PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – August, 2016

I appreciate all the Clubs who send me their enewsletters and I follow your Clubs' Facebook pages regularly. Your Clubs have been having a great summer with lots of fun events, like camping, picnics, biking, lake parties, happy hours and much more. It's great to see all the summer, off-season events to keep all of your members interested. Keep up the good work. Reminder too that if your Clubs have events, trips and anything else that will be of interest to the member Clubs in Crescent, and you would like us to include in the President's Update or on the CSC Facebook page, please send me the information and I'll try to make sure the word gets out. The best way to keep your members interested is to keep them active all year long!! Great job!!

CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

[Lisa is getting ready for the NSCF Summit meeting this week in Lake Tahoe, but this is a quick update on the Crescent trips for 2016/2017]:

2016 Steamboat - December 3-10. The regular price is $1095 for 2 and 3 bedroom units –an awesome deal for a great trip!!. The flyer, information and trip registration forms are on Crescent's website. We encourage that all participants sign-up online. With the week of lessons and other activities and events during the week, this is always an incredible trip.

2017 January Ski Week: Beaver Creek – January 14-21. Signups have been coming in. 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 or contact Sara Clemons at Sports America. The trip flyer and PowerPoint is on Crescent's website.

The registration website for the Steamboat and Beaver Creek 2017 trips is www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips. Questions contact Sara Clemons at Sports America at sara@sportsamerica.com.

Adventure Trip: Greek Isle Cruise - June 10-17, 2017. Signups have been coming in. Details have been sent to the Club Trip Leaders, including a PowerPoint presentation which is also on Crescent's website. Skigoup.net will be working with trip leaders to book their members. Come join us for a cruise of a lifetime! Contact Sandy Gaudette if you have any questions or for more information at sandymoguls@aol.com.

The resorts on the short list for 2018 are Mammoth and Whistler for January Ski Week. The March Ski Week in 2018 will be to Killington, Vermont. Check with your members on their picks between Mammoth and Whistler. Voting will be at the Trips Meeting at the Fall Conference.

The Club trip information we've received to date is also on Crescent's website. If your Club's Trip Leaders haven't yet sent in your information to Lisa Beregi to include on the list, please have it sent to Lisa at drlab88@aol.com.

2016 FALL LEADERSHIP & TRAINING CONFERENCE

(Hosted by the Knoxville Ski & Outing Club-KSOC)

WHEN: October 21-23, 2016

WHERE: NEW LOCATION: Knoxville Marriott, 501 E. Hill Ave, Knoxville, TN 37915
Toll free 800-836-8031 or 865-637-1234 (not toll free)

Website: http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tysmc-knoxville-marriott/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2

$105 per night (excluding taxes) per room, about $123 (with taxes), 1-4 people per room

Call or go online to make your own reservations – **say you are with the Crescent Ski Council Conference to get the special room rate**. Online link: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=Crescent%20Ski%20Council%202016%20Conference%5Etysmc%60ccaccaa%60104.95%60USD%60false%604%6010/21/16%6010/23/16%609/20/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Rooms can have a king bed or two queen beds. You can stay from Tuesday, October 18 thru Wednesday, October 26 at the same low rate if you wish to enjoy Knoxville and the area more.

AMENITIES: Free parking, free guest room internet, WI-FI thru-out; in-room coffee/tea, Knoxville City Trolley stop (free), hiking/biking trails within walking distance, Breakfast buffet ($14) or Continental breakfast ($9).** (Cost not included…However, 2 Reps per club will receive a paid-for breakfast for the Sunday morning BOD Meeting)

COST: **FREE** when you come to have fun and take advantage of the learning opportunities. Workshops are included. Lunches are on your own.

FUN STUFF: **Hike in East Tennessee:** Saturday, October 22, 2016
Hosted and guided by Tom Cressler, KSOC. Tom is a long-time enthusiast of hiking and leads numerous hikes throughout East Tennessee for KSOC. Hikers will meet at about 11 am (just after Admin mtg in the Marriott Lobby, and return about 3 pm. Pack your drinks and a lunch.

Saturday Night Oktoberfest Party. October 22, 2016: **BLUE & WHITE are Oktoberfest colors** to help you with an outfit. Take a nice walk to Calhoun's on the River and enjoy a buffet of pulled BBQ pork, grilled chicken, sides, cornbread, biscuits, cookies, coffee/tea. $30 includes a full dinner, DJ and dancing, and beer keg.

DEADLINES & CANCELLATIONS:

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016: Hotel registration: (No guarantee of availability after this date.)

Individual cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to arrival date to prevent being charged for the first night's room and tax charges.

Friday, October 7, 2016: Conference & Saturday Party Registration

SCHEDULE

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Friday, October 21

3:00 pm: Hotel Check-in

3:00 – 5:30pm: Executive Committee Meeting

Executive/Hospitality Suite

4:00 – 6:00 pm: Conference Registration

6:00 – ? : Dinner on your own

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Saturday Daytime 10 am until 3 pm

Hike in East Tennessee (guided by KSOC)

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Saturday Afternoon 3 pm until Party

Downtown Knoxville (free trolley), free time, indoor pool, relaxing, getting ready to PARTY!!!

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Saturday, October 22

6:30 – 8:30 am: **Buffet Breakfast, Marriott Rest.

Meetings Rooms TBA

8:30-11:00am: Admin. Meeting

8:30 am – 2:30 pm: Committee Meetings (Trips & Racing)

Race Workers Meeting will follow conclusion of Committee Meeting

Lunch on your own (Committees, please break accordingly)

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Saturday Night** (Optional Event)

6:00 – 10:00 pm: Oktoberfest Dinner & Dance

Full dinner included. Cost: $30/person

6:00 pm : Social; 6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm: Party & Dance, Beer keg

Cash bar (no driving required).

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Sunday, October 23

8:00 – 8:30 am: **Box Breakfast: 2 Reps from each club pick up tickets at the Restaurant; take box to meeting room to eat

9:00 am: CSC Fall Board Meeting

12:00 noon: Hotel check-out

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Crescent Ski Council
2016 Fall Leadership & Training Meeting
Registration Form

DEADLINES: HOTEL REGISTRATION:
5 pm Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2016 (Cut-off date; no guarantee of room availability after this date)

CONFERENCE & PARTY REGISTRATION: Due Friday, October 7, 2016

Club: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

*****Important: Attach additional information sheets to include the above information for all people attending from your club and WHO BY NAME is attending the Saturday night dinner party. This is needed for name tags and for sign-in list at the party.**

Options: No. Attending

OKTOBERFEST PARTY _____ @ $30 = $_____
(Total amount due w/registration)

Important: Please bring cash for bar drinks; credit/debit cards not accepted

HIKING IN THE SMOKIES Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016_____ No cost

Make checks payable to **Crescent Ski Council** & send checks and registration forms to:
Mary Anne Koltowich
Address: 1733 James Ferry Rd.
Kingston, TN 37763
Phone: (865) 368-2737

You may fill out one form per club if you like.

If you have questions, please call me or e-mail me at kolsmithma@gmail.com

RACING (Ron Scott)

The 2016/2017 Race Schedule dates are set. Listed below are the race dates and locations. 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 17-28, 2016 Appalachian, NC
JAN 7-18, 2017 Sugar, NC
JAN 28-29, 2017 Wintergreen, VA
FEB 11-12, 2017 Beech, NC
FEB 25-26, 2017 Sugar, NC
MAR 10-12, 2017 SilverCreek, WV

All Crescent members are welcome to attend the races and root for their race team. Check the CSC website and the Racing Page to view the official CSC Racing Schedule. When you visit the CSC Racing web page, please check out the Racing Sponsors. I would hope all Crescent members would make every effort to support the sponsors who support CSC Racing. We do have a new sponsor, the DeBooter. If you are finding it harder to bend over to remove your ski boots, have a look at the DeBooter.

Crescent's Racing Program is comprised of young and "old" club members. We have seen our numbers increase due to more families becoming involved. If your club is searching for a way to increase your club's membership, advertise the CSC Racing Program -- the best club racing program in the nation.

Ron Scott
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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 (Ken Lumsden)

Tom Grayson, Crescent VP and Publicity Chair for Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club, has taken over the S.K.I.B.U.M. Committee (Seeking Keen Ideas Boosting Up Membership). Tom will be heading up the Admin Workshop at the Fall Conference on Saturday morning. The workshop will be a round table discussion and we are requesting that each Club send a representative to the meeting and bring ideas as to what is

working for your Clubs. What works for one club may not work for another club but you never know unless you try.

The workshop is going to be a great opportunity for Tom and representatives of the Crescent Clubs to discuss ways to increase and retain Club members, promoting skiing in your areas (e.g. holding lesson clinics, running bus trips to local resorts (coordinating with Race Weekends when possible), scheduling some local trips, reaching out to local organizations such as your local YMCAs, Civic Clubs and others. And much more – it will be an open round table discussion!

The Admin. Workshop is scheduled from 8:30 AM until 11 AM on Saturday morning at the Fall Conference. The Trips and Racing Meetings are held at the same time, but please try to have a representative from your Club attend the Admin meeting. It will be a very informative meeting that will help the Clubs learn what is and isn't working for them, how to increase membership, get the word out on your Club in your area, and share ideas that will benefit all the Clubs!!

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 update these regularly – let your members know these pages are out there!! And check the Crescent Ski Council website, http://www.crescentskicouncil.org. Sue Chadwick, CSC Webmaster, updates the site regularly. And also like the National Ski Council Federation page at, https://www.facebook.com/National-Ski-Council-Federation-178192492206742/ Lots of great information from resorts and ski industry news from all over the country is added on a regular basis.

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. Lisa Beregi, Margaret Crum and I will be heading to Heavenly Ski Resort at Lake Tahoe this week for the NSCF Annual Summit Meeting. I'll pass post-trip report in next month's President's Update.

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. Check out the NSCF website, 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.

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! If you don't publish a newsletter, direct your members to Crescent's website. The President's Updates are posted there each month. If your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, copy me!! I read every one I receive.

I've received an email from Robert Avsec of the Kanawha Ski Club regarding the Fall Conference. Kanawha is looking for a male and a female to share a room. There may be some other Clubs also in this situation. Contact Mary Anne Koltowich and she'll work on matching up roommates if necessary. Mary Anne can be reached at kolsmithma@gmail.com.

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 snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net.**

I'm happy to be serving again this year as Crescent President. Remember, we always need help and new volunteers bring lots of new suggestions!! Contact me for more information and send me your suggestions and recommendations!!

Have a wonderful Labor Day!! Ski/Ride season is less than 100 days away – THINK SNOW!!

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