

NWSCC NEWSLETTER AND CALENDAR APRIL 2006

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April 19 is the next NWSCC meeting! Join us for "Travel Night"!

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SKI NOTES FROM THE PREZ ...

Some of you are thinking golf and gardening - I just know it. BUT - there's still MORE skiing to be had. Many resorts have extended their closing dates. Show em that NWSCC members care that they took the efforts to stay open for us. Gads-we've got a trip to Whistler/Blackcomb in April and I know many of you are hitting the slopes to get in lots more vertical. Speaking of golf - NWSCC will again hold "Clubs 4 Play" on July 30.

Did you join us at Mt. Bachelor for the St. Paddy's weekend?? We had a blast - great weather and snow conditions. Club members enjoyed a great little apres party hosted by NWSCC. Some of us got in some great shopping also!!

Oregon Cancer Ski Out was a huge success. THANK YOU to all the NWSCC teams -. Begger's Can't Be Losers, Easy Gliders, FWSA Germ Team, Vertical Junkies, and Vertical Maniacs. All together our teams raised \$3370. What a weekend - there was even a wedding!!

I attended the monthly meeting of S'NoJoke Ski Club in Seattle on Mar 20th. An enthusiastic bunch who had just returned from Steamboat. Hey - you can go on the FWSA Steamboat trip in 2007. You should all seriously think about attending FWSA Convention in Chandler, Arizona. What a great way to network with ski clubs in Far West, meet ski celebrities, bid on great ski packages at the silent auction,

and enjoy fabulous sunny/hot weather!! And-don't forget about elections in June. We're looking for a few good volunteers to join us at the helm for NWSCC.

Mary Olhausen, President

GUEST SPEAKERS, MARCH MEETING:

Our **GUEST SPEAKERS** at the March Council meeting included two of our commercial members who run ski shops in the Portland area. **Dexter Hill, of Hillcrest Ski & Sports,** located at 2506 E. Burnside, Gresham, Oregon, has been a supporter for several years, and is even on one of the PACRAT teams this year! Hillcrest offers sales of winter and summer sports clothing and equipment, service, tuneups, and rentals of ski equipment, expert boot fitting, and more. Hillcrest sponsored two "demo days" at Mt. Hood Meadows this season, offering FREE demos of high end skis and snowboards. If you are interested in pre-ordering next year's models of equipment, call Dexter right away at 503-665-4455 for special discounts. But hurry - this offer is only good until the order is placed!

New to Portland and to the Pearl District is **Signal Sports**, located at 1327 NW Kearney, Portland (close to REI). **Sig and AI** (Sig'n'al, get it?) **Quinn**, the owners, have downsized from 30 years of running a large ski retailer in Washington, and are enjoying their new venture - a shop that supplies equipment and apparel specially designed for WOMEN - "Because Women Are Not Just Small Men!" You will find equipment and apparel for skiing, snowboarding, tennis, and fitness, boot fitting, racquet stringing, and demos. Sig and AI are also more than willing to host ski club meetings or special events at their shop. Of course, Skiyente, our all-women's club, was the first to take them up on this offer. If this newsletter reaches you in time, note that Signal is sponsoring a Demo Day at Mt. Hood Meadows on April 1, and will solicit donations for "Boarding for Breast Cancer."

Thanks to both of these shops for coming and talking to us!

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION: June 8-11, 2006.

Far West Ski Association (FWSA) will hold its 74th Annual Convention June 8-11, 2006, at Chandler (Phoenix), Arizona. The Convention will hold its usual optional fun activities (Thursday Rawhide Steakhouse Dinner, Friday Golf, South Mountain Day Hike, and Aji Spa Day), as well as the Friday night Silent Auction, Saturday Travel Expo, and Awards Dinner & Dance, and Sunday Eye Opener Reception, Brunch, and FWSA Business meeting. This year's theme is "Wild, Wild West."

Lodging is at The Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa in Chandler, Arizona. The special room rate is \$129 (plus taxes and energy charge) before May 15, 2006. Call 602-225-0100 and say you're with Far West Ski Association. Room rates are available three days before or after the convention dates. Rooms are filling up fast---make your reservation NOW!!! You can also book your room online by using the website link through the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org, click on "Convention," then on the "2006 Far West Convention," and then on the link to the discounted hotel rates. The FWSA room block will end on May 15th. Airline prices have just dropped, and presently Southwest appears to have the best rates to Phoenix.

Forms are available for downloading from the convention website as described above. May 15, 2006 is the deadline for early registration and submitting fees for the fun activities. You can register individually or all together as a club. Club Presidents should complete the FWSA Credential Form (found on the website) so as to advise FWSA of the number of voting delegates from each club who will attend the Convention.

For more information please contact Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net or 360-892-1814. She will be happy to send you a complete registration packet. IMPORTANT: To coordinate NW Ski Club Council activities while at the convention, PLEASE let Mary Olhausen know if you plan to attend.

NWSCC ELECTIONS!!!

NWSCC is taking names of people who want to run for office in this great organization we have. Elections will be held at the June 21 NWSCC meeting, and we encourage all clubs to have their representatives available at the meeting to VOTE! Nominations will be accepted for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as two Board of Directors positions. The Board positions are "open" and people don't run for a specific director position. Following the election the President, with the assistance of the elected Board members, will assign duties to the elected directors and appoint persons to the remaining director positions. The nominations committee includes will be named soon; in the meantime if

you are interested in running please contact Mary Olhausen.

MOUNTAIN TRAVEL SYMPOSIUM, 2006

By Debbi Kor-Lew, NWSCC Travel Director

April 6-9 are the dates set for this year's Mountain Travel Symposium, to be held at Squaw Valley. What is Mountain Travel Symposium? Well, to begin with, it is the largest gathering of ski club, ski club council, vacation resort and hotel representatives this side of the Mississippi. It is a chance to network, and to plan that one trip that you've always wanted to plan for your club. It's the time that the ski resorts come to us and say "what can we do to get your group to our area?"

On April 7th I will be meeting with area reps to discuss what resorts our clubs and the Northwest Council would like to visit over next season, or over the next couple of seasons. In order to bring back good information for member clubs, there are things I will need to know going in: Where does your club wants to go? Do you want to fly? Do you want to drive or take a bus? Do you want to go by Amtrak? What kind of lodging do you prefer (condos versus hotel rooms)? What is your budget? Please contact me with your wish list before the end of March so that I can include your favorites into my schedule. Just to give you an idea, I already have Utah in mind, as well as Sun Valley, Big Sky, Whistler and Big White, to name a few. I have room for 35-40 appointments, so give me some ideas. You may contact me at 503-682-1563 or ijustwannarun@aol.com.

2006 SKI OREGON CHALLENGE

A snowboarder, David Shore, is the first to complete skiing all 11 ski areas in Oregon, and Emilio Trampuz of Mountain High Snowsport Club is second. Not to be outdone, we understand that a telemark skier, McCoy Smith, is also working on this challenge! Check the NWSCC website to see the status of contenders for the prizes being offered for this new challenge. Ski 9 out of 11 ski resorts in Oregon during the 2005-06 ski season and you could win equipment, services, 2006-07 lift tickets or a ten-time punch pass at Mt. Hood Meadows. The Northwest Council's contest is open to all skiers and boarders. One hardy snowboarder has already completed this task, and Emilio Trampuz is hot on his heels! Go to the Council website at www.nwskiers.org for complete details, including links to "lodging partners" offering lodging discounts at local ski areas.

BARBADOS, ANYONE? Debbi Kor-Lew, Director of Marketing for FWSA, has arranged for a special raffle - the prize, donated by the Barbados Tourism Authority, will be a trip for 2 to Barbados, including airfare and 4 nights' all-inclusive lodging (approximate value \$4,000!). Tickets are being sold for \$5 each, or 6 for \$25, with 50¢ per ticket going back to your club. Proceeds will benefit the FWSA

athletic scholarship program for junior racers. Your club president or representative should have tickets, or contact Debbi Kor-Lew at ijustwannarun@aol.com or 503-682-1563 for information, or come to a Council meeting.

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

PACRAT RACING:

The last PACRAT race of the current season is scheduled for April 2 at Mt. Hood Meadows; to be followed April 7 by the Rat Attack (end of season party). This will be held at the Greek Cuisina at 4th and Washington in downtown Portland. Guests can attend at a cost of \$25 (call PACRAT ASAP to make a reservation), and racers are free. A great time will be had by all!

Here's a report from PACRAT regarding the last race: The big mover from race 4 was Infra Rats who scored 68 points and moved from 13th to 3rd. Pyscothermia and Rattitudes had big days as well that kept them in 1st and 2nd place, respectively. It will take a big day to catch either of those teams, but as Infra Rats showed, it can be done. Still a tight race to get into and move-up in the trophies with 4 teams within 16 points of each other between 3rd and 6th and 7 teams within 27 points of each other between 7th and 13th. Remember each racers' top 4 out of 5 best point scoring races count so there could be some additional scoring quirks at our last race. Here's the team standings:

Place	Team Name	Club Name	Pts
1	Psycothermia	Mt. High	207
2	Rattitudes	Mt. High	187
3	Infra-Rats	Mt. High	169
4	Drunken Losers	Free Riders	165
5	Racy Brats	Skiyente	154
6	Rocket Dawgs	Mt. High	153
7	Vertical Chaos	PDX Ski Club	143
8	Ruttin' Rats	Schnee Vogeli	142
9	Tasmanian Ski Devils	Bergfreunde	137
10	Brat Chic	Skiyente	123
11	River Rats	Free Riders	120
12	Drooling Moose Rats	Mt. High	117
13	Mixed Nuts	Mt. High	116
14	Avalanche Express	Mt. High	98
15	Mt. Hoodlums	Mt. High	80
16	The Specialists	Special Olympics	3 21

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

SUMMER ACTIVITIES: The annual Clubs-4-Play Golf Tournament has been scheduled for July 30, 2006, at the Oregon City Golf Course at Lone Oak (same as last year). Contact Marilyn Sigler at marski@teleport.com for more information. Mark your calendar for this fun event!

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.

Panama Canal Cruise, October 29-November 11, 2006. Sail from San Diego with stops in Acapulco and Huatulco in Mexico, Puntarenas in Costa Rica, then cruise the Panama Canal. In the Caribbean the cruise ship will stop at Oranjestad, Aruba before docking in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Prices range from \$1,218 pp to \$2,118 depending on the cabin berth selected. Prices do not include airfare to San Diego or from San Juan. \$450 deposit per person due April 4, 2006. To see the flyer and sign up sheet check the FWSA website. For additional information go to the webpage at www.fwsacruises.com.

FWSA Ski Week 2007 will be held at Steamboat, Colorado! \$100 deposits are being taken. The trip captain is Rod Robinson of Altair Ski & Snowsport Club in Eugene. Contact Rod at rdrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170. See flier sent with this newsletter.

FWSA INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

For information on all FWSA International trips go to www.FWSA.org or contact Tucker Hoffmann, FWSA VP International Travel by email TravelFWSA@aol.com or phone 510-278-5900.

HOT NEWS FLASH!! 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 - and of course our PACRAT racers will be eligible as well!

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.

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**.

And don't forget our **fleet pricing** at **Carr Subaru**! It's not just on **Subaru**, but also on **new or used Chevrolet, GMC, and Cadillac vehicles!** Check the NWSCC website for the link; e-mail NWSCC for the signin and password.

MISCELLANEOUS, BUT FUN, INFORMATION:

We have early notification this year: The Subaru Race and Ace (ski and golf!) is expanding to three events in 2006, and offers early-season pricing for those who register early. In addition to their signature Central Oregon event on May 6, 2006, the Subaru Race and Ace will debut in Washington at Snoqualmie Summit and Newcastle Golf's Coal Creek Course on April 1st and at Idaho's Tamarack Resort on May 20th. North America's premier ski and golf competition is moving up another notch this year and hopes you'll join in the fun! Be sure to visit their new website for more information at www.raceandace.com.

NWSCC Clubs Support Charity Organizations Through Skiing/Snowboarding Events! Mark down these events and participate to help these worthy causes!

- * Ski & Ride Against Hunger @ Mt. Ashland, Apr 2, 2006. 5 cans of food for free lift ticket.
- * Riders For The Cure @ Mt. Bachelor, April 15, 2006. Supports Sarah Fisher Breast Health Project.
- * Golden Rose Ski Classic @ Timberline, Jun 3, 2006. Supports Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation.

Looking for an unusual gift? **Skiyente** has published a great **cookbook:** "**Downhill Delights,"** with lots of pictures of skiers and Mt. Hood, with 150 time tested Skiyente recipes. It's a great gift item for only \$10.

GOLDEN ROSE SKI CLASSIC: June 3, 2006, at Timberline! Proceeds will benefit Mt. Hood Race Academy athletes and NWSSF for aspiring young skiers and snowboarders. The cost is \$450 for a team of 6 racers, and includes cost of race, t-shirt, box lunch, optional challenge, social hour and silent auction, pizza party, commemorative wine glass, and awards ceremony. For further information on the race contact: DB Johnson at 503-558-0530 or prosportnw@comcast.net. For information regarding the Academy contact Bill Gunesch at 503-272-3503, bgunesch@oregontrail.net. For information on NWSSF or the silent auction contact Diane Hicks at 503/249-6645, diane.hicks@horizonair.com.

BIG WHITE KID'S TRIP REPORT (by Sheri Parshall): The family trip of 32 people went FABULOUSLY. The parents had done a great job preparing for a long ride and the kids were super. The weather was awesome! It dumped nearly a foot of snow the night we arrived, and everyone was in heaven!! Big White threw a fabulous welcome reception; Saturday was "race day," and they opened the NASTAR course for us. Saturday night we had a big pizza party and gave out race awards with pins for everyone (all of the kids won their "class"). We got a couple of folks in the gates for the first time ever, so maybe we have more PACRAT racers! Everyone got along well, their children got along well; guys were hopping off the bus to help the driver chain up; the older kids were helping with the younger ones. Everybody shared food and movies (and ski equipment when necessary!!).

Skiyente's next family trip will be to Big Mountain, Montana, on the train, next year. Watch for details!

NEWSLETTER: We are now sending the Newsletter out in PDF format, via email, to as many club members and commercial members, as possible. We urge club presidents or club reps to forward the Newsletter on to all their club members - a great way to share what's new with the Council, member benefits, and trip information. If you start receiving a .pdf and would rather receive a mailed copy, or if you want a copy in Word or WordPerfect for ease in insertion in your newsletter, please contact Linda McGavin at lindam@mcewengisvold.com or 503-412-3531.

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 BY THE COUNCIL.

Far West Ski Association 2007 Ski Week



STEMBOMT



January 27 – February 3, 2007

Located in the Colorado Rockies, Steamboat Ski Resort has 143 trails, 3,600 vertical feet, and nearly 3,000 skiable acres. Steamboat provides a variety of terrain for every level of skier. Steamboats six peaks are filled with groomed cruisers, bumps, steep, open meadows and legendary tree skiing.

The phrase "champagne powder snow" was coined at Steamboat. During the 2004-05 season, Steamboat invested over \$1 million improving their chairlifts. It has a total of 20 lifts including an 8 passenger gondola and high speed quads.

The price for NWSCC participants has not yet been finalized but it will be about \$850, <u>not</u> including air and ground transportation. We are limited to 62 spots. This includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and the FWSA amenity package. Lodging will be at The Lodge at Steamboat, located just 200 yards from the gondola. The Lodge provides a private shuttle to skiing, dining, etc.

The FWSA amenity package includes: Welcome Party, Apres Ski Party, Mountain Picnic, 3 Races, Farewell Awards Party and 5 of 7 day Lift Tickets.

Plan now and reserve your spot by making a \$100 deposit! Your deposit is fully refundable until June 30^{th} . Payment Schedule: July 1^{st} – \$250 due, September 1^{st} - \$350 due and November 1^{st} – remaining balance due.

Trip cancellation policy: Cancellation from July1st until September 1st will result in a \$25 cancellation fee, cancellation between September 2nd and November 15th will result in a \$100 cancellation fee. NO REFUNDS after November 15th.

Please make your checks payable to: Northwest Ski Club Council, P.O. Box 1915, Portland OR 97207

For More Information Contact: Rod Robinson at (541) 344-7170 or rdrobinson@aol.com

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PLATINUM MEMBERS: Mt. Bachelor Ski Area, Bend, OR

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

SILVER MEMBERS:

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Amtrak
BC Ski Country, Canada (Apex, Big White,
Silver Star, Sun Peaks)
Big Sky Resort, MT
Carr Auto Group
Intrawest (Whistler/Blackcomb, Panorama,
Tremblant, Copper, Winter Park, Squaw)
Moonlight Basin Ski Area, MT
Resorts of the Canadian Rockies (Fernie, Kimberley)
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Ski Big 3 (Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Fairmont
Hotels)
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Tamarack Resort, ID
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BRONZE MEMBERS:
Anthony Lakes, OR
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Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, OR
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NA Charters
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

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> 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.

www.nwskiers.org - E-Groups:

E-Letter: General list subscription. This is not a chat room, and does not allow replies. Subscribers receive messages from NWSCC regarding trips, events,

E-PACRATs is for PACRAT announcements.

NWskiers-Advocates is for updates on development plans at Northwest Ski resorts.

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.

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NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 19, 2006 7:00 PM - COME EARLY TO SOCIALIZE

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> ** DOOR PRIZES!! ** **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!**

← 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