



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2016

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**NEW!!! SPECIAL SOCIAL GATHERING ANNOUNCEMENT!!** *It's the height of a fantastic ski season, and we're going to celebrate with a special social gathering / party Wednesday, February 17, 2016, from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Columbia Sportswear main store in downtown Portland (911 SW Broadway), with shopping discounts, Columbia raffles, fantastic door prizes, and food and beverages provided! Your RSVP will help Columbia prepare for us; as a special incentive those who contact NWSCC President Sylvia Kearns and get on her list will receive an extra door prize ticket!! ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME!*

*The next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – watch for location. We will have some interesting guest speakers. Come learn the latest about what NWSCC is doing!*

*NWSCC will have quarterly meetings this coming year, presently scheduled for March, June, September/October, and December.*

## **TIMELY ALERTS:**

Would you look at those snow levels across the Western United States in this Super El Niño year? See the article on page 28 of this year's Northwest Snowsports Guide to see if the projections were correct!

## **PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE:**

The snow gods have been very good to us this year. There have been many opportunities for skiing/snowboarding, racing, snowshoeing, and cross country skiing to date. We have had powder days that have been beautiful, sunny and cold – very cold. This year there are no excuses for not

enjoying Mt. Hood or any other mountain close to you.

The NWSCC board has continued to be busy working on bringing benefits to those who support us. Our next evening out is going to be February 17th. We are going to have food, beverages, and of course door prizes. Although there will be some lift tickets to your local ski areas, we will also have some surprise big ticket items. The best news – this is a for fun event, with no meeting agenda or business items. However, you must be present to win the door prizes. A special announcement will be sent out. ALL MEMBERS OF ALL CLUBS ARE WELCOME!!

## **NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS GUIDE/WEBSITE:**

Our annual publication, the Northwest Snowsports Guide, is OUT! Look for it in Certified Folder Display racks in local sports shops and other venues, or ask your club - we'll give as many to your club as you want to get them out to your members and the public.

One of the best ways to view this publication is online - it's on the front page of the NWSCC website. If you click on the cover, you will bring up an interactive Guide where you can turn the pages, read the contents, and best of all, if you see a blue highlighted website, click on it and you will be taken directly to that website!

NWSCC is still working on revamping its website to bring it more up to date, and hopes to unveil the new website some time early this year. In the meantime, we apologize for outdated information on our current website. You can always contact a council officer for the latest information.

## **SUE'S SAFETY REPORT:**

Most of us are concerned about not injuring our bodies when doing skiing, a sport we love. We know to do cardio, strength and stretching activities to be prepared. Some NWSCC and FWSA members pointed out some very good information on ACL awareness. See the Ride In Harmony Newsletter at <http://www.rideinharmony.com/acl.html#> on "ACL Awareness Compliant." This does an excellent job of explaining how ACL injuries occur and the steps to take to help prevent the

injury. I also found some of the other articles having very good ski tips. Good ski technique also is very important in staying injury free. Just like in life, balance and stance with preparation and completion.

To a great season riding the slopes and Happy Trails!

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### **PACRAT NEWS:**

PACRAT has put on a highly successful NASTAR race January 3, and held its first two races for the 2016 race season! The rest of this year's races are scheduled as follows:

Race #3: February 21 - Skibowl

Race #4: February 28 - Meadows

Race #5: March 20 - Timberline

Make-up Race Date: April 3 - Timberline

Rat Attack (end of season awards party): April 15 - McMenamins Edgefield

NASTAR Open #2: March 13 - Skibowl

The NASTAR (national standard ski races) was originally created by Ski Magazine and recently purchased by USAA (United States Ski Association). The races are all open to the public, for ALL ages, with medals in various age groups. At a NASTAR race the cost is \$10 for 2 runs or \$20 for as many runs as you want to make. PACRAT racers are available at "our" NASTAR races to help people learn how to race.

See the website for race results and further details: [www.pacrats.org](http://www.pacrats.org) PACRAT is also on Facebook and Instagram.

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### **RECAP OF DECEMBER NWSCC MEETING:**

Our December meeting was held back at the Buffalo Gap, as a joint meeting with NWSCC and PACRAT and passing out the PACRAT bibs to team captains.

President Sylvia Kearns gave a Far West Ski Association report, having just attended the board meeting at Squaw Valley. She is on the Nominating Committee to mentor people into FWSA positions. Steve Coxen, President of FWSA, urges people to get involved in this very worthwhile organization, which represents 160 clubs in 9 councils in 13 states.

The FWSA Scholarship Program runs through the Far West Foundation, and is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization, meaning deductions are tax deductible. NWSCC and its clubs are active sponsors, and the following Northwest racers received scholarships this year:

\*Hannah Bodily of the Mission Ridge Ski Team was awarded a \$1,250 scholarship from Skiyente Ski Club.



\* Ashley Lodmell of Mt. Bachelor Ski Team was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Mountain High Snowsport Club.

\* Alexandria Oseland of the Crystal Mountain Ski Team was awarded a \$1,125 scholarship from NWSCC.

\* Nathan Gunesch of Mt. Hood was awarded a \$750 scholarship from FWSA.

\* Kristopher Westman of Stevens Pass Alpine Club was awarded a \$750 scholarship from FWSA.

The Far West Racing Association Championships will be held at Alpine Meadows this year, March 18-20.

The FWSA Convention will be held June 9-12, 2016, in Phoenix, Arizona. Optional activities will include kayaking, golf, tennis, and of course the huge silent auction!

See the special section below regarding the FWSA awards program - it's time to start thinking about entering, as all entries are due by March 20!

Debbi Kor, FWSA's VP of Member Benefits, said to show your FWSA/NWSCC card when you travel, as she has about 40-45 partners lined up with discounts. **Locally, Hillcrest Ski & Sports (our PACRAT bib sponsor) in Gresham, Oregon, will give NWSCC members a 10% discount by showing your card.**

Linda McGavin reported that this year's Northwest Snowsports Guide is OUT, and pointed especially to the El Niño article on page 28, and Sue Rimkeit's safety article on page 54, as not to be missed.

Sue Rimkeit spoke about safety, pointing out that as adults we should be role models for teenagers and other young people. The drivers code is like the skiers' code: stay under control. Ski patrol says that crashes are the biggest cause of injuries they deal with. When skiing fast, be careful! Sue saw someone slide down an icy slope and get killed. While people ahead of you have the right of way, don't stop where you obstruct people coming down - beavers build dams, people shouldn't. Look uphill before you start, and watch when trails merge. Observe the posted signs, keep out of closed areas. Lastly, share your knowledge with young skiers! Sue gave a door prize of a Les Schwab severe weather kit, which was won by Sammy Fouts.

Club reports given at the meeting are reported under Club News below; PACRAT reports under that section.

Our annual "pie auction" this year included a wooden ornament hand made by Greg Dilger when he was unable to keep skiing all summer and needed something to do with himself; the ornament brought in \$30 for the Far West Foundation for its scholarship fund. Overall, \$465 was raised for this fund!!

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## **CLUB NEWS:**

**Bergfreunde Ski Club** is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and is organizing three special events in 2016 to celebrate. One will be a 1960's dance on the Sternwheeler; another will be a dinner and dance at the Resort at the Mountain.

**Cascade Prime Timers** has trips scheduled to Big Sky, Sun Valley, and Methow Valley (cross country). They host hikes and bridge playing. About 75-100 people show up at their monthly meetings.

**Cascade Ski Club** is taking membership applications. It is the only Portland area ski club with its own lodge, located in Government Camp. Its annual Crab Feed is scheduled for February 13.

**Mountain High Snowsport Club** has a January bus trip to Silver Star and Sun Peaks in Canada which has members of other clubs attending (Bergfreunde, Mt. Hood Skikats, Cascade Prime Timers, Cascade Ski Club, and Altair); a "Ski Something New" bus trip to Montana in February which will go to Montana Snowbowl, Discovery Mountain, and Lost Trail Powder Mountain February 21-27; and a bus trip to Crystal Mountain March 20-22. Mountain High is collecting recipes for a new cookbook.

**Schnee Vogeli** and Skiyente Ski Club will be putting on the annual "Masters Mania" race March 5 and 6. These are serious races on a FIS course, and will include slalom and giant slalom. Skiyente will host its Mardi Gras Gumbo Feed on March 5 at the Huckleberry Inn; open to the public.

Schnee announced their "Season Ender Bender" party at Government Camp will be held towards the end of April; tickets will be \$15. They also took full credit for their November "Pray for Snow" Dance providing us with this fine snow season!

**Skiyente Ski Club** will be celebrating its 60th anniversary with a series of events this coming year! It has scheduled its Friends and Family trip to Big White February 12-16, 2016. The cost of \$415 includes 4 nights of lodging, 4 days lift tickets, and 2 après parties. Skiyente is taking nominations for its annual King Winter - nominees considered are people (of either sex) who have contributed significantly to winter sports and the mountain community.

## **NWSCC MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR COMPETITION**

NWSCC is holding its annual Man and Woman of The Year Competition. Is there someone in your club who has shown outstanding service to the club and snow sports? There are many club members who qualify for this award! Grab a pen and write a short paragraph about them, and submit it to NWSCC. We are looking for a man and woman from each club who the club wishes to be honored

because they have demonstrated outstanding service to their club and the ski community. Any club member may directly nominate someone from ANY NWSCC club who they feel is deserving of being chosen as NWSCC's Man and Woman of the Year! You may submit your entries with a description of why the person deserves the honor by email to Sylvia Kearns at [president@nwskiers.org](mailto:president@nwskiers.org). **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2016. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.**

The NWSCC Board will review all Man and Woman of the year nominations and will choose one man and one woman to be NWSCC's 2016 winners. In making its choice NWSCC will consider FWSA's criteria, which includes service not only to a person's club, but also to their Council, their Community, and FWSA. The Man and Woman selected will go on to the FWSA level to compete against the other councils in FWSA. The Council Man and Woman must attend the FWSA 2016 Convention in order to compete at the FWSA level. NWSCC will pay their Convention registration fees. This is a great way to meet other Council/Club members and contribute to FWSA programs. The overall winning Man and Woman at the FWSA level each wins a 5-night trip for two to Big White Ski Resort—the sponsor of the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year Competition. All nominees will be recognized at upcoming NWSCC special events. NWSCC will assist with completion of the application form.

New for 2015-2016, this award covers the past FIVE years (2011-2016). Older information will not be considered. Emphasis remains on grass roots participation at the club and council levels.

While initial club nominees at the NWSCC level will not need to fill out the entire form, here is the web link to detailed information and the FWSA entry form: <http://www.fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-mwofy.html>.

## **FWSA AWARDS PROGRAMS AT UPCOMING FWSA CONVENTION:**

The annual FWSA convention includes the opportunity for your club to be recognized with several awards competitions. In addition, there are special annual awards which include valuable prizes, such as ski trips for two people to the sponsoring ski areas! We would like to see MANY of our clubs entering the awards competitions and sending their members to Convention. There are no opportunities quite like this for your club to gain recognition for its accomplishments! With a March 20th deadline for applications, we are trying to get application materials to all of the ski clubs. Anyone interested in obtaining an application can go to the FWSA web site at <http://www.fwsa.org/Awards/awards-recognition/recognition>. All questions can be sent to Sylvia Kearns at [president@nwskiers.org](mailto:president@nwskiers.org) or call/text Sylvia at 360-931-6373.

We look forward to receiving nominations from your clubs for your Man & Woman of the Year, and to having the clubs enter to win a number of other awards.

The easiest entries for your club are for **Wentworth Outstanding Club Publication** and **Outstanding Club Website**, and while it is a bit more effort to prepare a **Tollakson Outstanding Club** application, your club will be judged against other clubs throughout FWSA, and it is really fun to WIN! With your entries for each award you need to submit the name of someone from your club who will act as a judge in the category you are entering; it's easy because the judge will only need to look at two other club's newsletters or websites. See the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org/Awards/awards-communication/communication-awards.html](http://www.fwsa.org/Awards/awards-communication/communication-awards.html)

The class designations for the club awards were restructured last year to provide a more constructive competition, and classifications are now based on a 4-year period of time. The **new categories** are:

**Novice** – Any club that has never entered the communication awards competition or entered and been a 2nd, 3rd and no place Novice winner in the previous four years in the outstanding club, publication or website competition.

**Advanced** – Any club that has received a 2nd or 3rd place Advanced awards or 1st place Novice award in the previous four years in the outstanding club, publication or website competition.

**Masters** – Any club that has received a 1st place award in the Advanced awards or 1st, 2nd or 3rd place Masters award within the last four years in the outstanding club, publication or website competition.

Your club can also enter the **“Club & Council Historical Recognition” Program** with a history of your club - potential museum or library reference resources!

Is your club active in community service or charitable activities? Then enter the **“Charities and Our Community Service Recognition”** program! In 2015, the competition was divided into three categories— Double Diamond, Diamond and Council. The winning club in each class will receive \$200 for their charity. The runner-up in each class will receive \$50 for their charity. The winning Council will receive \$100 for their charity.

Individual awards (with prizes!) that are well worth entering are for the following:

**Western Ski Heritage Award:** The purpose of the Far West Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of skiers and non-skiers alike of the

contributions made by individuals, groups, or companies to all aspects of skiing – competitive as well as outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose of this award is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to the communities in the West. The prize is open to an individual or a group leader (not restricted to FWSA members) and can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. Prize is awarded on basis of a history product or a work in progress. Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation since 2000 – the winner is awarded a five-day ski package for two in Steamboat with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, lesson, lunch, and more! (Last year the winner was our own Lloyd Musser of Mt. Hood Museum, who was allowed to use the trip as a fundraiser for the Museum at its annual auction event. Next year it could be YOU!)

**Safety Person of The Year Award:** This yearly award honors the person who has done the most to promote safety consciousness within the association. This can be done through a variety of methods including safety articles, on-mountain activities, presentations, public speaking, working ski patrol, creating posters or banners, and many other activities. Sponsored by Telluride Ski Resort & Mountain Lodge Telluride – the winner is awarded a five-day ski package for two in Telluride with lodging, lift tickets, and rentals.

**Environment Award:** The Environment Award is designed to encourage good stewardship of our environment. We want to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made a difference. Some areas to consider are: Volunteering at the community level – particularly in some leadership role; conducting or arranging for an environmental oriented event(s) – either for club, council or public; writing a series of columns regarding environmental conservation, education or protection in your ski club or council newsletters; being proactive in environment protection. Sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant, and The Crestwood – the winner is awarded a 5-day ski package for two in Aspen/Snowmass with lodging split between The Gant in Aspen and The Crestwood Condominium Hotel in Snowmass, including lift tickets, rentals, and group lesson.

**NWSCC encourages ALL of our member clubs to consider entering these competitions!! Go to the FWSA website under Awards for full details and application materials. We want to see OUR clubs as winners at Convention!**

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#### **CHARITABLE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** in Government Camp will be offering historical lectures this year. There was a day when a “flying bus” provided transportation from Government Camp to Timberline Lodge. In the first of a new

monthly lecture series at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, curator Lloyd Musser will share the colorful history of the Skiway Tram.

Lectures in the series will take place on the fourth Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Museum in Government Camp. The series, entitled "Social History," will offer discussions of Mount Hood history and interest along with local beers and wine for purchase. A \$5 admission will be charged.

The first lecture is set for **Saturday, January 30**. Musser will discuss the history and show photographs of the Skiway Tram, circa 1950, that used two city street buses hung on a logging-type cable skyline to transport skiers and visitors from Government Camp to Timberline Lodge.

Future lectures will feature local experts discussing the topics such as the history of the Crag Rats, volcanic activity on Mount Hood, and the popular Steiner Cabins.

The Mt. Hood Cultural Museum preserves and showcases the rich history of Mount Hood through interpretive exhibits and educational programming. The museum features six galleries that highlight the history of the mountain's early exploration, winter sports, settlement and natural history. The Museum, the Mt. Hood Information Center and the Museum Gift Shop are open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The **Mt. Hood Museum's** biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up on **March 5: Ski the Glade Trail**. This daylong ski event is a throwback to earlier times on the mountain when the Glade Trail was regularly groomed for skiing. Skiers could catch a shuttle from Govy to Timberline and ski the Glade all day. The Glade Trail, along with the Alpine and Blossom trails, was built by the U.S. Forest Service for skiers skiing from Timberline to Government Camp. The trail was groomed for about 20 years from the 1960s to the 1980s, but is no longer maintained for skiing. The Mt. Hood Cultural Museum gets a permit from the Mt. Hood National Forest to open the trail once a year, and Timberline Lodge grooms the trail as a donation to the museum for the event. The museum provides shuttle service to Timberline for the skiers, and Mt. Hood Ski Patrol volunteers provide patrol services. Tickets for Ski the Glade are \$100 for museum members and \$125 for nonmembers. They may be purchased through the museum by calling 503-272-3301. The fundraiser includes lunch and a reception following the end of skiing for the day. Sponsors of Ski the Glade include Timberline Lodge, the Village of Government Camp, Oregon's Mt. Hood Territory and EcoShuttle.

**Spotlight on Charitable Associate Member: Oregon Cancer Ski Out:** This year's event will be held March 13-14, at Mt. Hood Meadows and the Best Western Hood River Inn. This one-of-a-kind fundraising event brings

together skiers and snowboarders in teams of 5 to raise funds for the fight against cancer, and all proceeds stay LOCAL. Over \$800,000 has been raised over the years, and the funds are given to organizations around Portland and the Columbia Gorge. Here are a few examples of how the funds have been used:

\* Candlelighter's Children with Cancer provides a maximum \$500 per local family in emergency funds for food, housing, utilities, and even gas cards. The very first funds for this program came from CSO.

\* Breast Friends is the newest local organization to be adopted by CSO. They provide support to women who lack the fiscal means to deal with breast cancer, even to the point of providing wigs. Most importantly, women share the emotional support that is so needed during and after their fight to survive.

\* The Providence Hospice services in metropolitan Portland and the Columbia Gorge have helped cancer victims and their loved ones deal with suffering and death with every possible need. Hospice personnel have so much to contend with, raising money should not be one of them.

\* Camp Erin addresses the needs of children who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. Death is almost impossible to understand as a child, but being with others their own age helps make the adjustment easier.

\* OHSU's Knight Cancer Institute has used CSO funds to support students new to the research field in their start-up efforts. We have funded computer expansion, and last year the beginning of the War on Melanoma! Then there was the funding of the recruitment of Dr. Brian Druker, KCI's Director. Under his direction they have just concluded a BILLION dollar fundraising effort to support early detection and prevention... now that's a Return on Investment!

The Cancer Ski Out is not an expert ski event, as the race is formatted to reward consistency, not speed. It's "serious fun"!! All ages and abilities are invited to participate, with prizes going to the top 10 teams. Go to the website at [cancerskiout.org](http://cancerskiout.org) for details, to sign up, volunteer, or donate, and help this local event!!

**Hope On The Slopes** is hosting its second annual "Ride the Net" program. "Ride the Net" is a season long virtual vertical/fundraising challenge for skiers and boarders from September 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016. Participants ski or board while tracking their vertical at any ski resort/area supported by the FREE Trace Up app. (1) Register for the virtual vertical tracking program by making your \$30.00 tax deductible donation to HOTS; (2) download the FREE Trace Up app on your smart phone; (3) ski or board as an individual or form a team; and (4) begin tracking your vertical and raising funds this season when you visit any North America ski resort or area. There will be prizes awarded for most vertical tracked and most funds raised in a variety of categories. Cancer touches us all directly or indirectly. Make

this skiing/boarding season extra meaningful by participating in the "Ride the Net" program. Every dollar counts! Rally your friends, family, coworkers, or ski club members to support your passion and commitment to save lives and fight cancer.

The Northwest Hope on the Slopes "Ride the Snow 2016" events are scheduled for:

February 27-28 Stevens Pass, WA

March 5 Brundage, ID

March 12-13 Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR

March 19-20 White Pass, WA

See the website at [www.hopeontheslopes.org](http://www.hopeontheslopes.org) for details!

**Ski to Defeat ALS** will hold its annual event at Mt. Hood Meadows, Oregon, on April 9, 2016, a fundraiser for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, which is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that slowly robs a person of the ability to walk, speak, swallow and, eventually, breathe. This will be the second event without the inspiring presence of Fred Noble, who was the local spokesperson and honorary chairperson, who was himself diagnosed with ALS. Go to [www.skitodefeats.org](http://www.skitodefeats.org) for further details on this one day individual/team vertical challenge event. Registration is open now!

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### COMMERCIAL MEMBER NEWS:

NWSCC appreciates ALL of its commercial members - see the list on the last page of this newsletter and be sure to check out the fliers on the right hand side of the Newsletter page on the website for specials as they are announced.

This year **Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley, and Kicking Horse)** is offering NWSCC club members 10% off lifts and lodging through its Central Reservations office. See the flier on the Newsletter page, and click one of the links for direct access to the specials.

**Brundage Mountain Resort** offers a discounted \$52 adult lift ticket (ages 18-69) by showing your NWSCC card at the ticket window (\$10 off!).

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### NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

We're into this year's Challenge! Think about traveling to visit more ski areas this coming year, and if you ski/ride seven or more, including any in Oregon or Washington, or as listed in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and British Columbia (see page 29 of the Northwest Snowsports Guide), save your lift tickets or receipts to send in to NWSCC at the end of the 2015-2016 season! The more areas you ski or ride, the greater the chances and the level of prizes. The winners in the drawing will be announced in the fall of 2016; the grand prize will be awarded to the skier or boarder who visited the most ski areas during the season.

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### NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

Northwest Snowsports Advocates has its own Facebook page. Keep current on news about what is going on in the Pacific Northwest with ski area development, roads, and environmental issues by joining our Facebook Group. You will have an opportunity to take an active role in helping ski areas get US Forest Service approval of their master plans. Every skier or snowboarder in the Pacific Northwest should join this page! Let's get the "Fan Base" WAY up there! Become a FAN today!!!! (please cut and paste the link if it isn't working):

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Northwest-Snowsports-Advocates/174195539354385>

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### FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

**Far West International Trip 2016:** This trip is to Cortina d'Ampezzo, with an extension trip to Florence and Rome, Italy. The optional extension trip will be to the Tuscany region: 3 nights in Florence with day tours to Sienna and San Gimignano, and 4 nights in Rome. New this year: If one chooses to not go to Cortina, we will fly you from the US to join us for the extension trip – we call this the "Stand Alone" trip. Prices start from \$1,354 (without air) for the base ski week. See the FWSA website under Travel: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Contact Debbie Stewart for more information: [FWSAintltrl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAintltrl@prodigy.net).



**Far West Mini Ski Week 2016:** This trip to Crested Butte Mountain Resort, March 21-26, 2016, includes 5 nights lodging at the Grand Lodge, 3-4 day lift tickets, a Welcome Party and Farewell Party. Plenty of optional activities are available as well, including Snowmobiling, Snowbiking, Zipline Tours, a Sleigh Ride Dinner and much more. Senior and Adult package prices range from \$580 to \$775 (without transportation). Contact Gloria Raminha for more information: [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com). Payment may be made by credit card.

**Far West Annual Ski Week 2017:** Ski Week 2017 has been set, and will be in beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado, January 28-February 4, 2017. The town of Breckenridge has a colorful history full of gold mining, saloons, booms, and busts. There is much to do to keep skiers and non-skiers busy for the week. There are historical tours, shopping, spas, pubs, and plenty of restaurants. Gold Runner Alpine Coaster and Starlight Mountain Top Dinners are included. We have lots of slopeside lodging with many close to town. Council trip leaders will begin promoting this trip in Spring 2016.

**Far West Mini Ski Week 2017:** Nancy Greene's Cahilly Lodge at Sun Peaks Resort is our destination for the 2017 Mini Ski Week. Sun Peaks Resort is located in Southern

British Columbia, 40 minutes from Kamloops, and serviced by airports in Kamloops, Kelowna, and Vancouver, British Columbia. Cahilty Lodge is located in the heart of the village, just steps from the ski hill. Watch for more information on this fun trip on the FWSA website.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one mini US ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. For information on all FWSA International trips go to [www.FWSA.org](http://www.FWSA.org) or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Debbie Stewart, by email [fwsaintlTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintlTrvl@prodigy.net) or phone 559-734-9294. For information about North American/domestic trips, contact Nancy Ellis at [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net) or 530-414-8261.

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### MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

Mark your calendar for **Crystal Mountain's** NWSCC half price ski day, March 20, 2016. Just show your NWSCC/Club membership card at the ticket window to receive half off your adult lift ticket price.

Watch for announcements of other special discount ski days at Northwest ski areas!

Look at the NWSCC website at [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org) to see an updated list of **member benefits and discounts**, and check out the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) under Membership to see the current discounts. Debbi Kor is frequently adding new benefits!

As a member of FWSA, you also belong to the **National Ski Council Federation**, made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the U.S. A current list of NSCF benefits can be found at [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org) in the Members Only section. User name: **skiclub** - password: **member**.

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### MISCELLANEOUS AND FUN INFORMATION:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL REGULAR NWSCC MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED!** The meeting location may vary, so check the NWSCC website or contact President Sylvia Kearns at [President@nwskiers.org](mailto:President@nwskiers.org). Board meetings are *usually* held the 4th Wednesday of each month (but changes occur); contact an officer if you have a topic you would like to have considered.

Did you know that the **NWSCC has a Facebook page**? You can reach this page from the NWSCC website, and you can keep up-to-date on all our events and activities.

Subscribe to **SKI OREGON's** notifications and receive the latest about skiing and snowsports in Oregon, as well as powder alerts: [www.skioregon.org](http://www.skioregon.org)

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### Excerpts from the FAR WEST SKI NEWS:

#### What's Happening With The Far West Ski Foundation:

The Far West Ski Foundation has had a busy year. In July, we granted two scholarships (\$1000) to the Fly Girls Program of Women's Ski Jumping for Development Camp, which involves young women from the USA as young as 12, and is the development program for the national team, now taken over by the U.S. Ski Team. This was the first year for the Fly Girls devo program and our first grant to it. **We have authorized Grants in the amount of \$500 each to Oregon Adaptive Sports and the Adaptive Sports Center at Crested Butte Mountain Resort** (the site of our 2016 Mini Ski Week). Also planned is our annual contribution to the Vail Veterans Program, to support their adaptive ski weeks. VVP and its partners annually draw rehabilitation patients (and clinicians if needed) from the major Armed Forces hospitals - Walter Reed, Brooks, and Balboa, bringing them to Vail at no cost to the patient. One week is planned for families, the other week for adults. Vail hosted 42 children in one family ski week last season. This month, we are offering grants to racing schools in support of the FWSA/FWSF Athletic Scholarship Program, in the amount of \$11,425. The 13 scholar-athletes are trained by 9 ski racing schools in four states. This is the program's 12th year in existence. The names of those young athletes are listed in the article below.

We continue to review the direction and impacts of the Foundation, searching for better ways to achieve and surpass our goals. We depend on you, fellow believers in the worth and future of snowsport, to help sustain the Far West Ski Foundation and its missions - Alpine ski racing, adaptive snowsports, the development of women's ski jumping, and preservation of the legacy of snowsport. Please take some time to think about contributing to the Far West Ski Foundation before the end of the year. This would be your personal testament in addition to any commitments from your organization. It's easy to do. You can use your PayPal on the website [farwestskifoundation.org](http://farwestskifoundation.org); or you can use your PayPal and just send the contribution to [FWSFPresident@gmail.com](mailto:FWSFPresident@gmail.com) or [FWSF.Treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:FWSF.Treasurer@gmail.com); or you can send a check to John Reinhardt, FWSF Treasurer, 6105 SW Sheridan St, Portland, OR 97225. Make check payable to FWSF. Your contribution can be either unrestricted or designated for one of the Foundation's missions.

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### Excerpts from the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

**A NEW SKI RESORT FOR UTAH:** The opening of Cherry Peak, located near the town of Richmond, Utah, near the Idaho state line. Cherry Peak, has been planned for more than a year and is running a year late having planned to open for winter 2014-2015, appears to have chosen a good season to start running its lifts, with excellent early season snowfalls

in Utah. The ski area will be opening soon with four lifts including three triple chairs (one of which won't open until next season as it's still being installed) and a 170 meter long carpet lift for the beginner area. For more information, see [www.skicherrypeak.us](http://www.skicherrypeak.us). [Editor's Note: I believe I am the first from NWSCC to ski Cherry Peak! I can report that 2 lifts are running, serving green and blue terrain, and that the towers are in for a third lift. Tubing is included with your lift ticket. This is a great family friendly area, with a new lodge with a beautiful third floor room that can be rented for special events. It looks like a great place for a wedding!]

**UBER NOW SERVING SALT LAKE CITY AND RENO/TAHOE RESORTS:** The FWSA newsletter reports that UberSki has launched in Utah and Lake Tahoe. UberSki has started offering rides in AWD vehicles, along with space for skiers' gear. In partnership with Backcountry.com, UberSki will offer rides from Salt Lake City to any ski resort from Ogden, the Cottonwood Canyons or Park City, all for the same base rates of uberX and uberXL plus a \$4 surcharge. Uber is making a concerted effort to spread out to more resort towns, and has also just opened in the Reno/Tahoe area.

**SILVER STAR EXPANDS TERRAIN:** Silver Star Ski Resort in British Columbia, Canada, has added over 100 acres of additional ski terrain, a new race center, and expanded winter sports options. The gladed tree skiing at the intermediate and expert levels has expanded by more than 90 acres. Silver Star is a member of the Powder Alliance!

**REVELSTOKE IS VIDEOING SKIERS/BOARDERS ON REQUEST:** Revelstoke in BC, Canada, believes it is the first resort in Canada to offer an automated filming service. The resort has strategically positioned HD cameras throughout the resort, and once adventurers download the Paparazzi Pass app, the cameras communicate with their cell phones to record the action and send it to their device for online viewing. Revelstoke Mountain Resort offers the biggest lift-served vertical drop in North America at 1,712 meters (5,620 feet) which allows it to also provide one of the continent's longest descents.

**USE OF EUROPE'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE SKI APP IS AVAILABLE FREE:** Navionics Ski contains over 2,000 resort maps worldwide with names of trails, lifts, lodges, and ticket offices. Users' day tracking will not only reveal statistics like speed, time, distance, vertical and elevation, but will also provide them with a record of every run and lift taken that day including names, distances and times spent on each! You can also explore nearly all the resort maps where the Ski World Cup events are taking place, like St. Anton, Austria; Wengen, Switzerland; Chamonix, France; St. Moritz, Switzerland and many more. The app is available for iPhone and iPad on the App Store and on

Google Play for Android phone and tablet.

**New Benefits Partners Join Far West:** With each new season comes a few new Member Benefits and new Benefits Partners. Check out our website, under "Member Corner." Click on "Benefits" and see what everyone is talking about! Along with all of our great lodging partners from 2015, we have now added the Lexington Hotel & Suites in Jackson Hole. The Powder House, in Lake Tahoe, has opened another new shop, and **we have added Hillcrest Sports, on the highway to Mt. Hood, for your shopping pleasure.**

**CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!**

**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**

**February 2016**

|        |  |                         |
|--------|--|-------------------------|
| 4      | Mission Ridge, WA (weekly Thurs bus)                   | Desert S.C.             |
| 5-7    | 49Degrees North, WA (car)                              | Desert S.C.             |
| 5-7    | Flying L Ranch, WA (XC)                                | OR Nordic               |
| 5-15   | Meribel, France/Geneva, Switzerland                    | S'no Joke               |
| 8-12   | Methow Valley, WA (XC)                                 | Cascade PT              |
| 10-16  | Whitewater/Red Mountain, BC (bus)                      | SKIBACS                 |
| 11     | Mission Ridge, WA (weekly Thurs bus)                   | Desert S.C.             |
| 11-18  | Wolf Creek/Durango, CO                                 | S'no Joke               |
| 12-14  | Mt. Bachelor, OR (bus)                                 | Desert S.C.             |
| 12-14  | Tilly Jane A-Frame Backcountry (XC)                    | OR Nordic               |
| 12-15  | Crater Lake Murder Mystery (XC,SS)                     | Bergfreunde             |
| 12-15  | Camp Sherman, OR (XC)                                  | OR Nordic               |
| 13     | Crab Feast, Club Lodge, Gov't Camp Club/Open           | Cascade Ski             |
| 13-21  | Yellowstone National Park Dream Trip                   | OR Nordic               |
| 18     | Mission Ridge, WA (weekly Thurs bus)                   | Desert S.C.             |
| 20     | King Winter Coronation/Gov't Camp                      | Skiyente                |
| 20-27  | Snowmass, CO (airline)                                 | S'no Joke               |
| 21-27  | Montana Sampler: Snowbowl, Discovery, Lost Trail (bus) | Mtn High                |
| 24-28  | Snowbird, UT (airline)                                 | Desert S.C.             |
| 25     | Mission Ridge, WA (weekly Thurs bus)                   | Desert S.C.             |
| 26-28  | Crater Lake, OR (bus, XC)                              | OR Nordic               |
| 28-3/5 | Sun Peaks, BC, Canada                                  | B u r i e n Backsliders |
| 28-3/5 | Lake Louise/Sunshine/Banff (airline)                   | WIHSKI                  |
| 29-3/1 | White Pass, WA (DH, XC)                                | Cascade PT              |

Did you notice the highlights on some of the headings in this newsletter? Here's the key:

- TURQUOISE** = NWSCC news and events
- PURPLE** = FWSA news and events
- YELLOW** = Clubs news and events
- GREEN** = Other news and events



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## WELCOME OUR 2015-2016 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!

### GOLD MEMBER:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

### BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER

(PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR

### SILVER MEMBERS:

Cascara Vacation Rentals  
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR  
Timberline Lodge, OR

### BRONZE MEMBERS:

Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resorts, CO  
Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada  
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID  
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR  
Deviation USA / Skis & Snowboards, Gresham, OR  
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR  
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR  
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### SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

Grand Targhee Resort, WY  
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association  
ReRack, Portland, OR  
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, BC, Canada  
White Pass Ski Area, WA

**THANKS TO THIS YEAR'S  
COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!  
PLEASE PATRONIZE AND  
SUPPORT OUR COMMERCIAL  
MEMBERS AND LET THEM  
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

### NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check [www.nwskiers.org](http://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.

Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format on the website, and the link can easily be passed on to your members.

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### NEXT MEETING:

Wed., **March 16**, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: TBA

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

← **NOTE THERE IS NOT A MEETING UNTIL MARCH**  
**(But there is a party February 17!)**

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](http://www.fwsa.org)

National Ski Council Federation: [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org)