



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2006

Editor: Linda McGavin

NWSCC, P.O. Box 1915, Portland, OR 97207

E-mail: contact@nwskiers.org

Website: www.nwskiers.org

Join us on December 20 for the regular NWSCC meeting for RACING - Last chance to sign up for PACRAT teams!. Guest speakers may include Mt. Hood Skibowl, Collins Lake, and Huckleberry Inn!

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Happy Holidays to all. The snow is here and the highway is open. Go forth and enjoy all the winter activities that all our resorts have to offer!! Be sure to attend Mt. Hood Meadows Glacial Outburst Celebration Party on Dec 16-17. And while you go forth and ski & board, be sure to save your lift tickets so you can compete in the Ski Oregon & Washington Challenges. Our last year's winner is out hitting the slopes hard. A few Council board members had a great time at the Seattle Ski Show last month and met for dinner with several key members from Washington clubs. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked the Portland and Seattle ski shows!! Ski Fair was a huge success (even on a very rainy night!). Much thanks to all our Commercial Members who joined NWSCC!! Have you picked up your copy of the Skiers' Directory?? Another fabulous production. Want to receive important messages from Far West Ski Association? Just visit their website (www.fwsa.org) and sign up for their Email Group - get the latest on travel and much more. It's not too soon to start thinking about the FWSA convention in June, in Santa Clara, CA. Mark your calendar for May 31-June 3, 2007 to attend. Wishing everyone a safe and happy 2007

Mary Olhausen, President

SKI CLUB LODGES AVAILABLE!

Most of our Oregon club members know that Cascade Ski Club maintains a lodge in the heart of Government Camp which is available for "bunk" rentals to other club members at the rate of \$22/night. However, chances are you don't know much about two of our Washington clubs that maintain lodges, which are also sometimes available for rental by other clubs.

Boeing SKIBACS has a lodge right in the heart of Crystal Mountain Village. The large Hostel style lodge is perfectly tailored for retreats, private parties, team outings, scout groups, or family reunions. They offer reasonable rates, and comfortable accommodations in a scenic setting. The lodge offers accommodations for up to 72 people (twin bunk beds, 4 to 8 per room); 3 common rooms with fireplaces, including a game room with ping pong table, and a TV room; a spacious dining room, a fully equipped restaurant style kitchen; and large decks. The Lodge is open for group rentals midweek (non holiday, Monday -Thursday) during Winter and anytime during the Spring, Summer, and Fall. You may rent the whole lodge or just a portion. Guests bring pillows, sleeping bags, toiletries, and food. Everyone is responsible for their own housekeeping. A Skibacs member sponsor will be required. Email info@skibacs.org or check their website at www.skibacs.org for more information.

The **Seattle Ski Club** was founded in 1930 by skiing enthusiasts who took the train up to Snoqualmie pass. They built a large ski lodge, but sadly it burnt to the ground about 10 years ago. Today there is a newer, but smaller Ski lodge. The club has about 50 members, families and singles. Each bedroom has 3-4 bunks. There is a large "senior" room (for over 21), a large kitchen, and a ski room for equipment and "booting up." Most of the members come up for each weekend. NO Televisions. The Lodge is conveniently located just across the parking lot from the ski slopes at Summit West at Snoqualmie Pass, with its own parking area. The Club has an open reciprocal club exchange, meaning that

members of other ski clubs, for a fee and with advance notice, can stay the night or use the lodge during the day. Every year they have a Hawaiian weekend, and every Presidents Day weekend they have a "tournament" with prizes and a party. A love of skiing is what binds the club members together. One ski pass covers Alpental, Summit West (Snoqualmie Pass), Summit Central (Ski Acres) and Summit East (Hyak). There are cross over trails which connect Summit West, Central and East, but not Alpental. There is also a free shuttle bus to all the areas with a ski pass.

GUEST SPEAKERS, OCTOBER MEETING:

Timberline:

Brian Logston advised that their new lift which has just been approved by the Forest Service won't be operational until the fall of 2007. New this year is the "Fusion Pass" where two people of any age can get a season pass for BOTH Timberline and Ski Bowl for \$399 each. Timberline's regular season pass is \$469, with just \$199 for a midweek pass. There is a "flexpass" with 10 points for \$209, or 5 points for \$119; weekdays are 1 point, and weekends/holidays are 2 points. They are working on shuttles from Government Camp, and possibly from Sandy.

Resorts of the Canadian Rockies: Fernie and Kimberley:

Chris Elder came all the way from Canada to promote two areas clubs will want to be visiting in the future: Fernie and Kimberley. These resorts are located in the "powder triangle," are only about 1-1/2 hours apart, and it is easy to plan a trip from the Pacific Northwest to include both areas. They even work with Big Mountain, Montana, on a "Two Nation Vacation," since the areas are within easy reach of Big Mountain. These areas are 3 hours from Calgary, so many of our clubs would find it faster to make a visit by bus or car caravans. Fernie is a big mountain with an average of 29 feet of powder each ski season, and Kimberley is also known for great snow conditions, plenty of sunshine, and consistent dry Purcell powder, with the added bonus of a Bavarian-themed village. Check out their websites at www.skifernie.com and www.skikimberley.com, and see their ad in the latest Northwest Skiers' Directory on page 66, where a "featured package" lists a price of \$869 including 7 nights' lodging at the Fernie Wolf's Den Lodge, a 5 day lift ticket, and roundtrip airfare from the Pacific Northwest (pp/do, taxes not included)!! These areas are also great places to visit in the summertime, with many activities available.

GUEST SPEAKERS, NOVEMBER MEETING:

Dave Tragethon of **Mt. Hood Meadows** came to give us a special report on the Highway 35 road closing, which had just happened the week before. He told everyone to watch "Dave's Blog" on the www.skihood.com website, and that an

unprecedented partnership of federal, state, forest service, and private contractors would have the road opened by December 15 - and we are pleased to report that it has been completed a week early, and by the time you read this the road will be opened and Mt. Hood Meadows will begin its Delayed Season!

The main theme of the November meeting was **Charities** supported by our member clubs. Mary reported on our local clubs, and Steve Coxen addressed Far West Ski Association support for charities. Some of our member clubs are **IRC 501(c)(3)** organizations, and donations are fully tax deductible: **Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation** provides training programs and competition; the **Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum** is a showcase for the history of Mt. Hood; the **Mt. Hood Meadows Race Team** teaches ski racing to juniors; the **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** is an all-volunteer patrol; and the Northwest Snowsports Foundation sponsors scholarships for junior racers. Other member clubs support charitable organizations in various ways, both with financial aid and in providing volunteers. **Altair Ski & Sports Club** supports Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-Family (shelter care for homeless families). **Bergfreunde** supports the Winter Special Olympics and Adopt-a-Highway. **Schnee Vogeli** sponsors Adopt-a-Highway, scholarships through the Northwest Snowsports Foundation, awards for junior racers on Mt. Hood, and a dinner/fundraiser for the Lion's Club (Mt. Hood). **Wihski** promotes fundraising for the Forgotten Children's Fund. **Skiyente** may be the champion of all of our clubs: for being one of our smallest clubs, it supports Adopt-a-Highway, the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum (volunteers for Heritage Day and helped raise funds for capital improvements), a holiday drawing is a fundraiser for Shepherds Door Homeless Shelter for Women, and their Masters Race provides funding for the Erin Nicole Scholarship for a deserving young female racer. **NWSCC** supports the Oregon Cancer Ski-Out, and will again co-sponsor the FWSA Germ Term for the 2007 event, and contributes to Northwest Snowsports Foundation. **FWSA** supports Disabled Sports, USA; Special Olympics; and the Jimmie Huega Center.

There are many ways to support charities through our favorite winter activities. See the NWSCC website for a full listing (as known at the time of publication).

SKI OREGON AND SKI WASHINGTON CHALLENGES:

Back for its second year is the Ski Oregon Challenge. Ski 9 out of 11 ski areas in Oregon during the 2006-07 ski season and you could win equipment, services, or lift tickets for Oregon ski areas. Extra credit will be given for the 2 optional areas: Spout Springs & Warner Canyon.

NWSCC is expanding its Ski Challenge to the 14 ski areas in the State of Washington. To meet the Challenge you have to ski/ride at least 10 of these during the ski season. If you ski 10 of the 14 ski areas in Washington during the 2006-07 ski season you could win equipment, services or lift tickets for Washington ski areas. Extra credit will be given for the 4 optional areas: Hurricane Ridge, Leavenworth, North Cascade Heli-Skiing and Cascade Powder Cats.

Two of last year's winners of the Oregon Ski Challenge are full steam ahead on this challenge - David Schor, our snowboarder, has already skied 5 of the Washington areas as of December 1, and Ed Palmer, a skier, is hot on his heels - so let's see some of the Washington club members join in!!

More information and the Ski Challenge rules are posted on our website at www.nwskiers.org. Contact Steve Coxen, email: stevecoxen@aol.com or phone: 503-679-9022.

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.

The 2006 SKI FAIR, held November 6, 2006, at the Monarch Hotel, Clackamas, Oregon, was a smashing success, despite the monsoon conditions that undoubtedly kept many people away. The vendors - ski areas from all over the Northwest and Canada, local ski shops, Carr Auto Group; the member club booths, and special guest American Medical Response, which sold helmets for all ages at GREAT prices, all made for a very informative evening. Add to that the fun raffle prizes and the incredible bargains of trips, lift tickets, ski gear, clothing, and adventures found at the silent auction, and it was an evening that everyone could enjoy! The Skiyente Ski Club ladies won the ski club booth decorating contest, and their NWSCC dues for the 2006-07 year will be refunded.

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

CLUB INFORMATION:

Skiyente Ski Club is following up its 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. This trip will be now open for other clubs.

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, February 9-16** to ski both Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. As an experiment, the club is offering options of either a shorter 4 day trip, staying in hotel-type accommodations, or a week-long trip staying in condos. The second trip will be a St. Patrick's Day weekend trip (**March 16-18**) to ski **Mission Ridge and Stevens Pass, Washington**, with lodging in Leavenworth, Washington.

Bergfreunde is planning two major ski trips this coming season which will be open to other club members, one to Whistler and one to Utah (**February 3-10, 2007**), and they have a number of shorter trips as well. Their Utah "Winter Fun" trip will allow members to downhill, cross country ski, snowshoe and hike in many different places, from Brian Head, to Sundance, through the Cottonwood Canyons near Salt Lake, to Snowbasin near Ogden.

PACRAT RACING:

PACRAT race dates for the 2006-07 season 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
Rat Attack - 2nd Friday in April (4-13-07)

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

NWSCC TRAVEL:

Please contact our new Director of Travel, Barbara Bousum at babawawa31@aol.com or 503-224-3584, 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 a lot by looking at this publication online, where you will have color pictures and links!

FWSA Ski Week 2007 will be held at **Steamboat, Colorado January 27-February 3**. The cost is \$1,215 with air from Portland, \$1,250 with air from Eugene, and includes a special sleigh ride/dinner for NWSCC participants. Contact trip captain Rod Robinson of Altair Ski & Snowsport Club in Eugene at rrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170 to be put on the waiting list - and you still might get to go - some

people have already cleared the waiting list!

FWSA's Ski Week 2008 will be held at **Whistler/Blackcomb**, BC, Canada, January 19-26, 2008. Make your future plans so you can attend this trip to one of our favorite places!

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. The base trip price is \$1,335-\$1,440 depending upon choice of lodging. 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 required, and are nonrefundable.

FWSA has just announced that it is also offering a **15 to 21 day China/Tibet tour** departing **September 14, 2007**. The group will take a passenger train from Beijing to Lhasa, Tibet (altitude 13,000', oxygen provided in the railcar). Excursion options will include Beijing and Shanghai. Refundable \$200 deposits are being taken now - get yours in fast if you are interested!

Check the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarship**.

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 - you will need to race in 3 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 to qualify, including the Skiyente sponsored Masters Race.

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**.

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.

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.

NWSCC OFFICERS and COMMITTEES 2006- 2007

President	Mary Olhausen	(360) 892-1814 (H)	omary52@comcast.net
Vice President	John Reinhardt	(503) 590-6901 (H)	johnreinhardt@hotmail.com
Secretary	Jeanne Reinhardt	(503) 590-6901 (H)	jeanne.reinhardt@kp.org
Treasurer	Linda Coxen	(503) 679-6425 (Cell)	snowmidget@comcast.net
Director, Communications	Linda McGavin	(503) 412-3531 (W)	lindam@mcwengisvold.com
Director, Racing (PACRAT Chair)	Jack Folliard	(503) 975-4488 (Cell)	jfolliard@comcast.net
Director, Special Events	Debbi Kor-Lew	(503) 682-1563	ijustwannarun@aol.com
Director, Travel	Barbara Bousum	(503) 224-3584	Bbousum@gmail.com
Past President	Steve Coxen	(503) 679-9022 (Cell)	sacoxen@aol.com
Commercial Membership Program/Advertising	Barb Parshall	(503) 267-9522 (Cell)	bparshall@equitygroup.com
PACRAT WORLD HEADQUARTERS		www.pacrats.org	

2006-2007 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

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

SILVER MEMBERS:

Carr Auto Group
Intrawest (Whistler/Blackcomb, Panorama,
Tremblant, Copper, Winter Park, Squaw)
Moonlight Basin Ski Area, MT
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
Ski Banff (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Fairmont
Hotels)
Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
Tamarack Resort, ID
Timberline Ski Area, OR

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Anthony Lakes, OR
BC Ski Country, Canada (Apex, Big White,
Silver Star, Sun Peaks)
Big Mountain, MT
Collins Lake Resort, Gov't Camp, OR
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
49° North 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 Ski Bowl, OR
Ogden Convention & Visitors Bureau (Powder
Mountain & Snowbasin, UT)
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Signal Sports (in the Pearl District of Portland)
Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat, Leavenworth, WA
Vail Resorts, Inc.

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
Ski Big White (Lodging facility, BC, Canada)

**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. 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.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

P.O. Box 1915

Portland, OR 97207

WEB SITE: www.nwskiers.org

E-MAIL: contact@nwskiers.org

NEXT MEETING:

**Wednesday, December 20, 2006
7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE**

**ROUND TABLE PIZZA
10070 SW BARBUR BLVD, PORTLAND
503-245-2211**

**** 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!

The Northwest Ski Club Council is a member of:

Far West Ski Association: www.fwsa.org

National Ski Council Federation: www.skifederation.org