



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - January, 2016

The first month of the year has flown by – although this update is being sent February 1, it is the January update (crazy work schedule and deadlines put me behind a day past the end of January). I know all those who were with Crescent on the Mt. Bachelor trip had a great time, lots of snow, and lots of touring around a new area. Pictures have been posted on the Crescent Ski Council Facebook page so check them out when you have a chance. If you aren't a like of the page, well, it's time to go in and click like and you'll be up to date on lots of info., pictures and interesting article on skiing and snowboarding.

PAST PRESIDENT (Margaret Crum)

February is the time to seriously be thinking about running for an office. The following positions require nominations: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Chair positions are appointed. Margaret will be asking for nominations next month. Resumes of those running will be sent out prior to the CSC BOD meeting in April at the Spring Convention. As always, nominations are allowed from the floor.

TREASURER (Mary Anne Koltowich)

Crescent dues were due 12/31/15. However, there are around 5 Clubs that haven't yet paid. So if your Club is one of those, please check with your Club President and Membership Chair to get the dues into Mary Anne ASAP. Mary Anne is sending an email to the Clubs who are late. Thanks.

CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

The January Mt. Bachelor Ski Week was a good time for all. Following big dumps, we had over 30 inches of snow while we were there. Conditions ranged from heavy snow, to sunshine and powder to snow and ended the week with sunshine and groomed. There was something for everyone on the mountain and Mt. Bachelor was a great host. Everyone got a goodie bag on check in including a bandana to identify themselves on the hill, a sillypint at the apres, lens cleaners with their lift ticket, and a tasty lasagna lunch to end the week. I will have SAT forward the group picture to all participants. SunRiver Resort was a little more spread out than we anticipated, but everyone figured out the 24/7 shuttle service, enjoyed the daily hot breakfast, and the Great Hall is a beautiful venue for functions. Our welcome started us off there with wonderful deserts, but the farewell dinner was topped off by a great DJ who had everyone strolling and cupid shuffling. Those that made it into Bend (weren't too tired after skiing) got to enjoy the pub crawl, and some very good eateries.

For those of you that missed an Oregon adventure, we hope to be seeing you in Big Sky for the March Ski Week. This trip will be an adventure in itself with over 200 CSC participants!!

If you didn't book up for this season, it's not too early to be thinking about next year. December will bring the 33rd annual Race and Learn to Ski Camp at Steamboat, and January Ski Week will be to Beaver Creek (a first for CSC). If you'd rather have water and warmer traveling, details will be coming soon for the Greek Isle Cruise for late May, early June 2017.

Hope to see you on the slopes!

LOCAL TRIPS

The insurance issues have been worked out with Snowshoe and SilverCreek Crescent Cup weekend is on!! 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. The flyer is on Crescent's website at <http://www.crescentcouncil.org/TripFlyers/2016SilverCreekflyerfinal.pdf>. Contact Linda Redd at lindaelkview@aol.com to make your reservations.

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.

RACING

Races have been held at Sugar Mountain 2 weeks ago and at Appalachian Ski Mountain this past weekend. On behalf of Crescent Racing, we thank each club and their members for their support of Crescent Racing. It's the nation's best council racing program in the nation!

The 2014/2015 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 me in your e-blast mailings and your hard-copy newsletter mailings. I will forward your e-blast and newsletters to Crescent Racing sponsors.

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.

CONVENTIONS

Spring Convention 2016

The Spring Convention dates are April 21-24, 2016!! Reminder to register if you haven't Deborah Thornton from Southern Snow Seekers is the Spring Lodging Coordinator For more information, contact Deborah at Skibunny737@gmail.com

Price for 2 bedroom/2 bath condos at Brighton Towers is \$158 for a 2-night stay and \$211 for a 3-night stay – per person based on 4 in a unit. Ocean view 1 room studio/1 bath condos are available at \$195 for 2 nights and \$272 for 3 nights based on 2 per unit. Off-site fee is \$45 (in advance - \$50 on-site). Contact your Club's Spring Convention coordinator to sign up.

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.com)

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.

Check out the NSCF website (www.skifederation.org) 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. 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.

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.**

Please 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!! And we are always looking for new volunteers – contact me if you’re interested in learning more!!

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