

NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JULY 2006

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SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Summer is here for sure!! Hope you're all enjoying hot weather activities. July 30th is the annual NWSCC "Clubs 4 Play" Golf Tournament at Lone Oak golf course in Oregon City. Get those teams together now for this fun-filled event!! Are you thinking of skiing at FWSA Ski Week in Steamboat, Colorado?? If so, get your name and deposit in quickly spots are going fast!!

Wow - a whole year has passed by since I took office as your President. Thanks to all the clubs for your support of Council activities. As Councils go, we have a lot to be proud of in NWSCC. We have several (33 to be exact!) active clubs serving large geographical populations, lots of ski trips, racing programs, a commercial member program for ski industry, the Ski Oregon & Washington Challenges, an advocacy group for industry, ski shows in Portland & Seattle, Ski Fair event, and lots of member benefits through NW SCC, FWSA, and the National Ski Council Federation. You can all pat yourselves on the back for jobs well done - and extra pats to all those who have stepped up to the plate and volunteered time and hard work for their clubs!! Thanks for electing me to steer the ship for another year. I hope to keep us on course - please let me know at any time your concerns and how we can make NWSCC better serve our ski club members!! If you are interested in still jumping on board and

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helping the Council with projects or serving in a board position, just let me know. Many thanks to our Board of Directors for their invaluable work and support of NWSCC!! John Reinhardt (Vice President) is always there for advice and counsel and takes on special projects. Reinhardt (Secretary) always gets our minutes to us on time and has reworked the database into a useful tool for all of us. Linda Coxen (Treasurer) provides financial data in any shape or form and is always ready with the checkbook. Linda McGavin (Communications) is editor of our newsletter--converting it to electronic distribution, and editor of our NW Skiers' Directory. Jack Folliard (Pacrat Racing Chair) manages a very successful racing program. Debbi Kor-Lew (Travel) has run Ski Week trips for us and keeps us up to date on travel for the Council and clubs. Steve Coxen (Past President) maintains our website, is our link to FWSA and other ski-related organizations, and developed the SnowSports Advocates and Ski Oregon Challenge. Barb Parshall (Commercial Membership Program) manages our very valued commercial member resorts and retailers for our NW Skiers' Directory. And Sheri Parshall (Asst Pacrat Racing Chair) also keeps us apprised of racing stuff. Way to go team - thanks for all your help and support!

Time to get out and enjoy the sunshine - it'll be snowing before you know it!! Mary Olhausen, President

CONTEST EXTENDED TO JULY 31! We're working on next year's Northwest Skiers' Directory, and are now accepting submissions for the annual cover contest sponsored by Mt. Hood Meadows, and for pictures for the interior of the Directory. The winner of the cover contest receives a 10-time punch pass for Mt. Hood Meadows, valued at \$325! Digital pictures may be e-mailed to Leslie Baird, our graphic designer, at leslieb@aracnet.com. Pictures for the cover contest should be in vertical format that Leslie can crop to 4"x9", and should be as high resolution as possible (the more pixels, the better!). Please be sure to provide your name, address, and telephone

number so Leslie can get in touch with you with any questions. Credit will be given to the photographer for all pictures used in the interior of the Directory, but no monetary compensation is paid. Photos of skiing or snowboarding, of club activities, or anything related to the mountains will be considered.

Don't have a digital camera yet? Arrangements can be made with Leslie to mail her photographs which she will scan; call her at 503-245-4368.

NWSCC ELECTIONS!!!

Elections were held at the June 21 meeting, and the new officers are the same as last year's officers, except that NWSCC needs a new treasurer! Mary Olhausen is President, John Reinhardt is Vice President, Jeanne Reinhardt is Secretary, and Debbi Kor-Lew and Linda McGavin are the elected directors. Linda Coxen will stay on as Treasurer long enough to locate a new treasurer and assist in the transition. Other directors will be appointed by the new board, and volunteers are welcome! Please contact Mary Olhausen to volunteer!

PACRAT ELECTIONS were also held, the following were elected by acclamation: Jack Folliard, Chairman; Gordon Lusk, Vice-Chairman; Colleen Hankins, Secretary; Colleen Kelly, Treasurer; Bob Horning, Race Director; Dale Parshall, Results Director; Diane Hicks, Party Director; and Barbara Parshall, Sponsorship Director.

2006 SKI OREGON CHALLENGE

Plaques were awarded to the three people who completed skiing all 11 Oregon ski areas during the 2005-2006 ski season, completing the Challenge: David Schor, a snowboarder; McCoy Smith, a telemark skier; and Emilio Trampuz, a downhill skier. Also entering the contest by skiing 9 out of the 11 Oregon ski areas was Ed Palmer, who won the grand prize in the drawing: a 10-time Mt. Hood Meadows punch pass, which will be issued next year. The other participants each took home a prize of a gift certificate from several of our local commercial member ski shops: Ski Chalet, Mountain Shop, and Hillcrest Ski & Sports.

Go to the Council website at www.nwskiers.org for complete details and to read about the experiences of these participants. Emilio particularly encourages people to visit the smaller ski areas, such as Warner Canyon, "down south" near Lakeview, and will publicize plans for an "unorganized" trip to that area. Next year there WILL be a **Ski Washington**Challenge as well!

2006 FWSA Convention, Chandler, Arizona.

WOW, did NWSCC make a mark at this convention! Randy Lew was elected the new President, Steve Coxen the

chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Debbi Kor-Lew continues as VP of Marketing. Debbi Kor-Lew also won the prestigious Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award, the top award given to a female by FWSA. Scott Kaden, President of PNSAA (Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association), Hood River, won the Jordan-Reily award for public affairs.

Then came the Club and Council awards (the clubs are in classes based upon the size of the clubs):

Outstanding Website:

Class A: 3rd Place, Skiyente
Class AA: 1st Place, Mountain High
Class AAA: 3rd Place, S'No Joke
Class AAAA: 1st Place, Bergfreunde
Councils: 1st Place, NWSCC

Wentworth Outstanding Publication:

Class A: 2nd Place, Skiyente
Class AA: 2nd Place, Mountain High
Class AAA: 2nd Place, S'No Joke
Class AAAA: 2nd Place, Bergfreunde
Councils: 3rd Place, NWSCC

Tolakson Outstanding Club of the Year:

Class A: 1st Place, Skiyente (tie with LA club)

Class AA: 1st Place, Mountain High Class AAAA: 2nd Place, Bergfreunde

The 2007 FWSA Convention will be held at Santa Clara, California, from May 31 to June 3, 2007.

NW SCC will be the host of the 2008 convention, and we are considering several venues.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? We want to hear from you!! Please let Mary Olhausen know of your club's support of such events so that we can share the information with other clubs and FWSA.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: The annual Clubs-4-Play Golf Tournament has been scheduled for July 30, 2006, at the Oregon City Golf Course at Lone Oak (same as last year). Contact Marilyn Sigler at marski@teleport.com for more information. Mark your calendar for this fun event!

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

PACRAT RACING:

The PACRAT board is working towards standardizing specific weekend dates for races, but of course the ultimate dates are dependent upon the ski areas' availability to host the races. The proposed dates are:

1st race - 2nd Sunday in January (1-14-07) Timberline
2nd race - 4th Sunday in January (1-28-07) Meadows
3rd race - 3rd Sunday in February (2-18-07) Ski Bowl
4th race - 2nd Sunday in March (3-11-07) Meadows
make-up - 4th Sunday in March (3-25-07) Meadows
5th race - 1st Sunday in April (for 2007 only - Saturday,
March 31st) Bachelor/FWRA

Contact Jack Folliard (<u>ifolliard@comcast.net</u>) or 503-975-4488 (cell) for information, or check the PACRAT website at WWW.PACRATS.ORG.

Rat Attack - 2nd Friday in April (4-13-07)

CLUB INFORMATION:

The Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum will host its annual Heritage Day Saturday, September 23, 2006, in Government Camp. This is a fun one-day event, with a fabulous dinner and huge silent auction, and is also a great chance to see the improvements in Government Camp! One fundraising project right now is for an in-musuem store to help cover operating expenses. The Museum needs volunteers to assist its many projects; for information, contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or 503-245-3782.

Schnee Vogeli Ski Club will have its annual PRAY FOR SNOW DANCE at Government Camp November 11. Once again tickets will be limited and will be sold by club members. They should also be available at NWSCC meetings in September and October.

Skiyente Ski Club is following up their highly successful "Kid's Trip" to Big White with an Amtrak train trip to **Big Mountain, Montana**, scheduled for January 30-February 4, 2007. Details to follow. The club will open up the trip to other clubs later this summer, following a chance for their members to sign up.

Mountain High Snowsport Club is planning two trips for its members next year that may also be open to other Council club members. The first is a trip to Eden, Utah, in February (probably February 9-16 time frame) to ski both Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. As an experiment, the club plans to offer options of either a shorter 4-5 day trip, staying in hotel-type accommodations, or a week-long trip staying in condos or private homes. The second trip will be a St. Patrick's Day weekend trip to ski Mission Ridge and Stevens Pass, Washington, with lodging in Leavenworth, Washington.

Bergfreunde is planning two major ski trips this coming season, one to Whistler and one to Utah, and they have a number of shorter trips as well.

Skiyente Ski Club is also offering other club members the chance to join them on their annual "Babes on Board" Windjammer Cruise in the Grenadine Islands May 13-19,

2007! This is a casual "barefoot" cruise on a 225' 3-masted schooner, visiting deserted beaches, snorkeling, and diving (extra charge); meals and some alcohol are included. The cost ranges from \$1,300 to \$1,700 without airfare to Granada (which might be around \$980 round trip from Portland). Signups for the windjammer cruise are booked directly through the travel agent, Monika Corbin at Cruise Masters, at monika@finevoyages.com, telephone 503-641-7447. Everyone makes their own air and hotel arrangements, and many participants plan to spend extra time in the islands on either end of the cruise. Sheri Parshall can provide suggestions on good hotels where they like to stay; contact her at com good hotels where they like to stay; contact her at com good.com or 503-245-3782.

NWSCC TRAVEL:

Please contact our Director of Travel, Debbi Kor-Lew, at ijustwannarun@aol.com or 503-682-1563, regarding where your club plans to or would like to travel next year; perhaps we can assist you in getting more than one club together for group discounts, etc.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION:

THE COUNCILMAN NEWSLETTER is available online at www.FWSA.org. Very few are being mailed, and this publication used to only go out to ski club and council officers. You can learn at lot by looking at this publication online, where you will have color pictures and links!

Panama Canal Cruise, October 29-November 11, 2006. Sail from San Diego with stops in Acapulco and Huatulco in Mexico, Puntarenas in Costa Rica, then cruise the Panama Canal. In the Caribbean the cruise ship will stop at Oranjestad, Aruba before docking in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Prices range from \$1,218 pp to \$2,118 depending on the cabin berth selected. Prices do not include airfare to San Diego or from San Juan. \$450 deposit per person due April 4, 2006. To see the flyer and sign up sheet check the FWSA website. For additional information go to the webpage at www.fwsacruises.com.

FWSA Ski Week 2007 will be held at Steamboat, Colorado! The cost is going to be \$850 without air, and \$250 deposits are now being taken. NWSCC has been allotted only 62 spots, which must be released if not booked by early September. The trip captain is Rod Robinson of Altair Ski & Snowsport Club in Eugene. Contact Rod at rdrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170. See flier sent with this newsletter.

For racers who like to get started early, the **Keystone Nationals** sponsored by **Far West Racing Association** will be held **January 17-21, 2007** at Keystone, Colorado. This event is open to any club or council in the entire United States, and there is a NATIONAL winner!

FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the new FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816. The 2007 FWSA International Trip has just been announced. It is to Bormio, Italy, from March 3-11, with a potential "post" trip to Florence and Rome. See flier attached to this newsletter, or check out the FWSA website for up-to-the-minute information. Deposits should be made promptly, as the international European trips tend to sell out early!! \$200 deposits are refundable up to August 1.

Check out the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the FWSA Athletic Scholarship. Forms are available on the website.

Far West Racing Association has chosen Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, as the site of its 2007 Championships to be held March 30-April 1, 2007! If you are planning a trip for your club to Mt. Bachelor, make it this weekend and join us for a special party hosted by NWSCC to welcome all racers. PACRAT racers are automatically eligible as well! The PACRAT board is working on plans to schedule the final 2007 PACRAT race at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, March 31, to make it easier for PACRAT racers to participate in this exciting event.

Plan early to qualify for these races - you will need to race in three qualifying races next season before the championships. PACRAT racers are automatically eligible; with advance notice non-PACRAT racers may be allowed to ski the PACRAT courses for qualifying times; and there are several other local races which qualify, including the Skiyente sponsored Masters Race.

SKI SHOW DATES FOR 2006:

Mark your calendar now for the following dates:

Portland Ski Fever Show NWSCC Ski Fair Seattle SnowSports Expo November 3-5, 2006 November 6, 2006 November 17-19, 2006

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

For more information on how you can help support our Northwest ski areas with their expansion plans, go to our website at www.nwskiers.org or contact Steve Coxen at 503-679-9022 or email at sacoxen@aol.com.

MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

Look at the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org to see an updated list of member benefits and discounts, and check out the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org under Membership to see the current discounts across the western United

States and Canada. **Note Debbi is constantly adding new benefits!**

NWSCC members can also obtain benefits through the National Ski Council Federation. A current list of NSCF benefits can be found at www.skifederation.org in the Members Only section. The user name is skiclub and the password is member.

And don't forget our **fleet pricing** at **Carr Subaru**! It's not just on **Subaru**, but also on **new or used Chevrolet**, **GMC**, **and Cadillac vehicles!** Check the NWSCC website for the link; e-mail NWSCC for the signin and password.

If you don't know if a place offers a discount or not, sometimes just showing your FWSA card and asking if they give a discount, saying that other places do, has sometimes resulted in a surprise discount for those who have tried it.

A suggestion was made to post letters from the places that are giving the discount, on their letterhead, to assist our members in getting the discount when employee turnover may lead to the newer employees not being aware of a discount.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

2010 WINTER OLYMPICS, ANYONE?

It's not too early to start thinking about making plans to go to the closest arena the Winter Olympics have ever come to Oregon and Washington: Vancouver, BC, and Whistler/Blackcomb! By coordinating all our efforts we might be able to come up with some way to get our club members up there. If anyone is interested in working on getting this going, please contact the Council so we can report on all the latest information. You might also consider volunteering to work at the Olympics - some of our club members have done that in the past and had a blast!

Emilio Trampuz educated us on the efforts he has made to keep his club (Mountain High) in the forefront of Google searches. You need to "tweak" your wording continuously to stay up in the top search results. He advises that Yahoo will bring up clubs far more often, and that you can search for "images" as well as text, bringing up hundreds of photographs through Yahoo versus only a few for Google.

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

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2005-2006 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS: Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area, OR GI Joe's, OR & WA Sun Valley, ID

SILVER MEMBERS:

Amtrak
BC Ski Country, Canada (Apex, Big White,
Silver Star, Sun Peaks)
Big Sky Resort, MT
Carr Auto Group
Intrawest (Whistler/Blackcomb, Panorama,

Tremblant, Copper, Winter Park, Squaw)
Moonlight Basin Ski Area, MT
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
Seventh Mountain Resort, Bend, OR

Ski Big 3 (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Fairmont Hotels)

Ski Chalet, Portland, OR Tamarack Resort, ID Timberline Ski Area, OR

Anthony Lakes, OR
Big Mountain, MT
Best Western Hood River Inn, OR
Brundage Mountain, ID Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Gresham, OR Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, W Y Journal Graphics, Portland, OR The Mountain Shop, Portland, OR Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, OR NA Charters Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID

Shopzilla.com (NEW!!) Signal Sports (in the Pearl District - NEW!!) Ski-Pak/Pacific NW Tours Stay & Play Hood at Collins Lake Resort

Vail/Heavenly Ski Resorts

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Barbara Pressentin-Parshall - Re/Max Equity Group Best Western Hood River Inn, OR Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT Mt. Ashland, OR Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

PLEASE PATRONIZE AND SUPPORT THESE COMMERCIAL MEMBERS AND LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!

NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check www.nwskiers.org or the NWSCC's Northwest Skiers' Directory for a complete list of member clubs as well as contacts and their phone numbers and/or email addresses. Or, you may contact any of the board members listed above.

WWW.NWSKIERS.ORG - E-Groups:

E-Letter: General list subscription. This is not a chat room, and does not allow replies. Subscribers receive messages from NWSCC regarding trips, events, and benefits

E-PACRATs is for PACRAT announcements.

NWskiers-Advocates is for updates on development plans at Northwest Ski resorts.

Have an event open to all NWSCC members or the public? Post it on www.nwskiers.org, Event Calendar, and then Add An Event. Types of events listed in the calendar include club sponsored events open to NWSCC members and/or the public, NWSCC events, FWSA events, and announcements from ski/snowboard related non-profit groups and Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format, and can be sent to YOU upon request to then pass on to your members. This suggestion comes to you from Emilio Trampuz of Mountain High Snowsport Club, who has decided to do it rather than digest it for the club.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 19, 2006 7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

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> ** DOOR PRIZES!! ** **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

← NOTE MEETING LOCATION!!!

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan: SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES! First With Safety Awareness!

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Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org