



## *Northwest Ski Club Council*

### **NWSCC News August 2020 FWSA News Flash July 2020 NSCF News**

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS!**

While NWSCC, like its member clubs, cancelled in-person events for the foreseeable future, there is activity going on behind the scenes. Want to be involved in the Council? Please contact us, there are several opportunities to help. Currently our secretary is looking for her replacement. We are actively looking for a Seattle Area representative.

NWSCC now conducts its board meetings via Zoom. This makes it easier for "out of town" (i.e., out of Portland area) members to actively engage and participate. It might work well enough to attempt to have a virtual Council meeting via Zoom as well - but you'd have to BYOB and food!

NWSCC club membership renewal forms were sent, as our member year runs from July 1-June 30. Let us know if you haven't received it. Also, if you aren't the correct person, please forward the form to the new officers for completion by August 10 to have your information included in the Far West Ski Association publication.

Trip planning - **COVID Waiver Form for clubs**. [This wavier](#) came from Fred Liebel, who provides insurance for FWSA and many clubs, regarding the COVID-19 Assumption of Risk/Waiver of Liability and Indemnification Agreement. Your club might want to consider adding this language to your waiver forms.

If you are planning trips for next year (skiing or not), tour operators are ready and willing to help you - and they have the knowledge and the "pull" with the airlines, lodging, and resort operations to get you the best deal AND to handle emergencies. The cancellation policies are very liberal in these trying times. They have also advised that if you need a change, just ask.

**It's time to sign up for FWSA SUN VALLEY SKI WEEK 2021:** NWSCC is now selling the 2021 Sun Valley Ski Week January 30-February 6th. We have hotel rooms at Sun Valley Inn and Sun Valley Lodge, as well as 2 & 3-bedroom Lodge Apartments. Trip package includes lodging and FWSA and Council parties. Additional costs for lift tickets, group air/ground, and Council Challenge races. Free shuttle to town, ski hill, and activities for non-skiers/boarders! Space is limited so sign up now. NO FWSA fees to cancel prior to October 10th. See Flyer and Registration Form on NWSCC [Trip Calendar](#).

## NWSCC INDUSTRY MEMBER NEWS

### MT. HOOD MEADOWS

We may not be having any official operations at Mt. Hood Meadows this summer, but that doesn't mean you can't enjoy some time at your mountain home. The snow is melting, and the wildflowers along our network of summer trails are beginning to bloom, making it a great time to go hiking. Before you go, though, make sure you download our handy summer trail map and [check out our recent blog post on rules for hiking](#) within the Meadows permit area, as well as general guidelines on responsibly recreating during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you do come up to Meadows, please make sure to park along our access road or at designated trailheads; please avoid the Sahale construction zone/base area and please do not block gates. Have fun and stay safe! Download your trail map [HERE](#). If you've had a chance to enjoy one of the great trails in our permit area, get ready to enjoy some more! Our crews are currently working hard at building an additional four miles of trail to expand and improve the hiking experience at Mt. Hood Meadows, with the new sections scheduled to begin opening in August. Learn more and watch the video about the work we've done so far at the link [HERE](#).

We're excited to announce that Cooper Spur Mountain Resort is open again! Come grab a post-hike bite at the [Crooked Tree Tavern](#), which just underwent a kitchen remodel and is open for lunch and dinner Friday through Sunday, and features daily take-and-bake options. Lodging at the resort has also resumed, and we're celebrating with a [reopening special](#): book one of our family-style condos or cabins for just \$189 a night (valid any night July 31st-August 20th)! We hope to see you soon!

We're focused on getting things ready for the start of the 2020-2021 winter recreation season (just over four months away!), and that includes construction on Sahale: a 23,500-square-foot dining and resort services space that will feature new eating and drinking options, equipment rental, our new Meadows Learning Center, and more! We're still on track to open Sahale this December, as the teams from Bremik Construction have been making great progress. Get a sneak peek of the new building and watch the recent video tour of Sahale on our [blog](#), as well as a video of crews hoisting into place the old bull wheel from the Hood River Express lift, which will serve as the visual centerpiece for the Bullwheel Bar in Sahale.

To end this eNews, we wanted to take time out to address an especially important issue. Like many of you, we are angry and we are saddened by the systemic racism, brutality, and social injustices that persist in this country, brought to the forefront most recently by the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others.

We've never been a company that has shied away from expressing our values or the causes we support. In January 2017, after the divisive 2016 U.S. presidential election, we wrote a blog titled "[Where We Stand](#)," stating, unequivocally, that we accept everyone at Meadows, regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or spiritual following. We felt compelled to reiterate our stance last month on our blog, in a post about racial inequality, which you can read in full at the link below. But the main point is this: Meadows believes that [Black Lives Matter](#), and we seek a world where Black lives are no longer systematically and unjustly targeted. "Your Mountain Home" isn't just a slogan: it's our genuine belief that this is a place where everyone should feel welcome. We are proud of the work we've done with organizations such as [SOS Outreach](#) and [Chill](#), as well as our close relationship with the [Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs](#). But beliefs and reality are sometimes two different things. We can't ignore that the ski and snowboarding industry is overwhelmingly white, and that many Black, Indigenous, and People of Color [have felt and continue to feel unwelcome in outdoor spaces](#).

Over the past several weeks, we've had conversations with our team, hosted internal town halls, and have been working with a justice reform consultant to help us develop actionable and measurable plans as we endeavor to become a more diverse and inclusive company. This will be a long journey, but a critical one. We want our actions to support our words,

and we will have more announcements in the future as we move forward on these issues. Thank you for reading. Read the full statement [HERE](#).

We know it's hard to be thinking about the 2020-2021 skiing and snowboarding season already, especially with everything that's going on in the world right now. But we wanted to let you know that [2020-21 All Access and Value Passes are now available](#) for purchase online on the Meadows website. The pass prices will not go up until after November 8. More information about next season's passes is available [here](#), and thank you for your continued support of Mt. Hood Meadows.

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U.S. Outdoor is committed to providing the best gear to everyone who sets out to discover, pursue, and live their passion in the outdoors. By selecting the best outdoor brands and gear for whatever your passion is, we strive to provide the best value possible. Visiting our iconic Portland store you'll meet our great staff, ambassadors, long-time customers, and likely a few of our shop dogs. Stop by, give us a call, or check out our store photos and videos online. We've been family-owned and operated since 1957 and we are here for you!

## TIMBERLINE

**SUMMER SKI & RIDE:** Palmer is open daily 7am to 2pm for advanced skiers and riders. Our Summer Freestyle Park opened on Palmer June 29th. [LEARN MORE](#)

Not a skier? Take in the views of Mt. Hood on the way up and Mt. Jefferson and beyond on the way down when you ride the Magic Mile Chairlift, no skis required. Enjoy the fresh air and play in the snow when you reach to top of the Mile. Make a day of it and join us for lunch, or we'll pack one up for you to eat outside. Magic Mile Sky Ride tickets are \$18/each or \$54 for a family of four and can be purchased upon arrival.

When you're ready to visit Timberline, we are ready to host you! Escape to Mt. Hood this summer and take advantage of one of our screaming hotel deals. [BOOK NOW](#).

Timberline's food and beverage outlets are re-opening for the summer and we look forward to hosting guests again! Visit for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or just drinks. [LEARN MORE](#)

Shop onsite or online and enjoy up to 40% off select items and winter gear! The

Gallery Gift Store and Wy'East Store are open with metered access. [SHOP ONLINE](#)

**TIMBERLINE BIKE PARK NOW OPEN!!** The Timberline Bike Park will operate seven days a week through Labor Day, from 10:00am until 5:00pm. A revised schedule will be implemented in the fall. All-day lift tickets for adults age 13+ are \$44 and \$37 for kids. The Timberline Season Pass is \$249 for adults and \$199 for kids. Timberline Bike Park Season Passholders also receive two free Bike Park days at Mt. Bachelor, Grand Targhee, Schweitzer Mountain Resort, and Whitefish Mountain Resort. The Mt. Hood Fusion Bike Park Season Pass, good for unlimited riding at both Timberline and Skibowl, is \$349 for adults age 13+ and \$299 for kids. Lift tickets and season passes will be available online and onsite. More information [HERE](#).

**STAY THE NIGHT, 2 BIKE FREE!** Book a midweek hotel room and receive two all-day bike park tickets to use during your stay. Bring your own bikes (storage is available onsite) or rent from us. Some restrictions apply. [LEARN MORE](#)

## **MT. HOOD SKIBOWL**

Encompassed in over 1000 acres of fresh mountain air, the Mt. Hood Adventure Park at Skibowl is NOW OPEN! We look forward to seeing you and want you to know we are taking additional measures to ensure the safety of our guests and employees, using leading edge technology to make your visit as safe as possible. Mt Hood Skibowl uses Germsterilizer.com triple sterilizing shield protection, giving you insurance that if one of our sterilizing methods fails we have two more sterilizing technologies that are applied to the equipment to ensure 99.99% sterilization. Daily washing takes place with anti-bacterial silver-lined towels, with advanced UV-C Sterilizers, and our patented 28-day antibacterial chemical shield that is applied with electrostatic spray.

With over 20 attractions, we have something for everyone and all ages to enjoy. Experience the Northwest's only 1/2 mile dual Alpine Slide, Scenic Sky Chair Ride, Bungee Trampolines, 32' Rock Wall, Free-Fall Bungee Tower, 800' of Ziplines, 5 Bridge Tree-Top Tour, Malibu Raceway, plus much more. Plan ahead. Limited tickets are available and must be purchased [online](#).

You'll find so much to do in the surrounding area to help keep you from getting overheated, that your day doesn't have to end at the Adventure Park. Once here you'll be surrounded by great mountain biking trails or you can enjoy nearby hiking that will lead you through old-growth forests, alpine views, and to 7 of the most beautiful waterfalls in the area. Or enjoy the luxury of relaxing at the nearby lakes where you can canoe kayak or paddleboard.

[Mt. Hood Outfitters](#) is offering guided adventure tours (rafting, kayaking, hiking, fishing, and more) or rentals of kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, or, mountain bikes.

When coming up to the mountain to enjoy all these adventures, check into staying at [Collins Lake Resort](#) or [The Grand Lodges](#) at Collins Lake Resort

## **MT. BACHELOR**

Full summer operations start on July 4!! Little Pine Bike Park is OPEN! Join us for zip lining, scenic chairlift rides, sunset dinners, and mountain biking off Pine Marten Lift for the summer season!

Soar through the high alpine like never before with the addition of a zip line to Mt. Bachelor's mountain experience. This dual-line, three-stage tour drops nearly 1,400 vertical feet along the volcano's slopes to make it the Northwest's steepest, fastest, and highest-elevation zip adventure. Ride at your own pace with the zip trolley's self-controlled braking system and enjoy the thrill with your friends on two side-by-side lines on each span. The multi-stage tour launches from an elevation of 7,800 feet, above the tree line at the top of Pine Marten lift and allows riders to fly over open bowls, off-piste skiable terrain and Central Oregon's unique volcanic landscape. Reservations and masks required.

Mt. Bachelor's Bike Park is open with [Gravity Race Series](#) competitive events, women's biking clinics, and twilight après events on the deck on three Fridays in August. On September 12 and 13 they will have the rescheduled [Gravicross](#) races with new Covid safety measures in place.

[MtBachelor.com](http://MtBachelor.com)



**Far West News *F l a s h***  
**July 2020 Excerpts**  
***Far West Ski Association***

**WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2020**

**FOREIGN WORKER VISAS SUSPENDED:** The Trump Administration has temporarily suspended new foreign worker visas until December 31, 2020. The visas included are L-1 visas for intracompany transfers, H-1Bs for workers in high-tech occupations as well as the H-4 visa for spouses, as well as H-2Bs for temporary non-agricultural workers and most J-1 visas for exchange visitors—which many ski areas and related businesses utilize.

The order restricts the ability of American companies with global operations and international companies with U.S. branches to transfer foreign executives and other employees to the United States for months or years-long stints. And it blocks the spouses of foreigners who are employed at companies in the United States. Experts say that up to 525,000 foreign workers could be kept out of the United States this year.

This announcement can't come at a worse time for the ski industry that depends on a seasonal workforce; the backbone of tourist-based communities, ski resorts, retailers, and hotels and restaurants. Colorado, for example, has the third-highest number of H-2B worker visa applications in 2018. Seasonal foreign workers are the drivers of economic growth in tourist-driven communities. They enable ski resorts to open fully—lift operators, instructors, food and beverage, housekeeping, snowmakers—and are also invaluable to our ski resorts, specialty retail shops, and hospitality industry, not to mention the small businesses throughout ski country.

NOTE: FWSA at its July 25 Board meeting adopted a [Resolution Opposing Foreign Worker Visa Suspension](#) in support of our ski industry.

**HOW SKI RESORTS HOPE TO OPERATE UNDER COVID-19:** *Vail Resorts*, the largest ski resort operator in North America, has extended the usual spring cutoff for the most discounted price on its multi-resort pass product, the “Epic Pass” until Labor Day. “In this moment, with all that is going on in the world, we feel Labor Day is a much better time to have a conversation with our pass holders about next season,” said Vail Resorts CEO Rob Katz. Vail’s main competitor, *Alterra Mountain Company*, had a spring deadline for the lowest price on its own product, the “Ikon Pass”, but is offering purchasers “adventure assurance”: If they decide they don’t want to ski in the upcoming season, they can convert their *unused* 2020/21 season passes at any time into passes for the 2021/22 season. Both companies also promise refunds, pro-rated based on complex formulas, in the event that resorts must close for part or all of next winter due to COVID-19. Ikon Pass sales were “shockingly strong” through the end of May. At that time, the lowest price for the full-featured season pass was \$999. The company has motivated sales by increasing its discount for renewing customers, who were offered the full pass for just \$949.

In light of the pandemic, here is what Ikon and Alterra teams are saying about safety and health on the mountains. *The lowest risk*, of course, is coming down the mountain. *Riding a chairlift?* It’s probably fine — you share someone’s space for five minutes, but it’s outside, it’s usually windy, you can probably get away with it, and even better if riding with your own group. *Taking a gondola?* You probably want to open them up a little bit and ventilate them, have some amount of fresh air going in, and get people to wear face masks. Again, that’s better if you can be within your own group. What is incredibly high risk, is if you have an indoor space—inside lodges, dining areas, bars. To the extent resorts are open, here’s what a responsible ski trip during COVID-19 would look like: going to a resort that doesn’t require a trip on an airplane. Driving to the mountain in your own car or staying walking distance from the lifts. Riding chairlifts together with a small, consistent group, such as your family. Keeping your face covered with your neck warmer or balaclava when in close contact with people outside your party. Eating outdoors, or at your own condo.

**FAR WEST’S 90<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION:** *Still happening!* I have been announcing in the past few News Flash editions that Far West Ski Association will be celebrating the founding of our organization on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, we are publishing a 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Booklet in which you, your club and/or ski council can be a part of. Attached you will find a [Rate Card](#) with an Insertion Order Form, and a [Sample Advertisement Layout](#) for a club or organization’s advertisement. The rate for a 1/6<sup>th</sup> of a page is only \$90.00! The editor and publisher of this booklet is Leigh Gieringer, of the *Far West Skier’s Guide*. The Commemorative Booklet will be in both printed format and included in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the *Far West Skier’s Guide* as part of the 11<sup>th</sup> Interactive Digital Version this fall. The attached order form, payment, and high-quality Print Optimized PDF Electronic File (300 dpi) needs to be submitted to Leigh, **no later than August 15, 2020**. Leigh can also provide services to create an advertisement to the requester’s specifications for a nominal additional fee. The publication is a look back and perspective on the activities of FWSA in the dynamic tableau of snowsports in California, and the Far West from the birth of skiing as a sport in the United States. The Far West Ski Association history will include the development of ski councils and clubs across 12 western states. We would appreciate your participation and support of our Anniversary Celebration through our Commemorative Booklet. For additional questions, please contact Jane Wyckoff at 949.933.9607, [jnewyckoff1@cox.net](mailto:jnewyckoff1@cox.net), or Leigh Gieringer at 480.600.6099, [fwsg2@cox.net](mailto:fwsg2@cox.net).

**AMAZON SMILES WITH FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION:** Far West Ski Foundation is a participating charitable organization with *Amazon*. Please consider signing up for the *Amazon Smile Charitable Program* and select the Far West Ski Foundation as your charity. Amazon will then donate a percentage of each purchase to FWSF, with no added cost to you.

#### FAR WEST TRAVEL

**FAR WEST 2020 ADVENTURE TRIP:** *Postponed to September 2021*. Due to the Covid-19 virus, Far West is working on a postponed Adventure trip to *Croatia* in

September, 2021. For further information, contact Debbie Stewart for more information: [fwsaintltrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltrvl@prodigy.net).

**FAR WEST 2020 DIVE TRIP: *Officially Cancelled.*** While Cozumel reopened the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Iberostar Cozumel Resort has set their reopening date as November 1<sup>st</sup>, after our trip dates of October 3-10, 2020. After careful deliberation, research, and serious health & safety considerations, FWSA has decided to officially cancel the 2020 Cozumel Dive Trip.

**FWSA SUN VALLEY SKI WEEK 2021: *Spots Still Available!*** See above for NWSCC Council portion of the trip.

**FWSA 2021 SOLDEN SKI WEEK: *Information Coming Soon! Holiday Ski Tours*** has been granted the contract on this trip. Dates are February 19 – February 27, 2021. The trip will have an extension to *Southern Spain*, from February 27 – March 7, 2021. Stay tuned for more information.

**FWSA 2021 ZERMATT MINI SKI WEEK: *Registration Open Soon*** for the Far West Mini Ski Week. March 21-26, 2021 are the dates set for the event, at the beautiful *Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa*. Contact Gloria Raminha, trip leader for this trip: [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com), or 661-800-8229. Watch the FWSA website for sign-up details.

**FWSA 2021 INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE TO ALASKA: *Spots Still Available!*** on the FWSA 2021 *Alaska Cruise* and *Denali Tour* scheduled for June 19—30. Sign up soon, and you may still qualify for the *Special Deal*—Free Premium Beverage Package; Free Gratuities; and Free Wi-Fi. There are three trip options available: Denali Tour Only June 19—23; Alaska Inside Passage Cruise Only June 23—30; or full trip Denali Tour/Alaska Inside Passage Cruise June 19—30. Contact Nancy Ellis, [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net), for more information or go to the FWSA website, [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) for information and registration forms.

**FWSA SUMMER 2021 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP: *Valle Nevado, Chile*** ski trip with extension to *Atacama Desert* is currently being researched for details of Atacama Desert conditions. Possible dates would be late July or August, 2021.

**FAR WEST 2021 DIVE TRIP:** The 2021 Dive Trip has been contracted and will be October 9-16, 2021 to the wonderful Anthony's Key Resort in Roatan, Honduras! We have great pricing for their top of the line Key Deluxe lodging, meals, and 6 days of 3 tank boat dives. The registration forms and additional information will be available by the end of July.

**OTHER FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS UNDER CONSIDERATION:** FWSA International Ski Week, 2022 to *Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy* was voted on at April, 2019 Board meeting. An *Africa Adventure Trip* has been approved for 2022, going to central and east Africa. And, a *Galapagos Adventure Trip* has been approved by the FWSA Board for 2024.

#### FAR WEST COMMUNICATIONS

**FWSA WEBSITE:** Our newest website has been live for 6 months now. We continue to add content and grow the site. Take some time to review and suggest changes and additions if you have any. We are always looking to make improvements and you may see, or catch something we don't, so let us know your thoughts. Our Publications are ALL available on the website. Look under **Publications** in the "**Member Corner**" drop down. You can also subscribe to the *News Flash* simply by updating your member profile and check the "**News Flash Subscription**".

**SPECTACULAR PHOTOS - RESORTS AROUND THE WORLD:** Jimmy Petterson, friend and a FWSA award-winning writer and photographer has another book out. If you're interested in seeing some incredible scenery, covering seven continents, visiting over 500 ski resorts in 70+ countries; experience world famous resorts, heli-ski destinations, glacier skiing, and unique and fun places, consider his *Skiing Around the*



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**Stay safe! Stay healthy!**

## NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION NEWS

### **Some Western Resorts go ahead with lift construction; others put them on hold.**

Those resorts going ahead with construction plans this summer include Timberline, on the shoulder of Oregon's Mt. Hood, which has begun to replace its oldest chairlift — the Pucci Chairlift first run in 1956 — with a detachable quad to better serve modest terrain below Timberline Lodge and west of Wy'East Day Lodge. Also, the upper-mountain Palmer Lift that was damaged by the weather this past season will be repaired and upgraded.

At [Sun Valley](#), ownership is moving forward with expansion on the north edge of the Idaho resort, including replacing the oldest chair on the mountain — 42-year-old Cold Springs fixed grip — with a detachable quad that will load 4,200 feet lower than before. Also will make it easier to get to Bald Mountain ridge linking up with the Christmas chair. This comes at the same time as the opening of more expert and advanced terrain off the top of Seattle Ridge on Bald Mountain's north shoulder.

Read more [HERE](#). Posted from SnoCountry.

**Could Airline Fees Be Permanently Eliminated Post-COVID-19?** Consumer advocates are pushing for airlines to reduce fees for flight changes, seat assignments, baggage, and more. Link to Conde Nast Traveler article [HERE](#).

**Treat 'em right: Five tips for taking care of skis during the off season.** Reposted from Freeskier on NSCF website, read more [HERE](#).

## INDUSTRY MEMBERS

NWSCC would like to thank our Industry Members for their generous support. Without their help, it would be impossible for NWSCC to accomplish our goals of supporting ski clubs and the ski industry. Please visit these businesses that support NWSCC.

NWSCC is always accepting memberships at all levels. If you are interested, or know a business that is, please contact [IndustryMember@nwskiers.org](mailto:IndustryMember@nwskiers.org).

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