



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR APRIL 2009

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The regular April NWSCC meeting will be held The Buffalo Gap Saloon & Eatery (6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219), on April 15, 2009, starting at 6:00 pm! Discussion topic will be Travel Talk: What works for your club? What do clubs want from the Council? PIZZA PROVIDED!!!

The Bachelor Blitz will be held April 10-12, 2009!
“Last minute” price per person: \$139 double, \$119 triple, \$104 quad occupancy, including 2 nights at The Bend Riverhouse (2 queen beds/room), 2 breakfasts, and Saturday night Mexican buffet/party. Children 6-12 are only \$20 and children under 6 are FREE in a room with 2 paying adults or children over 12. Lift tickets for participants in the Blitz may be purchased from Mt. Bachelor for only \$79 for 2 days or \$99 for 3 days. Tickets MUST be ordered by April 8 for pickup at Mt. Bachelor April 10 or 11.

And don't miss out on your Nifty Fifty member benefit from Mt. Bachelor - \$50 lift tickets (saves \$19 on weekends) by showing your current NWSCC member card and valid photo ID at Mt. Bachelor Sports Desk only. Limit one purchase per cardholder per day. This offer now expires April 12, and cannot be combined with other discounts.

Other events: Friday Night TGIF Party at the Old Mill Martini Bar 5-9 pm with discounted drink specials and happy hour pricing on appetizers. Skiyente Tailgater in the main parking lot Saturday afternoon; \$5 for non-Skiyente members.

NWSCC IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS 2009 MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Dale Parshall and Colleen Walter!! We thank all the nominees from NWSCC clubs: Gordy Lusk and Marsha Cosgrove from Mountain High, B. Mary Inkster from Cascade Prime Timers, and Peter Dodd from Schnee Vogeli. It would be nice if every club had nominations in the future!!

NWSCC ELECTIONS will be held in June. Those interested in running for the Board should contact Colleen Walter at 503-860-6788 or colleenski64@yahoo.com.

CONTESTS - win prizes!! NWSCC is looking for your artwork: a **new logo** that better represents the Northwest's uniqueness. Send your proposed logos to NWSCC at the post office box, or e-mail them to Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com. The prize might be either a 10-time pass to Mt. Hood Meadows, or something of equivalent value for a winner from another area.

Got some great ski shots from this season? There is a **cover contest for the Northwest Skiers' Directory** each year, with the prize being a 10-time pass donated by Mt. Hood Meadows. Submit photos *in vertical format* to graphic designer Leslie Baird at leslieb@aracnet.com. Note that we *must* have the winning photo available in high resolution.

RECAP, MARCH NWSCC MEETING:

Our guest speaker was **Robb Hutson** of **Mt. Hood Skibowl** and **Collins Lake Resort**. Most of the special events that Robb talked about were taking place the weekend of March 20-22, so they are already completed at

this time. Robb told us about the other corporate projects in Government Camp. The Grand Lodges properties (part of Collins Lake Resort) are now selling. There are two buildings - one where condos are purchased in whole and the other building where condos will be sold with "fractional" ownership, meaning you can buy a block of time. Condos vary in size from 1800 to 2400 square feet. The High Mountain Café is open on the upper level of the Ratskeller Building. It is a bakery and café, has espresso, and features Spanish coffee pouring on Saturday evenings. Robb was asked about the proposed gondola between Skibowl and Timberline, and indicated it was part of the Mt. Hood Wilderness bill, which has subsequently been passed by Congress. Timberline and Skibowl are both committed to the project. The Fusion Pass has been a partnership between the two areas for a couple of years now, and is extremely popular - the pass can be used at both areas, and usage appears to be split about 50/50. There was a Fusion race series with great sponsorship and prizes.

Barb Parshall, filling in for Willie Scroggins representing **World Cup Dreams**, let us know this event is scheduled for **July 17-19, 2009**. It is a fundraiser for the SFI Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization which provides grants to world class athletes representing the U.S. in alpine skiing events. It will be a world class ski clinic, with a silent auction/dinner at the Multnomah Athletic Club. If you wish to participate or to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Willie Scroggins at: WorldCupDreams@comcast.net.

NWSCC is in the process of planning a **30th Anniversary party**. Sheri Parshall stated that the party will be a joint event with the Mt. Hood Museum, being a fundraiser for the Museum, and involving the mountain community. The date has tentatively been set for September 19, and the Atrium at Montgomery Park is being considered as the venue. There will likely be a silent and oral auction for the museum and a gala dinner/dance event. It will be open to the public, and the entry fee is expected to be in the \$50 per person range. There will be tables for council clubs to share their histories and to use for membership drives. The goal is to get 400 attendees. If you want to help with the organization, please contact Sheri to be on the planning committee.

Club histories: NWSCC encourages all its member clubs to organize and prepare their club histories to help celebrate! We will provide display space at the anniversary party, and the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum has a club history room where your club could maintain a permanent record of its history. Our **Council Historian Norvin Peer** will work with you on your submissions - contact Norvin at 1-360-430-4546, or send information to Norvin at 1510 Ocean Beach Highway, Longview, WA 98632.

The editor thanks Sandi Shaub, NWSCC Secretary, for information about the Council meeting!

CLUB INFORMATION:

NWSCC member clubs are welcome to sign up with Sheri Parshall to present a brief history of their club at upcoming Council meetings. We are asking member clubs to start assembling their history for presentations, to consider preparing to enter FWSA's club history competition, and to think about possibly setting up a permanent record of your club at the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center in Government Camp!

The **Bend Ski Club** has been VERY active, offering members chances to meet up and ski together at Mt. Bachelor, as well as having social events. We hope to meet up with them at the Bachelor Blitz in April.

PACRAT RACING!

PACRAT has run all five of its races for this year, without having to use the makeup date! The final results won't be announced until the Rat Attack (end of season awards party) scheduled for April 17, 2009, at the Refectory restaurant, 1618 NE 122nd Ave., Portland, 503-255-8545, starting at 7:00 pm. The party theme is "PACRAT Celebrating 25 years: Class Reunion 1984"

For further information see the PACRAT website at www.pacrats.org or contact Chairman Barbara Parshall at 503-267-9522 or bparshall@equitygroup.com. Anyone wanting to participate in the FWRA Championships at Northstar at Tahoe April 3-5 please contact Dale Parshall right away at Dale.Parshall@bankofthewest.com.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? Please let Sheri Parshall know so that we can share the information with other clubs and FWSA. Sigrid Noack is chairperson of the FWSA Charities and Community Committee, and is interested in your club's activities for consideration for a FWSA award. See the FWSA website, or contact Sigrid at sigridn@earthlink.net.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

Nominations are still being taken for the following three FWSA awards:

FWSA Western Ski Heritage Contest entry deadline 4/30, win a free 5 day vacation for 2 at Steamboat, go to www.fwsa.org, select Awards, then Western Ski Heritage Award for details.

FWSA Safety Person of Year Contest entry deadline

4/30, win a free 6 day vacation for 2 at Aspen, go to www.fwsa.org, select Awards, then Safety Person of Year for details.

FWSA Club & Council History Recognition entry deadline 4/30, win \$200 to be donated in winner's name to charity of choice, go to www.fwsa.org, select Awards, then Club & Council History Recognition for details.

It's time to make your room reservations NOW for the **2009 FWSA Convention** to be held at the Peppermill in Reno June 4-7 in order to get the special room rates of \$125/135, which will go up after May 13. Delegate registration will be \$145 if received by April 30, 2009, then goes up to \$175 until May 25; then \$190! Hosted by Sierra Council, the Convention will feature the highly acclaimed Snowsport Leadership Academy, a Silent Auction with over \$100,000 in ski and vacation packages, and many exciting and fun events. Randy Lew reported that this year there will be two new modules for the Leadership Academy. The hope is to have Billy Kidd, Jonny Moseley, and Glen Plake, freestyle extreme skier, in attendance. The association is working to retain a keynote speaker to cover the topics of global warming and ski area sustainability. Randy outlined the planned activities: Kayaking, Golf, Lake Tahoe Cruise, Virginia City Tour, and a National Auto Museum "pub crawl." Check www.fwsa.org/hidden/2009_delegate_info.html for further information. Sierra Council is looking for great skiing pictures for the convention. Contact Randy Lew at fwsa13randy@telis.org.

The **2009 FWRA Race Championships** will be held at **Northstar-at-Tahoe April 3-5, 2009**. For information E-mail Bob Ellis at rellis9681@aol.com or phone 530-582-0566. Note that the 2010 championships will be held at Mammoth Mountain, California, the second weekend in April (it was moved from the first weekend due to Easter). Plan early to have a club trip this weekend in 2010, and enjoy Mammoth's legendary spring skiing. You don't have to be a racer to join in the fun!

Summer 2009 trip - **Argentina & Chile**: Ski and See Bariloche and Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 16-25; pre-trip Aug 10-17 to Valle Nevado and Santiago, Chile; post trip Aug 25-28 to Iguazu Falls, Argentina. There are lots of openings for this trip. Contact Norm Azevedo at 925-944-0420 for information.

Cruise Scandinavia and Russia with The Cruise Company and FWSA September 13-23, 2009. Pre-cruise Copenhagen September 10-13. Contact Norm Azevedo for more information (contact info above).

FWSA's 2010 Ski Week will be at **Keystone Resort**,

Colorado, January 30th to February 6th, 2010. This is the only Colorado resort with night skiing. NWSCC has requested 40 spots on this trip, and will take \$100 deposits to hold a spot for you at this time (fully refundable until later this summer). The Tour Operator will be Lori Adis with Rocky Mountain Tours. Pricing will be available at a later time, and skiing at both Breckenridge and Vail will be included in the activities being planned. Contact Barbara Bousum with questions: bbousum@gmail.com.

NEW INFORMATION: The **Keystone Nationals** will be held **January 27-29**, prior to the FWSA Ski Week. The cost remains at \$100 for three races and an awards banquet. This is a national race event where all racers from all over the country are invited and welcome to participate in races with race classes based on ability, age and sex. Call Bob Ellis at 530-582-0566.

FWSA Cruise in the fall of 2010 - Leaving Boston, visiting Portland, Maine; Bar Harbor, St. John, New Brunswick, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Boston. The Cruise Company is putting together a package for this cruise. There will also be a package prior to the cruise to tour the Boston area. Pricing will be available for this trip at a later date.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. They have had cruises and a trip to Thailand, and are looking at possible future trips including a trip to Australia and/or New Zealand.

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsatravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816.

Check the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarships**. Two young racers from the **Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation** (Anton Hilts and Jordan Schweitzer) were among this year's recipients.

THE NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE is back with a new, easier format, and our first entry has now been received! Don't have time to ski most of the areas in one state? Well, now you can ski as few as 5 ski areas out of the 41 in Oregon, Washington, and/or Idaho and still receive recognition and a chance at prizes. The more areas you ski, the greater the prizes you could win! Check the NWSCC website for further details - entries are now being received!

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS: NWSA informs the skiing public about ski area development issues in Oregon and Washington. This site

also provides an opportunity for skiers to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. It's easy and your help is needed NOW! Sign up for the NW Advocates list serve. Visit www.nwskiers.org and click on Northwest Snowsports Advocates.

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 Kor is constantly adding new benefits!

As a member of Far West Ski Association you also belong to the National Ski Council Federation, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. One of your member benefits is the ability to purchase ski equipment, clothing, goggles, gloves, etc. at a discount. 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**.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

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.

SKI TRIPS & FUN DATES 2009

Apr 10-12	BACHELOR BLITZ/OPEN!!
Apr 10-12	Skiyente Family Trip/Mt. Bachelor/OPEN
Jun 4-7	FWSA Convention, Reno, NV
Jul 17-19	World Cup Dreams, Mt. Hood

Information from the March FWSAnews:

View the video **Polishing Your Side Edges** by Sun Valley Ski Tools at <http://www.svst.com/Categories.aspx?Category=bfad7ca9-4808-40bb-8302-253f94adf1ec> (copy and paste the address into your browser). Polishing the edge helps to reduce miniature striations that are left behind from using files. Those striations can slow down your edges while they are in contact with the snow. This step is especially important for anyone who is ski or snowboard racing, when the difference between winning and losing is measured in milliseconds. Polishing your edges can make that difference.

FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program: FWSA Scholarship winner Jordan Schweitzer has proved to be champion material. The fourteen year old athlete from Bend, OR, started the season with a third place overall in the Toppolino Shootout. Her first place in GS carried the day. More recently, she raced in the Sun Cup (2 SG and 2DH) at Mt Bachelor. She won the first Super G, but had a violent crash in the second race. At first it appeared she'd sit out the remainder of events, but the next day the weather moved in and delayed the first DH, giving her time to recover. She won the 1st down hill race and took 2nd in the second race. She also won the overall cup. Jordan is now ranked the top J3 woman in the Pacific Northwest. According to her father, this year she has either won or taken 2nd in every race where she has completed her run. In two weeks, Jordan will compete in the Junior Olympics. She knows her fans in FWSA will be cheering for her.

Ski Industry Loses Tamarack Resort: On March 5, 2009, Tamarack Ski Resort closed. The resort has been in receivership since last fall and was being forced to close. According to Ski Area Management magazine, their major lenders, led by Credit Suisse, refused to provide any more short-term capital, and as of mid-February, the resort had only racked up 27,000 skier days, due to a lack of marketing over the past year.

Age and Exercise: Just a few years ago, exercise experts were certain about one thing: once athletes reached the age of 35, there was no turning back. At 35, aerobic capacity began a steady decline, slow at first, but picking up momentum once athletes reached their mid-forties and then plunging out of control at about the age of 60. Read how this myth has been debunked, at www.pponline.co.uk/encyc/0261.htm.

Arizona Snowbowl: On 1/5/09 the Navajo Nation and its allies filed an appeal of Arizona Snowbowl snowmaking case with the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the 9th U.S. Circuit Court decision of August 2008 which ruled in favor of Arizona Snowbowl. The appeal focuses on what constitutes a substantial burden on the exercise of religion. The decision whether or not the Supreme Court will hear the case may occur as early as April or May of 2009. This precedent could have a far-reaching negative impact on the current statutory multiple use doctrine (Federal Land Policy & Management Act) on federal lands with snowsports as a compelling use and could potentially affect activity in a wide variety of locations including recreational areas such as ski resorts, since about 60% of annual U.S. skier/snowboarder visits occur at ski areas on National Forest System lands. See www.reclaimthepeaks.com for more info.

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Signal Sports (in the Pearl District of Portland)
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Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth, WA
The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, MT

HONORARY MEMBERS:

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Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

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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.

Calendar:

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 vendors.

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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

6:00 PM

**BUFFALO GAP SALOON & EATERY,
6835 SW MACADAM AVE,
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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LOCATION!

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

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org