



## Northwest Ski Club Council

### NWSCC January 2022 Newsletter, Industry News and FWSA News

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CLUB MEMBERS! THERE IS A LOT OF INTERESTING AND TIMELY INFO IN THIS NEWSLETTER!!**

**The next NWSCC Council meeting will be held January 19, 2022, via ZOOM!!** Everyone is invited - please tell your club members! Special Guest Speakers will be Mt. Hood Skibowl and possibly Mission Ridge.

Date: January 19, 2022  
Time: 6:45 pm PST call in; meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276275381?pwd=cjNkV1p6ZG84VXZrblV3KzZ3TmtVUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 7627 5381  
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The first **PACRAT** race of the year will be held this Sunday, January 9, at Mt. Hood Meadows. PACRAT has a Friday Division and a Sunday Division with all races starting in the morning (no night racing this year). New technology is amazing: Live race times will be posted to Live-Timing.com for viewing on smart phones to keep track of the race progress. Following their race run, racers can check their time on the PACRAT reader board next to the finish area. For this race, the planned after-race party at Mt. Hood Museum has been canceled for safety reasons.

The full racing schedule for 2022, including details about each race when known, any waivers needed to be signed, and the starting order, is [HERE](#).

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**FWSA Ski Week 2022 Aspen/Snowmass:** The trip dates are January 29-February 5, 2022. See NWSCC website for details; click on the flier and the registration links on the NWSCC home page and/or the [Trips](#) page. Note: the

cancellation policy has changed from prior years. Be sure you read it. **The trip is currently full, but names are being taken on a waiting list.** Contact Rod Robinson at [rrobinsonskier@gmail.com](mailto:rrobinsonskier@gmail.com) with questions.

The latest annual issue of **The Far West Skiers' Guide** is now complete and is available on the the NWSCC home page: click on the waving icon on the right side or click [HERE](#).

#### **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, join our facebook group and stay informed throughout the month. NEW AND GROWING FAST is our **NWSCC Facebook Group** - it is growing by leaps and bounds - from starting in April it now has over 1500 members!

Another important source of information is [Northwest Snowsports Advocates](#), follow them on Facebook and learn the latest in the ski industry world. Check it out!!!

## **NWSCC INDUSTRY MEMBER NEWS**

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

The ski season went from zero base to an almost 150" base mid-mountain in less than a month!

January is [National Safety Month](#) at the National Ski Areas Association! This month is dedicated to promoting skier and rider responsibility and mountain safety. Resorts across the country participate every year to educate skiers and snowboarders about being safe and using common sense on the slopes. With that in mind, and especially with the massive amounts of snow we've received on the mountain this week, we want to reiterate that it's super important to practice [deep snow safety](#), both at the mountain and on your way up:

- Go to [TripCheck](#) and our [Conditions page](#) before heading up to Meadows
- Use chains or traction tires
- Keep a shovel in your vehicle in case you need to dig out at the end of the day/night
- Ride with a buddy and keep them in sight
- Carry avy gear (beacon, probe, and shovel) and know how to use them when heading into gated access terrain
- In case of an emergency, please call Ski Patrol at 503-438-3216 or contact any Meadows employee

Head to our [Safety page](#) for more helpful information!

If all this wintry weather has you wanting to skip the drive to Meadows, we've got good news for you: Columbia Area Transit's (CAT) Gorge-to-Mountain Express bus is scheduled to start service Saturday, January 8! This route runs from Hood River and stops at Odell, Parkdale, Teacup, and Meadows. The annual [GOrgE Pass](#) costs just \$40 for adults (\$20 for children 17 and under and Hood River Community ID holders) and gets you rides all season long on the Gorge-to-Mountain Express and other CAT routes. Head to the CAT website to learn more and to get your GOrgE Pass!

The Portland Park and Ride buses to Meadows are back this season! Picking up in three locations - Beaverton, Tualatin and Gateway - this is a great way to get to the mountain without having to drive yourself. The cost is \$35 round-trip; it needs to be purchased online in advance and masks are required on the bus at all times. Check the schedule and book your trip at [this link!](#)

With the new season and all the snow, we want to remind everyone of a few important items:

- \* Lift tickets, lessons and rentals need to be purchased online in advance
- \* Masks are required to enter our lodges and must be worn at all times unless you are actively eating or drinking in designated areas. They are also required at all times on our buses and shuttles
- \* The roads to get here are snow covered and icy. Carry chains (and know how and where to put them on) or have traction tires, slow down and drive carefully
- \* Use TripCheck before heading up to get traffic and road condition updates
- \* And most of all, have fun!

There's another way to explore Meadows - by snowshoe! Starting January 8 and 9 we will be offering two tours every weekend to both Umbrella Falls and Sahalie Falls! Reserve your snowshoes and tour [HERE](#).

Our [Nordic Center](#) is open Thursday through Monday. Kick and glide through 15km of trails that will give you a great workout and awesome views. If you've never tried Nordic skiing that's ok! We offer lessons and rentals every day we are open.

We are bringing back our popular HRM early opening weekends and holidays! For those of you who want to get here early and start taking laps before our normal 9 AM opening time, park at the HRM lot where the lift will be turning at 8:30.

Also starting up this month are Clinics! Whether it's our [Chicks Rip, Telemark](#), or [Steeps and Stashes](#) Clinic, we've got something for everyone... we even have some two-day camp options available! Our Clinics feature in-depth instruction from our top coaches to ensure successful learning outcomes and skill development. While Clinics are typically geared toward intermediate and advanced skiers/riders, we also have some novice-level options available. Browse [Clinics](#) and find the one that works best for you!

Interested in a great lesson program? The February Consecutive Week Program is available for kids and adults. With bussing and drive-up options, these programs are a great way for you and/or the youngsters to develop or improve your skills on the slopes, regardless of ability level. Even better, you can bundle your lessons, rentals, and/or lift tickets together for some significant savings. Head to our [Consecutive Week Program](#) page to find the one that's right for you!

Want to get discounted lift tickets to Mt. Hood Meadows? Stay at Cooper Spur Mountain Resort! Guests who stay at Cooper Spur can get full-day adult midweek lift tickets for just \$59 and junior tickets for \$39 (date restrictions apply)! Not only that, but Cooper Spur guests are guaranteed access to Meadows, even when tickets are sold out online. Head to Cooper Spur's website to [book your stay](#) and learn more about this awesome deal!

Come join the team at Meadows! We're continuing to hire for the upcoming season (and beyond) and have some [great opportunities](#) in multiple departments throughout the resort: Food & Beverage, IT, Lessons & Rentals, Transportation, Parks, Guest Services, and others. Meadows' starting wages range from \$15-\$21+ an hour, and we offer some amazing [perks and benefits](#), such as a free season pass for you and your dependents, \$25 a day onsite daycare, pro deals, resort discounts, a \$200 vaccination incentive, free employee transportation, and a whole lot more! Head to our [Jobs page](#) to browse current positions and learn more about working at Meadows!

Weekends and Holidays in January and February: [Waterfall Snowshoe Tours](#)

January 8: [The Djangophiles play in Vertical](#)

January 17: [Rotary Night](#)

February 13: [Vista Snowshoe Tour](#)

February 18: [Vista Snowshoe Tour](#)

February 27: [Vista Snowshoe Tour](#)

March 4: [Vista Snowshoe Tour](#)

March 5: [Ski to Defeat ALS](#)

March 13: [Oregon Cancer Ski Out](#)

March 13: [Vista Snowshoe Tour](#)

March 19: [Spring Brew Fest](#)

March 20: [Vista Snowshoe Tour](#)

March 26: [Vista Snowshoe Tour](#)  
April 2: [Banked Slalom](#)  
April 9: [Mazot Fest](#)

## **MT. HOOD SKIBOWL** [www.skibowl.com](http://www.skibowl.com)

### **AMERICA'S LARGEST NIGHT SKI AREA**

We are open for night skiing seven nights a week from 3pm - 10pm and Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 9am - 10 pm. **With 36 night lit runs and 69 days runs and our 300 acre outback, we have plenty of terrain for everyone.**

### **SNOW TUBE ADVENTURE PARK**

Mt. Hood Skibowl's Snow Tube and Adventure Park - located at Skibowl East - is the only conveyor assisted tube hill on Mt. Hood, so no need to hike up the hill! We are open for Day Tubing Saturday, Sunday and holidays and for Cosmic Tubing® Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. [Advance reservations](#) and tickets must be purchased online in advance. We open up four weeks on the calendar at a time, with an additional week added every Monday. Spots fill up fast so make sure you plan ahead.

### **PLAY, STAY AND PLAY SOME MORE**

No need to head home at the end of your day. Our sister property, [Collins Lake Resort](#), is within walking distance from Mt. Hood Skibowl. **The Resort offers 2, 3 and 4 bedroom condos, each furnished with its own custom charm and offers sleeping for six to ten guests comfortably.** Choose between The Chalets, Grand Lodges or Golden Poles Chalets. **During your stay you'll receive VIP rewards offering discounts on snowshoe, cross country ski and snowmobiles tours, and more!**

### **WE ARE HERE TO GET YOU OUT**

There is so much fresh snow on the mountain and [Mt. Hood Outfitters](#) has everything you need to get you out! **Known as the leading recreational outfitter guide service in the Mt. Hood National Forest**, they offer snowshoe and cross-country ski rentals and tours. They also hold the only permit to operate snowmobile tours in the Mt. Hood National Forest. What better way to get out and scout the mountain than to take a scenic snowmobile ride through the forest covered trees on Mt. Hood.

### **EVERYTHING YOU NEED. RIGHT. HERE.**

Less than an hour east of Mt. Hood Skibowl, you'll find our sister property, [Lake Simtustus Resort](#), nestled in the steep basalt canyon walls. The resort, located in Central Oregon, is situated on an 8 mile long lake reservoir and offers over 300 days of sun and desert warmth. **The resort features new, customized Tiny Homes** that were specifically designed for the Lake Simtustus landscape. **All of the units are equipped with a full kitchen, panoramic window views and your own private deck with hot tub, BBQ and fire pit.** In addition, the Crown Point units are also accented with electric fireplaces and a sky light in which you can take in the breathtaking view of the stars at night from the privacy of your own bed.

## **TIMBERLINE** [www.timberlinelodge.com](http://www.timberlinelodge.com)

**SUMMIT PASS:** Timberline's Summit Pass (formerly known as Summit Ski Area) is officially part of the Timberline ski area as of October 1, 2021, increasing Timberline's vertical terrain to 4,540 feet, the longest in the United States. Located in Government

Camp, Oregon, the Summit Pass Lodge and base area offer affordable access to its beginner ski and snowboard terrain, as well as lessons, rentals, a restaurant and snow tubing area.

While this long vertical from Timberline to Summit Pass is not yet lift-serviced, it is accessible via other transportation methods and available when there is enough snow at all elevations. In the winter, skiers and snowboarders with a lift ticket or season pass can take the Timberline Resort Shuttle from Summit Pass in Government Camp up to Timberline. At Timberline, catch the Magic Mile Chair Lift up to the Palmer Snowcat access point to be taken to the top of Palmer. Enjoy the ride down to the Alpine Trail or West Leg Road, which ends at the bottom of Summit Pass.

The [Summit Season Pass](#) includes unlimited access at Summit Pass in Government Camp. In March, the Summit Pass upgrades to a Timberline Spring Pass, which is valid for unlimited skiing and riding throughout Timberline until May 30, 2022. Summit Passholders also receive 25% off daily lift tickets for themselves at Timberline.

**Summit Pass lift tickets** can be purchased upon arrival and are valid only at Timberline's beginner ski and snowboard area in Government Camp. These tickets may be upgraded at Guest Services for full access to all of Timberline's terrain.

**Group discounts for 10 - 50 people** at Summit can be arranged for Mondays - Fridays. Group bookings can be organized to include rentals ready upon arrival, meals, and lessons arranged so your group can hit the slopes immediately. Timberline Summit Pass can accommodate ski groups from 10 or more people. Review pricing options and get in touch with us by filling out the [Ski Groups Information Form](#) After submitting the form, the Group Sales Office will send you a link to log in and register your group. All participants need to submit their e-forms 72 hours prior to arrival. Lessons info is required 7 days in advance.

**LESSONS** Summit Pass is the best place on Mt. Hood to learn to ski and snowboard. The gentle slope and our experienced instructors make learning fun! Summit Pass group lessons are offered daily through winter break and then Fridays - Sundays for the remainder of the season. Summit Pass lessons are 2-hour group lessons, ages 6 and up. \$100 includes a Summit Pass lift ticket and rentals, or \$70 without rentals. Helmets are \$10 extra. [BOOK ONLINE](#) or call 503-272-3341 to request a lesson. If your desired date is not available, join the [WAITING LIST](#). *Reservations are strongly recommended and based on availability.*

**RENTALS** Summit Pass is proud to offer a wide variety of top-of-the-line skiing and snowboarding gear for rentals. Snow tubes are free with your tubing ticket. All rentals are available first-come-first-served.

**WORK AT TIMBERLINE:** Timberline is currently hiring for full-time and seasonal positions in several departments. Timberline offers a very competitive employee benefits package. [Explore employment.](#)

**LODGING:** Stay in the historic Timberline Lodge, or in our CONDOS IN GOVERNMENT CAMP: Staying at Timberline's luxury condominiums—The Lodge At Government Camp—makes for a fun and unique mountain town experience for your next family ski vacation. [Discover our condos.](#)

**DINING AT TIMBERLINE:** Timberline Lodge and Mt. Hood Brewing Co. are currently open with 50% capacity due to current county COVID restrictions. Thank you for dining with us! [Explore our restaurants.](#) Note that holiday dinners are only available for hotel guests only.

## **BIG WHITE SKI RESORT** [www.bigwhite.com](http://www.bigwhite.com)

We are excited that the border is again open between the US and Canada and we can visit Big White again!!

Check out their website for specials like stay 4 nights or more, get 1 night free.

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

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

Excerpts from Far West News Flash

DECEMBER 2021

Far West Ski Association

**BRUNDAGE TO ADD OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS, NEW BASE LODGE, & MORE:** Brundage Mountain's new ownership group, which acquired the resort in November 2020, has big plans over the next 10 years for new ski-in/ski-out accommodations, a revitalized base village, expanded lifts and terrain, and a plethora of new recreation and mountain amenities. Brundage will break ground next year on a new base area facility to be finished for winter 2023-24. The new 20,000-square-foot "mountain modern" lodge will be located next to the existing day lodge. It will include a new Mountain Adventure Center and three new food and beverage outlets, including an open-concept food court, a casual sit-down restaurant with full bar, and a coffee shop breakfast/lunch stop. The resort's master development plan includes proposals for lift and terrain expansion, expanded snowmaking capabilities, and new on-mountain lodge amenities.

**WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR FAVORITE RESORT IN 2022:** Resorts are beginning to open across the U.S. and Canada. After a year+ of COVID-19 rules and regulations, here are some things to consider for the coming season. Most U.S. ski destinations - including the big resorts in Colorado, Utah, Oregon, and California - are doing away with or easing last year's capacity limits on the slopes, mask requirements in lift lines, and spacing between skiers on lifts. But there are also some new [COVID-19 vaccination requirements](#) that people need to remain aware of. You don't want to be surprised by a ski experience that's too strict or too lax on COVID-19 safety measures for your liking: You may need to show proof of vaccination for some activities. Mask rules are likely to apply indoors only. You're less likely to need as many on-mountain reservations, however, for lodging ... **BOOK EARLY!** Booking early will pay off, especially when it comes to the cost of lodging. Lastly, if you can be flexible, avoid the weekends. Not only do they bring the most crowds, but lift tickets tend to be at their priciest.

**TRIBAL-RUN SKI AREAS ARE THRIVING:** Arizona's *Sunrise Park* is a 4-hour drive from Phoenix. Owned by the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the resort was named for the Sunrise dance ceremony, the four-day coming of age ceremony for Apache girls. Substantially larger than Snowbowl, *Sunrise* has 65 trails, which spread across neighboring Apache Peak and Cyclone Circle. They advertise 800 skiable acres, but it's more like 1,200. Another tribal-run ski area, run by the Mescalero Apache Tribe, is located in central New Mexico .... *Ski Apache*. The ski hill, originally called Sierra Blanca Ski Resort, was founded in 1961. It is not just a way to promote recreation and provide jobs, it's also a way to share culture, from traditional food to land use ethics. *Ski Apache* is the southernmost major ski resort in the United States.

**FAR WEST MEMBER BENEFITS HAVE BEEN UPDATED:** YOUR Member Benefits have been renewed for the coming 2021-2022 season, and can be found on the Far West website. We have added a new hotel in Mid Valley, Utah – *Crystal Inn & Suites*. We have a new "Adventure" Partner – *aha! Air, powered by Express Jet*. This is a commuter airline, flying non-stop into Reno, Nevada from a number of Oregon, Washington, and California Cities. Members receive 15% off on flights out of the listed airports. AND, our long-time shuttle service, *The Transportation Network*, out of Park City, has now expanded their service into the Reno/Tahoe area. Check them out, along with ski rentals, ski/board gear, lodging, equipment and services on [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Go into Member Corner, and click on Benefits.

#### FAR WEST TRAVEL

**FWSA SKI WEEK 2022:** *Aspen/Snowmass Resort* is the destination for the 2022 annual Far West Ski Week. Dates are **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. Contact your Council Trip Leader Rod Robinson at [travel@nwski.org](mailto:travel@nwski.org) for more information, in case there is a last minute cancellation.

**FWSA INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK:** **Space Still Available, but you have to decide soon!!** *Solden, Austria* is the destination for the 2022 International Ski Week. Dates are **February 26 - March 5<sup>th</sup>** and will include 7 nights lodging at the 4-Star *Tyrolerhof Hotel*, including daily breakfast & dinner at the hotel. We'll be offering an optional day tour during the week if one chooses to explore the local culture. There will be an extension to the *Black Forest*, Germany, **March 5-11, 2022**. If one chooses to not go to *Solden*, but wants to do the *Black Forest*

extension, we will fly you from the US to join us for the extension trip – we call this the “Stand Alone” trip. For more information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: [fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net).

**FWSA MINI SKI WEEK:** We still have spots on the *Zermatt Utah Trip*, but the lodging is beginning to sell out at the resort and we may not be able to get a spot for you unless you sign up soon. This will be a great trip and you don't want to miss out! Trip dates are **March 20-25th** with prices starting at \$595 for 5 nights lodging, FWSA Happy Hours, and Farewell dinner. This is a flexible trip. Arrival and departure dates can be adjusted to fit your schedule. The *IKON* pass is good at Deer Valley and the *EPIC* pass is good at Park City. Free daily shuttle to both resorts. We will plan one day for a trip to Sundance Ski Resort. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader: [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com); 661-800-8229.

**FWSA INSIDE PASSAGE CRUISE 2022:** There's still time to sign up for the *Denali Tour and Alaska Cruise*. Participants can sign up for the *Denali Tour*, **June 21–25, 2022** or *Alaska Inside Passage Cruise*, **June 25-July 2, 2022**, or for the combined two trips. The Denali Trip starts with two days in Fairbanks, AK, followed by two days in Denali, and ends in Anchorage for those doing this portion only. The Inside passage Alaska Cruise starts in Whittier and travels southward with stops in Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan before docking in Vancouver, BC. Trip information and registration available on the FWSA.org website or contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, [fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net); (530) 414-8261.

**FWSA INTERNATIONAL “ADVENTURE TRIP”:** Far West's Trip to *Croatia* will be **September 2-11, 2022**. Departure date from the U.S. will be September 1<sup>st</sup>. Right now, we have a **waiting list**, but for further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: [fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net](mailto:fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net).

## 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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