



Northwest Ski Club Council

NWSCC November Newsletter, FWSA October News Flash; Industry News

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

We are excited that over 65 people attended the first NWSCC Council meeting held via Zoom on October 21 and enjoyed a presentation by Dave Tragethon of Mt. Hood Meadows where we learned about Meadows' plans for the upcoming ski season. Everyone's questions were answered following the presentation. This was a GREAT turnout, and we hope to have even more for future meetings!

Here are the details for the next NWSCC Council meeting via ZOOM!! Everyone is invited - please tell your club members! Everyone is curious about what the upcoming ski season might look like, and our guest speakers are the ones who have the best information about what might happen in Oregon and Washington.

Date: **November 18, 2020**

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

Guest Speakers: **Tiana Anderson, Crystal Mountain, and
John Burton, Timberline Ski Area**

Grab your favorite beverage and join our Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81336664258?pwd=K3ZtZDcrSC9rOGlWeDVINcYtEdPUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 3666 4258

Passcode: 376644

Regretfully, NWSCC has pulled out of participation in the 2021 FWSA Sun Valley Ski Week January 30-February 6th. If anyone is interested in going, we can connect you with another Council who is going on the trip.

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 srimkeit@comcast.net if you have questions. See [flier](#).

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

Meadows PDX is now open for the 2020-2021 season! Location is [1639 N.W. Northrup, Portland](#) and operates Thursdays through Sundays from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM, offering such amenities and items as pass purchases and fulfillment, Sno-Park permits (coming soon!), gift cards, lost and found pickup, a great selection of logo wear and gifts, as well as answers to your questions about lessons, rentals, and more. We recently caught up with Meadows PDX Manager Brooke Thomas for a video interview to discuss what's new at our Portland location for this fall, [which you can view on our blog](#).

Make sure you're all set for opening day at Meadows and get your Season Pass! If you had a pass last season, you can [renew it here](#). New to Meadows or didn't have a pass during the 2019-20 season? We

have [new Value Passes and Night Passes available for purchase, as well as a limited number of All Access Passes](#). Get your pass, get your wax, and get ready for snow! The pass prices will not go up until after November 8.

With fall fast approaching, thoughts are turning to the 2020-2021 winter recreation season and what it will look like. We've been visualizing since March what those scenarios might be, and today, we released our winter operations plan, which you can read on our [blog](#). We encourage you to read the post in its entirety, and we plan on adding additional information as we get closer to the start of the season. But if you're short on time, here are some key points:

- First and foremost, we do plan on opening for the 2020-2021 winter recreation season
- The health and safety of our team and guests continues to be our top priority, and the COVID-19 pandemic means we all have to take extra precautions so we can enjoy our time on the mountain. That means the wearing of face masks is required for both team members and guests. We've also re-engineered our operations to achieve social distancing, upgraded our air filtration system, and are continuing to follow enhanced sanitization procedures
- Managing visitation via lift access will be key to having a successful season. That means many items will have to be purchased online in advance, such as lift tickets, lessons, equipment rentals, etc. All Access Pass holders will not need to make reservations in order to ski or ride, but we are limiting the number of NEW (not renewing) All Access Pass purchases this season

Again, please read the blog post for additional information. Stay well, stay safe, and we can't wait to see you on the mountain for Meadows' 53rd season.

Cooper Spur Mountain Resort is a great basecamp for your Mt. Hood adventures, and our sister resort has a great special through November 5: cabins and condos are available for just \$89 a night and hotel rooms available for just \$59 a night! If you want to bring your pooch, we also have some dog-friendly rooms available. Reserve online using the code fall2020 or call 541-352-6692. After November 5, there is another [fall lodging deal](#): rent any cabin or condo for just \$189 a night! Best of all, this deal is valid through November 30. We hope to see you soon!

U.S. OUTDOOR STORE www.usoutdoor.com

Shop now for up to 30% Off 2020 Skis & Boards!

We're stoked to announce **we have changed our location to 600 NW 14th Ave** in the Pearl District. We are committed to the Portland community we all live, work, and play in. Our decision was based on the safety, health, and well-being of our employees, customers, the outdoor community, and our business.

We are currently open at the corner of NW 14th and NW Hoyt from 10 AM - 6 PM, Monday - Saturday, and 11 AM - 5 PM Sunday.



We are proud to be Your Outdoor Store since 1957 and hope you will join us moving forward with our love and passion for the outdoors.

TIMBERLINE www.timberlinelodge.com

SEASON PASSES

It's time to plan for winter! Timberline and Fusion season passes are now available to Group 2 through Nov. 8, 2020. NOAA is predicting La Niña conditions of cooler, wetter weather in the Pacific Northwest for the 2020/2021 winter season. Good news for Mt. Hood skiers and riders! [LEARN MORE](#)

TIMBERLINE LODGE IS OPEN

The Mt. Hood National Forest remains closed, but Timberline is open for guests to tour around the lodge, stay in the hotel, shop in retail stores, or to eat and drink in our restaurants. If you come up, you are welcome to visit in and around the lodge, but the forest service biking and hiking trails remain closed while fire danger and wind damage are evaluated and remedied. Stay the night at Timberline and enjoy [midweek savings](#).

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](#)

MT. HOOD SKIBOWL skibowl.com

Mt. Hood Skibowl [season passes](#) are now on sale! For information on the outlook for this year's operations, check their website.

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! This year there will be a new program requiring [Parking Reservations](#) for Mt. Bachelor lots. You can make reservations starting November 9, and can cancel up to 7 am the day of your reservation (don't be a no show).

If you're in market for great deals on summer gear and getting ready for winter 2020/21, Gravity Sports in the Mountain Gateway building will be holding [weekend sales](#) starting late October and for the first 2 weekends in November.

Season pass prices went up on October 1 - 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!



Far West News *F l a s h*
October 2020 Excerpts
Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FAR WEST: Far West Ski Association turned 90 years old on October 7, 2020. The life and times of Far West has been put together in a beautiful commemorative publication, which will soon be available to those interested in reading how it all began. Many people have crossed the threshold of Far West Ski Association in these past 90 years, from snowsports partners, Olympians, mountain-climbers, Tenth Mountain Division members, adaptive skiers and climbers, Forest Service Representatives, educational and leadership mentors, and many more. The organization provides a chance for the members to get together for travel opportunities, both domestically, and through our wonderful International travel program. Ski trips, dive trips, and adventure trips abound. The annual Convention allows friends to gather for that once-a-year reunion to catch up with each other. The clubs and councils of FWSA contribute to the communities which they serve through charitable giving and community events. They look toward the future with racing scholarships awarded each year to promising young athletes, and recognize those who are involved in ski history, environmental safety and skier safety, both on and off the mountain. Congratulations to an organization that is well respected, and well revered across the country by our fellow ski chapters.

U.S. SKI AND BOARD HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENT: Eight ski and snow board athletes and sport builders were recently named to the 2020 US Ski and Board Hall of Fame. The eight include: the late Howard Peterson, leader and visionary of the U.S. Ski Team; Holly Flanders, Olympic downhill racer; ski area mastermind, Brian Frank; two-time Olympic Champion snowboarder Seth Wescott; long-time international ski federation and U.S. Ski Team leader, Hank Tauber; FIS Cross Country World Cup winner, Alison Owen; inventor of the THE ski, Bobby Burns; and U.S. Ski Team Freestyle Aerialist, Kristean Porter.

NEWS FROM U.S. AIRLINE COMPANIES: A number of U.S. Airlines have waived their "change fees," which will result in a sizeable savings for those having to change their reserved flight in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands. Effective immediately, for most Standard Economy, Economy and Premium fares on United and Delta, there will no longer be a "change fee." The downside...United Airlines will not give that partial refund, should your new flight be less than the original one. Delta states "if the new flight is cheaper, you will receive CREDIT for the price difference". Beginning January 1st, 2021, they will offer FREE (change) Same-Day Standby flights. Alaska and American are offering no change fees on some of their classes of fares. Check with your preferred airline for the most up-to-date information.

NEWS! SKI RESORTS STRUGGLE TO FILL ON-MOUNTAIN POSITIONS: Mountain and rural resorts for years have relied on a steady stream of J-1 exchange visa workers from South America, Australia and New Zealand to staff ski schools, hotels and mountain operations. However, with President Trump's June 22 executive order, that paused all foreign-worker visas to expand opportunities for American workers, the challenge of

landing seasonal workers has grown for ski areas that have long struggled to fill positions in remote — and pricey — mountain communities. Hiring enough temporary workers to fill crucial jobs has become a real challenge. Currently, college kids are filling a critical gap for resort companies that need hundreds or even thousands of seasonal workers. “Our applications from college kids are up pretty significantly over prior years. We are targeting college-age applicants, but they seem to be targeting us as well. That’s a bright light in this mess,” said Jim Laing, head of human resources of Aspen Skiing Company. Vail Resorts, which owns 33 ski areas in the U.S. and has historically relied on foreign workers, is recruiting more aggressively in local communities. The college students, who have more flexibility because they are learning remotely or are taking a gap year because of the pandemic, could be the answer to a lot of prayers from the ski resorts this season.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FWSA SUN VALLEY SKI WEEK 2021: *Still Happening!* While NWSCC will not participate this year, you can still go with another Council. Go to: the [FWSA website](#) for Trip Leader contact information, or contact Nancy Ellis, fwstravelnancy@sbcglobal.net.

FWSA 2021 SOLDEN SKI WEEK: *Postponed to 2022!!* Stay tuned for more information.

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 to 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. For further Information, click [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 on the FWSA.org website or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwstravelnancy@sbcglobal.net; (530) 414-8261.

NEW INFORMATION! FAR WEST 2021 DIVE TRIP to Roatan: October 9-16, 2021. This trip is now open for registration! We will be staying at Anthony's Key Resort (AKR) in their Key Deluxe overwater rooms from October 9-16, 2021. In addition to our normal dive and non-dive packages, AKR has offered us a boat snorkel package. They offer a PADI 5-Star Career Development dive operation and feature a dolphin encounter area. See flier and registration forms [HERE](#).

“NEW” FWSA SKI WEEK 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

FWSA BENEFITS PAGE: The 2020-2021 [Member Benefits](#) pages have all been updated. The majority of our on-going 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@nwski.org.

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