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**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB
MEMBERS!**

The November 18 Council meeting via Zoom had 54 attendees from Oregon and Washington who heard Tiana Anderson from Crystal Mountain and John Burton from Timberline talk about what is happening with their ski areas this year, and what skiers can expect when they visit. Things will be very different because of Covid-19! Tiana spoke to us at the end of a very long day, as Crystal Mountain had opened for skiing that very morning! John Burton brought us up to date about Timberline's plans for this year - and they have now opened as well!

The December 16 NWSCC Council meeting will be held via ZOOM!!
Everyone is invited - please tell your club members! We will have guest speakers from Mt. Bachelor and Columbia Sportswear.

Date: December 16, 2020

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

Guest Speakers: Mt. Bachelor and Columbia Sportswear

Grab your favorite beverage and join our Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83111537727?pwd=bGh6Q3J5UnpZM01ZMlZrUVU2cVdlUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 1153 7727

Passcode: 114464

If you still want to go to **Sun Valley** next year, the **Mt. Hood Gang** invites NWSCC and MAC members to enjoy their excellent group rates on their annual trip **January 23-30, 2021**. This year there will be no group activities. There are great prices on properties that have kitchens if skiers do not wish to eat in restaurants. Contact Sue Rimkeit srinkeit@comcast.net if you have questions. See [flier](#).

See new [Article](#) by Randy Lew on the NWSCC website about avalanche safety.

NWSCC and Social Media:

Beyond the informative monthly newsletter from NWSCC and other notices distributed by email, we continue to spread helpful and interesting news and ski world articles by Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NWSkiers> Be sure to like our page and stay informed throughout the month.

Another important source of information is [Northwest Snowsports Advocates](#), follow them on Facebook and learn the latest in the ski industry world. One of the latest posts includes information about the new documentary about Warren Miller available for free on Amazon Prime: SKI BUM: THE WARREN MILLER STORY. I can tell you from personal experience that it is a GREAT movie!

NWSCC INDUSTRY MEMBER NEWS

MT. HOOD MEADOWS www.skihood.com

We are so incredibly pleased and grateful to announce that we are officially open for the 2020-2021 season! [Meadows is currently open seven days a week from 9 AM - 4 PM](#) for your downhill, snow-sliding needs (our [Nordic Center](#) is also scheduled to operate Thursdays - Mondays from 9 AM - 4 PM). We are also grateful for the strong base produced by early-season storms and our snow harvesting team, which has allowed us to open with a great variety of lifts and terrain.

Before you head up for your first turns of the season, please read our blog post (link below) on current guidelines in place at the resort so you are prepared. If you're short on time, the greatest hits are:

- 1.) Wear a mask and watch your distance
- 2.) There is currently no dine-in service available and visits to the lodges must be kept to 10 minutes or less
- 3.) [Lift tickets](#), as well as [rentals](#), [lessons](#), and other products need to be purchased online in advance

Also, if you purchased a Season Pass, but still need to pick it up, you can [swing by Meadows PDX](#), get your pass fulfilled, and then head straight to the lifts on your first day up!

Once again, we are so happy to be open, to see all of you, and to get back to doing what we all love. Here's to a safe and fun 2020-2021 season.

READ THE [BLOG](#) AND KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

Lift tickets are now on sale for the holiday period of December 21 to January 3, as well as for the dates of December 3 and 4! Head to our Dynamic Pricing page [HERE](#) to dial in your lift ticket by selecting your access type, age range, start time, and duration, and then choose the date... or you can choose the date and see what kinds of tickets are available for that day. As we mention in the story above, please note that all lift tickets must be purchased online in advance, and there will be no day-of lift tickets available at the resort. We also have day tickets for the Nordic Center available! As we get through the first few days of the season and continue to reassess our operations, there is a possibility we will be making more dates available -- watch our website and social media channels for updates!

Programs are also now available for sale online! Our Consecutive Week Programs are a great way for kids to build their confidence and their skills on the slopes, staying with the same instructor and group once a week for four consecutive weeks. Currently, we only have programs for kids ages 7-14 (the SnoBlasters program), but we will be adding programs for older kids and adults online soon! Watch our Consecutive Week Program page [HERE](#) for updates.

Today is the day to spoil yourself or someone you love with something extra special: it's the last few days of our **Black Friday sale**, which goes through Dec. 6! Get in on our best deals before they're gone! We have great gifts, stocking stuffers, and more on sale now. Get your gifts already wrapped for the holidays with our gift wrapping specialists... we add the special touch of Your Mountain Home to every gift!

TIMBERLINE www.timberlinelodge.com

SEASON PASS sales are closed for the winter season.

Capacity at Timberline will be managed based on how many cars our parking lot is able safely accommodate, first-come-first-served. However, our uphill ski area capacity far exceeds the number of parking spots. When the lot is at a safe operating capacity, Timberline Road will close. People will be allowed up when spaces become available. Please plan on arriving after 7:00am when the roads are plowed, but well before 9:00am to gain access before the road closes. We anticipate capacity to free up in the afternoons when people often leave after a morning of skiing.

LET'S KEEP OUR SEASON SAFE Only visit and share the chair with members of your household. Use your vehicle as a base camp. Masks and social distancing are required indoors and outdoors in ticket & lift lines. [LEARN MORE](#)

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE Timberline's restaurants that will be open for takeout on opening day include the Wy'East Cafe, Phlox Point, and our new food truck! Consuming food & drink indoors is not currently permitted. [LEARN MORE](#)

TIMBERLINE HOLIDAYS Celebrating the holidays at Timberline is a fun and long-standing tradition for many. This year, the holidays will be as memorable as always, if slightly different from year's past. [LEARN MORE](#)

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE Join us for a lovely night of socially-distanced snowshoeing under the full moon. This [hotel package](#) includes a room for two, snowshoes, and the guided snowshoe walk. Available Jan. 28, Feb. 25, and March 28, 2021. Availability is limited to keep the group small, some restrictions apply.

ROOM + LIFT TICKET Stay the night midweek (Sundays-Thursdays) and get one free lift ticket to use the day after check-in. Some restrictions apply.

MT. HOOD SKIBOWL skibowl.com

Last weekend we opened Day and Cosmic Tubing for the 2020.2021 with great success. For the next two weekends, we will be open for tubing on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 8:15pm. Be sure to make reservations for days [HERE](#) or Cosmic Tubing [HERE](#) as space is limited.

On to the big question.....when are we opening for skiing and riding? We are SO close! We've been out prepping the hill and track packing the surface all week. The forecast is calling for a few days of unseasonably warm temperatures with some wet precip scheduled over the weekend with snow forecasted for Tuesday evening into Wednesday. Given the fact our base is very loose (unfrozen/sugar) we feel it is in the best interest for long-term surface conditions to delay operations until this weather cycle passes. That said, we are targeting opening for next Wednesday, December 9th at 3pm. Stay tuned to our website for updates as we move closer to opening day.

After much consideration, discussion and listening, we, too, have made the decision to not to require advanced reservations for pass holders. That's right, NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! We've learned much from areas already open and heard from our pass holders and just feel it would not be the best way to move ahead. Daily volume will be managed on a first-come, first-served basis using parking capacity as the main gauge for volume management, including day ticket sales and rentals.

Unplug. Unwind. Recharge - We now offer two lodging properties that make it easy for you to STAY AND PLAY. Choose from either [Collins Lake](#) with luxury condos, or [Lake Simtustus Resort](#) with luxury tiny home rentals, RV rentals, RV campsites, and marina and moorage slips. Both resorts are in close proximity to Portland and provide everything you will need for a stress-free trip.

MT. BACHELOR www.mtbachelor.com

Mt. Bachelor plans its winter 2020/21 opening day on December 7!

If you don't have a season pass, you will be buying your lift tickets online this year. Mt. Bachelor offers a variety of pricing options on lift tickets, with the best deals reserved for those who plan ahead and buy in advance! For the winter 2020/21 season, a limited number of lift tickets are available for purchase each day. Guarantee lift access for the day of your visit and save up to 50% off walk-up window rates on All-Mountain lift tickets and \$10 off our Learning Progression tickets by purchasing [online](#). (Prices will increase as the most discounted tickets are sold out.) But before you book that day ticket, be sure to secure your free [parking reservation](#) — don't get caught without a spot!

Season pass prices went up on October 1, but passes are still available - join us in looking ahead to winter 2020/21 OPENING day on 12/7! Visit [Season Passes](#) to check out what pass (12-Day, Midweek, Full Season) may be best for you this winter!

KANDAHAR LODGE, Whitefish, MT www.kandaharlodge.com

LIMITED TIME SPECIAL: [Book](#) at Bronze Member Kandahar Lodge in Whitefish, Montana, by opening day, December 10, to get a 15-30% discount for future lodging all season long!



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November 2020 Excerpts
Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020

“NEWS”! ON YOUR MARK! GET SET! SKII! Mammoth is open! Sun Peaks is open! So are several Colorado ski areas (Aspen Mountain, Breckenridge, and Keystone). With the current pandemic, please take heed and “Know Before You Go,” long a backcountry mantra that will apply to all skiers and riders this year. Guests should visit ski area websites, social media and other channels to ensure they have the most up-to-date information on any COVID-19 protocols and understand what is expected during their visit. Colorado Ski Country’s COVID-19 webpage will be updated throughout the winter with tips, information and the most up-to-date resort protocols.

Many ski areas will be requiring prepurchase of lift tickets, ski school reservations, rentals and other activities and guests should check with the ski area they plan to visit before and leading up to their arrival. Ski parties will be allowed to load lifts and gondolas together at full capacity. Parties that are not together will have at least one seat between them on lifts. Up to two unrelated parties can load a gondola together up to 50 percent capacity. Parties that are uncomfortable riding with other parties will be allowed to ride as a single party. Again, check the website of the ski area you are planning to visit so that you “know before you go”!

“NEWS”! TELLURIDE SKI RESORT: Telluride will welcome NEW air service this winter with Southwest Airlines and Jet Blue adding flights into Montrose Regional Airport (MJT) starting in mid-December. Southwest will fly 2-3 times daily from Denver (DEN) and Saturdays and Sundays from Dallas Love Field (DAL). Jet Blue will operate from Boston Logan Airport (BOS) on Saturdays and select Wednesdays during the season. For additional information, visit www.tellurideskiresort.com. Telluride resort will feature 20 refurbished gondolas offering dining options in Mountain Village as well as expanded yurt and outdoor dining services across the mountain. Specific COVID-19 information can be found on Telluride’s website.

FAR WEST CONVENTION – 7 MONTHS AND COUNTING: The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is busy, busy, making plans for the 88th Annual Far West Convention. The dates are set for June 10-13, 2021, at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. We will have some interesting Educational Seminars and are currently seeking Public Affairs speakers and a Keynote speaker. One of our favorite events, our Annual Pub Crawl, will be our “Taste of San Diego,” sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. We will be showcasing great local foods, paired with a drink at each station. Dessert will be from Scoops of La Jolla who has Van Leeuwan Artisan Ice Cream. They specialize in Organic and Vegan Ice cream with very unique ice cream flavors.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FWSA SUN VALLEY SKI WEEK 2021: Still Happening! FWSA Councils are selling the 2021 Sun Valley Ski Week January 30—February 6th. We are selling hotel rooms at Sun Valley Inn and Sun Valley Lodge, as well as 2 & 3-bedroom Lodge Apartments. Trip package includes lodging and FWSA and Council parties. Additional costs for lift tickets, group air/ground, and Council Challenge races. Free shuttle to town, ski hill, and activities for non-skiers/boarders! Space is limited, so sign up now. Information [HERE](#). Contact Nancy Ellis, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net.

FWSA 2021 ZERMATT MINI SKI WEEK: Registration Open. Sign-ups are now being taken for the Zermatt, Utah Resort Mini Trip March 21-27, 2021. This resort is located in Midway, Utah. Participants have the option to ski/ride Deer Valley, Park City, and Sundance Resorts. There's a lot do for non-skiers, such as art classes at Sundance Resort, shopping, tubing, ice skating, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, or soaking in a 10,000-year-old Crater Hot Springs. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: garski2011@gmail.com; 661-800-8229. Further Information [HERE](#).

FWSA 2021 INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE TO ALASKA: Still Happening! There's plenty of time to sign up for the Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise June 19--30, 2021. Participants can sign up for the Denali Tour or Alaska Cruise or for the combined two trips. The Denali Trip starts with two days in Fairbanks, AK, followed by two days in Denali, and ends in Anchorage for those doing this portion only. The Inside passage Alaska Cruise starts in Whittier and travels southward with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan before docking in Vancouver, BC. Trip information and registration available [HERE](#) or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261.

FAR WEST 2021 DIVE TRIP: Coming Up! The 2021 Dive Trip has been contracted and will be October 9-16, 2021 to the wonderful Anthony's Key Resort in Roatan, Honduras. We have great pricing for their top of the line Key Deluxe lodging, meals, and 6 days of 3 tank boat dives. The registration forms and additional information are available [HERE](#).

"NEW" FWSA SKI WEEEK 2022: Aspen/Snowmass Resort will be the destination January 22—29, 2022 for the annual Far West Ski Week. We will be staying in Snowmass Resort and participants have a choice of ski in/ski out lodging or units a short walk to the ski hill. The Snowmass base area has many new restaurants, lodging, and activities such as a climbing wall and ice rink. The Alpine "Breath-taker" Mountain Coaster now traverses the mountain slopes. Put the dates of the trip on your calendar and watch for sign up information to be available in March 2021.

FAR WEST MEMBER BENEFITS

"NEW" FWSA BENEFITS: Aspen/Snowmass is offering a 25% discount off adult lift tickets with this ski package: 4-day lift ticket purchase plus 3 nights lodging in Aspen/Snowmass. For more info, click onto the Member Benefits Page [HERE](#). REMEMBER....as a member of Far West Ski Association, you also have access to any discounts offered through the National Ski Council Federation. The link on our website will take you there.

FWSA BENEFITS PAGE: The 2020-2021 [Member Benefits](#) pages have all been updated. The majority of our ongoing partners for ski rentals, transportation, lodging and ski gear have renewed their agreement with Far West for the coming year. PLEASE take the time to look at ALL of our partners, as there have been some changes, and a couple NEW partners to point out to you: Besides Meier Skis, which was mentioned in last month's issue, we now have Crystal Inn & Suites in Salt Lake City. Rossland Red Mountain Inn & Suites in Rossland, BC, is now Sure Stay by Best Western. Check out these pages when you are planning a ski trip. You can find some very good deals on lodging, rentals and services. Give the Transportation Network, in Park City, or Go Alpine, a call when you go to Park City or Steamboat. They will get you to your destination quickly and safely, and at a reduced rate. To keep that tan going, try some sunscreen from Peak 10. They are happy to give our members 25% off sunscreen and skin care products.

Stay safe! Stay healthy!

INDUSTRY MEMBERS

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

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

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