



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

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The next General Meeting is a combination NWSCC/PACRAT meeting, and will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, upstairs at the Buffalo Gap Saloon, 6835 SW Macadam Avenue, Portland, OR 97219, starting with a meet and greet from 6:00-6:30 pm, followed by the meeting. Pizza will be provided; beverages on your own.

Dave Tragethon of Mt. Hood Meadows will be our main guest speaker. PACRAT bibs will be passed out to team captains. Come learn the latest about what NWSCC is doing!

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

TIMELY ALERTS:

There are a few spots that have opened up on the FWSA Telluride trip - contact the trip leaders promptly if you are interested! See inside.

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE:

I am 6 months into my duties as President of the NWSCC. It has been a huge learning curve and I am so grateful to have such a strong board supporting me. My goal this year is to "Give Back" to our clubs. General Meeting attendance is important as it's a big opportunity for our Industry Partners to speak directly to the club leaders. A season pass was the grand door prize at the October meeting. Congratulations Bob Lawrence for winning and selecting Mt. Hood Meadows as his resort of choice. Another major prize will be donated at the December meeting. This time it will be a surprise. I hope to see you then!!

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS GUIDE/WEBSITE:

Our annual publication the Northwest Snowsports Guide is

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

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

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 In the meantime, we apologize for outdated information on our current website.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

SUE'S SAFETY REPORT:

Vice President Sue Rimkeit has been busy trying to keep up with the newest in safety for skiers and snowboarders. As a result NWSCC has developed a "Whistle Program." To support the use of carrying a whistle on your coat or in your pocket, the council has ordered a supply. Please look for your whistle at Council events, and know that with this small item you could signal for help when out of visible sight when you are in trouble - no matter what sport you are participating in outdoors.

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.

PACRAT NEWS:

PACRAT has now announced its final race dates for the 2016 race season:

Race #1: January 10 - Skibowl

Race #2: January 24 - Meadows

Race #3: February 21 - Skibowl



Race #4: February 28 - Meadows

Race #5: March 20 - Timberline

Make-up Race Date: April 3 - Timberline

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

NASTAR Open #1: January 3 - Skibowl

NASTAR Open #2: March 13 - Skibowl

Registration materials are available on the PACRAT web site. Don't forget--the deadline is December 1st!

www.pacrats.org

RECAP OF OCTOBER 21 NWSCC MEETING:

Our October meeting was held at Hillcrest Ski Shop in Gresham, thanks to our Black Diamond Commercial Member and PACRAT Bib Sponsor, Dexter Hill. Special guests included Michael Hayes, Sales Manager from Brundage Mountain Resort, and Chris Santella, author of *Fifty Places to Ski and Snowboard Before You Die*.

Michael Hayes told us about new things happening at **Brundage Mountain Resort**. They are especially proud that readers of Ski Magazine voted Brundage onto three "Top Ten" lists of the best 50 ski resorts in various categories. Brundage Mountain was ranked #9 in the West for Families, #10 for Value, and #10 for Snow.



Brundage has about 1500 acres of skiing, with 1 high speed quad lift and 4 fixed grip triple lifts. There is a nice mix of runs, with 20% beginner, 50% intermediate, and 30% advanced. The lifts open at 9:30 (for those who like to sleep in), and run until 4:30 daily during the main season. Lift tickets are a highly affordable \$62 (only \$52 if you show your NWSCC/FWSA membership card at the window), and are only \$50 apiece for groups of 10-20 or \$46 apiece for groups of 21 or more (less for seniors).

Brundage is getting into partnerships with "sister" resorts where their passholders can ski free for 3 days at the other resorts - the group currently includes Mission Ridge in Washington, Grand Targhee in Wyoming, and Brianhead in Utah.

The lodge has been remodeled over the years, and this year there is a new lower level and a snow free plaza with a fire pit. While Brundage has no on-site lodging, it is located only 8 miles from McCall, Idaho, which has a population of about 2900 people, but offers 3000 hotel beds for visitors, as well as over 1000 homes available for rent. McCall is located right on the edge of Payette Lake,

and has a variety of restaurants and three breweries.

Brundage also offers guided snow cat skiing on over 18,900 acres in the beautiful backcountry of the Payette National Forest - the third largest cat skiing operation in North America! They run two snowcats, and a full day of cat skiing with lunch is only \$279 plus tax - OR, if you have 9 other friends, you can rent an entire cat for a day for \$1900 plus tax!

Michael Hayes and his staff offer full service to groups: they are able to book lodging as well as arranging for lift tickets; contact him at michael@brundage.com, call his office at 208-634-4151 ext. 142; or cell 360-620-7100. Brundage's website is www.brundage.com. Michael donated a 3-day "Select Card" for skiing any 3 days at Brundage this coming season; Susan Anderson was the lucky winner!



Randy Lew from Far West Ski Association made a presentation of the 2015 Bill Berry Featured Article Award to Chris Santella, author of *Fifty Places to Ski and Snowboard Before You Die: Downhill Experts Share the*

World's Greatest Destinations. Chris said he has written about 18 "Fifty Places" books, and for this book he talked to many ski "greats" who provided him with their input and photos (including our own Fred Noble, who we lost to ALS last year).

Dexter Hill was thanked for allowing us to have our meeting at his shop. He has been working in ski shops his whole life, starting at Darr's Mountain Shop in Government Camp. He has owned



Hillcrest Ski and Sports for about 30 years. Hillcrest has sports equipment and clothing for year round adventures; specializes in boot fitting and custom insoles for snow sports; has great tuning and repair facilities; and offers season rentals at affordable rates for families. Hillcrest is located at 2506 SE Burnside Road, Gresham, OR 97080; telephone 503-665-4455; website www.hillcrestsports.com.

Debbi Kor, in her 14th year as VP of Marketing for Far West Ski Association, said that member benefits (for every member of every club by showing the membership card) are being updated on the FWSA website (<http://www.fwsa.org/MemberCorner/benefits.html>). These benefits include lodging partners, ski shops, discounts on rentals and purchases, transportation companies (for when you fly in), and even sailing trips in the Bay Area through Nautica Adventure Club! Show your card and get your

benefits!

The big draw of the night (literally) was a grand door prize: a seasons pass to one of the Mt. Hood ski areas! The winner, drawn by McKenzie Walker, was



Bob Lawrence, who is a member of Mountain High Snowsport Club and Schnee Vogeli Ski Club, on the PACRAT board, and the webmaster for the PACRAT website. Congratulations, Bob!

Club reports given at the meeting are reported under Club News below.

SKI FAIR RECAP:

NWSCC's annual Ski Fair was held November 9, 2015, at the Conference Center at the Holiday Inn Airport, Portland. We had booths from ski areas (Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, Mt. Hood Skibowl, Mt. Bachelor, Brundage, Whitefish, Schweitzer, Sun Valley, Big White, and Silver Star), NWSCC commercial members (Hillcrest Ski and Sports, Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, TownePlace Suites Bend, ReRack, and Deviation Skis - made right here in Gresham!), other snowsport related companies (The Riverhouse, DoubleTree by Hilton Bend, The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, Life Flight, Advantage Orthopedics (which auctioned a GoPro!), and GoalZero (with solar charging products), and Mt. Hood Territory. Our clubs were represented by Bergfreunde, Cascade Prime Timers, Cascade Ski Club, Mountain High, Schnee Vogeli, and Skiyente; charitable associate members present were Chill Foundation, Hope on the Slopes, Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, Oregon Adaptive Sports (from Bend), Oregon Cancer Ski Out, and SOS Outreach. PACRAT had a booth to promote ski racing, Shred Hood had a booth, and we were honored to have a booth from our new partners, Columbia Sportswear and Mountain Hardwear, who will occasionally have special coupons for NWSCC club members (Watch for them!!). Now that's a LOT of information in one place. Columbia and Mountain Hardwear both had drawings for their products, and also offered 20% off coupons to attendees.

Our silent auction included items from all the vendors present, with ski trips, lift tickets, lodging, and even skis, as well as many other items. The brown bags had a lot of fun stuff for people to win!

A special presentation was made during the evening: the Far West Foundation, a charitable foundation which handles the athletic scholarships through FWFA, had a special donation to Oregon Adaptive Sports, which was accepted by Cara Frank, OAS Office Coordinator of Oregon Adaptive Sports. The mission of OAS is to provide life-changing recreation experiences to individuals with disabilities and to provide their families with the education and skills to enjoy these experiences together. Among its many activities, OAS has provided the sleds and handlers at the Ski to Defeat ALS event to give ALS patients their first ever ride down a ski hill - and the smiles lit up the mountain!



This event only happens once a year, and really should not be missed! Watch for next year's Ski Fair right after the Portland ski show!

CLUB NEWS:

Cascade Prime Timers has been kayaking and has two hiking groups weekly, in town and on the mountain. They will have trips this year to Methow Valley (cross country), Big Sky, and Sun Valley.

Mountain High Snowsport Club had a highway cleanup, a Kickoff Party November 12, and has planned three trips and its annual Chocolate Party. The club has a January bus trip to Silver Star and Sun Peaks in Canada which has members of other clubs attending; a "Ski Something New" bus trip to Montana in February which will go to Montana Snowbowl, Discovery Mountain, and Lost Trail Powder Mountain; and a bus trip to Crystal Mountain March 20-22.

The **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** members are going through classes and training, including chairlift evacuation and outdoor emergencies. Tryouts for the Patrol are held in the spring.

Schnee Vogeli announced their annual Pray for Snow Dance was to be held November 14 at Charlie's Mountain View, with the band "Cadillacs for Everyone." They also offered race training in Sun Valley November 21-25 for \$170/day including lodging, breakfast, dinner, lift tickets, and coaching! This too may be an annual event; watch for next year. Another annual event, the "Season Ender Bender," will be held towards the end of April.

Skiyente Ski Club will be celebrating its 60th anniversary with a series of events this coming year! It has scheduled its

Friends and Family trip to Big White February 12-16, 2016. The cost of \$415 includes 4 nights of lodging, 4 days lift tickets, and 2 après parties. Skiyente is taking nominations for its annual King Winter - nominees considered are people (of either sex) who have contributed significantly to winter sports and the mountain community. Their annual holiday raffle will be held in December; get tickets from your favorite Skiyente.

Spotlight on Charitable Associate Member: SkiDUCK (Skiing and snowboarding for Disadvantaged and Underprivileged Children and older Kids) is a volunteer based non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of disadvantaged and financially underprivileged youth by teaching and sharing the joys of skiing and snowboarding. Each season SkiDUCK provides over 1,000 youth with nearly 2,000 FREE days of skiing and snowboarding; including free lift tickets, rentals and lessons! We're committed to partnering with local organizations with similar goals of serving underprivileged youth. If your community or organization is interested in partnering with SkiDUCK to establish a program to introduce disadvantaged youth to the slopes, give us a QUACK! The local SkiDUCK chapter is based in Redmond, Washington. Contact Executive Director Clint Lunde at 775-287-6464 or clintlunde@hotmail.com.

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

NORTHWEST SKI CHALLENGE:

We're getting ready for NEXT year's Challenge! Think about traveling to visit more ski areas this coming year, and if you ski/ride seven or more, including any in Oregon or Washington, or as listed in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, and British Columbia (see page 29 of the Northwest Snowsports Guide), save your lift tickets or receipts to send in to NWSCC at the end of the 2015-2016

season! The more areas you skied or rode, the greater the chances and the level of prizes. The winners in the drawing will be announced in the fall of 2016; the grand prize will be awarded to the skier or boarder who visited the most ski areas during the season.

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>

FWSA NEWS AND TRIPS:

Far West Ski Week 2016: Telluride Ski Resort is the location for the Far West Ski Week trip January 30-February 6, 2016. While the trip is currently full, NWSCC occasionally has some spots available if someone has to cancel. 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.



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

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

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

Far West Mini Ski Week 2017: Nancy Greene's Cahilty Lodge at Sun Peaks Resort is our destination for the 2017 Mini Ski Week. Sun Peaks Resort is located in Southern British Columbia, 40 minutes from Kamloops, and serviced by airports in Kamloops, Kelowna, and Vancouver, British Columbia. Cahilty Lodge is located in the heart of the village, just steps from the ski hill. Watch for more information on this fun trip on the FWSA website.

FWSA offers one USA ski week, one mini US ski week, one European ski week (usually with pre and post-trip extensions), and a number of "adventure" trips. For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the FWSA VP of International Travel, Debbie Stewart, by email fwsalntITrvl@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.

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 Sylvia Kearns 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

Excerpts from the FAR WEST SKI NEWS:

U.S. Ski And Snowboard Hall of Fame: Seven people have been selected for the Hall of Fame - Class of 2015. A reception to announce the newest group of Honored Members was held at the Limelight Hotel in Aspen on October 23rd. Those who will be inducted in the coming year are: freestyle skiing world champions Genia Fuller and Bob Salerno; longtime ski industry leader David Ingemie, veteran magazine publisher Henry Kaiser; Olympic snowboarding medalist Chris Klug; adaptive skiing innovator Jim Martinson, and the late Edgar Stern who developed Deer Valley Resort. Their induction will take place in Aspen, Colorado April 9, 2016. A special enshrinement ceremony weekend for them will be in Ishpeming the following September.

Silver Star Partners With Whistler Blackcomb: Silver Star My1Pass season pass-holders are receiving an unexpected and welcome perk with a recently announced partnership between Silver Star Mountain Resort and Whistler Blackcomb. The new benefit gets Silver Star 2015-16 alpine season pass-holders a 25 percent discount on single-day and multi-day tickets at Whistler Blackcomb with no blackout dates. Silver Star's season passholders also receive access to 39 free ski days at Powder Alliance member resorts, a collection of 14 ski resorts across North America. Silver Star was the first Canadian resort to achieve membership in the Powder Alliance. New for this season, Whitewater, in Nelson, B.C. joined the Alliance.

Battle of the Drones Heats Up On The Slopes: As the use of recreational drones to film video is rapidly increasing in popularity, ski resorts and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) are scrambling to determine how to deal with this rapidly emerging new technology on the slopes. The FAA was supposed to release its final draft of new regulations regarding personal drone use by October 1, but missed that deadline, pushing the date back to late spring 2016 - after the upcoming ski season ends at most resorts. Fearing impacts with other skiers, lifts or other infrastructure, the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) has drafted its own set of rules banning the flying of personal and commercial aerial drones at ski areas. Ski resort operators fear that without taking preemptive action, aerial video drones could one day become as ubiquitous on the slopes as GoPro POV cameras are today. Violation of the NSAA rules could result in drone confiscation and/or loss of skiing privileges, and in some areas potentially regulatory fines as well. At the same time, the NSAA is urging the FAA to allow resorts to fly their own

commercial drones to assist in lift inspections, search and rescue operations and avalanche mitigation. Some resorts have struck out on their own and already issued their own drone bans. Among them is Crested Butte Mountain Resort, which has already published its written drone policy: "Out of safety concerns for guests, employees, and resort property, Crested Butte Mountain Resort prohibits the operation of unmanned aerial systems, or aerial drones, by the general public, including recreational users and hobbyists, without prior written authorization from the Resort. Commercial videographers who wish to film on U.S. Forest Service land will need to obtain a special permit and pay a fee to the Forest Service prior to filming, whether they use unmanned aerial vehicles or not.

What's New In Idaho This Season: Idaho is home to 18 ski areas offering everything from world-class resorts with beautifully groomed runs and glades of feather-light powder for all skiing and boarding abilities, to small community ski areas for riding on a budget. Collectively, with more than 28,000 leg-burning vertical feet, 20,000 skiable acres and a wide array of Nordic trails, terrain parks, cat ski operations, heli-ski opportunities and tubing hills, Idaho has become a hub for skiers and boarders seeking blue skies, fresh powder and few crowds. Come check out this little corner of the world. You won't be sorry.

Colorado Ski Resorts More Accessible Than Ever: Denver International Airport, the largest airport in the U.S. and one of the busiest in the world, has just increased its connections to more major hub airports. New service and expanded service will carry winter enthusiasts to all of their favorite resorts in record time. New service from Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas, as well as expanded service on existing routes from Chicago, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Newark, Phoenix, Seattle and Washington, D.C. will bring domestic and international guests into the heart of Colorado ski country more conveniently than ever. With Denver being one of the few U.S. airports to host non-stop flights from Europe and Asia, the accessibility for skiers and snowboarders around the world is phenomenal.

Toll Roads for Colorado: The Colorado Department of Transportation has announced that this winter there will be a variable toll lane in operation along a key 13-mile stretch of eastbound I-70. The purpose will be to lessen snarled traffic on busy ski weekends. Toll prices will vary, depending on time of day and congestion levels, and are expected to run from \$3 at initial opening when traffic starts building (usually between 7:30 am and 10 am), to encourage toll lane usage, and up to \$30 during peak periods. Current pricing will be displayed at the beginning of the toll lane and online at www.cotrip.org. Tolls will be paid via an ExpressToll transponder. For those without a

transponder, they will be billed a higher rate as license plate numbers are captured.

Big White Opens New Day Lodge: Big White's new Black Forest Lodge is scheduled to open this December, and will operate daily from 7:30 am to 4 pm. The lodge will feature a quick-service menu including specialty sandwiches, house-made soups and fresh baked pastries, with seating for 150, just steps away from the Black Forest chairlift. Local craft beers or glasses of Okanagan wines will be served. A modern, sophisticated space will feature floor-to-ceiling windows for breathtaking, panoramic views of the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges.

Brundage Mountain Earns "Top Ten" Awards: Kudos to Brundage Mountain ! Their tag line, "Best Snow in Idaho," has been proven. Readers of Ski Magazine voted Brundage onto three "Top Ten" lists in this year's readers survey, ranking it #9 in the west for Families, #10 for Value and #10 for Snow. The crew at Brundage Mountain is very proud of their awards. Being a smaller mountain than the others on the list, they have gotten noticed without having the hoards of visitors some of the other finalists see. If you haven't been there, go check them out....for the value, for the families, for the snow.

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

We continue to review the direction and impacts of the Foundation, searching for better ways to achieve and surpass our goals. We depend on you, fellow believers in the

worth and future of snowsport, to help sustain the Far West Ski Foundation and its missions - Alpine ski racing, adaptive snowsports, the development of women's ski jumping, and preservation of the legacy of snowsport. Please take some time to think about contributing to the Far West Ski Foundation before the end of the year. This would be your personal testament in addition to any commitments from your organization. It's easy to do. You can use your PayPal on the website farwestskifoundation.org; or you can use your PayPal and just send the contribution to FWSFPresident@gmail.com or FWSF.Treasurer@gmail.com; or you can send a check to John Reinhardt, FWSF Treasurer, 6105 SW Sheridan St, Portland, OR 97225. Make check payable to FWSF. Your contribution can be either unrestricted or designated for one of the Foundation's missions. John Watson, President, Far West Ski Foundation, says "Let me make this challenge: I will match the first contribution of \$500 by an individual made on or before December 6, 2015. Who is willing to take John up on that challenge?"

Excerpts from the NATIONAL SKI CLUB NEWS:

Sunshine Village Gets Canada's First Heated Chairlift:

The Banff area's Sunshine Village is building the first heated lift in Canada, complete with footrests and bubble covers. It's called the TeePee Town LX and will open this November!

B.C.'S Mount Washington Ski Resort Sold: Vancouver Island's Mount Washington Ski Resort has announced its sale to Pacific Group Resorts, Inc., which already owns three ski resorts along the U.S. East Coast: Ragged Mountain, NH; Wisp, MD; and Wintergreen, VA.

New Lifts at U.S. Resorts:

Utah's **Solitude Mountain Resort**, now owned by Deer Valley, has upgraded the Summit chair to an express quad, creating a faster route to the expert terrain of Honeycomb Canyon.

Stratton, Vermont is adding \$8.5 million in upgrades to its base lodge. The now-23,000 square-foot facility houses an upscale cafeteria-style restaurant that will serve up to 400 guests within its two-story design. Called the Summit, it is the highest year-round, lift-served guest facility in North America. The second level of The Summit and adjacent outdoor decks are available for private functions, group meetings, etc.

Sugarbush, Vermont, has upgraded the Valley House double chair to a quad with a loading conveyor belt which will double uphill capacity.

Vail Resort is swapping out the frontside Avanti Express, which was a quad, with a high-speed six-pack with a loading conveyor belt in the hopes of dispersing skiers more quickly from the Lionshead.

Purgatory, in Colorado, has a new high-speed quad chairlift and three new runs just west of the new lift.

Europe and Canada "On Sale"? As of late October, the Swiss Franc was 98¢ to the U.S. dollar and the Euro was 91¢ to the dollar (down from an average of \$1.33 in 2014) and the Canadian dollar was worth about 76¢ U.S. (down from 91¢ average in 2014). That's great for U.S. ski clubs that want to ski outside the U.S., as ski trips to Europe and Canada are basically "on sale." See the average annual exchange rates for the past 20 years at <http://www.usforex.com/forex-tools/historical-rate-tools/years-average-rates>.

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

CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION!!

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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NEW!! A BIG WELCOME TO OUR 2015-2016 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS!!

GOLD MEMBER:

Mt. Hood Meadows Resort, OR

BLACK DIAMOND MEMBER

(PACRAT BIB SPONSOR):

Hillcrest Ski & Board Shop, Gresham, OR

SILVER MEMBERS:

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

BRONZE MEMBERS:

Aspen/Snowmass Ski Resorts, CO
Big White Mountain Resort, BC, Canada
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID
Cooper Spur Mountain Resort, OR
Deviation USA / Skis & Snowboards, Gresham, OR
Discover Sunriver Vacation Rentals, OR
Huckleberry Inn, Gov't Camp, OR
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Mt. Bachelor Resort, OR
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Stevens Pass Mountain Resort, WA
Sun Peaks Resort, BC, Canada
Sun Valley Resort, ID
Towne Place Suites & Fairfield Inn & Suites, Bend, OR
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Whitewater Ski Resort, BC

SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

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

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

NWSCC MEMBER CLUBS - NWSCC REPRESENTATIVES

Please check www.nwskiers.org 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., **December 16**, 6:00 P.M.

**LOCATION: Buffalo Gap Saloon
6835 SW Macadam Ave
Portland, OR 97219**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

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

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