



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – June/July, 2016

The Crescent trips to Steamboat in December, Beaver Creek in January and the Greek Isles Cruise have sign ups coming in. The early bird pricing for Steamboat sold out right away. Make sure to promote both trips to your Clubs.

In my new retirement stage, I plan on an extended trip this month to see my family and friends in Florida, so the next President's Update will be for August – vacation is calling my name!!

Reminder, if your Clubs have some summer events that 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. We'd like to see some of the summer events that are scheduled by the Clubs. I know it's time for lake parties, hiking, biking, outdoor concerts, etc. Best way to keep your members interested is to keep them active all year long!! Speaking of summer events, check out the following fun weekend in August that Michelle Shuford from Asheville and Crescent's Convention Chair has asked me to include:

Summer Camping (& Other Things) In WNC!

[From Michelle Shuford] Many of you have joined us the last 2 years camping...heck, Huntsville brought over 13 folks last year! but, we've got a new location idea. In lieu of going back to Apple Tree, we thought we might try going to Lake Powhatan in Bent Creek just outside of Asheville. We are looking at the weekend of Aug 5-7. There are still lots of spots...but the campground is already half full so folks would need to book spots soon. Right now, Loop C (sites 58-97) has the most sites together open. Unlike Apple Tree, folks would have to make their own reservations. However, unlike Apple Tree, there are lots of things to do! It's also a lot closer.

We plan on opening this up to Crescent but want you guys to pick your sites first, so follow this link:

(<http://www.recreation.gov/camping/lake-powhatan/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70206>)

and let me know what site you've reserved so that we can be together. Email me @ skibumlong@aol.com or call me anytime @ 828-768-0120.

FYI: Since we will not be in a private group setting, it needs to be known that this campground has fairly strict quiet hours from 10p to 7a that are enforced by the campground hosts. This is the trade off for being so close to so many activities.

Things to do:

1. Mountain Biking (Beg to Adv) & Hiking over 100 miles of trails in Bent Creek
2. Tubing and Rafting on the French Broad (see below)
3. Touring the Biltmore Estate. <http://www.biltmore.com/>

4. [Sightseeing in Downtown Asheville](#)
5. Dining out if you don't want to cook out.
6. Hotels if you don't want to camp but want to join in the other activities...
7. [Blue Ridge Parkway Sightseeing](#)
8. [Visiting the NC Arboretum & Gardens](#)

Michelle Shuford

Sunrise Sawmill & Professional Ski Bum ☺

PS: Here are some links for outfitters for some of the above activities. I suggest if you want to do a river trip...tubes, kayaks, or Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Boards that you check out these websites.

For tubing, I suggest Zen Tubing. <http://zentubing.com/> (They have an established launch site at Bent Creek near the campground.)

For SUP's, I suggest Wai Mauna. <http://www.waimaunaashevillesuptours.com/>

For kayaks, SUP's and Tubes I suggest French Broad Outfitters. <http://www.frenchbroadoutfitters.com>

All of these provide shuttle service or will meet you at the launch site with your equipment. The only other thing would be once we know who is going and how many, that we coordinate a launch location and time and/or outfitter.

PPS: Tubing does not mix well with paddle sports...tubes go WAY too slow...unless the paddlers don't mind.

PPSS: Nearby hotels for the non-campers

- [Holiday Inn Express Asheville - Biltmore Square Mall](#)
Hotel & Motel · \$\$ · 401 on *TripAdvisor*
1 Wedgefield Dr, Asheville, NC · (828) 665-6519
- [Comfort Suites Outlet Center](#)
Hotel & Lodging · \$\$ · Open · 524 on *TripAdvisor*
890 Brevard Rd, Asheville, NC · (828) 665-4000
- [Rodeway Inn & Suites Near Outlet Mall - Asheville](#)
Hotel & Lodging · \$ · Open · 125 on *TripAdvisor*
9 Wedgefield Dr, Asheville, NC · (828) 670-8800
- [Country Inn & Suites By Carlson, Asheville at Biltmore Square Mall, NC](#)
845 Brevard Rd., Asheville, NC 28806 (828) 670-9000
Exit 33 I-26 or exit 46 I-40 at Parkway/Biltmore/Arboretum

CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

2016 Steamboat - December 3-10. Signups are already up to 129! The early bird signups came in quickly so it's now at the regular price is \$1095 for 2 and 3 bedroom units – still 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 and we're already up to 62. 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. Skigroup.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.

Generic flyers will be on the Crescent website. Start planning your trips for next year!

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.

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.

Please pass along the information on the upcoming trips for 2016/2017 to your members.

CONVENTIONS

Fall Conference 2016 (Mary Anne Koltowich)

2016 CSC Fall Conference

Dates: October 21-23, 2016

Location: Knoxville Marriott, 501 E. Hill Avenue

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

RACING (Ron Scott)

Ron Scott will be sending out the Crescent Race schedule for the 2016/2017 race season in the near future. We'll post it on the Racing Section of Crescent's Website and also on the Crescent Racing Facebook Page!!

As posted last month, we're listing it again. If you want to bring youth into your club membership, Crescent Racing is one of the avenues to pursue. The Values and Goals of Crescent Racing are listed below.

VALUES

Integrity - Action based on the values rather than personal gain.

Passion – Motivation for doing what we love.

Fun – A fresh, positive, creative culture.

Team – individual humility and collective pride.

Community – Exceptional stewardship and lifetime inclusiveness.

Excellence – Personal and collective wins every day.

Grit – courage, tenacity and perseverance on the path to excellence.

GOALS

- **Achieve athletic excellence**

- **Grow the visibility of our sport**
- **Engage, lead and grow our communities**
- **Cultivate organizational excellence**

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)

Ken has put together a flash drive with Crescent pictures which has been or will be sent out to your Club Presidents. Pictures of our trips and Conferences are always a big sell to your Club members and prospective members. Tom Grayson, Crescent’s VP and Chair of the S.K.I.B.U.M. Committee has been working on ways to boost membership in your Clubs. Stay tuned for more information in the next President’s Update.

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. And also like the National Ski Council Federation page at, <https://www.facebook.com/National-Ski-Council-Federation-178192492206742/> Keep letting your members know about the Federation and its benefits and the Facebook Page!! 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. 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.

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.**

Reminder, my email address is crescentskipresident@gmail.com. Please don't use pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com or pharvey@wcsr.com. Neither of those email addresses are active and I **won't receive your email if sent to the wrong address.**

I'm looking forward to working with all of you for another year, and 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!! Sometimes I'm told we are a closed group – to the contrary, we always want more involvement!! Let me know what you want to do, what your ideas are – it's up to all of you to keep Crescent the BEST Council in the country!!

Happy Fourth of July!! Have a great and safe weekend.

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