



Northwest Ski Club Council

May 2019 Newsletter

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



NWSCC and PACRAT Board of Directors Elections June 19, 2019, Social at 6:00; Meeting at 7:00 pm Buffalo Gap, 6835 SW Macadam Ave, Portland

NWSCC and PACRAT need additional people to run for office – read [Article](#) for further information about the different offices, tasks, skills and time requirements, etc. Please contact Barbara Bousum at Travel@nwskiars.org if you are interested in running for the NWSCC board. If you are interested in running for a PACRAT Board position for 2019-2020, please contact Peter Dodd at president@pacrats.org. We want YOU to join us!



2019 FWSA Convention Pricing Deadlines

Before	May 6	\$165
From	May 7-13	\$180
After	May 13	\$195

May 6 is the deadline for early bird registration for the 87th Annual FWSA Convention, “Fun in the OC Sun” June 13-16, 2019 at the fabulous Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa. The registration fee includes all meetings, the Silent Auction, your Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday brunch, as well as hosted beverages at several events. There are a lot of fun optional events held Thursday and Friday as well. Read [Article](#) for more details. You can register online and pay through Paypal; see [Convention website](#). Curious about what's it all about? See [video](#).



NWSCC 40th Anniversary Bash on October 13!

Mark down this date for a fun get-together on the afternoon of October 13 to celebrate 40 years of NWSCC - originally founded as the Portland Area Ski Club Council.

NWSCC is about to celebrate 40 years . . . we would love to gather histories of member clubs, which in turn gives us more information on our own history. Tell us about your club to feature in a newsletter and to celebrate at our 40th Bash in October. How old is your club? When did the club join NWSCC? Does your club have a special focus (for example: mid-week skiing, bus trips, over 50 only, women only)? We want to celebrate our long time member clubs as well!



Recreational Ski & Snowboard Racing

Final Race Results for the Year on PACRATS.org

This year's end-of-season Rat Attack awards banquet was held at The German American Society on April 13th. They had 178 people in attendance for the Hawaiian themed event.

Water bottle trophies were presented to the top 10 teams with **The Beer Den** racing team from Sandy, Oregon, winning the league this season.

PACRAT has a wonderful new [promotional video](#) posted on their website which was produced by one of the PACRAT racers (Robin Cressy), and will be utilized during recruiting events next fall.



NWSCC is the Host Council of the 2020 Convention!



The 2020 FWSA Convention will take place at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach in Portland May 29-31, 2020. Sheri Parshall is the Host Convention Chairperson and Jeanne Reinhardt will be the Volunteer Coordinator. Initial planning has been done on the optional events to be offered at Convention, to be hosted by Portland area clubs. A lot of volunteers will be needed to handle all the details of the convention, to help show that Portland puts on the BEST conventions!

UPDATES - Trip reports, other interesting information



BACHELOR BLAST a success (despite the weather)

Thirty-four people from several NWSCC clubs drove to Bend between April 4-9, 2019, to participate in this year's Bachelor Blast. We stayed at the remodeled Red Lion Deschutes River and enjoyed their wonderful hospitality. Some people arrived on Thursday night and skied on Friday; others came in Friday night and skied the weekend. Ski conditions were somewhat challenging, but people nevertheless said they had fun. Friday night was the First Friday Art Walk in downtown Bend, and many enjoyed the festivities. We had a reception at the hotel on Saturday evening which was enjoyed by all. Save a spot on your calendar the first weekend in April 2020 and watch for details.



AVALANCHE SAFETY MOVIE FEATURES LAURA GREEN OF MT. HOOD MEADOWS SKI PATROL

At the April 24 NWSCC meeting Dale Parshall of Schnee Vogeli Ski Club showed a 10-minute movie, "[Winter's Edge](#)," which featured his cousin Laura Green, who was a 20-year valued member of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. The movie was produced by Story Gorge in association with REI, Bedrock Film Works, and Northwest Avalanche Center. The film highlights Laura's life, personally and as a professional forecaster, and shows actual avalanche control work at Mt. Hood Meadows. Unfortunately, just after the film was completed, Laura passed away in a windsurfing accident in December 2018. In honor of his cousin, Dale is taking the video "on the road" and will show it at ski club events.



PORTLAND MOUNTAIN RESCUE OFFERS BACKCOUNTRY SAFETY TIPS

Steve Rollins of [Portland Mountain Rescue](#) was our second guest speaker at the April 24 NWSCC meeting, and gave a highly informative condensed talk about safety when out in the backcountry, no matter what your activity. Hikers are the most likely to need rescue. For your own safety you need good judgment, good equipment, and good experience. Don't go out without the "[10 essentials](#)". If you do get lost: stay calm, call for help (a good whistle can be a life saver), and STAY PUT. Make yourself visible and don't move, or you exponentially expand the area where searchers need to look. Steve suggested two lightweight items to put in your pack that might make a big difference: sections of surveyor's tape with your initials on them and a large trash bag. You can tie the bright surveyor's tape around the area where you are lost to help them find you. The trash

bag can keep your body warmer because it doesn't breathe. There was a lot more information provided, and Portland Mountain Rescue is available to come speak to other groups. They provide a much needed service on our mountains!

INDUSTRY NEWS / DEALS

Skiing is Winding Down in the Northwest – but not done!



Mt. Hood Meadows is open May 3-4 and has announced a bonus weekend Memorial Day (see [Events](#)) which will include opening up Cascade Express for some wide-open snow field skiing Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 8 AM to 2 PM (conditions permitting). They will also offer three-day race camps, as well as a two-day skiing/riding improvement camp; a snowshoe tour on Saturday; and a special three-course luncheon on Saturday and Sunday.



Mt. Hood Meadows Announces New Sahale Lodge, to be completed by Christmas 2020!

Mt. Hood Meadows plans to begin construction this summer on a new 23,500 square foot building ([Sahale](#)) that will house the Meadows Learning Center, ski and snowboard rental center and a new 10,000 square foot restaurant. The \$15 million building will be constructed over the next two seasons with a grand opening target of Christmas 2020. To help jump start initial financing of the project, Meadows has sold out a limited, initial offering of 1250 Sahale Gold Memberships. This is a five-year season pass that provides All Access Pass privileges to Meadows through the 2024/25 season.



Timberline is the only Northwest ski area which is open almost year-round. Timberline has a number of [special events](#) happening in May, including 2 Sunset Snowshoe events (May 1 & 12), a Murder Mystery event May 9, then the Hood to Hood Relay June 9 and a Labor Day Music Festival.



At Mt. Bachelor, in its [Sunchaser Spring Season](#), more than 2,000 acres will remain open daily through its planned closing day of Sunday, May 26. Through the rest of the season, passholders from other ski areas coming to Bachelor can get 2-out-of-3 day passes for half price, either at the ticket window or online for an extra \$10 savings!!

MEMBER BENEFITS

NSCC is a member of Far West Ski Association and National Ski Council Federation. All members of NWSCC clubs receive FWSA/NWSCC membership cards and are entitled to benefits (too numerous to list here) from all three organizations. check out the websites below to get a full listing of benefits available:

nwsccl – www.nwskiers.org

fwsa – www.fwsa.org

nscf – www.skifederation.org (members only section, user name: skiclub, password:

member)



National Ski Council Federation

There is an incredible amount of information that clubs can use available at the National Ski Council Federation [website](#). Each member of an NWSCC club is automatically a Federation member. Check out the benefits by go to members-only information. Use the following login: skiclub password: member

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR NEW NEWSLETTER?

What would you like to see included? How often should we be sending?

Would you be willing to write an article about something important to your club?

Contact editor@nwskiers.org with your comments and ideas.

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