



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - February, 2016

I hope everyone's ski season has been great and I know it's not over yet. Some Clubs still have trips planned in March and the Crescent March Ski Week to Big Sky is just a couple of weeks away. The January Crescent trip to Mt. Bachelor gave everyone time to practice their powder skiing & riding. Although I can tell Spring is getting ready to arrive, it's been a great season thanks to El Nino. Hope you've gotten to enjoy lots of time on the hill!!

CRESCENT TRIPS

Big Sky – The next trip for Crescent is to Big Sky on March 12th and the trip is sold out and is at 205 signups!!!

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

The trips for the 2016/17 season will be rolled out at the Spring Convention. Look for full information and registrations at the end of April. Golf tournament registration forms are also on the website and look for Tennis tournament signup forms soon..

Any questions on trips, contact Lisa Beregi, CSC Trip Chair. Lisa's email address is drlab88@aol.com.

LOCAL TRIPS

The Crescent Cup Finals trip to Silver Creek, WV will be this coming weekend, March 4-6. Good luck to all of the Clubs' Race Teams.

Linda Redd 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 Spring Convention - the dates are April 21-24, 2016!! The location is at Brighton Towers, Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, in 1 and 2 bedroom oceanview condos.. And the theme for the Saturday night party has been set!! So get out your cowboy/cowgirl hats and boots – and get ready to join us in the Wild, Wild West!!

The weekend includes the Early Bird reception for Thursday arrivals the Trade Show on Friday night followed by a DJ party, the Beach Olympics on Saturday and the theme party on Saturday night.. Prices are \$158 for a 2 night stay and \$211 for 3 nights. Offsite fee is \$45/person in advance and \$50 the weekend of the Convention. Sign-up forms are on Crescent's website.

Margot Payne of Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club is taking over as the Beach Olympics Coordinator. Margot is working on some additional events for this year. If you'd like to help, contact Margot at Margotpayne@gmail.com.

Please note that Deborah Thornton is now your rooming coordinator. Her info is listed on both forms but you can still contact Michelle Shuford as well with any questions you have. Don't forget to pay attention to your deadlines. See you at the beach!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of officers for Crescent Ski Council for the 2016/17 year will be held at the Board of Directors' meeting at the Spring Convention in Myrtle Beach on Sunday, April 24, 2016. If you're interested in running for office, contact Margaret Crum, Past President, at mcrum211@gmail.com.

RACING

The fourth Crescent race of the season was held two weeks ago at Sugar Mountain. We had beautiful weather both days of racing and Sugar Mountain did an exceptional job of hosting our races. This race was the final race of the Regular Season. Our final race of the season is the Crescent Cup which is held at SilverCreek, WV.

The final Club (team) results are as follows:

Saturday February 20, 2016

Sunday February 21, 2016

Eastern Division

1st Greensboro 1st
Charlotte

2nd Winston-Salem 2nd
Raleigh

3rd Charlotte 3rd
Winston-Salem

Saturday February 20, 2016

Sunday February 21, 2016

Western Division

1st Augusta 1st
Palmetto

2nd Palmetto 2nd
Chattanooga

3rd ETMM 3rd
Augusta

FINAL SEASON STANDINGS

Eastern Division

Western Division

1st Raleigh 1st
Palmetto

2nd Charlotte
Knoxville

2nd

3rd Winston-Salem
Asheville

3rd

On behalf of Crescent Racing, we thank each club and their members for their support of Crescent Racing.

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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

Keep spreading the word to your members and friends about Crescent’s Facebook page. We’re up to 349 likes – let’s get that number higher before the Spring Convention. We post updates regularly and if you’d like to see something posted, contact Pat Harvey at Crescentskipresident@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook Page for Crescent Ski Council Racing and are up to 151 likes since the page was set up at the end of the year. We also want to thank Chuck Young who has been posting a lot of pictures. Chuck added pics from the Mt. Bachelor trip and also for all the races. Great job, Chuck!

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. As previously advised, Crescent’s Lisa Beregi is NSCF’s President. 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.

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 as listed below:

Newly elected Officers
Current Board Members
Webmasters
Newsletter Editor

Include name, mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, mobile), email address and Board position(s). **Bruce's email address is snowdavgasoc@bellsouth.net.**

Be sure to thank the Crescent Officers and Committee Chairs, and don't forget - we are **always looking for more volunteers**. If you're interested in learning more, please let me know. The more volunteers we have, the easier all of our jobs are – and of course, we love getting new ideas!! We can't make it happen without your help!!

If any of you publish an electronic newsletter or send out regular emails regarding your club's news and updated events, reminder to send me a copy at crescentskipresident@gmail.com.

Send me any 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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