



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MARCH 2008

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**Join us on March 19 for the
regular NWSCC meeting at
Round Table Pizza!**

Meeting theme: FWSA Convention!

This is a short Ski Notes article this month—I have to get busy and shop for flannel. Have fun with the great spring skiing!!

Mary Olhausen, President

NWSCC MT. HOOD SKI DAY MARCH 22!

Mark your calendars and tell your club members to plan to ski Mt. Hood on Saturday, March 22, followed by a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres reception at the Huckleberry Inn in Government Camp from 3:30 to 5:30. NWSCC is offering a bus to Mt. Hood Meadows that day which will stop at Huckleberry Inn on the way back for the festivities. The discounted cost of the bus and Après Ski event is only \$15!! (Buy your own lift tickets at MHM.) The cost for the Après Ski event alone is \$10. Contact Debbi Kor at 503-682-1563 or ijustwannarun@aol.com.

ELECTIONS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

It's not too early to be thinking about Northwest Ski Club Council's Annual Elections, and WE NEED YOU!

The following officers will be voted upon at the June 18th, 2008 meeting:

President

*Head of the Council Executive Board

*Represents NWSCC at Far West Ski Association meetings and National Ski Council Federation

Vice President

*Assumes duties of the President when needed and other duties as assigned

Treasurer

*Handles council financials. Experience with bookkeeping software necessary

Secretary

*Handles council notes and correspondence as needed

At-Large Director (two positions)

*Duties as assigned by the executive board

Time involved: A monthly Council meeting and a monthly Board meeting.

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Our guest speaker last month, Timberline Lodge, was quite nice it was fun to hear about the 50 year plan and what the future will bring. Thanks John Tullis and Bill Johnston, for sharing with NWSCC.

Calling all Convention goers—oldsters and newbies alike!! That's Far West Ski Association Convention—"Northern Exposure"!! Attend the March 19th Council meeting and find out everything you wanted to know about Convention but were afraid to ask. Convention 101 will get you informed about every nuance of this annual event. We'll discuss any and all aspects of convention, from the optional events, silent auction, competitions, eye opener party, elections/business meeting, and leadership panels, and lastly what does someone wear to a "Forever fFannel" banquet and dance?? We keep asking for volunteers—at this meeting we will have detailed information on what's involved for various jobs we need help with.

Don't forget to contact Steve Coxen if you want to serve on the board for NWSCC this coming year—we need some new faces/ideas at the helm!! Did all clubs submit your applications for the various FWSA awards?? Charity & Community Service Recognition; Club History Digital Competition; Western Ski Heritage Award; Safety Person of The Year. AND, we are in need of your club Man/Woman nominations.

The Oregon Cancer Ski Out was another fun and successful event. Congrats to Russ Stanton's team, the overall winner!!

If interested in running for an office for NWSCC, please contact Steve Coxen at sacoxen@aol.com for more information or to put your name on the ballot. We need your input, we need your support, and we need your bodies!!

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.

Thanks a million!

Steve Coxen, Election Coordinator - NWSCC

FWSA CLUB AWARDS—VISIT THE FWSA WEBSITE FOR ALL THE DETAILS OF THESE AWARDS PROGRAMS:

Full details are in the past few NWSCC newsletters (found on the NWSCC website) about the FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition Program, FWSA Club & Council History Digital Competition, FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award, and the FWSA Safety Person of the Year awards.

SKI OREGON, WASHINGTON OR IDAHO CHALLENGES:

We have been talking about this all year, so if you don't know about it check the NWSCC website for details! Prizes of equipment, services, or lift tickets will be awarded for those completing the Challenge(s). Our favorite snowboarder, David Schor, who completed both the Ski Oregon and Ski Washington Challenges in prior years, is going for a triple header this year!! Check out David's entertaining and well written blog at <http://davidschor.net/>. He makes you want to visit ALL of these ski areas!!

NWSCC IS HOST COUNCIL FOR 2008 FWSA CONVENTION JUNE 5-8, 2008, IN BELLEVUE - THEME IS "NORTHERN EXPOSURE"!!

Sheri Parshall, Chairman of the convention committee, continues to look for volunteers for various committees and events for next year's FWSA Convention. Registration information has been sent directly to ski club presidents, and is also available at www.fwsa.org - click on "Convention/ Silent Auction and then on "Complete information about the 2008 FWSA Convention." Note that everyone from your club who is attending as a voting delegate (highly desirable!) should be listed on the Convention Credentials Form, which is sent in by one authorized person from each club with a current membership list. The credentials of your delegates will be checked at the convention before voting. The deadline for the early registration price is \$135 if received before April 30, \$160 if received after April 30 but before May 27, and \$175 if received after May 27, so hurry and get registered now! This heavily subsidized registration price includes the silent auction on Friday night, breakfast, lunch, and a banquet dinner/dance ("Forever Flannel") on Saturday, an eye opener party and delicious brunch on Sunday, the Travel Carousel with industry

representatives on Saturday morning (think a chance to book your next club trip or to find out about places you might like to go!), educational sessions related to ski clubs, the chance to meet celebrities and Olympic ski racers, and more!!

Hotel information is also available on the site, with a link directly to book the hotel rooms at The Westin at the reduced price of \$137/night (per ROOM) versus the regular rate of \$285/night! The group rate is only available until May 11, 2008, and if the block fills up early the special rates will be gone. This hotel is 4 blocks from the Meydenbauer Center where convention events will be held.

The Delegate Registration Form allows you to sign up for the optional events: golf tournament, wine tour, a Pike Place "Taste of Seattle" followed by a Duck Tour of the Sound, kayaking on the Sound, and a Space Needle Pub Crawl. There will also be panel sessions with information directly applicable to ski clubs, not available anywhere else. Skiyente has started a ball rolling by committing to donate items for the goodie bags to be given to convention attendees, and other clubs are encouraged to do the same! We would need 400 items to fill the bags. Clubs are encouraged to plan official club trips to attend this local convention; you only get a chance about once every five years to attend a convention in our "home turf"! Watch for further updates; contact Sheri Parshall at 503-706-0522 or cougskier@aol.com for further details.

FWSA Travel has planned an Alaska cruise June 8-15, immediately following the convention! Sail on the Norwegian Pearl from Seattle through the Inside Passage, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, and Victoria, BC! Prices range from about \$996 to \$1656 pp/do, depending upon the type of cabin chosen. Check the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org or contact The Cruise Company at 1-800-274-FUNN and ask for Julie (website www.cruisecompany.com).

RECAP, FEBRUARY NWSCC MEETING:

Timberline Resort was our guest speaker, represented by our long time friend Jon Tullis and by Bill Johnston, the Portland representative for Timberline. Bill oversees the Ski Patrol and Host Patrol (yellow coats), as well as handling groups of 10 or more. Jon thanked NWSCC for its active support in getting the new Jeff Flood chair through the NEPA process. This chair has opened up the Still Creek Basin area, significantly adding to Timberline's skiable area and causing people to say it is like "a whole new area"! Lift lines are only 2-3 minutes when the area is operating at full capacity! Also new this year is the extremely popular "Fusion Pass" - a combined season pass to both Timberline and Mt. Hood Skibowl. The "Fusion 8" is a series of eight fun

snowsport events held at Timberline and Skibowl; check the website at www.timberlinelodge.com.

The Forest Service, which is responsible for maintenance of Timberline Lodge, is considering an "entry fee" because they are running short of funds due to cutbacks. There will be a lot of notice if this actually happens.

Having celebrated its first 50 years of operations, Timberline is looking ahead to the future, and has come up with a conceptual document entitled: "The Next 50 Years - Our Vision for the Future." This document is available on Timberline's website at http://www.timberlinelodge.com/more_info/about_us.php, and public input is sought about the concepts set forth in this document. Timberline is an icon, a national landmark and an Oregon treasure. Future plans will take into account environmental and economic sustainability, and will always consider historic integrity. One of the biggest problems continuing to face Timberline is transportation, including parking, as the current system already exceeds its comfortable carrying capacity. A highly innovative plan being considered would include re-routing part of the one-way access road, addition of 1 or 2 small parking areas, and burying the upper parking lot in front of the Lodge, building an underground parking garage, and re-landscaping over the top of the garage in front of the Lodge to restore the original landscaping plan. The new parking structure would include underground access to Timberline Lodge. The uphill part of the Wy'East Day Lodge would be buried, and the exposed southern portion would be clad in timbers more in keeping with Timberline's Cascadian architecture. A mountain-wide shuttle bus system operating out of a parking area at Government Camp might be supplemented with a gondola from Government Camp up to Timberline. The upper terminal of this gondola would have underground access to the new parking garage.

Plans are being developed for limited snowmaking on lower terrain (Bruno and Pucci) which can assist the lodge in some of the low snow years which presently have a devastating economic effect on Timberline. An improved beginner area is in the plan, as well as a new maintenance shop, ski patrol, and a day care facility.

The part of the plan which is likely to be developed first is a landmark entrance sign at the interchange of the Timberline access road with Highway 26, representative of the magnificence of Timberline Lodge.

Also on Timberline's website is a booklet entitled "Guiding Principles for our Staff and Guests" about Timberline's service mission, managing principles, and employee mission.

And don't forget that your club or organization can rent the historic Silcox Hut for a private overnight hideaway or intimate wedding!

TRAVEL/AIRLINE ISSUE: A huge new issue affecting ski club travel is raising its head following the announcement by United Airlines that it will start charging \$25 for a second checked bag. This was discussed at the meeting, and appeals went out via e-mail for clubs to become involved with writing letters to the airlines protesting this new policy and urging other airlines NOT to follow suit. A handout at the March NWSCC meeting will follow up on this issue.

CLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Mary Olhausen brought up the topic of **club insurance**, and there was a great deal of discussion about it. It was suggested that club's boards of directors should have insurance agents talk to them about costs and coverage. Randy Lew, President of Far West Ski Association, said that FWSA uses an insurance broker in San Diego, Fred Lieble, who places coverage with different carriers. FWSA includes its member Councils under its coverage, and offers the opportunity for clubs to purchase insurance through that broker. He mentioned \$50,000 secondary medical coverage, commercial general liability, and says that a separate errors and omissions policy tends to be more expensive, as does directors and officers coverage. Only a few clubs have the latter coverage. FWSA recommends that all board members obtain their own umbrella policies, which provide less expensive individual coverage.

Discount Lift Tickets to Mt. Hood Meadows may be purchased by NWSCC club members until April 2008 from the Bergfreunde Ski Club. \$49 will get you an open to close lift ticket good any time (nonrefundable). The normal cost of an open/close ticket at Meadows is \$54, and on peak season days (weekends and holidays) the cost is \$64 (a regular adult day shift ticket is \$49). To purchase these tickets, contact Shawn Storey, Downhill Ski Director of Bergfreunde Ski Club, at 360-256-4321 home, 360-910-8709 cell, or e-mail dhski_director@bergfreunde.org. Alternatively, you can purchase tickets at the Bergfreunde Club Office, 10175 SW Barbur Blvd., #100-BB, Portland, OR. Please call first: 503-245-8543.

The **Oregon Nordic Club** still has a number of tours and programs being offered. There are intermediate nordic ski tours almost every Saturday through April 5 to places close to the Portland area, including a "mystery tour" on March 22 to a place where "the snow is best." There is also an advanced Telemark Ski trip to Tilly Jane Guard Station on Mt. Hood April 12-13. The annual John Craig Memorial Wilderness Ski & Tour will take place this coming Saturday, March 15, 2008. There are also exciting travel presentations at their monthly meetings. Check the details at their website at www.onc.org/pdx.

Trip to FWRA Racing Championships, Mammoth Mountain, California, April 3-6, 2008: Gordon Lusk is arranging for a bus from the Reno airport (time tba) on Thursday night, April 3. Participants will arrange their own transportation to Reno (suggested flights will be provided once the actual flight schedules are known). The expected trip cost of \$382 (based on 40 people) will receive the bus ride and four nights' lodging at the Shilo Inn in Mammoth Village, with a return to the Reno Airport on Monday, April 7. (This MAY be changed to a 3-night trip, leaving on Sunday after the race awards.) Once in Mammoth there are shuttle buses around town. FWRA will have discount lift tickets available to ski at the aptly-named Mammoth Mountain, which offers 32 lifts over 3,500+ acres of terrain ranging from beginner to awesome steeps. Mammoth is famous for excellent spring snow, and this is a great time for anyone from the Northwest to find out - you do not need to be a racer to come on this trip!

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? Please let Mary Olhausen know so that we can share the information with other clubs and FWSA.

PACRAT and RACING:

Watch for further details for the upcoming PACRAT season. The upcoming race dates for 2008 are:

- * Mar. 23 - Timberline (Easter; date will not be changed)
- * Apr. 6 - Make up race, if needed
- * Apr. 4-6 - FWRA Championships at Mammoth
- * Apr. 11 - Rat Attack , Refectory Restaurant, Portland
- * TBA - Watch for a potential summer race event!

If you have any ideas for a new location for the Rat Attack, send them on to Barbara Parshall, PACRAT chair, at bparshall@theperottigroup.com or call 503-267-9522.

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

Mountain High Snowsport Club has opened up to all other club members a special **South Lake Tahoe Trip March 29-April 3**. For only \$400 you get 5 nights at Lakeland Village in town homes, with a complimentary wine and cheese reception, daily continental breakfast, private shuttles around town and to the Heavenly gondola or tram, and a 2-out-of-3 day lift ticket to Heavenly! (Transportation is not included.) Participants will be able to ski at other areas as well.

On top of that, you can extend this trip with an optional visit to **Mammoth Mountain** for the **Far West Race Championships**, which will be held **April 3-6, 2008**. Since you are already more than halfway there, you may be able to join a bus to Mammoth and receive bus transportation back to Reno at the end of that

trip (if that's where you flew to). Watch for further details as they become available.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

At the December meeting of the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors, the newly formed **Intermountain Ski Council**, consisting of five ski clubs in Utah and Idaho, became an official affiliated council of the Far West Ski Association. The Association now represents 11 councils, approximately 180 ski clubs, and 49,000 ski club members!

SKI WEEK 2009: FWSA is going to **Big Sky, Montana, January 24-31, 2009!** A \$100 deposit payable to NWSCC and mailed to the NWSCC post office box will hold a place for you on this trip. Further details will not be available for several months. Contact Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 or BBousum@gmail.com.

FWSA has a **Greek Isles Tour October 1-17, 2008!** Travel to Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Mykonos plus a two day tour of Athens. The trip cost is \$3,390 per person. There is an optional extension to Turkey October 17-24 for \$1,050. See the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org under the Travel tab. This trip is full, but there is a waiting list and chances are good that you could still get on.

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 Barbados dive trip in 2009, a Mediterranean cruise, and even 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 Scholarship**.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

See the October newsletter meeting recap for a CALL TO ACTION where your help is needed NOW!! 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**.

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.

If you ever have a problem obtaining a discount which has been offered to NWSCC members, please report it to us with your name, if possible the name of the employee who turned you down, the date, and a description of the problem.

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.

Emilio Trampuz and Steve Coxen have done a great deal of research on **ski club insurance** and have posted the information on the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org.

Ride for Children's Cancer Research at Skibowl in March:

Camryn and Brooke Hanna, daughters of Skibowl owner Kirk Hanna are on a mission to raise over \$25,000 for the Children's Cancer Research Fund. And you can help, just by skiing or riding at Skibowl. During March \$1 from every lift ticket sold (up to 25,000) and \$2 from every large pizza sold at the Ratskeller in Government Camp will go directly toward cancer research. In addition, the **Suds on the Slopes Festival & Benefit** to be held March 22 at Skibowl will include a vertical challenge, mechanical bull rides, pond skimming, a rail jam, and live music.

FUN 2008 SKI DATES

- Mar 15 Screamin Tele Lizard Race, Special Olympics Fundraiser @ Mt. Ashland.
- Mar 15-16 Hope On The Slope Vertical Challenge fundraiser for American Cancer Society (White Pass, WA)
- Mar 22 Suds on the Slopes Festival & Benefit at Mt. Hood Skibowl
- Mar 23 Mt. Ashland Ski & Ride Against Hunger

KING STEVE:

Last month's newsletter leaked the information that Skiyente Ski Club had chosen Steve as its **King Winter 2008**. Every year since 1956 Skiyente has selected a person who has contributed greatly to the sport of skiing and/or Mt. Hood. Skiyente is honoring Steve for his many years of hard work with Bergfreunde, NWSCC, FWSA, OSIA, PNSAA, NSCF, and NWSSA, to name just a few, in addition to being a staunch supporter of Skiyente. This is a picture of Steve and his lovely wife Linda at Charlie's in Government Camp after the "coronation."



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2007-2008 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

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

SILVER MEMBERS:

Moonlight Basin Ski Area, MT
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
Ski Banff (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Tamarack Resort, ID
Timberline Ski Area, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Brundage Mountain, ID
Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
Crystal Mountain Resort, WA
Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Gresham, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
The Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR
Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)
Red Mountain Resort, Canada
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Signal Sports (in the Pearl District of Portland)
Silver Star Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth, WA
Sturtevant's, Seattle, WA
Vail Resorts, Inc.
Valdez Heli-Camps

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Barbara Parshall - Re/Max Equity Group
Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT
Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
Mt. Ashland, OR
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.

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.

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

ROUND TABLE PIZZA

10070 SW BARBUR BLVD, PORTLAND

503-245-2211

**** DOOR PRIZES! ****

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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