



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR JUNE 2015

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*The next NWSCC meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015**, upstairs 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. Food and beverages on your own.*

*Meeting topics will include NWSCC and PACRAT **ELECTIONS**, Summer Activities, Summer Safety, Club Membership, Skiers' Directory.*

NWSCC is going back to quarterly meetings: September, December, March, and June. Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!

NWSCC OFFICER ELECTIONS - GET INVOLVED - WE REALLY NEED YOU!

NOTE: Our President, Steve Coxen, will be running for President of Far West Ski Association this June, and therefore will not run for President of NWSCC. Our secretary and treasurer have been serving for five years, and have announced they are ready for a change as well. We need YOU to step up and join the leadership of the Council – serving on the board of directors is a great way to get involved in club, council and Far West Ski Association activities. Ideally the board is made up of members from different clubs in the council—bringing a variety of style and experience to the Council. All officer positions are open for one-year terms. The following officers will be voted upon at the June 17, 2015 meeting:

President: Head of the Council Executive Board; represents NWSCC at Far West Ski Association board meetings and at National Ski Council Federation meetings.

Vice President: Assumes duties of the president when needed and handles other duties as assigned.

Treasurer: Handles Council financials. Experience with bookkeeping software necessary.

Secretary: Handles Council notes/minutes and correspondence as needed.

At-Large Director (two positions): Duties as assigned by the executive board. [Other directors will be appointed by the new Board to fill the slate.]

Time involved: Quarterly Council meetings; a monthly board meeting; other duties as assigned or as you volunteer to work on.

If interested, please contact Sylvia Kearns at VicePres@nwskiers.org for more information or to put your name on the ballot. We need your input and support, and want YOU to consider serving on the Board! **PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.**

TIMELY ALERTS:

NAME CHANGE: After more than 20 years, we are updating the name of the Northwest Skiers' Directory to reflect the diverse interests of our member clubs, and proudly announce the debut for 2015-2016 of the **NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS GUIDE!** We encourage commercial members to renew and sign up early to take advantage of the early bird discount! Contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net.

THE 2015-16 NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS GUIDE COVER PHOTO CONTEST IS OPEN UNTIL JULY 31, 2015! Send your entries to Leslie Baird at lesliemilnebaird@gmail.com. Photos should be in vertical format (look at the size of the past Directories and consider past covers - great scenery and personal interest are a must) and should be sent to Leslie in high resolution. The prize for the winner is a 10-time pass to Mt. Hood Meadows!

PACRAT elections will also be held at the June 17 meeting; the following are elected positions for the PACRAT Board, with the current candidates:

- President - (Andy Hobart, candidate)
- Vice President - (Geoff Mihalko, candidate)
- Secretary/Communications Director - (Sheri Parshall, Incumbent)
- Treasurer - (Colleen Stroeder, Incumbent)
- Race Director - (Bruce Parshall, Incumbent)
- Sponsorship Director - (Barb Presentin, incumbent; Meg Spillman Dodd, candidate)
- Party Director - (Sylvia Kearns, incumbent)
- Membership Director - (Amanda Moran, candidate)
- Results Director (Dale Parshall, Incumbent)

Also on the Board, but NOT elected, is the Immediate Past President (Greg Dilger). Appointed Positions are Director at Large - Chief Rat Patrol and Director at Large - General.

If you are interested in running for a PACRAT Board position for 2015, please contact Greg Dilger at gdilger2@yahoo.com or Andy Hobart (andyhobart@yahoo.com) A.S.A.P. so that they can get you on the ballot!! Job descriptions are available under By-Laws on the "About Us" page at the PACRAT website (www.pacrats.org). Please provide information on what position you would like to run for and why you are interested in doing so. He will be assembling the ballot. You will need to be at the meeting to say a few words about why you'd like to run and what you plan to do, or have someone else show up and speak on your behalf.

Who votes in PACRAT Elections?

PACRAT bylaws provide that each club is allocated a certain number of points. The clubs must decide on who gets to vote for the club. Usually it is the Team Captains, but in cases where there are more teams than votes available, only the number of votes designated for that club may be cast. ALL team captains CAN be there to caucus, but your club can only cast the proper number of votes.

- * Mountain High 4 votes
- * Skiyente 2 votes
- * Schnee Vogeli 1 vote
- * Bergfreunde 1 vote
- * Cascade 1 vote

FAR WEST CONVENTION 2015: The 83rd Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is being held in San Diego, California from June 4-7, 2015. Your club representatives who attend will be treated to a very good time and will come back with lots of good information to share with their clubs.

FWSA ELECTIONS! Elections will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention. Delegates will elect their

President, Secretary, and Treasurer to one-year terms and two Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, the following functional Vice Presidents will be elected for two-year terms: VP Council Services, VP North American Travel, and VP Public Affairs.

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions, please contact Harry Davis, Nominating Committee Chairman, at harrykaren@comcast.net. FWSA By-Laws, job descriptions, and the Operations Manual are linked to the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. Nominations for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of elections. Declared candidates at the date of this publication are:

- President - Steve Coxen (NWSCC) and Dennis Hefley (Bay Area Council)
- Secretary - Linda Foster
- Treasurer - William Shadbolt, Incumbent, and Randy Lew
- Trustees (2) - Jane Wyckoff, Incumbent, Gene Fulkerson
- VP Council Services - Jo Simpson, Incumbent
- VP North American Travel - Nancy Ellis, Incumbent
- VP Public Affairs - Joe Harvis

PACRAT NEWS:

PACRAT elections will be held at the Council meeting on June 17. The new board will be meeting to set race dates and policies for the upcoming year.



CLUB NEWS:

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** will be offering tours of the historic Steiner Cabins this summer - check out the Museum website for details: <http://www.mthoodmuseum.org>.

Skiyente Ski Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this coming year!

NWSCC clubs are into their summer activities now!

NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

The end of our ski season is here (except for Mt. Bachelor and Timberline here in the Pacific Northwest). It's time to mail in your used lift tickets (or copies of reusable passes) from at least 7 or more listed resorts to NWSCC to enter the Ski Challenge. You can include the form found on our website at www.nwskiers.org. The more areas you skied or rode, the greater the chances and 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.

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>

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.

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

The **2015 FWSA Scuba trip** will be to Bonaire, September 26-October 3, 2015! The land only "Dive Package" trip price of \$1,115 pp/do includes airport transfers from Bonaire International Airport; 7 nights' lodging at the Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire in a Junior Laguna Suite; all meals; all drinks including alcohol; use of paddle boards, kayaks & catamarans and frequent daytime activities; 6 days of 2-tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving; and MORE! Non-divers pay \$836 pp/do. You'll have time to explore and experience the local culture, or simply relax and enjoy the resort. Check out the Far West website at <http://fwsa.org/Travel/Dive/2015-FWSA-Bonaire/2015-FWSA-Bonaire-Dive.html>, or contact Randy Lew, your Trip Leader, at: fwsa13randy@telis.org. Limited group air is available on Delta Airlines RT from Los Angeles to Bonaire; estimated at \$725 per person.



Far West Ski Week 2016: Telluride Ski Resort is the location for the Far West Ski Week trip January 30-February 6, 2016. **\$100 deposits are now being accepted for this trip (fully refundable until June 30)!** NWSCC will have two very fine choices for lodging, both ski in/ski out: condos at Bear Creek Lodge, or hotel rooms at The Peaks Resort. The package price for the hotel will be \$1,430 pp/do; for 2 bedroom condos the price will be \$1,330 pp/do; and for either 3 or 4 bedroom condos the price will be \$1,200! These prices are for land only (no air or transfers), but include 7 nights' lodging, Welcome Party,

Pub Crawl, Council Night Dinner, Mountain Picnic (not accessible to non-skiers, due to location), Après Ski Party, Races, a Banquet with dancing, and 6 of 7 day Lift Ticket (no senior discount). For further information contact Barbara Bousum at Bbousum@gmail.com or 503-224-3584 OR Chris Ciardi at c2blondie@hotmail.com or 503-297-5351. See flier on the newsletter page. NWSCC has 44 spots, so be sure to sign up early!

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.

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:

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**.

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.

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

On the wild side: Longview Ski Club members participate in an annual event in Longview called "Squirrel Fest" which will be held August 15, 2015. The original premise was to create bridges across streets for squirrels to safely cross, and bridges are rebuilt or added each year - studded with peanuts to encourage the squirrels to cross. The event grew to include all kinds of family entertainment, including live bands. To quote the website: Each year is better than the last, growing in attendance, awareness, fun and even more shows from great local musicians, children's entertainers, and headliners that you'll just go NUTS about. Check out full details at <http://lvsquirrelfest.com/>

Excerpts from the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:
SNOWMASS TO REPLACE HIGH ALPINE LIFT WITH \$8 MILLION QUAD: Aspen Skiing Company will replace and realign the High Alpine lift on Snowmass. The estimated cost of this project is nearly \$8 million. The new High speed quad has a ride time of 5.6 minutes, down from an 11 minute ride on the old chairlift. Construction will begin this summer and the new lift and improvements will debut for the 2015-16 ski season.

JACKSON HOLE ADDING NEW HIGH SPEED QUAD LIFT: A new high speed quad lift is going up in Jackson Hole, Wyoming for the 2015-16 season, providing advanced and expert skiers access to an area called Granite which has so far been accessible only via hiking. The reason it's a topic of conversation now is because of how dramatically it will shift how people approach some of the best—and potentially dangerous—backcountry terrain in North America. When it starts spinning next year, the chair will deposit skiers less than a hundred feet away from the resort's northern boundary. This radical terrain—known as Granite Canyon—lies out of bounds within Grand Teton National Park. Current access is through a few different bootpacks and a series of backcountry gates at the resort.

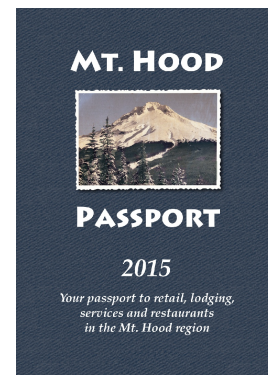
CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

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

MT. HOOD PASSPORTS - EXTENDED TIME TO USE AND TURN IN FOR PRIZES!

There is still time to buy the Mt. Hood Passport for the reduced price of \$5, 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. The coupons in the Passport will be valid through November 2015, and the deadline to turn in your stamped Passport to Barb Presentin or any board member of PACRAT/ NWSCC to be entered into a big drawing with prizes is extended to the December Council meeting. Contact Barb at: 503-267-9522 or email BP2Ski@gmail.com to get your Passport.



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THANK YOU TO OUR 2014-2015 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!

GOLD MEMBER:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER

(PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR

SILVER MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Resort, OR

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
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Mammoth Mountain, CA
Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
Resort at the Mountain, OR
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Stevens Pass Mountain Resort, WA
Sun Peaks Resort, BC, Canada
Sun Valley Resort, ID
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Whitewater Ski Resort, BC

SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA
Awesome Ales, OR
Grand Targhee Resort, WY
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, BC, Canada

**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.nwsikers.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., **June 17**, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Buffalo Gap Saloon

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

← **NOTE THERE IS A MEETING IN JUNE**

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