



NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR OCTOBER 2006

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**Join us on October 18 for
"Club Officers' Night." Guest
speaker: Chris Elder, Resorts of the
Canadian Rockies (Fernie and Kimberley)**

FREE FOOD AND BEVERAGES!!!

**Lucky Labrador Public House, 7675 SW
Capitol Highway, Portland, 503-244-2537**

SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

I'm hearing of snow storms on the nightly news!! I'm sure they are headed our way. Time to beef up the exercise program - get those legs in shape. Come on out to SKI FAIR on November 6th at the Monarch Hotel and meet our commercial members, bid on ski packages in the silent auction, purchase discount ski passes (Meadows 10-Time Pass for \$295) and special 5-day passes for Mt. Bachelor, and find out about clubs in the Portland metro area. If you have goods or services to donate for the raffle/silent auction, please contact me.

October 18th is our regular Council meeting. We'll meet at Lucky Lab in Multnomah. Resorts of the Canadian Rockies will be our special guest and we encourage club officers to come get acquainted and share information.

We lost our dear friend, Michael German (FWSA), this past week, after his year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Michael had been quite an inspiration and mentor to me as I took on leadership of the Council. See you at the Warren Miller movie, Portland Ski Show, SKI FAIR, and Seattle Ski Show!!

Mary Olhausen, President

2006 SKI FAIR - November 6, 2006, Monarch Hotel,
12566 SE 93rd Avenue, Clackamas, OR (I-205 & Sunnyside
Road, Exit 14, West Side of 205). See flier attached!

Take advantage of this early opportunity to visit with snowsport industry reps, see new fashions, and visit other club members. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Admission is FREE and this event is open to the public—so invite all your co-workers, friends & neighbors. The show highlights ski/snowboard resorts, retailers and clubs. Also a fashion show, safety programs, racing programs, and helmet sales. No host beverages available. The **SILENT AUCTION** will offer some awesome ski trips and equipment. For more information, please call 360-892-1814, omary52@comcast.net.

DONATE - DONATE -

At SKI FAIR, we're having a **Silent Auction and Raffle** to benefit the many programs who receive NWSCC's support, including the new Mt. Hood Museum, Northwest Snowsport Foundation, Special Olympics, and many others. Any item you are willing to donate for this exciting and fun event will be appreciated! Items should be new—suggestions range from ski equipment/clothing; lift tickets; services such as restaurants/catering, sports, car repair, entertainment—just about anything you can think of!! In return for your support, you will be listed in our program with telephone numbers and/or web site information (if you wish), and we'll also display any promotional literature that you provide.

If you are interested in booth space, volunteering for this fun kick-off event, or donating items, please contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net (360-892-1814).

GUEST SPEAKERS, SEPTEMBER MEETING:

Mt. Bachelor: Bob Bourquard came over from Mt. Bachelor to tell us the latest. The first thing that people will notice is that the aging Pine Marten chair has been replaced! The second is that you no longer have to fumble with putting your lift ticket into the slots - all passes will be

on a radio frequency that can tell whether or not you have paid for your skiing that day! Passholders can hold their old passes for renewal and they can be updated automatically, or the type of pass can be changed. A new winch cat will be grooming the steeps, and there will be some thinning of second growth trees for more fun skiing between the Sunrise lift and the "Macho-Mallow" run. The point system will be a "ride" system, good for 10 rides on any chair.

Bachelor expects to officially open on November 18, but on Friday, November 17, the area plans to be open for a special fundraiser. That day everyone will have to pay \$20 (season pass or not), and all proceeds will go to the Bend-LaPine schools.

The COCAAN Free Ski Day will be Friday, January 26, 2007, with free lift tickets for donating cans of food to benefit local charities. Winterfest will be the second weekend in February, and it is a great time to bring families over, as there are multiple activities in town that week.

The NWSCC Special this year will be \$10 off an adult 2-out-of-3-day lift ticket, with some date restrictions. The tickets MUST be purchased at the Sports Desk in the main parking lot. The daily rate this year will be \$52, and the 2-out-of-3-day rate is regularly \$99.

Mt. Bachelor will be offering a special 5-day personal pass, with a picture, which will be sold at the Ski Show in Portland, at the NWSCC Ski Fair, and for limited periods in Eugene and Corvallis. Pricing was not known at the time of the meeting. A package of 5 tickets that are transferable, with blackout periods, will again be available at Costco this year, and again the prices will be announced later.

Our second guest speaker at the September meeting was **Dave Tragethon of Mt. Hood Meadows**. Dave told us about lots of physical changes up at the mountain, including moving around the children's areas, rental and demo shops, and creating 300 more restaurant seats. Due to public demand, there will be electronic reader boards at the Cascade Express and Shooting Star Express to advise of the status of other lifts. Individual season pass prices have dropped to \$550 for the entire year, though the real bargains are the 4x4, 3x3, and 2x2 passes - see details on their website at www.skihood.com. Unlimited season passholders can receive a free season pass for their child or grandchild age 6 and younger.

The 10-time pass will be sold at \$330 to the public and \$295 for groups of 10 or more, and that price is again good for all 10-time passes sold at the NWSCC Ski Fair! "Shift" lift tickets this year will be \$49, with a \$5 addition for all day/all night, except on "peak" days (January & February weekends and all holidays), when the tickets will be \$59. For those who

go to the website, they can pay for and print out special "E-tickets" which are only \$49 and are good all day/all night any time. Also watch the website for occasional special deals. Sundays will again be family days, when one adult purchasing a noon to 9:00 pm ticket can take up to 2 children under 15 skiing for free. A "family 4-pack" will offer 2 adult and 2 under-age-14 children's tickets for a total of \$125, good any day.

Many midweek bus/lift/lesson packages are available for pickup from locations all around Portland and Vancouver. The buses will not make a stop in Sandy this year in order that they may return through Hood River on those weekends when the road through Government Camp is at a standstill.

Cooper Spur will be running again this year. Their Lodge offers special wedding packages in October and May; call for details.

Mt. Hood Meadows has received several awards, including a Silver Eagle Award for its work with the Warm Springs Indians in getting them access to their traditional huckleberry picking areas; an award for interaction with customers; an award for the 3x3 pass for targeting teenagers; and a Community Partnership Award for their support of Hood River lodging partners - by staying with one of those partners you can buy lift tickets for only \$29!

Our president, Mary Olhausen, suggests subscribing to Mt. Bachelor's and Mt. Hood Meadows' e-mail alerts to always be kept advised of the best deals available!

2006 SKI & SNOWBOARD SHOWS

PORTLAND SKIFEVER & SNOWBOARD SHOW

Portland Expo Center, 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217

Friday, November 3:	1:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, November 4:	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday, November 5:	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

WASHINGTON SKI & SNOWBOARD EXPO

Seattle Qwest Field Event Center, 1000 Occidental Avenue, S., Seattle, WA 98134

Friday, November 17:	12:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Saturday, November 18:	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday, November 19:	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

The ski shows are a great venue to showcase your club and its membership benefits. All clubs in NWSCC are welcome to display their brochures/photos. Please keep in mind that we all share one booth and one table. When volunteering to staff the booth, you will be representing all of NWSCC's member clubs and the Council as a whole. Clubs can set up starting the day before each of the shows. We have a

10x10 Booth, with an 8' skirted table, at each show.

For volunteering at the Portland show, you will receive FREE admittance to the Ski Show. Please contact Mary Olhausen at 360-892-1814 (omary52@comcast.net) to volunteer for a shift - typically two hours. The show is a lot of fun with all the major ski resorts & retailers showing their goods----it's also a great place to purchase new equipment!

SKI OREGON AND SKI WASHINGTON CHALLENGES: Back for its second year is the Ski Oregon Challenge. Ski 9 out of 11 ski areas in Oregon during the 2006-07 ski season and you could win equipment, services, or lift tickets for Oregon ski areas. Extra credit will be given for the 2 optional areas: Spout Springs & Warner Canyon.

NWSCC is expanding its Ski Challenge to the 14 ski areas in the State of Washington. To meet the Challenge you have to ski/ride at least 10 of these during the ski season. If you ski 10 of the 14 ski areas in Washington during the 2006-07 ski season you could win equipment, services or lift tickets for Washington ski areas. Extra credit will be given for the 4 optional areas: Hurricane Ridge, Leavenworth, North Cascade Heli-Skiing and Cascade Powder Cats.

More information and the Ski Challenge rules are posted on our website at www.nwskiers.org. Contact Steve Coxen, email: stevecoxen@aol.com or phone: 503-679-9022.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS:

Does your club do good deeds for your community and support charitable events? Please let Mary Olhausen know so that we can share the information with other clubs and FWSA.

SKI CLUB TRIPS / EVENTS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF NWSCC AND FWSA CLUBS:

PACRAT RACING:

PACRAT race dates for next year are:

- 1st race - 2nd Sunday in January (1-14-07) Timberline
- 2nd race - 4th Sunday in January (1-28-07) Meadows
- 3rd race - 3rd Sunday in February (2-18-07) Ski Bowl
- 4th race - 2nd Sunday in March (3-11-07) Meadows
- make-up - 4th Sunday in March (3-25-07) Meadows
- 5th race - 1st Sunday in April (for 2007 only - Saturday, March 31st) Bachelor/FWRA
- Rat Attack - 2nd Friday in April (4-13-07)

Contact Jack Folliard (jfolliard@comcast.net) or 503-975-4488 (cell) for information, or check the PACRAT website at WWW.PACRATS.ORG.

CLUB INFORMATION:

Schnee Vogeli Ski Club will have its annual **PRAY FOR SNOW DANCE** at Government Camp **November 11**. Once again tickets will be limited and will be sold by club members. They should also be available at NWSCC meetings in September and October.

Skiyente Ski Club is following up its highly successful "Kid's Trip" to Big White with an Amtrak train trip to **Big Mountain, Montana**, scheduled for **January 30-February 4, 2007**. Details to follow. This trip will be now open for other clubs.

Mountain High Snowsport Club is planning two trips for its members next year that may also be open to other Council club members. The first is a trip to **Eden, Utah, February 9-16** to ski both Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. As an experiment, the club is offering options of either a shorter 4 day trip, staying in hotel-type accommodations, or a week-long trip staying in condos. The second trip will be a St. Patrick's Day weekend trip (**March 16-18**) to ski **Mission Ridge and Stevens Pass, Washington**, with lodging in Leavenworth, Washington.

Bergfreunde is planning two major ski trips this coming season which will be open to other club members, one to Whistler and one to Utah (**February 3-10, 2007**), and they have a number of shorter trips as well. Their Utah "Winter Fun" trip will allow members to downhill, cross country ski, snowshoe and hike in many different places, from Brian Head, to Sundance, through the Cottonwood Canyons near Salt Lake, to Snowbasin near Ogden.

NWSCC TRAVEL:

Please contact our Director of Travel, Debbi Kor-Lew, at ijustwannarun@aol.com or 503-682-1563, regarding where your club plans to or would like to travel next year; perhaps we can assist you in getting more than one club together for group discounts, etc.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION:

THE COUNCILMAN NEWSLETTER is available online at www.FWSA.org. Very few are being mailed, and this publication used to only go out to ski club and council officers. You can learn a lot by looking at this publication online, where you will have color pictures and links!

TRIBUTE TO MIKE GERMAN

Michael German, former San Diego Ski Council President, FWSA VP of



Councils, and National Ski Council Federation VP, passed away on October 3, 2006.

Michael was a true friend to all of us. He demonstrated both bravery and courage as he battled pancreatic cancer. I wish to extend the condolences of the Far West Ski Association to Barbara, his children, and family. We loved Michael dearly. We will remember Michael for his volunteerism, his words of encouragement, his energy and enthusiasm. How can we forget that without Germ, we would have had no snacks, no chips, no M&M's at the board meetings. Michael was always there with his cheerful smile and words of encouragement.

Michael, we will miss you terribly. Our lives are richer for having had you as a friend.

Randy Lew, President, Far West Ski Association

FWSA Ski Week 2007 will be held at **Steamboat, Colorado January 27-February 3!** The cost is \$1,215 with air from Portland, \$1,250 with air from Eugene, and includes a special sleigh ride/dinner for NWSCC participants. Contact trip captain Rod Robinson of Altair Ski & Snowsport Club in Eugene at rdrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170 to be put on the waiting list - and you still might get to go!

FWSA's Ski Week 2008 will be held at **Whistler/Blackcomb, BC, Canada, January 19-26, 2008.** Make your future plans so you can attend this trip to one of our favorite places!

For racers who like to get started early, the **Keystone Nationals** sponsored by **Far West Racing Association** will be held **January 17-21, 2007** at Keystone, Colorado. This event is open to any club or council in the entire United States, and there is a NATIONAL winner!

FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact the new FWSA VP of International Travel, Norm Azevedo, by email fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net or phone 925-944-9816. The 2007 FWSA International Trip has just been announced. It is to Bormio, Italy, from March 3-11, with a potential "post" trip to Florence and Rome. The base trip price is \$1,335-\$1,440 depending upon choice of lodging. See flier attached to this newsletter, or check out the FWSA website for up-to-the-minute information. Deposits should be made promptly, as the international European trips tend to sell out early!! \$200 deposits are required, and are nonrefundable.

FWSA has just announced that it is also offering a **15 to 21 day China/Tibet tour** departing **September 14, 2007.** The group will take a passenger train from Beijing to Lhasa, Tibet (altitude 13,000', oxygen provided in the railcar). Excursion options will include Beijing and Shanghai. Refundable \$200 deposits are being taken now - get yours in fast if you are

interested!

Check the FWSA website for other great information, including information on the **FWSA Athletic Scholarship.**

Far West Racing Association has chosen **Mt. Bachelor, Oregon**, as the site of its 2007 Championships to be held **March 30-April 1, 2007!** If you are planning a trip for your club to Mt. Bachelor, make it this weekend and join us for a special party hosted by NWSCC to welcome all racers. PACRAT racers are automatically eligible as well! **The PACRAT board is working on plans to schedule the final 2007 PACRAT race at Mt. Bachelor on Saturday, March 31,** to make it easier for PACRAT racers to participate in this exciting event.

Plan early to qualify - you will need to race in 3 qualifying races next season before the championships. PACRAT racers are automatically eligible; with advance notice non-PACRAT racers may be allowed to ski the PACRAT courses for qualifying times; and there are several other local races to qualify, including the Skiyente sponsored Masters Race.

NORTHWEST SNOWSPORTS ADVOCATES NEWS:

For more information on how you can help support our Northwest ski areas with their expansion plans, go to our website at www.nwskiers.org or contact Steve Coxen at 503-679-9022 or email at sacoxen@aol.com.

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 across the western United States and Canada. **Note Debbi is constantly adding new benefits!**

NWSCC members can also obtain benefits through the National Ski Council Federation. A current list of NSCF benefits can be found at www.skifederation.org in the Members Only section. The user name is **skiclub** and the password is **member**.

If you don't know if a place offers a discount or not, sometimes just showing your FWSA card and asking if they give a discount, saying that other places do, has sometimes resulted in a surprise discount for those who have tried it.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED! MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH; THE LOCATION MAY

VARY, SO CHECK THE NWSCC WEBSITE. BOARD MEETINGS ARE USUALLY HELD THE 4TH WEDNESDAY; CONTACT AN OFFICER IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONSIDERED.

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2005-2006 NWSCC COMMERCIAL MEMBERS:

PLATINUM MEMBERS:

Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

GOLD MEMBERS:

Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Area, OR
 GI Joe's, OR & WA
 Sun Valley, ID

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Amtrak
 BC Ski Country, Canada (Apex, Big White, Silver Star, Sun Peaks)
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 Ski Chalet, Portland, OR
 Tamarack Resort, ID
 Timberline Ski Area, OR

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 The Mountain Shop, Portland, OR
 Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, OR
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 Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
 Shopzilla.com (NEW!!)
 Signal Sports (in the Pearl District - NEW!!)
 Ski-Pak/Pacific NW Tours
 Stay & Play Hood at Collins Lake Resort
 Vail/Heavenly Ski Resorts

HONORARY MEMBERS:

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 Best Western Hood River Inn, OR
 Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT
 Mt. Ashland, OR
 Mission Ridge Ski Area, WA
 Pacific NW Ski Areas Association

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 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.

Calendar:

Have an event open to all NWSCC members or the public? Post it on www.nwskiers.org, Event Calendar, and then Add An Event. Types of events listed in the calendar include club sponsored events open to NWSCC members and/or the public, NWSCC events, FWSA events, and announcements from ski/snowboard related non-profit groups and vendors.

Why not send this newsletter to all your club members? It's available in .pdf format, and can be sent to YOU upon request to then pass on to your members. This suggestion comes to you from Emilio Trampuz of Mountain High Snowsport Club, who has decided to do it rather than digest it for the club.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL

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NEXT MEETING:

**Wednesday, October 18, 2006
 7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE**

**Lucky Labrador Public House
 7675 SW Capitol Highway, Portland
 503-244-2537**

**** DOOR PRIZES!! **
 EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!
 RSVP TO MARY OLHAUSEN BY 10/15!**

**← NOTE
 MEETING
 LOCATION!!!**

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**