



PRESIDENT

I enjoyed seeing so many racers at Cataloochee last weekend and so many young faces! That's where the age group we want are.....now just find a way to get them involved in other club and council activities.

VICE PRESIDENT

The Crescent Ski Council Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/CrescentSkiCouncil>) is now up to 169 likes. We'd like to get to 200 before the end of the 2013/14 ski season so if you aren't already a "like" for the CSC Page, make sure you add us so you get all the Crescent updates, photos and reports from trips, and information on our upcoming Spring Convention in April and much, much more!! Crescent is also on Instagram and we've been adding pix from the trips as we've seen them posted on Facebook pages of our members. We're on Instagram as "crescentskicouncil" so make sure to tag us "@crescentskicouncil" on Instagram with your photos.

TREASURER

From: Alice Taylor:

Thanks Crescent's authorized clubs for the timely payment of their FY2014 dues. As of today, only two clubs have not submitted their payment and membership listing; a third club still needs to submit its membership listing. I will be sending those clubs a reminder shortly.

Please remember that annual membership dues were due by December 31st. Alice Taylor, CSC's treasurer, issued the invoices via email to each club's treasurer and president prior to the CSC Fall Conference. If any club has not received the email, please contact Alice at luvs2ski@frontier.com. Don't forget that your club's membership listing that was used to calculate the dues payment must be sent also. That can be sent to Alice with either the completed invoice and dues payment or electronically via an email attachment. Only the members' names and adult/child status are to be included.

PAST PRESIDENT

From Margaret Jordan: It is time to be thinking of elections. Nominations will be taken in March by Margaret Jordan, Past President.

CONVENTIONS

From Michelle:

The theme for the 2014 Spring Convention will be "Neon". Think florescent colors, black lights, psychedelic, etc. We'll come up with a fun title before it's all over...unless you can help come up with one.

Brighton Tower 2 bedrooms are sold out in our block. If you want one, I'll put you on a list, then if we get back some from the vendor side of things or another club drops one, I'll set your club up:-) All clubs that have submitted their confirmation forms and deposits have their requested block of condos on hold.

Right now I have a single male, Gary Woolfolk, from Nashville that needs a roommate. Keep that in mind as you fill your condos and let me know if anybody has a space or a sofa for him.

Please note the following upcoming **deadlines:**
Feb. 24, 2014: Confirmation Form & Initial Club Deposit

March 17, 2014: Balance & Condo Drops

Rooming List: (Should include full properly spelled names, location choice, # Nights, # People/ Unit, & Total Amount /Person...as well as who is representing your club in the capacities of: President, 2 CSC Reps, & Trips)

April 7, 2014: Rooming List Changes

TRIPS

January 2014 Ski Week Lake Tahoe was a great time even with 50 degree temps! Vail resorts (Heavenly and Northstar) and Squaw/Alpine Meadows have done an amazing job with keeping their snowmaking areas fully open and well groomed. So even though not much of the entire mountain was open, what was, was in good shape and offered better skiing than expected. Being in South Shore Tahoe offered all the nightlife activities one would want, and provided many winners during the week. CSC activities: Boat Cruise and Farewell dinner/After Party were enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Forest Suites for hosting a nice breakfast and daily wine and cheese!

The **March 2014 Ski Week to Banff** is scheduled for **March 15th - 22nd**. Michelle Shuford and Alice Taylor will be co-trip leaders for this trip. Deadline for booking was January 29th. Look forward to hearing about a great time in Canada!

Put next years Ski Trips on your calendar now:

Steamboat Race and Learn to Ski Camp December 6-13, 2014
Snowmass January 17-24, 2015.

RACING

On January 4th and 5th Sugar Mountain hosted the Crescent Racing program. The weather was great racing weather both days and the snow was fantastic. The race crew at Sugar set challenging courses that were safe and fun to run. Crescent had 155 racers each day of racing. Here are the results from the two days of racing.

	Eastern Division	Western Division
1st	Raleigh	Palmetto
2nd	Greensboro	Asheville
3rd	Charlotte	Chattanooga

The third Crescent race of the season was held at Cataloochee Ski Resort January 25th and 26th. This was Crescent's first ever race at Cataloochee. The management and staff at Cataloochee made every effort to make our visit there pleasurable. We had a reserved meeting area, all the staff were aware of our race and they were willing to assist us in any way. The Ski School personnel assisted in setting and maintaining the race course and the Ski Patrol double-netted the sides of the Division I course. All the e-mails and comments that I have received have expressed satisfaction and praise with our visit at Cataloochee. The weather on Saturday was the only glitch in our weekend at Cataloochee. We experienced freezing rain and sleet that stuck to our goggles before we raced and while we were making our run in the race course. I guess I should mention the wind that was blowing the lift chairs against the lift towers. The high wind delayed our start of the race. So, with the combination of high wind, cold temperatures, freezing rain we only made one run, instead of two runs on Saturday. Sunday the weather was perfect and each Division made two runs on their respective race courses.

Here are the team standings after the Cataloochee race.

	Eastern Division	Western Division
1st	Greensboro	Asheville
2nd	Charlotte	Chattanooga
3rd	Raleigh	Palmetto

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

From Ken:

Judging for this year's Web Site Competition and the new Video Competition will be done in advance. Clubs will need to have their web sites and videos ready for judging by **March 3, 2014** (ONLY A LITTLE OVER A MONTH FROM NOW!!)

Procedures will follow, soon, regarding uploading their videos to the central YouTube site.

Video Competition at the Spring'14 Convention will be in addition to, not instead of, the paper Scrapbook Competition.

For Video Competition:

A. Videos must feature club members participating in club activities and must be produced by club members using images and videos and materials generated by club members. Musical accompaniment, if used, may rely on

commercial sources. Clubs may use commercially-available programs (e.g., iMovie) to produce their videos provided that the work is performed by members.

B. Clubs may submit up to two videos from the following four categories:

1. Video Scrapbook
2. Member Recruitment
3. A Non-Skiing Activity or Activities
4. A Skiing Activity or Activities

C. The Non-Skiing or Skiing videos must represent club activities that occurred on or after January 1, 2013. For this purpose, a week-long trip, weekend trip, or one-day event may count as an activity.

D. Maximum running time of each video: 5 minutes.

E. We will set up a password-accessible account on YouTube. We will provide the password to clubs later. Clubs will upload their video(s) to the account and judges will access the account and complete judging prior to the Spring'14 Convention.

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G. Judging will be by CSC Vendor Reps, to be determined later. Exact judging criteria to be determined later.

ADMINISTRATIVE

An update on the NSCF website is that the committee hopes to have the website operational by December. Ten (10) new benefits have been added so be sure and check the old website which has been updated.

<http://www.skicouncil.org>

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PW: member

Please distribute these updates to your members, via email, your newsletters or by placing them on your 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!

Everyone, including the committee chairs, is hard at work. Crescent is fortunate to have an excellent group of people who have volunteered to serve in many capacities. Be sure to thank them and remember that we are always looking for more volunteers.

