



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - October, 2015

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Gatlinburg this past weekend for Crescent's Fall Conference. The weather was great this year (no snow this time), the Trips, Racing and Admin meetings were very informative, and everyone enjoyed Saturday night's costume party. Congratulations to Chattanooga Ski Club for winning first prize costume for their very creative "red solo cups." We had 70 Crescent members who joined us for a great weekend!! A fantastic time was had by all!!

CRESCENT TRIPS

The Trip Committee had a productive meeting at Fall Conference. The trip leaders present voted for the 2017 Ski Week (will email those not in attendance), decided to leave the bid process as is, are going home to discuss with their clubs which of four Greek Isle itineraries they prefer and to discuss with their club Boards a CSC Affiliate Membership in their Bylaws to make reciprocity easier.

Steamboat - as of the meeting there were 226 registered participants and the deadline is not until November 6th, so if your friends have not signed up, they still have time.

Mount Bachelor - the January Ski Week currently has 62 participants and the trip committee made some adjustments to the trip so all will have a great time! Club trip leaders will be getting information from SAT regarding optional Lava Tube Dinner and Crater Lake excursions. We are still able to add on, so if anyone is interested, contact your club trip leader or Sara at Sports America.

Big Sky - we have sold out and are at 204! There is currently a waiting list, so please if you are interested contact Sara now. Trip Leaders will be getting snowmobiling information and need to see how many of their participants are interested, so if we have enough we can look at group rates.

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 the list can be updated. Lisa's email address is drlab88@aol.com.

LOCAL TRIPS

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!!

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

Per your requests, we have done away with **ALL** Villas and have gone with **all Brighton Towers Oceanview Condos, 1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms units**. We have also done away with the starting date for registrations since everyone should be able to get into the Brighton Towers. Please note, however, that we do need your Club's completed Registration Form to secure your lodging requests.

As with any trip, we have contracted out for a certain number of units. Those units are available on a first come/first serve availability. Should we sell out of those, we will ask for more. However, late comers could end up in Villas if all Brighton Towers are sold out. It is still recommended that you get a club reservation in quickly and then add names and drop condos mid-March.

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! ☺

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

With the expectation of increased numbers of submittals, we are also moving up the submittal deadline. 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)

RACING

Crescent racing offers more than high-quality ski competition. The camaraderie and friendships that develop are a key benefit that grows out of participation in Crescent racing. At many events, Crescent racing is a family affair, where two or three generations compete. Crescent racing is highly social, and the racers are a friendly group. Of the reasons current racers list for participation, camaraderie is always among the first. Second, of course, is a love of competition. Crescent racing provides an opportunity to meet, ski, and compete with a group of extraordinary individuals from all walks of life.

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

We had 17 people attend the Admin meeting on Saturday morning at the Fall Conference. A super big thanks to Ryan Johnson, Membership Chair of Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club on her excellent presentation on "Growing Your Membership" and also to Robert Avsec, Membership Chair for the Kanawha Ski Club on his great presentation regarding Social Media and in particular, Twitter. The presentations will be posted on Crescent's website shortly. If anyone would like copies of the Powerpoint and other materials in the interim, please let me know.

We conducted a little test at the Admin and Trips meetings that we request that you use at your Club meetings – our "likes" for both Crescent and the NSCF Facebook pages quickly increased after this "test."

1. Open your smartphones.
2. Open the Facebook app on your smartphones.
3. Search for Crescent Ski Council and when you find the page, click "like."
4. Search for the National Ski Council Federation and when you find its page, click "like."
5. Thank you for participating in our test.

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 October 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 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. Please note the change in my email address. Please use this one going forward – cltskier616@gmail.com will also work. pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com should be removed from your contacts – I'm not able to receive emails at that address due to some glitches in the system.

The 2015/16 season is up and running. Killington was the first resort in the country to open followed by Sunday River. The first resorts in Colorado opened this week. Reports are that El Nino is going to make this a great year!! Make sure you sign up for one of our great trips for this season.

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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Canadian Ski Area Makes Helmet Use Mandatory for All. While most North American skiers and riders now understand the benefits of a helmet, there remains a steadfast minority that refuses to wear one. Now Canadian ski area Brookvale Provincial Ski Park on Prince Edward Island has made helmet use mandatory on its slopes, not just for children, but for all. [More](#). First Tracks!!

Ski Utah Partners with Protect Our Winters. Ski Utah, a membership organization representing Utah's 14 alpine ski resorts, and Protect Our Winters (POW) today announced a partnership between the two organizations with the mission of raising awareness of climate change and uniting the winter sports community in the state of Utah. [More](#). First Tracks!!

NSAA Presents Golden Eagle Environmental Awards. Three winners of the National Ski Area Association's (NSAA) Golden Eagle Awards for Environmental Excellence have been named. Shawnee Peak Ski Area in Maine won the Golden Eagle Award in the small ski area category. Mt. Hood Meadows in Oregon took the top environmental honors in the medium-sized ski area category for its carbon emission reduction results. Winter Park Resort in Colorado won the Golden Eagle Award in the large resort category for the sustainable construction of its new Lunch Rock Restaurant. [More](#). First Tracks!!

Colorado Adds I-70 Toll Lane to Reduce Skier Congestion. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) will have a variable toll lane in operation along a key 13-mile stretch of eastbound I-70 in time for this winter, in an effort to lessen snarled traffic on busy ski weekends. Ski weekend traffic on I-70 has been a long-standing issue in Colorado, particularly eastbound on Sunday evenings. [More](#). First Tracks!!

Authorities Find Body of Skier Missing for 35 Years. An unusually warm summer in the Italian Alps caused glacial melt that revealed the body of Gregory Barnes in a crevasse. According to the a report published by the CBC, Barnes, then 24, was ski touring from a hut in the Bernina Mountains that span the border of Italy and eastern Switzerland. He left his group to return to the hut to fix a broken binding and never returned. Searchers scoured the area at the time looking for Barnes, without success. Originally from Canada, Barnes was working at the time for a Canadian word processing firm in Germany. Authorities were able to identify the body with the help of his passport, which was found with him in the crevasse. First Tracks!!

Many Ski Areas Outlining Bans of Drone Use. Resorts across the U.S. are hedging against snowy vistas clogged by drones by adopting — many in the last season — explicit bans on the wildly popular aerial cameras. The National Ski Areas Association in Lakewood, which represents 330 ski areas, has crafted a sample drone policy that most resorts have adopted. The idea of drones proliferating on par with the growth of helmet-mounted POV cameras raises serious concerns for the trade group, which is working with the Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Forest Service to help sculpt drone policy. [More](#). *Denver Post* via Google Alerts

New Pass Partnership In The Northeast Announced. It's been a busy year with multi-resort companies and independent ski areas rolling out new pass partnerships (see Blue Pages, SAM Sept. issue). And now, it's about to become even busier with the entry of the MiniMIX pass in New Hampshire. Available for only \$199, the pass includes two lift tickets and one tubing session at each of the following resorts: Pats Peak, King Pine and McIntyre. The MiniMIX doesn't have any blackout dates, additional fees or surcharges. [More](#). SAM

Arizona Snowbowl Gets First New Chairlift in 30 Years. Construction is well underway on the new Humphreys Peak Lift at Arizona Snowbowl. Scheduled to open this December, the new chairlift is the resort's first in 30 years. [More](#). First Tracks!!

Colorado's Echo Mountain Reopens to the Skiing Public. For the past three years, Echo Mountain Resort has operated as a private ski racing training facility and the general skiing public was barred from riding its lifts. Now, the closest ski resort to most of the Denver Metro area will welcome the public once again. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

U.S. Forest Service Accepts Crested Butte's Expansion Proposal. For Crested Butte in southwestern Colorado, the future means an expansion of 500 acres for skiing, riding and biking. A proposal calls for two new chairlifts, a replacement of the North Face surface lift, more snowmaking on current ski terrain, and 15 miles of single track trail to add to the resort's Evolution Bike Park. CBMR received a letter from the U.S. Forest Service's Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest District Office initiating an environmental review of the project.... [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe Bets \$1.2 Million on Earlier Openings. Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe spent this summer relocating and renaming its Ponderosa chairlift and adding four new beginner trails to the mountain, with an eye toward earlier openings in the beginning of the ski and snowboard season. The new positioning of the newly named "Wizard" lift will expand and enhance the resort's beginner skiing and snowboarding experience in time for the 2015-16 winter season. In total, the resort is spending approximately \$1.2 million in on-mountain improvements that also include expansion of its snowmaking system.... [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Whitefish's Summer Spend Tops \$1.5 Million. Montana's Whitefish Mountain Resort will greet the 2015-16 ski and snowboard season with several improvement projects completed both on and off the mountain, including a remodel and expansion of its Summit House mountaintop lodge. All told, the cost of the resort projects completed this summer exceeds \$1.5 million. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Pennsylvania's Whitetail Resort is Investing \$2.5 Million. Whitetail Resort, just across the Pennsylvania border and only 90 minutes from Washington D.C., is putting \$2.5 million into snowmaking, paving and a larger design project. The resort with a 935-foot drop and about 117 skiable acres plans on adding a number of snow guns for existing terrain this season and is making plans for its future expansion. [More.](#) Curbed Ski

Part of Colorado's Eldora Expansion Plans Get the Axe. In what seems like somewhat of a surprise for the folks at Eldora, the Forest Service denied the resort's plan to grow further into public land. Instead, the Forest Service mainly endorsed the "in-fill" option favored by environmental groups. That means Eldora,, 21-miles west of Boulder can still make some of the upgrades it wanted to, but it will have to do so within its current boundaries. [More.](#) Curbed Ski

Statue of Jesus Allowed to Remain at Whitefish. In late August, a three-Justice panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a statue of Jesus on National Forest Land at Whitefish Mountain Resort can stay. The Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) had filed the lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service, and the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization that had erected the monument in 1954 as a tribute to U.S. soldiers who died in World War II, demanding that the statue alongside the ski slopes of Whitefish Mountain be removed. [More.](#) First Tracks!! *Ed. Note: A photo of the statue is the Newsbeat August 2015 issue.*

Maine's Lost Valley Ski Area to Open This Winter. Lost Valley's owners confirmed late last week that financial troubles won't keep the community ski area in Maine from opening this winter for its 55th season. Local skiers and riders were holding their breath this fall after Lost Valley, facing \$1.6 million in debt, had to be bailed out last winter by a non-profit hurriedly formed to raise \$23,000 in funds to open the ski area. [More.](#) First Tracks!!



Mother-Son Team Buy Snow Ridge (NY). Snow Ridge, a community ski area on the Tug Hill Plateau in the western Adirondacks known for its freakish snowfall, has new owners with big plans this season. Snow Ridge's new owners plan to expand the mountain's operating hours and enhance its race programs, terrain parks and ski runs. They also plan to add summer activities including mountain biking and summer concerts. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Greek Peak Buys Toggenburg Ski Area. The owners of Greek Peak Mountain Resort, in the Upstate New York town of Virgil, this week announced their purchase of Toggenburg Mountain Winter Sports Center in nearby Fabius, outside of Syracuse. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Bear Mountain and Snow Summit (CA) See \$2 Million in Upgrades. After Mammoth Resorts threw down \$38 million to buy Bear Mountain and Snow Summit, the Southern California resorts are seeing \$2 million in upgrades ahead of their first full winter as part of the Mammoth family. Improvements include new dining options, amenities and snow-making infrastructure. [More.](#) Curbed Ski

Big White Gets New Day Lodge. Western Canada's Big White Resort will greet skiers and riders this winter with a brand new day lodge. The Black Forest Lodge will feature a quick-service menu including specialty sandwiches, house-made soups and fresh baked pastries, with seating for 150 just steps away from the Black Forest chairlift. Local craft beers or glasses of Okanagan wines will be served. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

What May Be America's Last Great Ski Resort Site Is for Sale. An 11-mile stretch containing 24 Wasatch Mountain peaks and 15 bowls, spanning an unfathomable 12,740 acres (some 20 square miles) near Salt Lake City, is on the market. It's perhaps the last great single plot of private land in the U.S. upon which to build a top-tier ski resort, and for a paltry \$46 million it could all be yours. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Norway Plans World's Largest Indoor Ski Area. Norwegian developer The Selvaag Group has given its approval to construct Lørenskog Winter Park near Oslo. Once completed, it will be the world's largest indoor ski area. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Russia Builds Europe's Highest Ski Lift. Located in the western Caucasus Mountains near the border with Georgia, Mt. Elbrus is an 18,510-foot dormant volcano and Europe's highest peak. This winter, it will also be home to Europe's highest aerial ski lift. [More.](#) First Tracks!!

Combine Skiing with French Lessons. A British/French-run ski school in the Alpine resort of Morzine now blends a holiday on the snow with a chance to improve your French language skills. [More.](#)