanks to Julie Rasmussen for the information from this meeting.)

Our guest speaker was **Dave Tragethon from Mt. Hood Meadows**. Meadows has been open since the day after Thanksgiving and had plenty of snow for early season. Snow was moved from the parking lot, they were making and moving snow to all runs. Meadows has expanded their cross country trails, which will be open to the end of March. The cross country season pass is \$80, or \$10 per day to use the tracks. This year Meadows will stay open through the middle of May, as Wells Fargo and K2 will be sponsoring the first two weekends in May. Meadows has a Riglet Program for kids under 6 which has been very successful. It is \$79 for a midweek ticket with the bus. Cooper Spur was not yet open, but just opened at the time of this writing.

Women Ski Jumpers: Far West Ski Foundation was close to meeting their \$5,000 donation goal. Jessica Jerome was the first woman to make the US Ski Team.

Athletic Scholarship Program: Mary read a thank you letter from NWSCC's recipient, Alex Oseland.

2014 Far West Convention: Steve Coxen passed out information about the awards and qualifications available to clubs and the council and stressed that NWSCC should have several entries since our convention is local. These entries need to be in by March 20, or you can send him suggestions or names. If any Northwest resorts and retailers are interested in booth space at Convention, they should contact Mary Olhausen. Mary talked about the optional activities: golf, Smith Rock hike, and shop/dine/wine at the Mill District.

Steve announced that Far West board positions will be open. Anyone interested in running for a FWSA board position should contact him at [PublicAffairs@nwskiers.org](mailto:PublicAffairs@nwskiers.org).

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### **PACRAT NEWS:**

Greg Dilger reported at the December NWSCC meeting that they have about 200 racers. The cost of Meadows tickets is being reduced and ticket prices should be about the same at all areas. They have new beer sponsors: Laginitas Brewing and Awesome Ales. The year end party will be in the dance pavillon at Oaks Park, with a theme "The Great Ratsby." Check the PACRAT facebook page for updates on the races.

The slow start to winter conditions on Mt. Hood led to the first NASTAR race and first PACRAT race scheduled at Mt. Hood Skibowl to be canceled. The January 26 race was held at Mt. Hood Meadows, and the February 9 race was canceled due to the ice storm, but all future races should run as scheduled. Check the newly redesigned PACRAT website at [www.pacrats.org](http://www.pacrats.org) for the race results.

Here's the remaining 2013-2104 season's schedule:

March 2	NASTAR Open, Mt. Hood Skibowl (open to the public, for all ages)
March 16	Race #3, Mt. Hood Meadows
March 30	Race #4, Timberline
April 6	Race #5, Timberline
April 19	"Rat Attack" Awards Party

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### **CLUB NEWS:**

**Oregon Nordic Club** invites other clubs to participate in its trips, with a small extra charge for nonmembers. They have trips to Yellowstone, Crater Lake, the Wallows, and the Canadian Rockies. Check out their website at <http://onc.org/Events/> for information about the trips, and check with the trip captain if interested.

**Skiyente Ski Club** announced that their King Winter 2014 is John Wilberding, a 38-year member of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, the longest running volunteer patrol organization in the American West. John helped pioneer patrolling at Mt. Hood Meadows back in the days when Hwy. 35 was closed all winter, served as patrol chief and training director, helped bring in radios to improve on-hill communications, pushed for equal treatment and inclusion for women patrollers, judged some wild and crazy Schnee "Kandabeer" races, met Suzy Chapstick, Billy Kidd and Bill Johnson, and rescued countless injured kids and adults over a long and distinguished career on the mountain. [Thanks to Ben Jacklett for some information.] The 2014 King Winter Coronation and Dance was held February 8 at

Charlie's Mountain View.

**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:**

This ski season think about saving 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! Tickets will be turned in 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:**

Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association and Steve Coxen have a special report on many improvements to Northwest ski areas. See this special report attached on the newsletter page.

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.

**Red Mountain**, B.C., Canada, is offering all NWSCC clubs a 40% discount on lift tickets on several club appreciation days throughout the upcoming winter season. Just show your FWSA/NWSCC membership card at the ticket window to receive this discount. Valid only on the following dates in 2014: March 15 (Saturday), March 29 (Saturday), and March 30 (Sunday).

**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.

#### **FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:**

The **Far West "Mini Ski Week" will be held February 22-27, 2014**, and will be based in Davis County, Utah, with skiing at Snowbasin (and possibly

other areas). The land package price ranges from \$425 to \$475 (pp/do), including 5 nights lodging at the La Quinta Hotel in Layton, Utah; 3 or 4 lift tickets to Snowbasin; transportation to/from Snowbasin; a welcome party; daily deluxe continental breakfast, pub crawl, and a farewell dinner & party at Antelope Island State Park. Transportation to and from Layton is not included, but more surprises are being added to the already fantastic package! Senior, children, and teen prices will also be available. See the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org/Travel/NAski/2014-FWSA-Snowbasin/2014-FWSA-Snowbasin.html](http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/NAski/2014-FWSA-Snowbasin/2014-FWSA-Snowbasin.html). The 2015 Mini Ski Week will be at Whitefish Mountain Resort, Montana.

**Recap of 2014 FWSA Beaver Creek Trip:** Thirty-two NWSCC skiers and boarders joined other FWSA councils to form a group of nearly 500 to enjoy Colorado powder and lots of other activities at Beaver Creek. With a Welcome Party, Pub Crawl, racing, our own NWSCC dinner out, a mountain lunch, banquet, and après ski party,

we were busy all week. Needing snow when we arrived, we got lucky when 30+” of fresh snow fell. It was beautiful, but caused the cancellation of some of the week’s racing. Racers and medalists for NWSCC included Dale Olesberg, Bill Avison, Jean Avison, Jeanne Reinhardt, Cary Sahn, and Barbara Bousum. See official FWSA trip recap attached to the newsletter page.

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 [fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltrl@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 Ski Week 2014:** Zermatt, Switzerland, March 6-15, 2014; post-trip extension to Barcelona/Madrid March 15-23. See [www.fwsa.org/Travel/InternationalSki/2014-FWSA-Zermatt/2014-FWSA-Zermatt.html](http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/InternationalSki/2014-FWSA-Zermatt/2014-FWSA-Zermatt.html) for full details. Contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel at: [fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net), if you are interested at this late date.

**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 [fwsaintltrl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltrl@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.

**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!** Starting in 2014, NWSCC meetings will be held at different intervals (January, February, April, June, September, October, and December); the 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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**"Bring a Friend in February" Campaign Encourages Skiers and Snowboarders to Help Newcomers Learn:**

U.S. Ski Team member Mikaela Shiffrin started skiing in her parents' driveway, thanks to their encouragement. Team member Julia Mancuso was introduced to skiing by her babysitter. These Olympians, who are competing in the 2014 Winter Games, are just two

examples of world-class skiers who were introduced to the sport by a friend, acquaintance or family member – the typical scenario for most of the 13 million people who ski or snowboard. Although Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month (January) is over, the snow sports industry now is encouraging those who already are involved to "Bring a Friend in February" when days are a little longer and temperatures are a bit warmer. Snow conditions throughout the U.S. are consistent from coast to coast thanks to snowfall in most parts of the country where ski and snowboard resorts are located. **The industry's Bring a Friend Challenge rewards those who do so with prizes ranging from skis and snowboards to trips.** "Skiing and snowboarding are great family sports and most skiers and snowboarders are very social people," said Raelene Davis, chair of the Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month/Bring a Friend initiative and VP, marketing for Ski Utah. "Those already involved loved to engage more friends and family members and the best way to learn is to take lessons from professional instructors."

The Bring a Friend Challenge ends on March 14, 2014. Anyone can enter – even those who may have just learned how to ski or ride. The list of prizes is posted at [www.bringafriend.org](http://www.bringafriend.org). A companion site, [www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org](http://www.skiandsnowboardmonth.org), provides basic information to help newcomers have a quality snow experience. Contact Mary Jo Tarallo at 202-431-6950 or [lifes2shortmjt@gmail.com](mailto:lifes2shortmjt@gmail.com).

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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:

**Hope on the Slopes** events will be held in the Northwest on the following dates and places:

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| <b>Feb. 22, 2014</b> | Mt. Spokane, WA      |
| <b>March 1-2</b>     | Stevens Pass, WA     |
| <b>March 8-9</b>     | Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR |
| <b>March 15-16</b>   | White Pass, WA       |
| <b>March 22</b>      | Crystal Mtn, WA      |
| <b>April 5</b>       | Eaglecrest, Alaska   |

All these events involve a 24 hour ski challenge and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Started by David Ludwig at White Pass years ago, the event is spreading all over the country!! Go to [hopeontheslopes.net](http://hopeontheslopes.net) for further information about these events, or contact [charlene.piercy@cancer.org](mailto:charlene.piercy@cancer.org).

**March 9-10, 2014 Oregon Cancer Ski Out**, Mt. Hood Meadows—a fun 2-day event (Sunday & Monday). Teams of five compete for best consistency (not speed). Serious fun for teams of 5, and proceeds go to cancer research, hospice, and related organizations with no restrictions on the use of

the money!! This money really makes a difference to LOCAL organizations! Go to [www.cancerskiout.org](http://www.cancerskiout.org) for further information, to sign up, or to volunteer! See flier on newsletter page.

**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 January FWSA NEWS:**

#### **Far West Sponsored Athletes Skiing Hard and Fast:**

The 2013-2014 Alpine Racing season is in full swing. On December 18, Cai Yamamoto (supported by Mountain High Snowsport Club of Portland, OR) placed 3rd at the Panorama Mountain Super G, and Elyse Burandt (supported by Skiyente Ski Club of Portland, OR) earned a 2nd place in the Super G the following day. Cai went on to take a 1st and a 4th in Super G and a 1st in GS at the Schweitzer Northwest Cup, January 2-4. Elyse also took a 3rd in Super G on the 4th. We will be watching for great results the rest of the season!

The foregoing successes by our athletes are due in part to the generosity and support from our Far West membership, through donations to the Far West Ski Foundation.

#### **Far West Ski Foundation Makes First Adaptive Ski**

**Grants:** The Foundation has made grants to the Vail Veterans Program and the Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Education Foundation. Both grants were made in pursuit of the Foundation's objective of rehabilitation. The VVP has served military injured since 2004 and hosted military patients and families at Vail during the final week in January. Patients were sent to Vail from Balboa Naval Medical Center, Walter Reed Hospital, and Brooks Hospital. Funds were drawn from the Fred Westlund Fund. The Snowbasin Adaptive Foundation serves any disabled athlete participating in snowsports. Snowbasin will be the site of the 2014 FWSA Mini Ski Week in February. Gloria Raminha is the Foundation's lead Trustee for this rehab mission.

We are asking individuals to make a tax-deductible

contribution to Far West Ski Foundation in this tax year. You can make your contribution in two ways: by check to the FWSF Treasurer, John Reinhardt, 5285 Meadows Rd #38, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, or by using the contributions page of the website [farwestskifoundation.org](http://farwestskifoundation.org). FWSF is a California public benefit corporation operating under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS tax code.

#### **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).

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

**INTRAWEST IPO:** Intrawest Resorts Holdings, Inc., which owns and/or manages Winter Park, Stratton, Steamboat, Mont Tremblant, Blue Mountain, and Snowshoe, announced an initial public offering of 15,625,000 shares of its common stock at \$12 per share under the symbol "SNOW". They also priced 3,125,000 shares of its common stock and an entity controlled by certain private equity funds managed by an affiliate of Fortress Investment Group LLC priced an additional 12,500,000 shares of the Company's common stock. According to a company press release, the net proceeds received from the offering was expected to be approximately \$35.1 million which they intend to use for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

#### **WOLF MOUNTAIN PURCHASED OUT OF BANKRUPTCY:**

Wolf Mountain ski area in Utah's Ogden Valley has been purchased by an investor group called Skyline Mountain Base from America First Credit Union, which acquired the resort through bankruptcy. Next ski season, it will reopen as Skyline Mountain Base.

#### **ASPEN TO RETAIN THE X GAMES THROUGH 2019:**

ESPN and Aspen Skiing Company have reached an agreement that will keep the X Games in Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado, through 2019. Now in its 13th year hosting the premiere winter action sports event, by the end of the extension Aspen will have been home to the event for nearly two decades. ESPN's X Games Aspen 2014 celebrated its 13th year in Aspen in January with live coverage on ESPN and ABC. Snowboarder X and Snowmobile Long Jump returned to the X Games Aspen list of disciplines in 2014 after a brief hiatus.

**BIG SKY GETS NEW ZIPLINE:** Big Sky Resort is the has added a new Adventure Zipline -- a chairlift accessed tour made up of three zipline sections and the existing twin zipline, which spans up to 1,500 feet long and 150 feet above the forest floor. The entire zipline tour offers 5,000 feet of ziplining and expansive views of Lone Mountain and the Spanish Peaks of the Madison Mountain Range.

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**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**

**February 2014**

10-14	Methow Valley, WA (XC)	Cascade PT
11-15	Sun Valley, ID (Air Trip)	S'no Joke
13	Mission Ridge, WA (Day Bus)	Desert Ski Club
14-17	Crater Lake, OR (XC, SS)	Bergfreunde
14-17	Sunriver, OR (XC)	Oregon Nordic
15	Snowshoe/XC Moonlight Trip	Bergfreunde
15-23	Yellowstone National Park Trip	Oregon Nordic
15-25	Cortina & Venice, Italy	S'no Joke
20	Mission Ridge, WA (Day Bus)	Desert Ski Club
21-23	Shelter Cove, OR (DH, XC, SS)	Altair
21-23	Mt. Bachelor, OR (Bus Trip)	Mountain High
21-23	Mt. Baker, OR (Carpool Trip)	S'no Joke
22	Willamette Pass Day (Carpool)	Altair
22	Hope on the Slopes, Mt. Spokane, WA	HOTS/Ski-Ride for Cure
22-23	49° North, WA (Carpool)	Desert Ski Club
22-27	Snowbasin/Davis County, UT	FWSA/All Clubs
23-26	Mt. Baker, WA (Carpool)	WIHSKI
23-3/1	Lake Tahoe Sampler (DH, XC)	Bergfreunde
26-3/2	Snowbird & Alta, UT (Airline)	Desert Ski Club
27	Mission Ridge, WA (Bus Trip)	Desert Ski Club
27	Tryouts for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol	MHSP/Open
27-3/4	Taos, NM (Airline Trip)	S'no Joke
28-3/1	Crater Lake, OR Bus Trip (XC)	Oregon Nordic
28-3/2	Mt. Hood (DH,XC,SS)	Altair

**March 2014**

1	Ski The Glade Trail Day, Timberline to Gov't Camp, OR	Open to All
1-2	Hope on the Slopes/Stevens Pass	HOTS/ Ski-Ride
1-8	South Lake Tahoe, CA	SKIBACS
2-8	Whitefish Mtn Resort, MT (Amtrak)	Mt. Hood Skikats
6	Tryouts for Mt. Hood Ski Patrol	MHSP/Open
6-9	Mt. Bachelor, OR (Carpool)	S'no Joke
6-10	Wallowa Lake, Joseph, OR (XC)	Oregon Nordic Club
6-15	Zermatt, Switzerland (Ski Week)	FWSA/Open to All
7-9	Diamond Lake, OR (XC, SS)	Altair
8	Day Bus to Hoodoo/Benson Park	Bergfreunde
8	Spree at Alpental/Demo/Benefit	Outdoors for All
8-9	Hope on the Slopes, Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR	HOTS/Ski-Ride for Cure
8-9	Masters Mania Weekend, Mt. Hood Skibowl	Schnee/Skiyente -Open
9-10	Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, Mt. Hood Meadows	OCSO/Open

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



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### NEW!! 2013-2014 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

#### GOLD MEMBER:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

#### BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER (PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Mountain Shop, Portland, OR

#### SILVER MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Resort, OR  
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR  
Timberline Lodge, OR

#### BRONZE MEMBERS:

Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resorts, CO  
Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada  
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID  
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR  
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR  
Grand Sierra Resort, NV  
Grand Targhee Resort, WY  
Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR  
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#### SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA  
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association  
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, BC, Canada

**THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S  
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PLEASE PATRONIZE AND  
SUPPORT OUR COMMERCIAL  
MEMBERS AND LET THEM  
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

#### NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check [www.nwskiers.org](http://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.

**Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format on the website, and the link can easily be passed on to your members.**

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#### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., **February 19, 2014**, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Izzy's Pizza  
1307 NE 102nd Avenue  
Portland, OR 97220

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

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

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

**First With Safety Awareness!**

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