



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

Crescent's Fall Conference was held last weekend in Knoxville. I hope all who attended had a great time. A big thanks to Mary Anne Koltowich, CSC's Fall Conference Coordinator!! I know it's a lot of work and time involved - and it is very much appreciated!!

Thanks to everyone who attended the Admin Meeting on Saturday at the Fall Conference. As suggested, we have changed Admin to "Organizational Development." A lot of great information was shared and we will be scheduling quarterly Go-To-Meetings. We need a representative from each Club as part of the Organizational Development Group. Please email me the contact information for the rep from your Club and I'll include them in the group. If you weren't able to make it, we will be putting the notes and Mary Anne Koltowich's presentation on Club Treasuries. Mary Anne went over IRS issues that some of the member Clubs have encountered. Thanks to Mary Anne for putting this together.

I gave a brief overview of some of the topics presented at the National Ski Council Federation meeting in August, and will have the PowerPoints posted on CSC's website. The topics include post trip surveys, ski club's target members, the right social media to reach our audience, selling our trips, electronic payments, and air issues – and more!!

## **SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES SUPPORT**

We would like to take the time to thank the Crescent Ski Council BOD for authorizing the donations to the 8 Special Olympic athletes bound for the 2017 Winter World Games in Austria this March! We've already gotten heartfelt thank you emails and messages back from several of them.

But they still have a long way to go in their fundraising efforts. We would like to challenge the Crescent Clubs to go to their members and task them with raising funds for this worthy cause. You can choose one athlete or donate to all. The following is a list of the athletes and 5 of their fundraising web links as well as a way reach the South Carolina Special Olympics office to donate to those 3 athletes. Thank you in advance for helping! Go Team USA!

Michelle Shuford  
Sunrise Sawmill &  
Professional Ski Bum:-)

**SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETE FUNDRAISING**  
**CONTACT INFO:**

<u>SO Program</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Funding Info</u>	<u>Search by Name</u>
Georgia	Evan	Hodge	Alpine Skiing	Kennesaw	GA	M	<a href="https://specialolympicsga.ejoinme.org/EvanHodge2017">https://specialolympicsga.ejoinme.org/EvanHodge2017</a>	
North Carolina	Kristen	Milstead	Alpine Skiing	Mooresville	NC	F	<a href="http://www.firstgiving.com">www.firstgiving.com</a>	Kristen Milstead
North Carolina	Maurice	Watts	Alpine Skiing	High Point	NC	M	<a href="http://www.firstgiving.com">www.firstgiving.com</a>	Maurice Watts
South Carolina	Keith	Frostick (Frost)	Alpine Skiing	Lake City	SC	M		
South Carolina	Jackie	Hoch	Alpine Skiing	Florence	SC	F		
Tennessee	Daniel	Dehaan	Alpine Skiing	Columbia	TN	M	<a href="http://www.firstgiving.com">www.firstgiving.com</a>	Daniel Dehaan
Tennessee	Robert	Miller	Snowboarding	East TN	TN	M	<a href="http://www.firstgiving.com">www.firstgiving.com</a>	Robert Miller
South Carolina	Latrice	Pringle	Snowboarding	Florence	SC	F		

The 3 South Carolina athletes do not have donor pages set up yet, but donations can be made straight through the state office via check or credit card. Please direct all funds to:

Special Olympics SC  
 Attn: Angela Lemler  
 109 Oak Park Drive  
 Irmo, SC 29063

In the memo space, be sure to include the athlete(s) name that you are sponsoring for South Carolina:

Keith Frostick, Lake City, SC, Alpine Skiing  
 Jackie Hoch, Florence, SC, Alpine Skiing  
 Latrice Pringle, Florence, SC, Snowboarding

Angela can be reached at 803-404-5520 or by email at [alemmler@so.sc.org](mailto:alemmler@so.sc.org).

**PAST PRESIDENT (Margaret Crum)**

It is never too late to be thinking about volunteer positions in Crescent. April elections are not that far off. Elected positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Also, Linda Redd is **still** looking for someone to take over or help her run the Silver Creek trip. She has been asking for help or someone to take over for over a year.....won't someone please step up? Let Lisa Beregi ([drlab@aol.com](mailto:drlab@aol.com)) know if you are interested in this position.

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

Ski season is upon us! A-Basin in Colorado and Killington, VT are now open!! So if you haven't already signed up for one of our trips, the time is now!

**Steamboat – December 3-10, 2016.** The 33rd Annual Race and Learn to Ski/Ride trip has 225 signed up to date. **Deadline for signing up is Tuesday, November 1st.**

**Beaver Creek – January 14-21, 2017.** The January CSC Ski Week has sold out of condos at the Charter. Check with your Club's Trip Leader or Sara Clemons at Sports America, [sara@sportsamerica.com](mailto:sara@sportsamerica.com), if you'd like to sign up. Numbers are at 202. Lisa is starting to work on the itinerary details.

Online signups for the Steamboat and Beaver Creek trips is at [www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips](http://www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips).

**Greek Isle Cruise - June 10-17, 2017.** Space is available for a \$350 deposit, fully refundable prior to March 1st, which is also last day to sign up and payment due in full date. 36 are signed up. Questions and for more info., contact Sandy Gaudette at SkiGroup at [sandy@skigroup.net](mailto:sandy@skigroup.net)

### **2018 Trips:**

We'll have the results of the Club votes between Mammoth and Whistler for January Ski Week, 2018 sometime next week. Lisa is still tallying the results from the Trips meeting at the Fall Conference. The March Ski Week in 2018 will be to Killington, Vermont.

### **Club Trips:**

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](mailto:drlab88@aol.com). Lisa also went over the procedure to add your trips to the NSCF website. Check with your Trip Leader who attended. Any questions, contact Lisa.

If you need help filling spaces on your Club trips, send the information to Pat Harvey at [crescentskipresident@gmail.com](mailto:crescentskipresident@gmail.com), and we'll post it to Crescent's Facebook page. Info needed are number of contact info for your Club's Trip Leader, spaces available, details and dates of your trips. We've already posted info. for Knoxville and Huntsville on some of their trips.

## **RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Crescent doesn't mandate that member Clubs offer reciprocity on Club trips, but we recommend that our member Clubs allow members of other Crescent Clubs to participate in their trips and offer a reciprocal membership to the member of another Crescent Club to participate on trips offered by member Clubs. The suggested wording is as follows:

**Reciprocal membership is available to persons twenty-one (21) years of age and older who are currently a member in good standing in a Crescent Ski Council Club other than [name of Club]. The reciprocal member shall not be entitled to vote. If a Crescent member in good standing participates in a [name of Club] hosted activity, that person will be charged a \$1.00 membership fee and become a [name of Club] guest member during the activity.**

We hope that Clubs will open their trips to other Crescent Club members without the necessity for the member to become a full member of that Club. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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

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.

**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 socks is offering all Crescent members and their friends 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.

Another Crescent Racing Sponsor is the **DeBooter**. The DeBooter Premium Ski Boot Jack is a lightweight yet rugged, easy-off solution for ski boots. Simply unbuckle your boot, step it into the heel cup, slide your foot out and breathe a sigh of relief. They are offering 20% off to all Crescent members. Watch the video on how the DeBooter works at the DeBooter web site, <https://www.outdoorlogicsolutions.com/products/portable-debooter> or do a search for "DeBooter" watch the video and place an order.

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**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.

## **SPRING CONVENTION 2017**

The Spring Convention dates are April 27-30, 2017 at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach!! All lodging in is 2 bdrm/2bath OCEAN VIEW large condos at Brighton Towers at Kingston. This will be a fantastic weekend – events included are mini-golf, tennis, golf, vendor Trade Show, Friday night DJ Party, the highly competitive Beach Olympics, and the Saturday Night Theme Party. The theme for this year hasn't yet been picked but Michelle Shuford and Bryan Bobo are looking for ideas. Contact Michelle at [skibumlong@aol.com](mailto:skibumlong@aol.com) with your suggestions.

Club registration forms are being taken now. Margaret Crum has agreed to be rooming coordinator this year. The forms were distributed at the Fall Conference. They also will be posted shortly to the CSC website. Club Confirmation Form and Initial Club Deposit deadline is February 27, 2017, but don't wait. Get your Club's form and deposit in as soon as you can to be sure you have the lodging for your Club. All other deadlines are listed on the form. I'm attaching copies for your convenience. New this year is the Club Rooming List form. The Rooming List is due on March 6, 2017. Any questions on the forms, contact Margaret Crum, [mcrum211@charter.net](mailto:mcrum211@charter.net).

## **MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)**

Reminder to “like” the Crescent Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentSkiCouncil/>, and also the Crescent Racing Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/crescentskiracing/> The Race Schedule for 2016/2017 has been added to the Racing page. And make sure to go in and like the NSCF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/National-Ski-Council-Federation-178192492206742/> Spread the word to your members!! Lots of great information from resorts and ski industry news from all over the country is added on a regular basis. Be the first to know what's going on in Ski Country!!

Robert Avsec, President of the Kanawha Ski Club, will be setting up Twitter for Crescent. We'll let you know as soon as that's up and running. We also plan to have CSC active on Instagram soon.

Tom Grayson, CSC's S.K.I.B.U.M. Committee Chair would like to have a member from each Club as part of this Committee. Please email Tom with contact info for the member who can participate. Tom's email is [tom@tomgrayson.com](mailto:tom@tomgrayson.com)

## **NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION**

As a member of Crescent Ski Council, you are also a member of the National **Ski Council Federation (“NSCF”)**. NSCF has some great benefits and discounts available and more are being added regularly. Check out the website, [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org) 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. You'll need to register on NSCF's website but once you're signed up, you can take advantage of all the benefits that are available. Please spread the word to your Club members.

## **LAST BUT NOT LEAST**

Reminder, pass along the monthly President's Updates to your members, include it in your Club newsletters and/or place them on your Club's web site. 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 and want to give a big thanks to all the Clubs who send me their newsletters and updates.

Help us keep the Club database up-to-date. If you received this update and are not the current officer or rep for your Club, please forward it to the appropriate person. Please 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](mailto:snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net).**

Clubs ask what Crescent can do for them, what benefits do they get from being a Club Member of the Council. In addition to having great trips and one of the best racing programs in the country, and having friends all across the Southeast and beyond, there are a lot of discounts and benefits available to all of you. We also are **always** available to help!! Want to Skype us into one of your Club meetings, just let me know. As I mentioned, if you have a Club trip you are trying to fill, let me know!! NSCF benefits are at <http://skifederation.org/benefits/>. Take advantage of them!!

As we've mentioned in the past, we always need help and ideas to keep Crescent the BEST Council in the country!! New volunteers are always welcome!! Contact me for more information and send me your suggestions and recommendations!!

THINK SNOW!!

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