



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JANUARY 2015

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The next NWSCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at the Buffalo Gap Saloon, 6835 SW Macadam Avenue, Portland, OR 97219, starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. A special bar menu will be offered; food and beverages on your own.

Meeting topics will include Charitable Events, Travel, Learn to Ski/January Safety Month, and the FWSA Convention & Awards Program (deadline March 20).

In the first half of 2015, meetings will be held on March 18 (Travel, FWSA Convention & Awards Program); May 20 (Ski Season Wrap Up, Club Summer Activities, FWSA Convention); and June 17 (Elections, Summer Activities, Summer Safety, Club Membership, Skiers' Directory). Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!

with many prizes. Purchase your Passport at the January 21 NWSCC meeting, PACRAT races, club meetings, or contact Barb at: 503-267-9522 or email: BP2Ski@Gmail.com.

PACRAT NEWS:

The PACRAT board is meeting and working on plans for this year's races. Teams should be finalized now, though there is probably room for last minute add ons. Racers need to be at least 18 years old and a member of any NWSCC club. Unfortunately, due to low snow conditions at Mt. Hood Skibowl, the first two scheduled races had to be canceled, so the former "make up" race date is on the schedule.



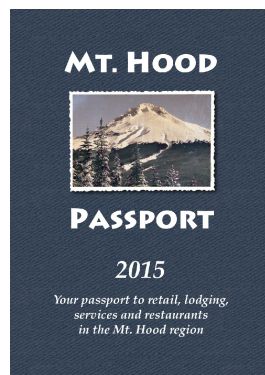
Here's the 2014-2105 season's schedule:

January 25	Race #1, Mt. Hood Meadows
February 8	Race #2, Mt. Hood Skibowl
February 22	Race #3, Mt. Hood Meadows
March 15	NASTAR Open, Mt. Hood Skibowl (open to the public, for all ages)
March 22	Race #4, Timberline
April 4	Race #5, location TBA
April 17	"Rat Attack" Awards Party

TIMELY ALERTS:

MT. HOOD PASSPORTS

Now is the time to buy the NEW Mt. Hood Passport for \$10, and get over \$300 in discounts and promotions. Visit local businesses on Mt. Hood, make use of their special offers, and get your Passport stamped. Prior to PACRAT's Rat Attack in April 2015, return your stamped Passport to Barb Presentin or any board member of PACRAT/NWSCC for a big drawing



RECAP OF DECEMBER 21 MEETING:

Dexter Hill of Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop was recognized as the PACRAT bib sponsor for this year. Steve Coxen thanked all our commercial members.

The winners of the 2013-2014 Challenge were announced in December. Bob Burns took first place with 10 areas skied; he won a 4-time pass to Mt. Bachelor. Linda and Bruce McGavin, also with 10 ski areas, each won a lift ticket to Stevens Pass. Sally Niedermeyer and Emilio Trampuz, each with 8 areas skied, won lift tickets to Mt. Hood Meadows.

The winner of the Booth Decorating Contest from Ski Fair was announced: Mountain High Snowsport Club, and the perpetual trophy was presented. Steve Coxen presented the

2014 Man and Woman of the Year trophies to John Reinhardt and Sandi Shaub (accepted by Sheri Parshall).

Steve Coxen announced that scholarships were awarded to six Northwest ski racers by Far West: Alexandria Oseland of Crystal Mountain received the \$1,000 NWSCC scholarship; Elyse Burandt of Schweitzer received the \$1,500 Skiyente Erin Nicole Memorial Scholarship; Ashley Lodmell of Mt. Bachelor received the Mountain High \$1,000 scholarship; Amelia Henry of Alpental/Snoqualmie received a FWSA \$500 scholarship, and Korbyn Edmondson of Schweitzer received a \$750 FWSA scholarship. Bergfreunde was a donor to the scholarship general fund.

Steve talked about charities and events and public affairs: Crystal Mountain, the Summit at Snoqualmie, and the National Ski Areas Association awards.

Sue Rimkeit gave an augmented list of the Skier/Rider Code of Conduct: (1) Always stay in control and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects; (2) People ahead of you have the right of way; it is your responsibility to avoid them; (3) You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above; (4) Whenever starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others; (5) Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment; (6) Observe all posted signs and warnings; keep off closed trails and out of closed areas; and (7) Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely. Sue also brought up two guidelines from the FIS Ski Code: In case of an accident every skier has to help; and every skier, whether involved or a witness, whether responsible or not, has to prove his/her identity in case of an accident.

Various delicious pies, cookies, and other gourmet treats donated by the NWSCC board were auctioned off to benefit three charities (the winners got to choose which), and approximately \$400 was raised for the Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum, the Far West Ski Foundation (for scholarships), and the Oregon Food Bank.

CLUB NEWS:

Bergfreunde will have downhill, cross country, and snowshoe trips this season. They are taking 60 people to Bogus Basin; have the annual trip to Lake Tahoe; and have a driving trip to Revelstoke and Sun Peaks in January. Their cross country ski lessons are open to other clubs. Bergie has had great success in recent years with planning non-ski trips to large cities where the participants do all the "touristy" things and get to know the city; about 50 people usually attend those trips. In May of 2015 they are going to Virginia, Washington DC, and the Outer Banks.

Cascade Prime Timers has several ski and cross country trips planned: to Big Sky, Sun Valley, Whitefish, White

Pass and Red Mountain. They had a Cathlamet kayak trip and have midweek hiking trips in between seasons. Once ski season starts, they have regular groups skiing Meadows on Wednesdays and Timberline on Thursdays.

Hope on the Slopes; Ski & Ride for a Cure has announced a new promotion for this year, with prizes: **Ski Tracks**. Ski Tracks allows you to ski any resort or area (covered by Ski Tracks) and compete nationwide for prizes. Track your vertical feet skied and boarded for the 2014-2015 ski season. Vertical tracking will be from September 1st - May 4th. Win prizes; be their top vertical competitor. For more information, check out their website: www.hopeontheslopes.net/ Registration is \$40. Vertical feet are tracked via the SkiTracks App; download the App at corecoders.com for \$.99 cents.

Mountain High Snowsport Club is planning an Amtrak trip to Whitefish February 28-March 7 and a bus trip to Crystal Mountain March 20-22.

Skiyente Ski Club will present their annual King Winter event February 21 at Charlies Mountain View, and the Mt. Hood Mania Masters Race is scheduled for February 28 and March 1, 2015, at Mt. Hood Skibowl.

Dale Parshall reported at the September meeting that the 3rd Biannual Schneeente Sailing Trip is planned for May 2016 to St Martin and St. Lucia on a 24 passenger sail boat. They will do 12 islands in 12 days. Contact Island Windjammers (www.islandwindjammers.com) or the Parshalls if interested; further details later.

NWSCC MAN/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 Julie Rasmussen at secretary@nwskiers.org. **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2015. 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 2015 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 2015 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. To review the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year forms, please visit their website at www.fwsa.org. NWSCC will assist with completion of the application form.

It may help you to understand the FWSA judging criteria: Here's the point system/judging percentages from the newly revised Man/Woman application: Basic Information, 5 pts; Participation Snowsports, 5 pts; Participation Racing, 5 pts; Participation Non-Snowsports Club Activities, 5 pts; Leadership-Club, 20 pts; Leadership-Council/Race League, 15 pts; Leadership-FWSA/FWRA, 10 pts; National Involvement, 5 pts; Knowledge & Involvement-Environment, Legislative, Snowsports Industry, 5 pts; Knowledge & Involvement-Safety, 5 pts; Knowledge & Involvement-Charity and Community Service, 5 pts.

The Judging Criteria Summary is as follows:

Basic Information:	5%;
Participation:	15%;
Leadership:	50%;
Knowledge & Involvement:	15%;
Interview:	15%

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://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-mwofw.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!

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

The class designations for the club awards have been restructured this 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 for the chance to be one of 3 clubs to receive checks to be donated to the charity of your choice!

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 Emilio Trampuz, who is planning his trip to Steamboat this year! 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. We want to see OUR clubs as winners at Convention!

NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

Now that we're skiing in this 2014-2015 season, start saving YOUR lift tickets or receipts so you can enter this year's competition. Ski or ride any seven or more listed resorts in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii. In addition, ski and ride our commercial member resorts in British Columbia, California, Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming during the 2014-2015 ski season to be eligible to win a prize. The more areas you ski and ride, the greater the level of prizes. The winners in the drawing will be announced in the fall of 2015; the grand prize will be awarded to the skier or boarder who visits the most ski areas during the season. Your used lift tickets are your ticket to prizes,

so keep them as you enjoy the next ski season! At the end of the season simply mail your lift tickets to NWSCC with the form found on our website at www.nwskiers.org.

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!!!!

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

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.

Brundage Mountain is offering NWSCC members \$52 lift tickets (a savings of \$8) daily by showing your NWSCC/FWSA membership card.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

If you've never experienced the full-week fun of a FWSA ski week, what are you waiting for? This year's trip is back to a northwest favorite: **Whistler/Blackcomb, January 31 –February 7, 2015** for a week chock full of activities and 5,000+ feet of vertical. The full balance for this trip must be paid in November. A waiting list will be maintained, as often a spot will open up as the trip gets closer - contact Christine Ciardi if you have any interest. A fun week of activities is being planned by the travel staff, along with Ski.Com and all the folks at Whistler. There will be plenty of skiing, a Welcome Party on Sunday, February 1st, a Pub Crawl, a picnic on the mountain, a Mountain Rally, and the Awards Apres Party on Friday, February 6th. Check out the YouTube video that George Stewart has prepared for this trip at <http://youtu.be/wtafu4AQE0U>

Far West International Trip 2015: FWSA is still looking for people for its Val d'Isere trip in 2015. This International Ski Trip comes with a pre-trip to Paris, March 10-14, the main trip March 14-21, and a post-trip to Provence and the French Riviera March 21-28, 2015. There are actually 5 options for



this trip: a) Paris & Val d'Isere; b) Val d'Isere Ski Week; c) Paris , Val d'Isere and Provence/French Riviera; d) Val d'Isere and Provence/French Riviera. Paris will NOT be sold alone, but you can do a Stand Alone trip to Provence and the French Riviera. (FWSA can assist you with transportation on a case by case basis). Contact Debbie Stewart for part or all of this incredible trip: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net.

Far West Heli-Skiing Trip 2015: FWSA is offering a heli-ski trip for the first time in years - this time to Revelstoke, BC, March 16-21, 2015. A limited number of people will be able to attend this special Signature Skiing trip with CMH. This trip was conceived by Fred Noble, a reknowned skier on Mt. Hood and a CMH representative for many years, who passed away of ALS on May 1, 2014. The trip is being ably handled by Fred's daughter, Julie Noble. See flier attached to newsletter page for details.

Far West Mini Ski Week 2015: This trip to Whitefish Mountain Resort , March 30- April 4, 2015, includes 3-4 days of skiing, lodging at Grouse Mountain Lodge, both Welcome and Farewell Parties, and optional activities such as snowmobile tours, day spa, Glacier Park tours, dogsled adventures, sleigh rides, and more. See flier attached to the NWSCC newsletter page.

Far West Mississippi River Trip: June 19 - 23, 2015 with an additional two days (June 23-24) in New Orleans . This trip will be a 3-night roundtrip paddleboat cruise aboard the American Queen from New Orleans. It will be a "Southern Culture Cruise" with stops at Oak Alley Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA. The trip includes all meals, wine/beer with dinner, soft drinks, water, and coffee. Also included is 1 night at a local hotel before the cruise, transfers to the ship, steamboat-style entertainment, daily lectures, and a Welcome Party. June 23-24 will be at the New Orleans Hotel Bienville House. New Orleans tour options include airboat/swamp tours and ghost/paranormal tours. See the FWSA website for further information. See flier attached to the NWSCC newsletter page.

Far West Ski Week 2016: Telluride Ski Resort has been selected as the location for the Far West Ski Week trip in 2016. Telluride presented their bid at the recent Far West Convention, held in Bend, Oregon. Congratulations to Telluride and tour operator Ski.Com for their successful bid. The council trip leaders will be planning a site inspection to Telluride in January of 2015.

Far West Mini Ski Week 2016: Crested Butte Mountain Resort will be the destination for the Far West Mini Ski Week trip in the early spring of 2016. Stay tuned for more information to come.

Far West International Trip 2016: Val d'Isere will be the

destination of the 2016 International Ski Trip with a pre-trip to Paris, March 10-14, and a post-trip to Provence and the French Riviera March 21-28, 2016. More information will be coming.

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 or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Debbie Stewart, by email fwsaintlTrvl@prodigy.net or phone 559-734-9294. For information about North American/domestic trips, contact Nancy Ellis at fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or 530-414-8261.

WOULD YOUR CLUB LIKE TO EARN A COMP ON ANY FWSA SKI TRIP? All you need to do is to bring 30 people, and the comp is yours to do with as you please. This might be shared if more than one club with in-club trip leaders has a total of 30 participants. This would also give you more input into future ski weeks that FWSA plans.

MEMBER BENEFITS AND DISCOUNTS:

Mark your calendar for **Crystal Mountain's** NWSCC half price ski day, March 22, 2015. Just show your FWSA/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 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. 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 in the Members Only section. User name: **skiclub** - password: **member**.

UPCOMING 2015 CHARITABLE EVENTS

Mark your calendar now for charitable events that NWSCC clubs have supported every year, as participants, volunteers, and donors:

March 1-2 , 2015 **Hope on the Slopes**, Mt. Hood Skibowl
March 2-3 **Hope on the Slopes**, Stevens Pass
March 16 **Hope on the Slopes**, Crystal Mtn.
March 16-17 **Hope on the Slopes**, White Pass
All these events involve a vertical ski challenge and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

March 8-9, 2015 Oregon Cancer Ski Out, Mt. Hood Meadows—a fun 2-day event (Sunday & Monday). Teams of five compete for best consistency (not speed).

April 11, 2015 Ski to Defeat ALS, Mt. Hood Meadows, 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 first event without the inspiring presence of Fred Noble, who was the local spokesperson and honorary chairperson.

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 Steve Coxen at President@nwskiers.org. Board meetings are *usually* held the 4th Wednesday of each month; 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.

The 2014-2015 **Northwest Skiers' Directory** is now available at Certified Folder Display throughout sports locations in the Northwest, and copies will be given to any club which will pass them out. But it's truly cool to look at it online, on the home page of NWSCC's website. You can turn the pages and hit links that take you directly to the clubs or commercial members' websites!

Subscribe to SKI OREGON's notifications and receive the latest about skiing and snowsports in Oregon, as well as powder alerts: www.skioregon.org

From FWSA NEWS:

Learn to Ski Month: January is learn to ski and snowboard month and western resorts, both large and small, are preparing to greet newcomers who want to enroll in beginner lessons. A variety of learning programs in Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah are being offered at special prices during January. Details on all programs and more are available on the Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month website. Many of the resorts are offering up prizes of trips and product for anyone who helps newcomers sign up for beginner lessons from professional instructors. The "Bring a Friend" challenge began December 1st, and runs through February 28, 2015.

Far West Ski Foundation Supports Vail Veteran's Program: Far West has been a supporter of the Vail Veteran's Program for some time. In paying tribute to so many veterans this past Veteran's Day, we heard from Brigadier General Pete Dawkins (U.S. Army, retired) and his wife Judy: "Of all the wounded warrior-type undertakings, the Vail Veterans Program is unique. Begun 11 years ago, it concentrates on two specific features. First, to show the individuals that, despite the limitations of their injuries, they can still lead active, energetic lives. Many arrive discouraged and despondent, but find to their astonishment that new avenues of activity they never dreamed of are available to them. Second, the Vail Veterans Program approach makes a special effort to include and involve husbands, wives, kids, parents, and caregivers. What is sometimes missed is the understanding of just how much families benefit from being a part of it all, and how powerful the reassurance and encouragement is that comes from the collective spirit of family." FWSA Foundation has made grants to the Vail Veterans Program and the DREAM Adaptive Recreation. We need to continue our support of on-snow rehabilitation using adaptive techniques and our support to women's ski jumping. (WSJ has inaugurated its Fly Girls program to bring young girls up in the program, following their presence at Sochi). We have not made a grant for jumping yet this year. If you wish to add your support to the Foundation's four missions - scholarships, rehab, women's jumping and snowsport legacy - please send your contribution to John Reinhardt, 6105 SW Sheridan, Portland OR 97225 or if you are a paypal user, send your contribution to FWSFPresident@gmail.com.

Far West Convention News: Save the date: The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is delighted to host the 83rd Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the luxurious Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, California from June 4-7, 2015. Make plans to arrive early and stay late to take advantage of all that San Diego has to offer. Optional events on Thursday will feature a Historic Trolley Tour of San Diego, the Seal Tour on San Diego Bay, and a very special evening Sunset Dine Out on the USS Midway. Friday events include a golf tournament, kayaking, biking, and a trip to the San Diego Zoo. Make your room reservations now!! Call 1-800-772-8527 or book online at our FWSA room reservation site at <http://bit.ly/FWSA-lodging>. When calling for a room reservation, be sure to reference our group name – Far West Ski Association. Our special group rate offers a choice of accommodations in one of the high-rise towers, or a charming garden bungalow. Free Wi-Fi in guest rooms is included. For complete details about all the Salute to San Diego - Convention meetings, educational seminars and events, visit www.fwsa.org. The website for the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center is located at www.towncountry.com. For additional information, contact

Eileen Sanford, Host Council Convention Coordinator, at eileensanford12@gmail.com. FWSA industry partners can contact Debbi Kor, FWSA VP of Marketing and Sponsorships, at fwsadebbi@comcast.net.

Far West Charities & Community Service Recognition Program: FWSA encourages all clubs and councils to get involved with charities and community service. Changes were implemented for the 2014/15 Charity Recognition Program by creating two different levels of application for Clubs: There will be the Novice and the Masters award. Any club that has won first place in this wonderful recognition program in a past year will apply in the Masters category. All other clubs will be in the Novice category. The 2 separate levels will hopefully give all groups an added incentive to apply, and then to apply again. The first prize in each club category will be \$200 and for second place \$50. The Council award remains the same, with one category and with a \$100 recognition for first place. All prizes will be donated to the charity of the Clubs' and Council's choice. The top 2 clubs in each category and the winning Council will be invited to display a picture board at Convention. All groups that apply will be recognized at Convention. Information and applications can be obtained on the Far West website (www.fwsa.org) regarding this wonderful program, and how easy it is to apply for this recognition. For any Charity & Community Service questions, contact Sigrid Noack at sig4ski@earthlink.net.

From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARK CITY AND CANYONS RESORTS: Vail Resorts' planned upgrades to Park City Mountain Resort will cost over \$50 million to establish the connection between Park City Mountain Resort and Canyons Resort, creating the largest single ski area in the country with more than 7,300 acres of skiable terrain, subject to approval by both Summit County and the City of Park City. The \$50-million capital plan will include the Interconnect Gondola, an eight-passenger, high-speed two-way gondola from the base of the existing Silverlode Lift at Park City to the Flatiron Lift at Canyons. The gondola will have an unload at the top of Pine Cone Ridge to allow skiers the opportunity to ski into Thaynes Canyons at Park City via gated access or to the Iron Mountain area at Canyons through new trails that will be created from Pine Cone Ridge. The King Con Lift will be upgraded from a four-person to a six-person, high-speed detachable chairlift. Park City's Motherlode Lift will be upgraded from a fixed-grip triple to a four-person, high-speed detachable chairlift. There will be upgrades to Summit House Restaurant at Park City and Expansion of Red Pine Lodge Restaurant at Canyons and build a completely new Snow Hut restaurant at the base of the Silverlode Lift and next to the Park City terminal for the Interconnect Gondola. The

plan also includes almost \$5 million of "catch up" maintenance and upgrades at Park City. This "catch up" maintenance spending is in addition to the normal annual maintenance capital for the two resorts of \$5 million. For the 2015-2016 ski season, the company intends to operate the two resorts as one under the name "Park City Mountain Resort". The Canyons base area will be renamed "Canyons at Park City".

DEER VALLEY PROPOSING LIFT INTO THE TOWN OF PARK CITY: Deer Valley is talking with the Park City council to build a gondola to its slopes from Old Town Park City. The resort is also proposing to add an additional 800 to 1,000 skiable acres, served by at least seven new lifts. If they are successful, the lifts for Park City Mountain Resort and Deer Valley would be just a few blocks apart in downtown Park City. The resort is considering two options. One is to replace the Silver Lake Express high speed quad with a gondola from the Old Town transit center to a location at the top of the Lucky Bill ski run, then a second gondola would replace the Silver Lake Express lift. The other option is for a gondola between the Old Town transit center and Silver Lake Village.

VAIL'S EPICMIX IMPROVEMENTS: Vail Resorts announced that EpicMix™ Guide, the fifth generation of its award-winning, free, multi-channel app, will re-imagine how skiers and snowboarders can maximize their time on the mountain this winter, is now available for download for iPhone or Android operating systems. "With the app, skiers are able to input what kind of skiing they like to do, what kind of terrain they want to explore and how much time they have available, and the app provides a custom itinerary to help them navigate the mountain. Guests can download the EpicMix app from the iTunes Store or Google Play for the Android Market, then activate their free account via the app or at www.epicmix.com using their pass or lift ticket number. They then log into any one of the various EpicMix channels (app, mobile web, desktop) and answer a variety of questions including: desired resort, starting location at the resort, terrain difficulty desired, and length of time available. EpicMix Guide then automatically generates the optimal route for that guest on that day. The online version is perfect for those who want to plan their trip in advance, while the app is the best way to track real-time progress. The EpicMix Guide is like handing you 20 years of experience at that resort on your first visit there.

"FIRST DAY FACES" CONTEST FOR NEW SKIERS. A new campaign called "First Day Faces" debuted in December as part of the snow sports industry's efforts to attract new skiers and snowboarders. The social media campaign features the happy faces of "newcomers" who just took beginner lessons. Beginners have a chance to win a free ski trip to Utah by entering the First Day Faces promotion. Newcomers simply register and share their positive

experiences about learning how to ski or snowboarding via lessons with and a photograph taken on the slopes in their posts. One photo will be selected weekly and will be posted on the learntoskiandsnowboard.org web site. The campaign ends February 28, 2015, and the Utah trip winner will be announced immediately after that date.

SKI NATION MOBILE APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR IPHONE AND ANDROID. The new Ski Nation mobile app features updated snow conditions, trail reports, trail maps, photos, and resort information for more than 1,000 ski venues in North America, a list that's expected to grow as more "off-the-radar" areas are found. All ski venues are pre-loaded including downhill alpine areas, cross-country, and even ski jumps. The list includes major resorts, regional areas, local ski hills, and community facilities.

Skiers and snowboarders can also collect free digital pins to track a lifetime of all the places they've been, how many seasons on snow, gear preferences, skill, and more. "It's the modern version of old-school ski pin collecting," says Jack Turner. "Ski areas large and small have submitted unique designs that users can keep in an online pin collection. See <http://www.skination.com> for more information and to download the Ski Nation mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play.

POWDER ALLIANCE PARTNERS WITH SKI NATION MOBILE APP. The Powder Alliance (www.PowderAlliance.com) has selected Ski Nation® as the official mobile app for the coalition of 13 western ski resorts. The Powder Alliance areas include Crested Butte, CO; Snowbasin Resort, UT; Sierra-at-Tahoe, CA; Stevens Pass, WA; Timberline, OR; Schweitzer, ID; Angel Fire Resort, NM; Bridger Bowl, MT; China Peak, CA; Mountain High, CA; Arizona Snowbowl, AZ; Mt Hood Skibowl, OR; and Silver Star, BC. Ski Nation allows users to collect a digital ski pin from any place they ever skied in North America. Skiers and snowboarders who claim a pin from each of the 13 Powder Alliance resorts are automatically awarded a commemorative "Powder Alliance 13" ski pin for their on-snow history. It can be shared on Facebook, Twitter, and by email. The Powder Alliance is also conducting a contest to visit all 13 resorts during the 2014-15 ski season. Skiers and snowboarders that complete the entire circuit this winter will also be awarded an additional ski pin for the "Wild West Powder Quest." Each Powder Alliance resort visited counts as an entry to win a variety of prizes.

CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

ALL CLUB CALENDAR:

January 2015

23-25	Silver Mountain, ID (bus trip)	Desert S.C.
23-25	Ochoco Mountains (XC)	OR Nordic
24	Hope on the Slopes, Brundage Mtn, ID	
24-31	Sun Valley, ID (DH, XC, SS)	Cascade PT
26-29	Summit Meadows, Gov't Camp	OR Nordic
29-2/1	Mazama Country Inn (XC,SS,DH)	WIHSKI
29-2/2	Snowbird, UT (airline trip)	S'no Joke
30-2/1	Bluewood, WA (carpool trip)	Desert S.C.
30-2/1	Flying L Ranch, WA (XC)	OR Nordic
30-2/7	Steamboat, CO	Hawaii S.C.
31-2/7	Whistler/Blackcomb (FWSA Ski Wk)	FWSA /All Clubs

February 2015

1-5	Scottish Lakes Backcountry, WA	OR Nordic
1-7	Reno/Lake Tahoe, CA (airline trip)	Skihawks
1-8	Bogus Basin/Brundage, ID	Bergfreunde
5	Mission Ridge, WA (weekly bus)	Desert S.C.
6-8	Anthony Lakes, OR (bus trip)	Desert S.C.
6-8	Ochoco Mountains, OR (XC)	OR Nordic
6-8	Tilly Jane A-Frame Backcountry	OR Nordic
6-11	Lake Tahoe, CA (airline trip)	S'no Joke
6-16	Solden, Austria	S'no Joke
8-13	Methow Valley, WA (XC)	Cascade PT
8-13	Methow Valley, WA (XC)	OR Nordic
8-14	Kicking Horse/Revelstoke, Canada	SKIBACS
8-14	Breckenridge, CO (airline)	WIHSKI
9-13	Methow Valley, WA (XC)	Cascade PT
12	Mission Ridge, WA (weekly bus)	Desert S.C.
13-15	Crater Lake/Murder Mystery Trip	Bergfreunde
13-15	Mt. Bachelor, OR (bus trip)	Desert S.C.
13-16	Leavenworth, WA (car trip; DH/XC)	S'no Joke
13-16	Sunriver, OR Presidents Weekend	OR Nordic
13-17	Sunriver, OR Family Weekend Trip	OR Nordic
14-22	Yellowstone Nat'l Park Dream Trip	OR Nordic
15-20	Red Mountain, BC, Canada	Cascade PT
15-20	Revelstoke, BC (Heli Ski trip)	FWSA/All
19	Mission Ridge, WA (weekly bus)	Desert S.C.
20-22	Shelter Cove, OR (DH, XC, SS)	Altair
20-22	Mission Ridge/Stevens Pass WA	Desert S.C.
20-22	Ochoco Mountains (XC)	OR Nordic
21	Crab Feast, Lodge, Gov't Camp	Cascade S.C.
21	Hope on the Slopes, Mt. Spokane, WA	
21	King Winter Coronation/Govt	Skiyente S,C,
21-27	Lake Tahoe Sampler (25th)	Bergfreunde
22-27	Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT	Cascade PT
25-3/4	Steamboat, CO	S'no Joke
26	Mission Ridge, WA (weekly bus)	Desert S.C.
27-3/1	Crater Lake, OR (bus trip: XC)	OR Nordic
27-3/3	Big Sky, MT (airline trip)	Desert S.C.
27-3/7	Whitefish, MT (Amtrak)	Mt. High
28-3/1	Hope on the Slopes, Stevens Pass, WA	
28-3/1	Masters Mania, Mt. Hood Skibowl	Schnee/ Skiyente/Open

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MEMBERS AND LET THEM
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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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Wed., **January 21**, 6:00 P.M.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← **NOTE THERE IS A MEETING IN JANUARY**

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