



### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – April, 2016**

Thanks to everyone who attended the Spring Convention in Myrtle Beach last weekend. The weather completely cooperated!! The Saturday Night Wild, Wild West Party was a lot of fun and lots of cowboys, cowgirls and Indians showed up!! Thanks also to all the vendors who joined us: Mary Manning from Aspen/Snowmass, Josh Pelczar from Big Sky, Ryan Rosenau from Canaan Valley, Joelle Kalfon from Club Med/Travelbootik, Heather Roberts from Crested Butte, Lee Cohen from Killington/Pico, Michael Vanderhurst from Mammoth Lakes Tourism, P.J. McSparran from Peak Resorts in Vermont, Stephen Hall and Sandy Gaudette from Ski Group.net, Crystal Ervine from Snowshoe, Mike Hibbard from Sports America Tours, April Bruder from Steamboat, Kevin Bracken from Sun Valley, Todd Campbell from Taos Ski Valley, Patrick Rothe from Telluride, Neil Hastings from Mountain Lodge at Telluride, Andrew Kwang from Vail Resorts, Ondrea Ross from Whistler Blackcomb, Kelly Medler from Whitefish, and Carter Allen from Steamboat Resorts by Wyndham Vacation Rentals. Thanks also to Faith Campbell and the members of Coastal Ski & Outing for the work on this year's Convention, fantastic decorations and helping us get this all together!! And a big thanks to Bryan Bobo and Michelle Shuford for all their hard work in making this Convention happen!! And to Frances Edwards for coordination with the vendors, and to Margot Payne for a great job on the Beach Olympics!!

### **PAST PRESIDENT (Margaret Crum)**

Elections were held Sunday, April 24, 2016 and the following officers were elected for the 2016/2017 year:

Pat Harvey	President	Charlotte
Tom Grayson	Vice President	Charlotte
Diane Andrews	Secretary	Augusta
Mary Anne Koltowich	Treasurer	Knoxville

A big thanks to all those who volunteered for an office and a reminder that we are always looking for volunteers.....not just to run for officer positions.

### **CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)**

**2016 Steamboat - December 3-10.** Trip information will be sent to trip leaders by May 1st so clubs have a month to get out to their members. Registration opens June 1st with early bird pricing of \$1059 for the first 72 people. Regular price is \$1095 for 2 and 3 bedroom units.

**2017 January Ski Week: Beaver Creek – January 14-21.** The trip was rolled out at the Trip Meeting during Spring Convention. Final details are being prepared for registration forms and will be shared with club trip leaders within a week. All ski week amenities are included and two tier pricing is available. If you plan to go to two or more Vail properties next season and buy your Epic Pass through Sports America's webpage you will get a \$50 deduct on your Beaver Creek trip. See your trip leader for more details.

**Adventure Trip: Greek Isle Cruise - June 10-17, 2017:** Roll out was at the trip meeting and details are being sent to clubs including a powerpoint presentation. Skigoup.net will be working with trip leaders to book their members. Come join us for a cruise of a lifetime!

Again - all details will be finalized and sent to trip leaders by the end of next week. Generic flyers will be on the Crescent website. Start planning your trips for next year!

## **CONVENTIONS**

### **Fall Conference 2016 (Mary Anne Koltowich)**

#### **2016 CSC Fall Conference**

**Dates: October 21-23, 2016**

**Location: Big Orange UT Vols Country, Knoxville Marriott, 501 E. Hill Avenue**

This is NOT a UT VOL home football game. In fact, it is an OPEN weekend (no UT VOL game).

#### **Lodging Summary**

Room Rate: \$104.95 + 9.25% sales and 8% occupancy taxes for about \$123. This is a great rate for a full-service Marriott. Free parking & free guest room internet. This room rate will be honored 3 days prior and 3 days post for those who want to extend their stay. Conference attendees will contact the hotel directly to make reservations (just like previous years in Gatlinburg). There will also be a website link that will take you to doing hotel reservations online.

#### **Saturday Night Party Summary**

Calhoun's on the River, a short walk from the hotel on the riverfront (dedicated park/walking green space) less than 1 mile.

We have the entire upstairs banquet room. Buffet will have pulled BBQ pork and grilled BBQ chicken, several sides, cornbread, biscuits, cookies, coffee, tea. Keg beer as usual and cash bar. Hours will be from 6 pm until 10 pm. This will let those that want to crash to go on back to the hotel. Those that want to keep partying can go bar hopping. There is a large bar downstairs with the main restaurant.

#### **Other info:**

There is a free trolley that runs about every 10-15 minutes by the Marriott and goes downtown until 10:00 pm. So there will be plenty of places to go Friday night, lots of bars, pubs, restaurants, etc.

Ruth Chris is VERY close to the Marriott. They have a fantastic bar menu (all dishes are \$8 in the bar only). These prices are good all day. Of course, there are happy hour drink specials, but expect to pay a little more for drinks. It's a riverfront location.

Next door to Ruth Chris is the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Great place to visit.

Our KSOC hiking guru Tom says he can easily do a hike Saturday from the Marriott (short drive).

See Y'all There!! Mary Anne Koltowich, CSC Fall Conference Coordinator

### **Spring Convention 2016 (Michelle Shuford)**

Thanks to everyone, especially the volunteers who helped with the various events last weekend at the beach. Attached is a list of the winners of the various competitions for the Beach Olympics. The overall Club winners are 1<sup>st</sup> Place Asheville, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, ETMM, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Charlotte. Save the date for next year's Spring Convention – April 27-30, 2017 at Kingston Plantation. Signup information will be sent out by the end of the year.

### **RACING (Ron Scott)**

I would like to thank all the racers that participated in the 2015-2016 Crescent Race Season, and all of the Crescent Race Workers who facilitated the organization of the race season. We are the racing program that other ski councils racing programs want to be.

Please shop and purchase products from the many companies that support Crescent Racing. Crescent Racing sponsors are displayed on the Crescent Racing web page.

### **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](http://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 (Ken Lumsden)**

Reminder if you haven't already done so, go in and "like" the Crescent Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentSkiCouncil/>, and also the Crescent Racing Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/crescentskiracing/>. We've posted pictures from the Spring Convention on the CSC Facebook page – make sure to check them out when you have a chance!! And check the Crescent Ski Council website, <http://www.crescentskicouncil.org>. Sue Chadwick, CSC Webmaster, updates the site regularly.

### **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. Crescent Ski Council is a founding member of NSCF. 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](http://www.skifederation.org), you already know that there are some **great benefits and discounts** with NSCF and more are being added regularly. Check out the NSCF website, [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org) site for member only benefits. The 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.

Make sure also to like the NSCF Facebook Page, <https://www.facebook.com/National-Ski-Council-Federation-178192492206742/>. I'm Social Media Chair for NSCF and along with my Committee post updates all the time. Lots of great information from resorts and ski industry news from all over the country is added on a regular basis.

### **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!

Help us keep the Club database up-to-date. We know a lot of Clubs have or will have had elections at this time of year 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](mailto:snowdavgasoc@bellsouth.net).**

If your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, copy me!! I read every one I receive. I have to say, you guys all have some fun times both winter & summer!!

My email address in the Officers' section of the Spring Convention Directory is correct. The email listed for me in the section for Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club, however, is not. Please use [crescentskipresident@gmail.com](mailto:crescentskipresident@gmail.com) for me and not the one listed with my Club information, [pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com](mailto:pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com)!!

Thank you for re-electing me President for another year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you and remember, we need help and lots of ideas to keep Crescent in its rank as the **best** Council in the country. Want to work with a Committee? We always need help and new volunteers bring lots of new suggestions!! Contact me for more information and send me your suggestions and recommendations!!

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