



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - December, 2015

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday. Hard to believe that December has now arrived. The Steamboat trip starts tomorrow. We now all the participants are going to have a great week!! CAnd the reports have been showing a lot of snow at Steamboat and also Mt. Bachelor and Big Sky. The conditions this season may be the best in years – thank you, El Nino!!

CRESCENT TRIPS

Steamboat has 247 registered participants. We know everyone will have a wonderful time – send me any pictures and reports. Cathie Mulgrew can post pictures and updates to the Crescent Facebook page so we're looking forward to seeing lots of pictures of the great time everyone will be having.

Mt. Bachelor January Ski Week currently has 65 participants. **There are openings for a male and a female. The female spot is in a condo and the male spot could be condo or hotel.** If you're interested in joining this trip, contact Sara Clemons at Sports America, sara@sportsamerica.com and she'll try to find a spot for you.

Big Sky is sold out with 216 total – 208 confirmed and the other 8 are on the waiting list.

Any questions, check with your Clubs' Trip Leaders or Sara Clemons at Sports America at sara@sportsamerica.com.

The Club trip list is regularly updated and the current listed has been added to the Crescent website, www.crescentskicouncil.org. If your Club has a trip that isn't listed, please let Lisa know so your trip(s) can be added. Lisa's email address is drlab88@aol.com.

LOCAL TRIPS

Attached is the information flyer for SilverCreek 2016. The dates are Thursday, March 3, 2016 through Sunday, March 6, 2016. The package includes lodging at SilverCreek Resort slopeside condos. Options are studio, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom plus loft and 2 bedroom units – note that all units include sleeper sofas) for 2 or 3 nights, 3 or 4 day lift tickets, and Saturday night party with desserts and drinkis. Contact Linda Redd at lindaelkview@aol.com to make you reservations. Confirmation form and 50% deposits are due January 10, 2016.

Linda is still looking for someone to work with her this year on learning how to run the Local Trips/SilverCreek trip. If you're interested, please contact Lisa Beregi, drlab88@aol.com.

CONVENTIONS

Spring Convention 2016

Set your calendars for the Spring Convention - the dates are April 21-24, 2016!!

Spring Convention Lodging Info and Registration is underway! Lodging Form and Club Registration forms are attached (we need one registration form per Club).

A message from your Spring Convention Rooming Coordinators:

GET YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS IN TO DEBORAH THORNTON ASAP @ Skibunny737@gmail.com!

Although we did away with the villas and changed them over to Brighton Towers condos, and retired the “shot gun” sign-up, there are still a limited number of contracted condos...and, just like any other Crescent “Trip”, that lodging can and will “sell out” earlier then later.

As of right now, we have 3: 2 bedroom condos left and 3: 1 bedrooms left. In the past, when we imposed the “shot-gun” sign up...you folks got us your desired number of condos in early, and we were able to go to Kingston and quickly get the additional condos needed. This year, we have only heard from 6 clubs...that means that 13 other clubs are waiting to send in their requests...and if you wait too long, Kingston won't have Brighton Towers available for us to add on...So...GET YOUR FORMS IN TO DEBORAH THORNTON ASAP @ Skibunny737@gmail.com!

Thanks!

Bryan Bobo: CSC Conventions Chair

Michelle Shuford: Spring Convention Coordinator

Deborah Thornton: Spring Lodging Coordinator

Spring Convention Competitions

From **Ken Lumsden, Member Services Chair:**

Here is the summary of **Competitions** for the Spring '16 Convention:

Web Site Competition. Reminder, the new deadline to request to be included in the competition: **February 15, 2016.**

Scrapbook Competition. Due to a decline in submittals (and no submittals at the Spring '15 Convention) for the hard-copy scrapbooks, **we are ending the Scrapbook competition.** If anyone happens to be working on a real hard-copy scrapbook for their club, Member Services will be happy to receive and display it at the Spring Convention for the edification and enjoyment of everyone, but we will not judge it. There might be recognition of some sort, but no formal judging and no award.

NEW One-Time Event. In commemoration of this momentous event (ending the Scrapbook Competition), we will have a new, one-time event: the “Michelle Shuford End That ****@@**%%** Competition” Memorial Event. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite picture(s) of Michelle to the Spring '16 Convention. We will display them in a suitable manner (to be determined) for all to enjoy.

Video Competition. Please remind the clubs to get working on their videos for the Spring Convention. Categories: Best Skiing Activity; Best Non-Skiing Activity; Video Scrapbook; Member Recruitment

REMINDER: The new deadline is **February 15, 2016** (videos must be available for viewing on the Crescent Channel of YouTube by this date). Yes, this cuts the upcoming ski season in two! To make up for that, retro-submittals will be accepted for Best Skiing Activity to include since the 2014-2015 ski season (beginning December 1, 2014). Videos that have previously been submitted may not be re-submitted.

Let me know if you have questions.

That's all,

Ken (joonone@ix.net.com)

RACING

The 2015/2016 Racing Newsletter Credit Sheets have been e-mailed to each Club Race Director. Printing instructions were included as an attachment in the e-mail. If your Club no longer prints a paper newsletter, please post the sponsorship logos on your web site. When your Club broadcasts a monthly e-blast, please include one of the newsletter sheets, of which there are four. As you have done in the past, please include Ron Scott (rscott013@nc.rr.com) in your e-blast mailings and your hard-copy newsletter mailings. I will forward your e-blast and newsletters to Crescent Racing sponsors. Posting the logos on your website is voluntary for the clubs. However, posting the Sponsorship Sheets that were sent out to the Race Directors is a requirement under Crescent Racing Rules.

Crescent Racing is for the young and old. We welcome everyone, even snowboarders. If you have a question concerning the Crescent Race Series please contact, Ron Scott at rscott013@nc.rr.com.

Crescent Racing is the type of racing program the other ski councils wish they had.

Enjoy the up-coming holidays and remember our soldiers and those less fortunate than each of us.

Please look over the USSA information included in this month's update and discuss the membership benefits by joining the USSA with your club members. Your membership in USSA helps support and promote our United States World Cup and Olympic athletes. For your \$15 General Member fee, you are not only helping support our United States skiing athletes, you will receive a magazine subscription or access to Ski Racing Premium Web content, membership to USSA Rewards discount and benefit program, excess accident insurance, and more. Unlike many other countries, our US athletes do not receive government assistance.

Also, look over and share the POINT6 sock discount with your club members and friends.

CSC MEMBER PERK – POINT 6 SOCKS

Please share the 25% off Point 6 sock, Crescent Ski Council discount with all your club members and friends. Point 6 Sock Company donated one pair of Point 6 socks to each Race Camp participant this year at Steamboat. Now, Point 6 socks is offering all Crescent members and their friends a 25% discount on Point 6 socks. All one needs to do is use the code "CSC" and receive a 25% discount off internet orders, www.point6.com. For all internet orders over \$50 free shipping is offered. This offer is extended to **all CSC members and their friends**, so spread the word. Point 6 Sock Company was started by Peter Duke who founded Smartwool Sock Company. The quality, comfort, and fit of Point 6 socks are better than what one experienced from other wool socks.

MEMBER SERVICES/SOCIAL MEDIA

The presentations that were given by Ryan Johnson, Membership Chair of Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club on "Growing Your Membership" and Robert Avsec, Membership Chair for the Kanawha Ski Club on his great presentation regarding Social Media and in particular, Twitter. The presentations have been posted on Crescent's website.

We now have Facebook pages for Crescent Ski Council Racing in addition to the Crescent Ski Council page. Spread the word on both – we want to increase our number of likes. Updates, pictures and videos are being posted to both pages.

NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

The National Ski Council Federation (“NSCF”) is made up of 30 ski councils with 640 ski clubs with more than 300,000 club members throughout the US. We all have a common interest in the enjoyment of snowsports. We all belong to ski clubs, who in turn belong to ski councils. If you’ve checked the NSCF website, www.skifederation.org, you already know that there are some **great benefits and discounts** with NSCF and more are being added regularly. Attached is the November 2015 NSCF Newsbeat.

The new website for NSCF is up and running. Check out the site for member only benefits. The new site allows you to search the benefits by category allowing you to find what you’re looking for much faster. With the new site going live, NSCF can now concentrate on getting additional benefits and getting them online much faster which is a definite win, win for all. Please spread the word to your club members that these benefits are available and please take advantage of them. We’ve added the Crescent and the Club trips that we have information on to the NSCF site. Our race schedule is also on the NSCF site.

A username and password is needed to go into in the members’ only area. The purpose of restricted access is due to the fact that the companies offering discounts would like those to go only to current Club members. To register, click on the “Members only” link at the top right of the home page. The registration page will appear. If you are already registered you need only use the “Existing Members Logon” area on the top right of the page. If not registered yet, complete the registration form and submit it. **You will receive an email with your username and password along with a message that your registration is complete but you will not be able to log in until you receive a follow-up email stating that they “have been approved to access Ski Federation.”** Alternately once you are registered, you can use <http://skifederation.org/wp-login.php> to go directly to the Registration/Logon screen.

Reminder if you haven’t already done so, go into Facebook and like the **National Ski Council Federation’s** page. We add great information from Ski Councils, Clubs and resorts all over the world!! I’m an Administrator for the NSCF page so anything you want to see included there, please let me know. Keep spreading the word!! The link to the page is at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Ski-Council-Federation/178192492206742>.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Reminder, please distribute the President’s Updates to your members, via email, your newsletters and/or by placing them on your Club’s web site. If you received this update and are not the current officer, please forward to the appropriate person. Let’s keep our members informed!

We want to keep the database up-to-date so remember to send Bruce McMurray your Club’s updated information for your current officers, board members, webmasters and newsletter editors. Include name, mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, mobile), email address and Board position(s). **Bruce’s email address is snowdavgasoc@bellsouth.net.**

Send me your comments, suggestions, and ideas – Crescent is the **best** Council in the country. But we’re always ready to make it even better!! Happy skiing and riding!!

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National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat November 2015

Hall of Fame Names Seven New Inductees. The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame has chosen seven pioneers to join the Hall as part of the Class of 2015. They are: freestyle skiing world champions Genia Fuller and Bob Salerno; David Ingemie, president and CEO of Snowsports Industries America (SIA); former Skiing magazine publisher Henry Kaiser; three-time Olympic snowboarder Chris Klug; sit skiing innovator Jim Martinson; and the late Edgar Stern, who developed Deer Valley Resort. [More.](#) First Tracks!! *Ed. Note: Dave Ingemie was at the 2012 NSCF Annual Meeting at Telluride. He is retiring from SIA in January. SAM*

Former NSAA Communications Chief Troy Hawks Settles In at Sunlight. Colorado's Sunlight Mountain Resort has named Troy Hawks, former communications manager at the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA), as its new marketing and sales director. Most recently Hawks worked two years at Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) in the areas of marketing communications and managing the passport department that processes and distributes more than 20,000 child ski passes annually. [More.](#) First Tracks!! *Ed. Note: Troy Hawks was at the 2012 NSCF Annual Meeting at Telluride.*

Western Resorts Rush To Ban Camera Drones As Their Popularity Rises. Trying to get ahead of the popularity of videoing from remote-controlled drones, many Western resorts have banned their use – citing safety issues and both FAA and U.S. Forest Service concerns. [More.](#) SnoCountry

Drone Video Service Set to Launch at Winter Park, Copper Mountain. Cape Productions announces drone video service at nine ski resorts, but still waiting for FAA OK. A California start-up with \$10 million in venture capital funding has partnered with Copper Mountain and Winter Park ski areas to offer drone video services this season. Cape Productions announced nine resorts — including Copper and Winter Park — as partners in the company's plan to deliver drone-captured video to ski resort visitors. [More.](#) *Denver Post* via Google Alerts

Battle of the Drones Heats up on the Slopes. As the use of recreational unmanned aerial vehicles, a.k.a. “drones” to film video is rapidly increasing in popularity, ski resorts — and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) — are scrambling to determine how to deal with this rapidly emerging new technology on the slopes. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Ski Bolivia? It's been some time now since the rope tow has run on the glacier at Chacaltaya ski area in Bolivia. What was once the country's only lift-served skiing, as well as the second-closest ski area to the equator (after only the incredibly obscure Maoke in Indonesia), could soon be replaced by a new development on 19,262-foot La Mururata in Bolivia's Cordillera Real. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Plans for Indoor Skiing in Central Florida Fall Through. Xero Gravity Action Sports said this week that their plan to construct a \$309 million, 14-story tall skiing, surfing and snow tubing venue, skateboard and BMX park, and indoor snowball fight center, along with a 250-room Hyatt hotel with rooftop pool and bar, hinged on acquiring land along US-192 east of Celebration, and that deal has fallen through. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

The Ultimate Guide to What's New at Ski Areas in 2015-2016. There's a lot going on in ski country for the 2015-2016 season. There are new lifts, replacement lifts, new trails, lodges being remodeled, and brand new facilities. There's even a brand new ski resort opening for the first time. Curbed Ski tracked the changes down and put them in a map. Here is the ultimate guide to what's new at North American ski areas in 2015-2016. [More.](#) Curbed Ski

What's New in Tahoe. Boasting more ski resorts in close proximity to one another than any other U.S. winter destination, and the only slope-side location offering 24/7 Vegas-style nightlife and entertainment, Lake Tahoe-area ski resorts will be upping the ante this winter with on-mountain upgrades, extensive lake-wide developments, new VIP experiences, new non-stop flights and the most promising El Niño weather scenario seen in the last half century. [More.](#)

What's New in Idaho This Ski Season. Idaho is home to 18 ski areas offering everything from world-class resorts with beautifully groomed runs and glades of feather-light powder for all skiing and boarding abilities, to small community ski areas for sliding on a budget. Collectively with more than 28,000 leg-burning vertical feet, 20,000 skiable acres and a wide array of Nordic trails, terrain parks, cat ski operations, heli-ski opportunities and tubing hills, Idaho has become a hub for skiers and boarders seeking blue skies, fresh powder and few crowds. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Buck Hill Sold. There aren't many 300-vertical foot ski hills with a world-famous legacy, but after having developed ski racers like Lindsey Vonn and Kristina Koznick, Buck Hill is one of them. The Stone family, which has operated these 100 acres since its inception in 1954, has sold Buck Hill to new owners with big plans. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Oregon Couple Buys Soldier Mountain (ID) Resort for \$149,000. Out of over 2,000 offers, a Bend, Ore. couple are now the proud owners of an Idaho ski resort, for the unheard-of sum of \$149,000. The non-profit that has been running Soldier Mountain since it was donated to them by actor Bruce Willis in 2012 felt that Matt and Diane McFerran were the best candidates to continue the Soldier Mountain tradition. It was sold for only the amount of debt carried by the non-profit. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

New Lift, Runs and Lodge at Crystal Mountain. Michigan's Crystal Mountain is investing \$11 million to debut a new chairlift, new ski runs and an addition to overnight lodging. Construction on the new Backyard triple chairlift and eight new ski runs is already underway, with completion anticipated in time for the 2015-16 ski and ride season. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Mountain High Joins Forces with Snow Valley in Southern California. Two more ski areas in Southern California are teaming up. Mountain High in Wrightwood, and Snow Valley in Running Springs are offering pass holders free skiing this winter at the other's resort, good for three visits per season. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

SilverStar Partners with Whistler Blackcomb. SilverStar My1Pass season passholders are receiving an unexpected and welcome perk with a recently announced partnership between SilverStar Mountain Resort and Whistler Blackcomb. The new benefit gets SilverStar winter 2015-16 alpine season passholders a 25 per cent discount on single-day and multi-day tickets at Whistler Blackcomb with no blackout dates. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Gore Adds New Runs, New Snowmaking and Lodge Improvements. The marketing slogan for Upstate New York's Gore Mountain ski center the past few years has been, "More Gore." This season, there truly will be More Gore, in the form of three new trails, more snowmaking, and a more welcoming base lodge. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Hunter Mountain Invests Another \$1.2 Million in Automated Snowmaking. With over 1,100 snow guns, Hunter Mountain already has one of the most powerful snowmaking systems anywhere. This summer, the ski area in New York State's Catskill Mountains invested another \$1.2 million in snowmaking, with 17 new guns on the popular Hellgate trail alone. [More.](#)

Jiminy Peak Solar Partnership Makes Resort Greener. The 12-acre installation located near the base Jiminy Peak encompasses 7,500 solar panels, making it the largest of its kind in the Northeast. The solar panels can produce 2.3 megawatts; combined with the resort's 1.5 MW wind turbine, 75 kW cogeneration unit, and significant conservation efforts, Jiminy Peak can offset 90 percent of its energy consumption with renewable sources. [More.](#) SAM



Ski Sunlight Wraps Up Work on New Improvements. Skiers and riders at Colorado's Sunlight Mountain Resort will be greeted by a number of improvements for the 2015-16 season including expanded food and beverage concessions, a major renovation to the Sunlight Lodge Bed & Breakfast, several on-mountain maintenance projects, and a new website set to launch in the weeks to come. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Whistler Fights Rival Ski Resort at Garibaldi. Major players at Whistler are going flat out trying to kill a proposed four-season resort that would open a major ski hill 35 minutes closer to Vancouver. Whistler Blackcomb, the resort municipality of Whistler, Tourism Whistler, the Whistler Chamber of Commerce and others are fiercely lobbying the province's environmental assessment office to reject the Garibaldi at Squamish proposal, arguing it's a poor area for skiing and would end up hurting the corridor's reputation. A decision is expected this fall. [More.](#) Victoria B.C. *Times Colonist* via Destimetrics



August 5, 2015

RE: USSA Update to the Crescent Ski Council

Dear Crescent Ski Council Members and Member Clubs,

The USSA has been working to implement many changes in the last few seasons in response to the findings of the McKinsey study and to better support all levels of snowsports. Here are a few updates we have discussed with the Crescent Ski Council leadership that are aimed at the following goals:

- More support structures for USSA members and member clubs
- Lower cost membership and lower cost club insurance
- Growth of club membership and USSA membership

Club Development Program

The Club Development program has been introduced to help provide education, certification and recognition to all clubs and in all areas of club organizational and athletic success.

More information on club educational resources:

<http://alpine.usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/clubs/education>
<http://alpine.usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/clubs/resource-center>

More information on club certification:

<http://alpine.usskiteam.com/alpine-programs/clubs/certification>

Improved Club Liability Insurance Program (CLIP)

Some highlights of this year's program include:

- CLIP clubs will now enjoy coverage for almost all of their traditional ski/snowboard related training and competition activities regardless of whether the competition at issue is USSA sanctioned. Please refer to the attached FAQ for the traditional list of exclusions from coverage such as skydiving, bungee-jumping, etc.
- CLIP pricing has been reduced for some participant clubs....
- CLIP membership is easy. The application is a snap and maintenance has been simplified to an end-of-season automatic membership reconciliation provided by the USSA. Monthly membership reporting is unnecessary.
- CLIP provides coverage that meets and exceeds the requirements of ski and snowboarding clubs and their ski areas, based on expert information provided by the carriers and brokers



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the USSA has worked with for many years. This more than satisfies the standard \$2 million per occurrence limit required by many third parties.

- General Liability: \$1 million each occurrence; \$10 million General Aggregate
 - Excess: \$25 million each occurrence and aggregate
- CLIP also extends the excess participant accident policy to all club/USSA members via new membership categories, a benefit to all club/USSA member skiers and riders.
 - Optional Directors & Officers liability insurance is available to all clubs and covers legal costs, judgments and settlements resulting from suits and other legal proceedings brought against the entity's Board of Directors, Officers or the entity itself for allegations of wrongful acts, errors and omissions. This coverage must be purchased separately.
 - CLIP provides a SafeSport program enhancement protecting kids and clubs.

I think you will agree that the 2015 CLIP program provides outstanding coverage at reasonable prices. For more information please visit http://www.amerspec.com/ussa_cov and thank you for taking the time to review the program.

New Membership Categories and new Competitor pricing

Last season the USSA piloted two new membership categories. This season the prices for those memberships was further reduced and we introduced new pricing for all youth competitors. These new membership categories and price reductions are intended to help clubs bring more members not only into the club, but also into association with USSA, by reducing the cost and hassle of entering and remaining in the sport. Together we can build a stronger base!

The new “**General Member**” category at \$15 is for:

An Individual at the club level who is a non-USSA competitor participating in activities such as: training, Youth Ski Leagues, Buddy Werner Leagues, Interclub events, Skillsquest, High School Racing, Adult leagues, Community racing and/or general club activities.

The new “**Volunteer Member**” category at \$45 is for:

An individual participating at the club level in a position of authority over minors. Volunteers may play a coaching role, or assist clubs and event organizers in a variety of roles as deemed appropriate by USSA coaches, clubs or affiliates.

Member benefits: Both memberships above come with the general USSA member benefits, which include:

- Magazine Subscription or access to Ski Racing Premium Web content
- Global Rescue Travel Service Hotline access
- Membership to USSA Rewards discount and benefit program
- Excess accident insurance (proof of primary insurance required)

- Discounts at the USSA Education shop
- USSA membership card and luggage tag
- Sport decal
- The volunteer membership also includes periodic background screening (a service to the club)

The new "**Competitor Member**" pricing ranges from \$25 - \$150 based on age - varies by sport. New alpine pricing listed below.

Competitor U10	\$25
Competitor U12	\$50
Competitor U14	\$75
Competitor U16 and up	\$150

More information on all USSA memberships can be found here: <http://my.ussa.org/membership/start>

NASTAR

Two of the most well known brands in ski racing, the U.S. Ski Team and NASTAR, have entered into an agreement to raise the profile of ski racing in America under which the U.S. Ski Team will assume operational control of NASTAR. This integration with NASTAR is designed to capitalize on the global success of U.S. Ski Team athletes, bringing greater awareness to the sport and value to the industry, while motivating participants of all ages to get involved in ski racing. See full story here: <http://ussa.org/news/us-ski-team-manage-nastar>

The long-time Director of NASTAR Bill Madsen will be joining the USSA staff. Madsen, who is based in Aspen, CO, will continue to manage NASTAR and, in conjunction with the USSA, work to grow one of ski racing's most successful programs.

This move will help to open pathways for more and more people to enter and be exposed to the sport of ski racing.

This is a lot of information and represents many tools to help grow and improve your club(s) in closer partnership with the USSA. Please contact me directly if I can be of any support or answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Brian C. Krill
USSA Director of Sport Education