



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - May, 2015

As hard as it is to imagine since it's close to the end of May, I've seen reports this week of snow in the Telluride, Crested Butte, Mammoth and other ski areas!! People are still skiing and riding!! Winter just refuses to give up in some areas of the country!! However, if you're able to head out west in the off season, check the websites for the resorts for their schedules of music festivals, outdoor events, hiking, mountain biking, golfing and more!!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015/16

The following officers were elected at the Spring Convention for the 2015/2016 year:

President	Pat Harvey
Vice	Michelle Shuford
Secretary	Diane Andrews
Treasurer	Mary Ann Koltowich

On behalf of myself and the other officers, I would like to thank all of you for allowing us to serve Crescent for another year. My first year as President has been great!! I appreciate all the favorable feedback I've received. Please send me any recommendations, suggestions and if you'd like to volunteer in some capacity with Crescent, let me know. I'm looking forward to another year as President for the best Council in the country!!

CRESCENT TRIPS

The Crescent trips for the 2015/2016 season to Steamboat, Mt. Bachelor and Big Sky are up and running and ready for signups. Registration for all the trips opened yesterday, May 20th.

The Steamboat Ski, Race & Ride Camp is December 5-12, 2015. Reminder that the Early Bird discount for the Steamboat trip is for the **first 72 signups**. Early bird pricing is just \$1,029 and it'll go fast so spread the word to your Clubs to sign up soon so they don't miss out on the discounted pricing. I'm attaching the Steamboat flyer and application for your convenience to send out to your members.

The Mt. Bachelor trip is scheduled for January 16-23, 2016 and the Big Sky trip is March 12-19 2015. We have some great trips this coming season so hope you can join us on one or more. More information and the link to signups is at www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips. Any questions, check with your Clubs' Trip Leaders or Sara Clemons at Sports America at sara@sportsamerica.com.

Check the Crescent website, www.crescentskicouncil.org for updated Club trip lists. An October cruise scheduled by the Huntsville Ski Club was added recently.

CONVENTIONS

The Spring Convention went great. Thanks to everyone who joined Crescent for a great weekend in Myrtle Beach. The Pirates in Margaritaville Party was a blast!! And indoor “beach” olympics were interesting to say the least!! It’s amazing how fast a bocce ball can travel on a carpet!!

The Fall Conference information will be out soon, but save the date of October 23rd through 25th. If you want to go ahead and book your rooms, the Fall Conference will be at Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg again this year. Any questions, contact Bryan Bobo at bryanbobo@charter.net.

RACING

The 2015/2016 Race Schedule dates are set. Here are the Race dates for the 2015/2016 Race Season. Ron Scott, Racing Director, is still waiting on Beech Mountain for final conformation. Many of the Crescent Clubs refer to the Race Schedule to plan their local and out-west ski trips to avoid any overlapping of the two.

Dec. 19/20, 2015
Jan. 9/10, 2016
Feb. 6/7, 2016
Feb. 20/21, 2016
Mar. 3/6, 2016

The number of race participants was up this past race season over the previous race season. Crescent's Racing Program is comprised of young and “old” club members. We have seen our numbers increase due to more families becoming involved. We have had four-year old racers bring their young parents to the Crescent races. If your club is searching for a way to increase your club's membership, try and advertise the CSC Racing program.

MEMBER SERVICES/SOCIAL MEDIA

Pat Harvey, as you know, is the **Social Media Subcommittee** Chair. We are still looking for some help with our Facebook and Instagram accounts and hopefully help as we move onto more social networks, like Twitter, Pinterest, etc., please contact Ken Lumsden, Member Services Chair, at ken@wssoc.org, or Pat at pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com.

Crescent’s Facebook page is now up to 275 likes. Keep spreading the word – we’d like to move that number up to 300 by next month!! Let your Club members know they can find Crescent at <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentSkiCouncil>. We update the page regularly and if there is something you want us to include, please email Pat and we’ll make sure to get it posted. Crescent is also on **Instagram** so follow us #crescentskicouncil and tag @crescentskicouncil on your Instagram photos. Thanks again to all of you who share posts from the Crescent page. Keep spreading the word!! If you have any comments or suggestions, contact Pat.

The **National Ski Council Federation’s** Facebook page is also up on likes and we appreciate everyone that keeps up with the Federation’s page. We try to add great informaton from Ski Councils, Clubs and resorts all over the world!! We are up to 286 likes – keep it going!! Let you Club members know about the NSCF page – the link is at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Ski-Council-Federation/178192492206742>.

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, 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 live. It’s in the final stages for completion so within the next week, you’ll see a lot of improvements. The web address remains www.skifederation.org.

A username and password is only needed 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.

Click on any of the sub-menus except “My Profile” and 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 their username and password along with a message that your registration is complete but they will not be able to log in until they receive a follow-up email stating that they “have been approved to access Ski Federation.” Alternately you can use <http://skifederation.org/wp-login.php> to go directly to the Registration/Logon screen.

Joe Harvis, President of NSCF, will have an announcement email going out next week regarding the insurance program and the meeting registration announcement the following week. If you look at the new website, you’ll see under “Activities” that we have all of the Crescent trips listed. We’ll update with additional trips as the Trip List is updated and received from Lisa Beregi.

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.

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 know a lot of Clubs have election of officers this time of year. Please send Bruce McMurray, snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net, 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 snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net.

Be sure to thank the Crescent Officers and Committee Chairs, and don't forget - we are **always looking for more volunteers**. We're starting a new year for Crescent on June 1st – which means we'd like to see some new volunteers!! 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 pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com.

Any questions or comments, please email me – I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Hope everyone has a great and fun Memorial Day weekend.

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