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# NWSCC March 2021 Newsletter, FWSA February News Flash; Industry News

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## *Northwest Ski Club Council*

### **NWSCC March 2021 Newsletter Meeting Notice FWSA February News Flash Industry News**

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

**The March 17 NWSCC Council meeting will be held via ZOOM!!**

Everyone is invited - please tell your club members! Guest speakers TBA. Have an idea on something we should be discussing? Please let us know. Know of a good speaker in the ski industry that you would like to hear from, let us know that as well. We're open to new speakers and ideas.

Zoom Information:

Meeting ID: 810 0375 4078

Passcode: 544525

NWSCC is currently looking to fill the Council Secretary position. Jeanne Reinhardt has served as our NWSCC Secretary for the last three years and is wanting to step down. Please step up and let us know if you are interested. Contact Chris Ciardi at [president@nwskiers.org](mailto:president@nwskiers.org). Not ready to be an officer, but willing to get involved, please contact Chris, there are several other tasks

that could use help. Have an idea of something we need to cover? Contact us!

**PACRAT Racing** has started for the season!! We need to give a great big shout out to the PACRAT Board, as they are the only recreational league in the US, or at least in FWSA, that has figured out how to do racing with all of the Covid restrictions.

This season is totally different from any other due to Covid regulations and the necessity to hold races midweek and to not have more than 100 people participating in any one event. And then there were weather challenges too. See the [PACRAT website](#) for [full details](#) and for the [racing schedule](#) for this year. So far participation by the racers has been very high.

Please see NWSCC website [home page](#) for details on the following **charitable fundraisers**:

- \* Oregon Cancer Ski Out, ski one day March 1-6, Awards March 7
- \* Ski to Defeat ALS, ski 1 day during March & April for vertical challenge
- \* Ski & Ride for a Cure, ski February-March, vertical & fundraising challenge
- \* Ski the Glade Trail, submit photographs February 27-March 6

Access the 2020-2021 FWSA **Far West Skier's Guide** on the right hand side of the NWSCC home page. **CLUBS:** if you would like to have hard copies of the Far West Skier's Guide for your members, please contact Chris Ciardi at [president@nwskiers.org](mailto:president@nwskiers.org).

For many interesting articles, including tons of information on how ski areas across the country are dealing with Covid, Indy pass additions, invention of the ski lift, folding skis, cross country skiing, and MORE, check out the **National Ski Council Federation's February 2021 Newsbeat** [HERE](#). Also see articles: [Vail explores special districts](#) so guests can stroll with booze, [Old Ski Gondolas Find New Life as Private Dining Rooms](#), and more on the [NSCF website](#).

Click [HERE](#) to read article from SnoCountry.com about new owners at Brundage Mountain Resort! Also from Brundage Mountain is [THIS VIDEO](#) showing great ideas of "helmet hacks and face covering fixes" to comply with ski area Covid regulations this year!

Click [HERE](#) to read an article sent to us by Rachel Cook of New Hampshire entitled: Everything You Need To Know About Concussions And Snowboarding. (Of course this could apply to skiers as well.)

NWSCC and Social Media:

Beyond the informative monthly newsletter from NWSCC and other notices distributed by email, we continue to spread helpful and interesting news and ski world articles by Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NWSkiers> Be sure to like our page and stay informed throughout the month.

Another important source of information is [Northwest Snowsports Advocates](#), follow them on Facebook and learn the latest in the ski industry world. The latest posts include the amazing [interview with Art Clay and Ben Finley](#), founders of National Brotherhood of Skiers; masking; and two posts on Lost Oregon Ski Areas, including Skyliners/Tumalo Creek and Egan Lodge at Bachelor Butte. Check it out!!!

## NWSCC INDUSTRY MEMBER NEWS

### MT. HOOD MEADOWS [www.skihood.com](http://www.skihood.com)

We've received a lot of questions about the Spring Pass over the past month or so. While we have ultimately decided not to offer the Spring Pass this season, we're happy to announce that we are offering a Midweek Pass, available for purchase online!

What's the Midweek Pass? Here's what you need to know: The Midweek Pass gets you lift access to Meadows during midweek operations (Monday through Friday, 9 AM to close) starting March 1 through the end of the 2020-2021 season

- The price is \$239 for those in the 25-64 age bracket, \$219 for the 65-74 age bracket, and \$199 for the 7-24 age bracket
- We will also be offering a Midweek Pass Package that includes a Midweek Pass, three lessons, and unlimited midweek ski/snowboard rentals, valid March 1 through the rest of the season, for \$299
- Current Night Pass holders can upgrade to a Midweek Pass for \$199, and can continue to use their nighttime access (2-9 PM) on non-midweek days when we have night operations (in other words, good for access 9 AM to close Monday through Friday, and 2-9 PM on the Saturdays and Sundays that have night operations)
- We will also be offering a Spring Nordic Pass, which is valid starting March 1 for all remaining days of Nordic operations, both midweek and weekend days. The price of the Spring Nordic Pass is \$45 for adults, \$29 for youth (18 and under)
- Add-ons: all Midweek Pass holders will be able to add on Gear Check for \$19, as well as a Spring Nordic Pass for \$29

We're excited to be able to offer this pass during this challenging and unusual season. You can read more about the Midweek Pass on our blog at the link below, and watch for the passes to be made available for sale 2/19 in our [Online Store!](#) Read more [HERE](#).

Something else you should act soon on: snowshoe tours! There's only a couple weekends left for our Waterfall Snowshoe Tours, which include separate guided two-hour trips to the gorgeous [Sahalie Falls](#) and [Umbrella Falls](#). We also have [Vista Snowshoe Tours](#), which feature a chairlift ride up Vista Express to 6,500 feet, where you can take in great views of Mt. Hood, White River Canyon, and the central Oregon Cascades as you hike down along Mitchell Creek and back to the base area! We've already had some tours sell out, so if you have a date in mind, [book it](#) soon before it fills up!

Make your big day even more special and [get married on the mountain!](#) Treat yourself and your guests to stunning alpine views and an all-inclusive experience with custom seasonal menus and exhilarating recreational opportunities. Whether you choose [Cooper Spur](#) or our brand new [Sahale Lodge](#) for your venue, you're sure to have a magical, memorable experience. Learn more about weddings at Mt. Hood Meadows and Cooper Spur at the link below, and don't forget to follow MtHoodWedding on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to check out photos from previous celebrations!

If you're planning on taking the next step in your snow sport and want to improve your skills on the slopes, this is the perfect time to sign up for one of our clinics! Taught by our expert instructors, these clinics feature in-depth on-the-slope training

so you can confidently tackle the steeps, handle adverse snow conditions, and get the most out of Your Mountain Home. We also have one-day and two-day Chicks Can Rip clinics and camps for intermediate-level and above female skiers and riders, taught by our top-level female instructors. Learn more and sign up [HERE](#).

Learn to ski or ride under the lights at a great price! Toyota Night Lessons are an awesome option for those looking to get started with snow sports, or learn a new discipline. Lessons feature two hours of instruction, from 5-7 PM, during night operations (Wednesdays through Sundays), all ability levels. Learn more and sign up [HERE](#).

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Show your NWSCC membership card to get a 10% discount on full price items!

## **KANDAHAR LODGE, Whitefish, MT** [www.kandaharlodge.com](http://www.kandaharlodge.com)

See [specials](#) on NWSCC website for 15% off!



### **February 2021 Excerpts Far West Ski Association WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2021**

**DATE CHANGED!** The next **FWSA Convention** will now be held in San Diego October 7-10, 2021. For details see [FWSA page](#) on the NWSCC website. We can still do all the same activities that we had planned for June. The weather will be nice, and we'll be able to enjoy the sunshine and blue skies of beautiful San Diego.

This also changes the due dates for submission for awards (including the Environmental Award, Safety Award, among others), Club and Council Newsletter and Website awards, and the Charity Recognition Program to July 18, 2021. See [FWSA website](#) for details about all awards! Note there are some WONDERFUL prizes for the [Safety Person of the Year](#) (4 nights lodging with 3 day lift pass to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area for two), [Western Ski Heritage Prize](#) (5-day ski/board package for two at Steamboat), and [Environment Award](#) (5-night ski/board package for two at Aspen/Snowmass, including

air!). Look at the requirements, and nominate yourself or someone you know who is deserving!

**U.S. SKI AND SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME:** In mid-January, the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame hosted an evening with Art Clay and Ben Finley from the National Brotherhood of Skiers in a Zoom meeting. It was an enjoyable and enlightening time, listening to the stories that both Art and Ben had to tell of how the NBS got its start, and how they've grown since that day in 1973. They were to be inducted into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame in 2020, but due to the COVID Pandemic, the induction ceremony had to be postponed. Once that can happen, they will be duly inducted. In 2015, at the Far West Convention in San Diego, Art Clay and Ben Finley received the *Far West Snowsports Builder Awards*. Please take some time to watch this wonderful [YouTube presentation](#).

**NEW ADDITIONS TO THE "INDY" PASS:** Soldier Mountain and Pomerelle Mountain Resort, Idaho, have joined the Indy Pass. Each resort will provide Indy Pass holders two days of access through the end of the 2020-21 season. The pass now includes access to 16 ski areas in the Pacific Northwest, and 61 North American ski areas in all.

**2020-2021 FAR WEST SKIER'S' GUIDE:** The Far West Skier's Guide - *33rd Annual Edition* - is available on the NWSCC website, from the picture of the 2020-2021 cover on the right side of the page. An outstanding publication that helps puts Far West Ski Association on the map. The 90th Anniversary booklet (80 pages) is located between pages 40 and 41 of the *2020-2021 Far West Skier's Guide* issue.

## FAR WEST TRAVEL

**FWSA ZERMATT MINI SKI WEEK:** *Postponed to March 20-25, 2022*. Stay tuned for further Information.

**FWSA 2021 INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE TO ALASKA:** *Postponed to June 21-July 2, 2022*, because Canadian ports are still closed. Stay tuned for further Information.

**FAR WEST 2021 DIVE TRIP: *Coming Up!*** The 2021 Dive Trip 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 are available on the website or contacting Randy Lew at [divetrips@fwsa.org](mailto:divetrips@fwsa.org)

**FWSA SKI WEEEEK 2022:** *Aspen/Snowmass Resort* will be the destination for the annual Far West Ski Week. **NEW DATES: January 29-February 5, 2022** We will be staying in Snowmass Resort and participants have a choice of ski in/ski out lodging or units a short walk to the ski hill. The Snowmass base area has many new restaurants, lodging, and activities such as a climbing wall and ice rink. The *Alpine "Breath-taker" Mountain Coaster* now traverses the mountain slopes. Put the dates of the trip on your calendar and watch for sign up information to be available in March 2021.

**Stay safe! Stay healthy!**

## 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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