



# NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR MAY 2013

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*The next NWSCC meeting will be held June 19 at **Tubby's Deli** (3330 N.W. Yeon Avenue, Portland OR 97210), starting with a Happy Half Hour from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. **FREE FOOD!** Soft drinks and water are **FREE**, Beer and Wine can be purchased at the deli for \$3 per bottle of beer and \$4 per glass of wine. **NO BYOB.***

*Guest speakers may include Mission Ridge Ski Area, and will include recognition of this year's NWSCC Man and Woman of the Year and **ELECTIONS** for both NWSCC and PACRAT.*

*Further 2013 meetings will be held on August 21 (Appreciation of Club/Council Supporters), October 16 (Get Ready to Ski, Ski Fair, Ski Shows, Club Membership), and December 18 (Bib Pickup; PIE Auction, Safety, Learn to Ski). Meeting locations will vary, so watch for meeting notices!!*

## **TIMELY ALERTS - ELECTIONS IN JUNE:**

**NOW IS THE TIME to sign up for the 2013 FWSA Convention!** The lowest price for registration (\$149) expires on May 10 (though you can still register at an increased cost), and the specially priced rooms in the hotel block will be released on that date. See inside or <http://www.fwsa.org/Conventions/FW-2013Conv/FW-2013Conv.html> for complete information and to download registration forms. There is even a slide show available under the tab "About the Convention" if you don't know what it's all about and want to learn more. Reno is an easy and fun place to get to, and you could learn about how the convention goes in preparation for NWSCC hosting the 2014 Convention in Bend!

## **NWSCC OFFICER ELECTIONS - GET INVOLVED - WE NEED YOU!**

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 19, 2013 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

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

If interested, please contact Steve Coxen at [stevecoxen@yahoo.com](mailto:stevecoxen@yahoo.com) 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.**

**PACRAT elections will also be held at the June 19 meeting;** the following are Elected Positions for the PACRAT Board:

- \* President
- \* Vice President

- \* Secretary
- \* Treasurer
- \* Results/Timing
- \* Sponsorship/Awards
- \* Race Director
- \* Party Director
- \* Communications

Also on Board, but NOT elected, is the Immediate Past President. Appointed Positions are Chief Rat Patrol and Member at Large.

If you are interested in running for a PACRAT Board position for 2013, please contact Gordon Lusk at [rivergordy@gmail.com](mailto:rivergordy@gmail.com). 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?

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           5 votes
- \* Skiyente                   3 votes
- \* Schnee Vogeli           1 vote
- \* Bergfruede               1 vote
- \* MAC                        1 vote
- \* Cascade                  1 vote

#### THE NORTHWEST SKIERS' DIRECTORY COVER PHOTO CONTEST IS OPEN UNTIL JULY 31, 2013!

Send your entries to Leslie Baird at [lesliemilnebaird@gmail.com](mailto:lesliemilnebaird@gmail.com). Photos should be in vertical format (look at the size of the Directory and consider past covers) and should be sent to Leslie in high resolution. The prize has been a 10-time pass to Mt. Hood Meadows.

Sales are under way for the NWSCC commercial membership program for this year. If you have any great ideas about brand new businesses who should join with NWSCC as a commercial member and be published in the Directory, contact Barbara Bousum at 503-224-3584 or e-mail [CommMember@nwskiers.org](mailto:CommMember@nwskiers.org) ASAP! Our drop dead deadline is August 31! Special offer: if you refer a brand new commercial member who you have personally contacted and told about the program (not one currently in our database), and they sign up because of your contact, you may receive referral compensation.

**Club dues for the 2013-2014 membership year will be \$20. Forms will be coming out soon from our Membership Director.**

**Clubs are requested to submit new officer contact information to NWSCC. Your club must be a current paid member to be listed in the Directory. Clubs renewing for 2013-2014 should update their Northwest Skiers' Directory listing with Linda McGavin at [communications@nwskiers.org](mailto:communications@nwskiers.org) by August 15. Linda will also be asking about your club trips and events for next year for the All-Club Calendar - and photos are needed - we welcome your club's pictures so it truly is an all club publication!!**

#### GUEST SPEAKERS AT APRIL NWSCC MEETING:

*[Thanks to Barbara Bousum and Julie Rasmussen for providing this information in my absence!]*

Michelle Dubinski from **Hillcrest Sports** spoke about new products for our favorite sport. She talked about new, high-tech fabrics being used in base layers and outerwear, and goggles with interchangeable lenses. We all should be sure to tune our skis and boards and coat them with a layer of wax prior to summer storage. Skis should not be stored in basements or garages where temperatures fluctuate and moisture can erode metal edges. Be sure to head into Hillcrest for services on your gear and expert boot fitting, and to check out all the latest gear. Next year they will stock the Homeschool brand of clothing, which is made here in Portland. **Watch for special summer sales!**

The nominees for Man and Woman of the Year were Bruce Kuper and Chris Brooks of Mountain High, and Dale Parshall and Louise DuFresne, nominated by Skiyente. Dale and Louise are the winners and will represent our Council and compete for FWSA Man and Woman of the Year at the FWSA Convention in Reno in June. Congratulations! Thanks to all the nominees; they all do a lot for their clubs and Council!

Our recent Movie Night fundraiser featuring "Ready to Fly" turned a profit of \$606.85 to be donated to women's ski jumping. Thanks to FWSA for lending us the film. President Mary Olhausen suggested we should continue to strive to reach a \$1,000 goal for the donation.

NWSCC's annual **Ski Fair** will be held on November 18, 2013, at the Holiday Inn near Portland Airport. The **Seattle Ski Show** (now presented by Ski Dazzle) will be held **November 1-3, 2013**. The **Portland Ski Fever and Snowboard Show** will be held **November 15-17, 2013**.

**Safety topic:** May 12 is National Melanoma Monday, and we are urged to “be sun smart.” We were also all urged to all wear helmets for safety.

Barbara Bousum. Travel Director, reported on the completed Aspen/Snowmass Ski Week; next year’s Ski Week to Beaver Creek (deposits of \$100 are now being accepted); and her recent attendance at the Mountain Travel Symposium in Snowmass, CO, shopping for a Council trip to Utah or Tahoe next year. The Beaver Creek trip flyer was included in our most recent NWSCC newsletter and is available on our website.

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### **CLUB INFORMATION:**

**Bergfreunde** is moving to various meeting locations. The next meeting will be held at the Red Lion.

**Cascade Primetimers** has grown to 400 members and holds weekly activities.

**Longview** is taking the summer off. No meetings will be held.

**Mountain High’s** Annual Meeting and Spring Fling Party takes place on May 15; this annual elections event will be held at Gray Gables. A bowling party is planned for May 18 at the Milwaukie Elks’ Club.

**Schnee Vogeli** held its first “Thanks for Snow” celebration April 27, 2013 at Charlie’s in Government Camp.

**Skiyente** is planning a Spring Fling in Lincoln City; its annual dinner and installation will be held at Riverview in Troutdale.

The **Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum** has a summer fundraiser, **The Barlow Road Ride, August 17-18, 2013**. This is a two-day out-and-back century (100 mile) bike tour from the end of the Oregon Trail in Oregon City to Government Camp, with an optional trip up the West Leg Trail to Timberline Lodge. If you are a Cycle Oregon rider, then the BRR is the perfect training ride. However, there are lots of options for people who still want to participate, but who don’t want that long uphill course. There is something for everyone who likes to bicycle for fun and a good cause. The festival is open to all riders, visitors and community. The registration fee includes all the necessary ride support (food, energy drinks, food, toilets, more food, sag wagons, massage, mechanics and medical help). There is not only a great spaghetti dinner and beer garden at the Cascade Ski Lodge, but also live music, our professional massage team, discounted Ski Bowl Adventure Park rides, and tours of the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, among other community festival type booths and activities. See <http://www.barlowroadride.com> for details.

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### **PACRAT INFORMATION:**

The Rat Attack was held April 19, and the final results from the season are posted at [pacrats.org/racers.html](http://pacrats.org/racers.html). Bruce Kuper's 2013 PACRAT Awards Banquet Slide Show can be found here: <http://youtu.be/ZD8k0oZ37XU>

Dale Parshall’s commentary about the race season is as follows: “The weather gods didn’t want us to get in that last race, but our dedicated race crew and 111 die hard racers got it done. Way to go! So remembering that we count the best 4 out of 5 races for each racer, Ruttin’ Rats added 52 points to their Race 4 total to retake the lead and win the season’s top spot. Racy Brats were a comfortable 2nd, and Kiss My Wax held on to 3rd. The other big mover on the day was Frosted Flakes who added 53 points to their Race 4 total to jump from 21st to 12th, just out of the awards. King and Queen Rat are awards to racers who show the most consistent and greatest improvement over the course of the season. This year’s King Rat is Ted Stagnone (Tasmanian Ski Devils) who improved his handicap every race and showed an overall improvement of 72%. Queen Rat is Jill Parshall (Racy Brats) who showed improvement every race and had an overall improvement of 30%. For Race 5, Jay Pollock claimed the last fastest man on the hill title, making for three different fastest men for the year. On the ladies side, Colleen Walter claimed her fourth fastest woman on the hill title of the year. See the last page for the usual annual statistics and please note the correlation between participation and final team standings. Feel free to give the board suggestions to make things better. See you next year.”

Check the PACRAT website at [www.pacrats.org](http://www.pacrats.org) for all current information and lots of FUN stuff!

Need your racing fix this summer? PACRAT Vice Chairman Greg Dilger suggests that you might want to sign up for the **Summer Fun Nationals at Timberline July 19-21, 2013**! This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> annual summer race sanctioned by USSA. Greg says “This is a great race with GS on Saturday, a great party Saturday night and Slalom on Sunday. Great competition, but not overly difficult courses. Worth your time if you get a chance. ... We get racers from all over the country, even some from other countries. The race is open to all ages. We usually have 100 to 150 racers. One course for the “younger men” and a separate course for older men, women and children.” Check out the website at <http://www.summerfunnationals.com>. 2013-2014 USSA License or Temporary Registration is required and available through links to USSA on [www.SummerFunNationals.com](http://www.SummerFunNationals.com).

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## **NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:**

IT'S TIME to turn in your lift tickets or credit card receipts from your visits to a minimum of any 7 of the ski areas in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Western Canada, or Alaska to be eligible for a prize! The more ski areas you ski, the better your chances of a bigger prize! Tickets will be turned in to NWSCC at the end of the season; the winner is usually announced at Appreciation Night in the summer.

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## **NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:**

**Mt. Ashland needs YOUR help - financially this time.** Mt. Ashland received a ruling this summer allowing it to proceed with the construction of two ski lifts, new runs, and expanding the parking area, but first it needs to raise money to finance the improvements. As a nonprofit, a successful capital campaign is essential to the success of the project.

Mt. Ashland will celebrate its 50th anniversary during the 2013-14 ski season with improvements that will add 90 new parking spaces and make the ski area more user friendly for beginning skiers and snowboarders. This project will mark the first physical improvements to the ski area since 1987 when the Sonnet and Comer chairlifts were installed. With an estimated cost of \$250,000, the improvements will primarily be funded through donations to the ski area. As of April 1, 2013, the ski area has raised \$137,200 in private donations for this project. Your help is needed!

Donate: Click this link to make a donation:

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/mt-ashland-improvement-project/contributions/new>

Here is the link to the Mt Ashland campaign website:

[www.indiegogo.com/projects/mt-ashland-improvement-project](http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/mt-ashland-improvement-project)

## **US 26 MOUNT HOOD HIGHWAY SAFETY PROJECT**

The Oregon Department of Transportation is in the early stages of developing a project to improve safety on the Mt. Hood Highway (U.S. 26) just east of Rhododendron and west of Oregon Highway 35. Go to the online open house at [www.us26mthoodsafetyopenhouse.org](http://www.us26mthoodsafetyopenhouse.org). This interactive tool includes a series of stations where you can learn more about the project. At the end of the open house you will have opportunities to provide comments. **YOUR INPUT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!** Thank you for participating!!

Northwest Snowsports Advocates has its own Facebook page. Keep current on news about what is going on in the Pacific NW 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>.

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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.

**Mt. Bachelor** is still in the middle of its **Springtacular Season**, with activities and live music on the outdoor stage at West Village every weekend through Memorial Day! You can sign up for a two-day Shred Camp with US Ski Team National Champion and World Cup Racer Laurene Ross May 18-19; or participate in the US Bank Pole-Pedal-Paddle on May 18; enjoy The Great Skyliner Tailgate Competition or a Snow Golf Tournament on May 19; or celebrate the end of the 2012-2013 winter season on May 25-26 with a two-day BrewSki beer festival, the Sammy Carlson Invitational, and the North American Pond Skimming Championships! For details see Mt. Bachelor's website at [www.mtbachelor.com/winter/mountain/tickets/springtacular](http://www.mtbachelor.com/winter/mountain/tickets/springtacular).

**Mt. Hood Skibowl** has purchased the Malibu Raceway to add to its many offerings at its Mt. Hood Adventure Park, and hopes to have it operational by Memorial Day! For details about ALL its summer activities, see [www.skibowl.com/summer](http://www.skibowl.com/summer).

**Timberline** of course continues to offer skiing all summer long; check out its website for details on summer skiing: <http://www.timberlinelodge.com>.

Don't forget that your NWSCC membership card gets you no hassle **FLEET PRICING at Carr Subaru!** Contact Vijay Chitnis at [beavertonsubaru@gmail.com](mailto:beavertonsubaru@gmail.com). Watch for a potential future "Friends and Family" Special Sale at Carr Subaru!

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## **FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:**

**Far West Elections:** Elections of officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting & Convention June 6-9, 2013 at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada. Delegates will elect their President, Secretary and Treasurer for 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 of North American Travel, VP of Council Services, and VP of Public Affairs. If you are interested in running for any of the above positions, please

contact Linda Westlund, Nominating Committee Chairman, by email: [skierwesty@aol.com](mailto:skierwesty@aol.com). Nominations for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of elections.

**Delegate Registration is still open for the FWSA Convention hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council in Reno June 6-9, 2013, though the early bird price is going up!** All forms and flyers are available for downloading; please visit the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) with a link right on the home page.

There are special incentives to boost club attendance at this convention! **For every six club delegates who sign up for the full registration package, the club will get a rebate for one paid registration after the convention!!**

Convention Chairperson Jane Wyckoff has announced Special "passkey" reservation pricing is available at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino where the Convention will be held – \$79 for a Standard Room, or \$104 for a newly refurbished Summit Suites Grand II Room with a microwave and mini-fridge. You will want to book the upgraded rooms EARLY, as they are likely to sell out. Also new to Convention this year, the Grand Sierra has an adjacent RV Park and invites you to book with them at rates of \$35-\$45 per night. These special rates will not be available for long, as the RV park tends to fill up, so book early! See instructions for booking hotel rooms or RV spots on the attached fliers. For further information contact Jane Wyckoff at [janewyckoff1@cox.net](mailto:j anewyckoff1@cox.net) or 949-933-9607.

If you do not belong to a ski club, you are still welcome to attend the Convention. See the FWSA website for detailed registration information for direct members.

For additional information, contact Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chair, [janewyckoff1@cox.net](mailto:j anewyckoff1@cox.net), 949-933-9607; or Linda Indreboe, BAC Host Council Convention Coordinator, [bac.publicaffairs@skibac.org](mailto:bac.publicaffairs@skibac.org), 408-248-8426. Industry members please contact Mary Olhausen, [omary52@comcast.net](mailto:omary52@comcast.net), 503-880-7383.

June 27-30 is the **FWSA Summer Fun Adventure at Mammoth Mountain**. More details for the trip have been posted on the FWSA website at [www.fwsa.org/Travel/Adventure/2013-FWSA-Mammoth/2013-FWSA-Mammoth.html](http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Adventure/2013-FWSA-Mammoth/2013-FWSA-Mammoth.html). The cost of \$30 for children and \$50 for teens or adults (free for children age 5 or under) includes Friday breakfast, Friday evening campfire and snacks, and Saturday night BBQ with all the trimmings. Special rates are available for lodging and bike rentals; lots of outdoor activities are available (some fee, some free).

In October or November of 2013, FWSA is planning a Caribbean cruise. Details, along with dates and pricing, will be available on their website soon.

The 4th annual **FWSA Scuba Dive Trip** will be September 7 –14, 2013, to the wonderful island of Ambergris Caye in Belize, and includes seven nights lodging at Ramon's Village (double occupancy), 6 days of 2-tank boat dives, full breakfast daily, plus airport transfers. The cost is \$1,159 per person for divers and \$879 per person for non-divers, excluding airfare. Contact Randy Lew 530-304-0802 or [fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org).

**Far West Ski Week 2014 will be in Beaver Creek, Colorado.** The dates will be January 25 to February 1, 2014. We now have our lodging assignments, and the first flier is attached. The price is \$1,229 pp including 7 nights' lodging, a 5 out of 7 day lift pass, and the FWSA amenities package. A \$100 deposit will hold your place on this trip!

FWSA offers one USA 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, Debbi Stewart, by email [fwsaIntlTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaIntlTrvl@prodigy.net) or phone 559-734-9294.

**Far West International Ski Week 2014:** The RFP has been sent out to seven tour operator companies for FWSA's 2014 International Ski Trip to Zermatt, Switzerland with an extension to Spain and/or Portugal. The last time FWSA went to Zermatt was in 2004, and it's time to return. We are looking at March, 2014. The exact details will be provided once a bid decision has been made.

**Far West International Adventure Trip:** The RFP has been submitted for bids for an African Safari in the fall of 2014. This trip will be an experience of a lifetime, one you will not want to miss! Destination and details to come.

**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](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. Note Debbi Kor is constantly 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!** Starting in 2013, NWSCC meetings will be held bi-monthly (February, April, June, August, October, December); the location may vary, so check the NWSCC website or contact President Mary Olhausen at [President@nwskiers.org](mailto:President@nwskiers.org). Board meetings are usually held the 4th Wednesday; contact an officer if you have an item 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.

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President: Linda Scott, Gloria Raminha

Treasurer: Linda Coxen \*

Secretary: Wanda Ross \*

Trustee 1 – Jane Wyckoff \*

Trustee 2 – Steve Coxen \*

V.P. Council Services –

VP North American Travel: Nancy Ellis

V.P. Public Affairs: Mike Sanford

V.P. Communications – Jim Nachbar

\* Incumbent

**Get the Best Deal on 2014 Passes Now:** For decades, lift tickets and season pass pricing followed a very simple and crude method – raise the price every single year, whether demand was rising or falling. In recent years, there has been a paradigm shift in the ski industry to pre-sell discounted (sometimes heavily discounted) season passes and lift tickets a year ahead of time. Part of the reason is better marketing, while a larger part is savvy buyers who are used to getting better pricing through the internet within set timeframes.

With all of the new joint passes being offered, from Vail's Epic Pass to the Rocky Mountain Super Pass, to the Ski Salt Lake Super Pass, to the Mountain Collective, which is actually a bundle of 12 tickets good for 2 days at each partnered area, season pass offers can be found at some screaming-deal prices right now. Check online for your favorite area and get your 2014 pass now.

**Timberline Lodge Receives Honor:** Not only did Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood, Oregon, turn 75 years old this year, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has accepted them onto the list of Historic Hotels of America. Rich in history and architectural beauty, Timberline Lodge was built during the depression of the 1930's as part of the Works Progress Administration's "make-work program." The lodge received National Historic Landmark recognition in 1977. It attracts more than two million visitors annually. You can ski Timberline Ski Area 10 months a year, and their Palmer Glacier is the training ground for many Olympic and future Olympic skiers and riders each summer.

**FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION:** The American Taxpayer Relief Act extends the rules for charitable contributions from IRAs or Roth IRAs to December 31, 2013. Individuals over 70½ years of age may transfer funds directly to a charity from their IRAs without it being counted as income. The Far West Ski Foundation can receive your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) and if desired, direct it to one of the Foundation's funds, such as the Far West Athletic Scholarship, the Westlund Fund (rehab through snow sports), Women's Ski Jumping, or Snowsports History and Museums. Send your QCD to President, FWSF, Box 861, Fallbrook CA 92088, or to John Reinhardt, Treasurer, FWSF, 6105 SW Sheridan Street, Portland 97225.

The National Ski Council Federation also provides a host of benefits as well, so don't forget to check them out. The link can be found at the bottom of the Benefits page. The benefits are updated as we get new partners, so check in frequently to see what's new!

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### From the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

**HOW THE CHARLOTTE SKI CLUB IS ATTRACTING YOUNGER MEMBERS:** When Pat Harvey, VP of the Crescent Ski Council, told NSCN that the Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club in North Carolina has been very successful in attracting and adding younger members to our Club. We asked her to tell us how they did it. Here is her response:

Currently both our incoming and outgoing President are around 35 years old. The oldest of the other officers is 50! Most of the younger members are coming from our racing program (we had about 40 racers compete from our Club this year), through the social networking sites – particularly our Facebook page and Meetup – and our Club's website –

which is updated regularly and has a link to our Club's Facebook page.

One of the biggest attractions in getting the new younger members is that once a Club has a few, and they come to the Club's meetings, the younger guests at the meetings see that the Club isn't all an older group of people, they stay and get interested and in our Club's case have gotten involved. We highly recommend that all the Clubs have Facebook page (rather than a Facebook group which is harder to work and interact with). We've also set up a page for Crescent Ski Council in the southeast which is regularly updated with news from the resorts, the trips and other events offered by the Clubs in our Council. We "like" the other Clubs who are on Facebook and also to the resorts and this has become another tool to attract skiers and snowboarders to the Clubs in the Southeast.

**IT WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR THE SKI INDUSTRY:** The 2012-2013 ski season's turnaround was due to good snowfall in many parts of the country, according to information released by the National Ski Areas Association that said 78 percent of ski resorts across the country indicated they gained visits this season. The median was a 10.6 percent increase. The NSAA reported that skier and snowboard rider visits were up about 11 percent this season to an estimated 56.6 million although the national trade association's final report won't be released until July.

**NEW LIFTS FOR SKI RESORTS:**

**Alyeska Resort** is replacing their Chair 6 with a new high-speed detachable quad. The current Chair 6 provides primary lift access to the upper mountain trails at Alyeska Resort and was originally installed in 1988.

**Whistler** is replacing Harmony Mountain's high-speed quad with a new six-pack, Harmony 6, which will service terrain from the edge of the Symphony Amphitheater all the way to Glacier Bowl, adjacent to the Peak Express.

**Blackcomb Mountain** will replace its current fixed-grip triple chair with a new quad in the Crystal Zone. Construction begins this spring with completion expected in time for the beginning of the 2013-14 season.

**June Mountain** is set to reopen December, 2013 after being closed for a year. The resort will continue to target families and entry-level skiers and snowboarders, with tentative plans for lift and snowmaking upgrades down the road. Mammoth Mountain, which owns June, will invest \$6 million in a new chairlift for June once the necessary permits are acquired.

To subscribe to the National Ski Club News, go to <http://marquimail.marqui.com/marqui/Subscribe.aspx?m=4704>.

**NOTICE: CREDIT CARD POLICY!!**  
***NWSCC will now accept credit cards for all events and trips, but a 3% charge will be added to all credit card transactions to cover our costs. This will include debit cards run as credit. Credit cards will be accepted for all events, trips, club member dues, commercial member dues, clothing, and Ski Fair Silent Auction***

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

**ALL CLUB CALENDAR:**

**May 2013**

4	Wine Tour (Bus)	Desert Ski Club
18	MBSEF/US Bank Pole Pedal Paddle, Mt. Bachelor, OR	Open to All

**June 2013**

6-9	FWSA Convention, Reno, NV	FWSA/All Clubs
19	NWSCC Meeting, Elections, Tubby's Deli, Portland	Open to All
27-30	Mammoth Family Trip	FWSA/Open

**August 2013**

24-9/6	Bike & Barge Amsterdam-Antwerp-Bruges	Cascade PT/Open
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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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#### PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, OR

#### GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR  
Timberline Lodge, OR

#### BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER

(PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Mountain Shop, Portland, OR

#### SILVER MEMBERS:

Amtrak  
Carr Subaru, Portland, OR  
Mt. Hood Skibowl, OR  
Sun Valley Resort, ID

#### 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  
Grand Targhee Resort, WY  
Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR  
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR  
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Mt. Hood Vacation Rentals, OR  
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#### SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

49 Degrees North Ski Area, WA  
Mammoth Mountain, CA  
Pacific NW Ski Areas Association  
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies, BC, Can  
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Sunriver Resort, OR

**A BIG WELCOME TO THIS  
YEAR'S COMMERCIAL  
MEMBERS!!**  
**PLEASE PATRONIZE AND  
SUPPORT THESE COMMERCIAL  
MEMBERS AND LET THEM  
KNOW YOU'RE WITH NWSCC!!**

#### NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check [www.nwskiers.org](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., **JUNE 19**, 6:00 P.M.

LOCATION: LOCATION Tubby's Deli  
3330 N.W. Yeon Avenue  
Portland, OR 97210

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

← **NOTE THERE IS NOT A MEETING THIS MONTH!**

Far West Ski Association Safety Slogan:

**SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES!**

**First With Safety Awareness!**

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