NWSCC February 2021 Meeting Notice, Newsletter; Industry and FWSA News

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Northwest Ski Club Council

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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS!

The February 17 NWSCC Council meeting will be held via ZOOM!!

Everyone is invited - please tell your club members! We will have guest speakers from NWSCC Gold Member U.S. Outdoor Store and Mt. Hood Skibowl - There will be door prizes - a \$50 U.S. Outdoor gift card and \$50 in Bowl Bucks!

Date: February 17, 2021

Time: Call in at 6:45; meeting starts at 7:00 pm PST (US and Canada)

Guest Speakers: U.S. Outdoor Store and Mt. Hood Skibowl

Oregon Cancer Ski Out - Ski to Defeat ALS - Club News - FWSA News

Grab your favorite beverage and join our Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81003754078?pwd=OGdDbjBldXpyNWtoT2 NVS2t3dGVHQT09

Meeting ID: 810 0375 4078

Passcode: 544525

NWSCC is currently looking to fill the Council Secretary position. Jeanne Reinhardt has served as our NWSCC Secretary for the last three years and is wanting to step down. Please step up and let us know if you are interested. Contact Chris Ciardi at president@ nwskiers.org.

PACRAT Racing has started for the season!! This season is totally different from any other due to Covid regulations and the necessity to hold races midweek and to not have more than 100 people participating in any one event. See the PACRAT website for full details and for the racing schedule for this year.

The 33rd annual **Oregon Cancer Ski Out**, a one-of-a-kind fundraising event for skiers and snowboarders to join in the fight against cancer is going virtual this year. Participants will choose a day between March 1st and 6th to track vertical feet through Mt. Hood Meadows and results will be shared during our Virtual Fundraiser on Sunday March 7th, 2021. The top five race teams and Fundraising teams will win prizes and bragging rights. The organization is all about funding for organizations that truly make a difference, like Candlelighters, OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, and Breast Friends, which help fund research to cure cancer, and support families and cancer survivors. The success of this event is dependent on generous contributions and participation by individuals like you. Register a team or individual to race, donate or purchase raffle tickets thru this link.

Join the ALS Association Oregon & SW Washington Chapter's virtual take on the **Ski to Defeat ALS**! Gather a small group of friends and family and head to Mt. Hood Meadows during the months of March and April 2021, to help raise awareness and funds for the ALS community. Sign up online at www.skitodefeatals.org and choose which day you would like to ski or snowboard. Lift tickets are available through ALS for \$80 each at Mt. Hood Meadows for the following dates: March 20, 21, 27, & 28, and April 3, 4, 10, & 11. Tickets are limited, so don't wait! If you are a season passholder or plan to ski elsewhere, you may sign up for free! Contact Special Events Manager, Chelsey Hirtzer, at Chelsey.hirtzer@alsoregon.org for more information.

Announcing this year's **FWSA Environment Program and Award** - Deadline for award application submission: March 21, 2021. As you think about your own New Year's resolutions, consider looking at the bigger picture and doing something positive for the environment as well. Then take it a further step and submit an application to FWSA! This very special award has a fantastic prize: a 5-night ski/board package for two at Aspen/Snowmass! See details HERE, and contact Fran Long, VP Public Affairs/Environment Program Chair, at environment@fwsa.org.

NEW: Access the 2020-2021 FWSA **Far West Skier's Guide** on the right hand side of the NWSCC home page. **CLUBS:** if you would like to have hard copies of the Far West Skier's Guide for your members, please contact Chris Ciardi at president@ nwskiers.org.

For many interesting articles, including tons of information on how ski areas across the country are dealing with Covid, how safe is skiing right now, heated chairlift seats, cross country skiing, and MORE, check out the **National Ski Council Federation's January 2021 Newsbeat** HERE.

Click HERE to read article from SnoCountry.com about new owners at Brundage Mountain Resort! Also from Brundage Mountain is THIS VIDEO showing great ideas of "helmet hacks and face covering fixes" to comply with ski area Covid regulations this year!

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 sorce 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

The 3 Time Midweek Lift Ticket is now available for purchase in our online store! This lift ticket is good for any three midweek days during the 2020-2021 season (except Presidents Day), combining both great access and flexibility. Days do not have to be used consecutively, nor all in the same week - purchasing this product online produces a voucher number, which can be fulfilled at any Guest Services location at Meadows. Get your 3 Time Midweek Lift Ticket at this link!

We've received more than a foot of snow last week and are now officially over 200 inches for year-to-date snowfall! That has helped freshen up the slopes at Meadows, and we're excited that the forecast is calling for more snow this coming week! If you're thinking of coming up to Meadows, please remember that masks are required, lift tickets need to be purchased online in advance (lessons, rentals, and demos at least 48 hours in advance), practice patience, flexibility, and kindness... and have fun!

Please see this link to learn more and watch our video about mask compliance on our blog. Again, thanks to everyone who has been complying with our health and safety protocols this season. Let's continue to keep ourselves, each other, and our season safe!

It's hard to believe, but we're almost halfway through the winter recreation season at Mt. Hood Meadows. If you're planning on taking the next step in your snow sport and want to improve your skills on the slopes, this is the perfect time to sign up for one of our clinics! Whether it's telemark, snowboarding, or traditional alpine skiing, we've got a clinic that will fit your needs. Taught by our expert instructors, these clinics feature indepth on-the-slope training so you can confidently tackle the steeps, handle

adverse snow conditions, and get the most out of Your Mountain Home. We also have one-day and two-day Chicks Can Rip clinics and camps for intermediate-level and above female skiers and riders, taught by our top-level female instructors. Learn more and sign up HERE.

We are excited to announce that Vista Snowshoe Tours are back for the 2020-2021 season! Ride the Vista chairlift up to the 6,500-foot elevation level on Mt. Hood and enjoy an absolutely gorgeous natural setting as you trek along Vista Ridge, through the Mitchell Creek drainage, and then back to the lodge for a delicious dinner! Tours include snowshoe rentals, chairlift ride, guide, dinner, and gratuity. Our first Vista Snowshoe Tour is February 12, but these tours have been popular in past seasons, and space is limited, so sign up soon!

Can't wait until then? We also have weekend snowshoe tours from now through the end of February, featuring trips to Umbrella and Sahalie falls!

Learn to ski or ride under the lights at a great price! Toyota Night Lessons are an awesome option for those looking to get started with snow sports, or learn a new discipline. Lessons feature two hours of instruction, from 5-7 PM, during night operations (Wednesdays through Sundays), and are open to first-timers through green ability levels. Learn more and sign up HERE.

Meadows is proud to offer Adaptive Lessons to make sure snow sports are accessible to people of all abilities and to help remove barriers to enjoying Your Mountain Home. Our highly-trained instructors are passionate about these lessons and are committed to offering a fun and safe learning experience to a full spectrum of skiers and snowboarders, from beginning to advanced. For more information, and to make an Adaptive Lesson inquiry, please click HERE.

We have an awesome team here at Meadows, and we're looking for great people to come join it! Working at Meadows is an experience like no other, and team members enjoy a number of perks, including a free season pass, transportation to the mountain, discounts on food, gear, and services, and a lot more! We have a number of positions currently open, so head to our Jobs page to see what current opportunities are available, or forward this email to a friend or family member who might be interested!

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Sign up for our mailing list (at the bottom of our website) to be kept in the loop with the lastest updates.

Show your NWSCC membership card to get a 10% discount on full price items!

MT. HOOD SKIBOWL skibowl.com

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! 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.

Reservations will be required for rentals, lessons, and tubing.

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

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!

KANDAHAR LODGE, Whitefish, MT www.kandaharlodge.com See specials on NWSCC website for 15% off!



Far West News F I a s h
January 2021 Excerpts
Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2021

AVALANCE SAFETY, A COMMUNITY ENDEAVOR: Historic numbers of people heading into the backcountry this year will increase the risk of avalanche deaths. On December 20th, the Colorado Avalanche Information Center sent an email blast to its partners urging people headed into the mountains to take "extra care" and to "pay special attention to the avalanche forecast". In a matter of just **one week's time**, 3 Colorado residents lost their lives, and 132 avalanches were reported. More people die in avalanches in Colorado than any other state. Avalanche experts say that there are more skiers, boarders and snowshoes going into backcountry than ever before, due to easy access from resorts.

The terrain can be sketchy, snow conditions questionable, and inexperienced people (families) are out, just to have a day of fun, that could turn deadly. Check with your local areas, not just about how much snow is there, but IF there are any avalanche warnings. If so, stay home!! Be safe, not sorry!

FWSA 90th ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK: FWSA has published its history on the 90th anniversary of its birth in San Francisco as the California Ski Association, a division of the National Ski Association. The book is 80 pages in magazine format and includes invited articles from noted historians on California, Arizona, Washington, Utah, Idaho and Oregon ski history, notably *Ingrid Wicken* of the California Ski Library, *John Lundin*, Seattle, *Jane Jackson*, Flagstaff, *Mike Korologos*, Salt Lake City, *Eve Chandler*, Boise, and *Emilio Trampuz*, Salem. Association scholars include *Barbara Razo*, NSPS, Orange,, *Jane Wyckoff*, Irvine, *George Eachus*, Costa Mesa, *Steve Reneker* NSPS, Riverside, and *Chuck Morse*, La Habra. The book benefited by help from Robin Morning, Mammoth Lakes and Randy Lew, Battle Ground, Washington. Limited quantities of this outstanding publication will be available for purchase on www.fwsa.org, in the *FWSA Store*. \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

2020-2021 FAR WEST SKIER'S' GUIDE: The Far West Skier's Guide - 33rd Annual Edition - is available on the NWSCC website, from the picture of the 2020-2021 cover on the right side of the page. An outstanding publication that helps puts Far West Ski Association on the map. The 90th Anniversary booklet (80 pages) is located between pages 40 and 41 of the 2020-2021 Far West Skier's Guide issue.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FWSA ZERMATT MINI SKI WEEK: *Postponed to 2022*. The *Zermatt Utah Resort* Mini Trip has been postponed until March 20-25, 2022. Participants will have the option to ski/ride *Deer Valley, Park City, and Sundance Resorts*. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: garski2011@gmail.com; 661-800-8229. Stay tuned for further Information.

FWSA 2021 INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE TO ALASKA: Still Happening! There's still 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 on the FWSA.org website 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 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 on the website or contacting Randy Lew at divetrips@fwsa.org

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.

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 lndustryMember@nwskiers.org.

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