



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – March, 2016

The 2015/2016 ski season is just about over. However, some resorts in Colorado and the Sierras are extending their season this year due to the amazing snow that has fallen during the month of March. Hope that some of you are still hitting the hills to enjoy the “spring” powder!! It’s been a great season with lots of fantastic trips, both with Crescent and with your Clubs. I’ve been seeing all the pictures of the Clubs’ trips on Facebook. I know many of you (including me) have been on trips all over the US and beyond!!

PAST PRESIDENT (Margaret Crum)

The following nominations have been received for 2016-2017:

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

Bios of each candidate will be sent out in April. As always, nominations may be taken from the floor at the BOD meeting.

CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

215 returned from Big Sky last week, where the big mountain offered plenty for everyone and the big sky provided a little snow every night for soft, sweet skiing and riding. The trip was a great ending for a good season for Crescent with Steamboat in December and Mt. Bachelor in January.

Roll out presentations and pricing will be at the trip meeting during Spring Convention. These will be for the January Ski Week to Beaver Creek (Jan 14-21) and the June Greek Isle Cruise (Jun 10-17).

The trip committee will also be voting on the short list for 2018. Rumor has it that many old favorites will be back at the beach (Jackson Hole, Killington, Whistler and Mammoth, just to name a few) as well as some regulars (Vail Resorts, Telluride, Taos, Crested Butte and Whitefish) and eligible for the 2018 Ski Week(s). So get a good feel from your clubs at your April meetings so trip officers can vote for where the members want to go!

RACING (Ron Scott)

The Crescent Cup was held at Silver Creek, WV March 4-6, 2016. The Crescent Cup is a special event for Crescent Racing. Total individual and team points are tallied from two runs of slalom and two runs of giant slalom. The individuals in each flight with the most individual points for the four runs are declared the flight winners. Trophies are provided by Valley Distributing and Miller Lite for the top three racers in each flight. Complete race results can be found at the Crescent web site on the Crescent Racing page, <http://crescentskicouncil.org/racing/raceresults.html>

The **winner of the Crescent Cup** this race season was Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club. The following are the team points for the top 3 Clubs:

	CLUB	TEAM POINTS
1 ST	Charlotte	78
2 ND	Raleigh	69
3 RD	ETMM	70

The **individual memorial award winners** were:

Ralph Tate Memorial Award

HEAD SKIS

Male Skier with The Fastest 4 Run Combined Times

Jake Laroe of **Greensboro** with 172.27 seconds

Shelly Lassiter Memorial Award

ATOMIC SKIS

Female Skier with The Fastest 4 Run Combined Times

Jodi Dias of **Winston-Salem** with 192.30 seconds

Tom Broughton Memorial Awards

TRIP TO STEAMBOAT

Male with The Most Individual Points

Jake Laroe of **Greensboro** with 167 points

Female with The Most Individual Points

Dana Cuddihy of **Charlotte** with 153 points

Most Improved Handicap Racer Award

DYNASTAR SKIS

Male

Zack Seifert of **Charlotte** with 942 points

Female

Amanda Woodstock of **Knoxville** with 836 points

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. 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.

Please pass along the following info. from Aaron Moss at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk to your Clubs. It's a great opportunity for student-athletes.



Dear Club Organizer,

My name is Aaron Maas and I am the Head Coach for the Ski & Snowboard team at Lees-McRae College located in Banner Elk, NC. I'm reaching out to all of the Ski & Snowboard Clubs in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic regions to let them know that I am currently looking for student-athletes to join our team.

The Ski & Snowboard program is returning to the campus after a several year hiatus. Due to that, in-coming student-athletes have a chance to be a part of something truly exciting, helping to rebuild one of the preeminent programs in the country. We take full advantage of having two of the best resorts in the southeast at our doorstep. Both Sugar Mountain and Beech Mountain Resort work with the program to help give the students all the resources they need to compete at the collegiate level. The team also has a budget for equipment, travel expenses, uniforms and starting in the Fall '16 we will be offering athletic scholarships to incoming freshman and transfer students.

The LMC team consists of a Men's & Women's Ski and Snowboard team with both Racing and Freestyle disciplines. We compete in the Southeast Conference of the USCSA (United States Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association). You can learn more about the USCSA here: <http://www.uscsa.com/>

The school administrators, coaching staff and everyone in our department are here to support and help our student-athletes reach their academic and athletic goals. Coaches meet periodically with each individual athlete to discuss current academic progress. We truly believe that with a strong academic foundation our student-athletes can be successful both on and off the slopes.

Our recruits have a great opportunity to compete immediately and will definitely have the opportunity to have a very positive impact on our program, all while receiving a first-class education. I love to hear about prospective student's background in skiing and/or snowboarding. How many years have they been riding? What discipline do they enjoy most (race, freestyle, freeride, etc)? Have they competed in any events or belong to any clubs? Any information provided will help greatly.

Here are a few links about Lees-McRae:

School website: <http://www.lmc.edu/index.html>.

Programs of Study: http://www.lmc.edu/academics/programs_of_study/index.htm

We are offering personal tours of our campus and facilities for prospective student-athletes. Please let me know if you have any questions about the Lees-McRae Ski & Snowboard team or any of our academic programs. Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Aaron Maas

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CONVENTIONS

Spring Convention 2016

The Spring Convention dates are April 21-24, 2016 at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach!! As always, this will be a great weekend. As previously advised, the theme for the Saturday night party is "**WILD, WILD WEST**". So get out your boots and cowboy/cowgirl hats and be ready for fun time.

The tentative schedule for the weekend is attached. Also attached is a schedule of door duties for the Clubs. Please pass these along to your members who are attending and make note of your Club's door duty time.

Reminder of deadlines for the mini-golf, tennis & golf tournaments which are all held on Friday morning, April 22nd. Mini-golf is April 8th, tennis is April 10th and golf is April 8th. Registration forms for these tournaments are on the Crescent website in the Conventions section at <http://www.crescentcouncil.org/conventions.html>.

Also, in keeping with the **WILD, WILD, WEST** theme, we are going to offer poker tables...we need dealers. Please contact Michelle Shuford at skibumlong@aol.com if you can help with this.

We have an opening for a single female. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Deborah Thornton at skibunny737@gmail.com or Michelle Shuford at skibumlong@aol.com

Fall Conference 2016

2016 CSC Fall Conference Announcement

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

Member Services (Ken Lumsden)

The winners of the website & video competitions will be announced at the Spring Convention.

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 have lots of updates and pictures of our trips, races and events added all the time.

And check the Crescent Ski Council website, <http://www.crescentskicouncil.org>. Sue Chadwick, CSC Webmaster, updates the site regularly.

See you at the beach!!

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, 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 new 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/> 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!

We want to keep the 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.**

Please send me your comments, suggestions, and ideas – Crescent is the **best** Council in the country. But with all of your help, we can make it even better!! And we are always looking for new volunteers – contact me if you're interested in learning more about how to get involved!! New volunteers bring new ideas!!

See you at the beach!!

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