



## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – February 2017**

Hi everyone. The season in the south hasn't been the best over the past month!! The final race weekend for the Regular Season had to be cancelled due to the conditions. While we are enjoying spring's early February arrival, it's also been very warm on the local slopes. However, if you're fortunate enough to have been or planning to go on one of the Clubs' trips, the conditions out west have been great. I have to admit, this has been the most unusual year so far weather wise throughout the country!! If you hadn't seen, Squaw Valley is planning to stay open through July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

### **PAST PRESIDENT**

Nominations for CSC officer positions are due by the end of March. Elected positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please send nominations to Margaret Crum by April 1, 2017.

Margaret P. Crum, Past President

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

Nothing new on trips. Lisa has finalized finances on both Steamboat and Beaver Creek - and the final payment for the Greek Isles trip is due tomorrow, March 1st – there are currently 32 going. If folks want to still go on the Greek Isles Cruise in June, please contact Sandy Gaudette at SkiGroup.net ([sandy@skigroup.net](mailto:sandy@skigroup.net)) for more information, pricing and availability.

#### **2018 Ski Weeks**

December - Steamboat Ski and Race Camp; January – Mammoth; March - Killington

Don't hesitate to contact Lisa Beregi at [drlab88@aol.com](mailto:drlab88@aol.com) if you have any questions regarding trips.

### **RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR TRIPS**

As previously advised, Crescent doesn't mandate that member Clubs offer reciprocity on Club trips, but we do 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)**

The final race of the season was scheduled for Sugar Mountain the weekend of February 25 & 26, 2017. Conditions were not favorable for having the final Regular Season race. Sugar would have done everything possible to hold the race but Mother Nature would not cooperate. Warm temperatures and rain were forecasted for Saturday morning so the race was cancelled. Sure enough, on Saturday morning there was lightning, thunder, rain and warm temperatures.

Listed here are the Final Team Standings for the Regular Season,

#### **EASTERN DIVISION**

1. Greensboro, 224; tie breaker points 74.79
2. Charlotte, 224; tie breaker points 73.27
3. Raleigh, 222
4. Winston-Salem, 215
5. Catawba Valley, 97
6. Greater Charleston, 48

#### **WESTERN DIVISION**

1. Asheville, 232 pts
2. Palmetto, 217
3. Knoxville, 211
4. Augusta, 204
5. Chattanooga, 197
6. ETMM, 194
7. Nashville, 31

The Crescent Cup is scheduled for March 10-12, 2017 at SilverCreek, WV. We will see which club in Crescent has the best race team. At least on that weekend.

On behalf of *Crescent Racing*, we thank each club and their members for their support of *Crescent Racing*. We have the **best** council racing program in the nation!!

### **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.

## **SPRING CONVENTION 2017**

The **Spring Convention** dates are **April 27-30, 2017** at Brighton Towers at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach!! 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. We've been advised that Brighton Towers is now full so hopefully you've already gotten your spaces. The theme for this year's Spring Convention Saturday night party is "**Out of Africa/African Safari**". We know all of you are going to come up with some great ideas for this one!! Safari, Tarzan, Jungle Serengetti, Drums, Tribal Dancers, and we certainly need to include Indiana Jones!!

We'll also include a **table decorating contest** this year for the Clubs to participate in.

Rules:

- 1) Any Club that WANTS to make a centerpiece, can do ONE table.
- 2) Please notify Faith Campbell at [mbcampsoup@outlook.com](mailto:mbcampsoup@outlook.com) by **April 1** if you plan to enter. (Faith will need to determine the quantity of decorations for the remaining tables.)

Deadline for submittal of **videos** for CSC Spring'17 Competition: **April 3, 2017**.  
Deadline for requesting to enter **web site** competition: **March 13, 2017**. Entry forms have been posted on Crescent's website. Let me know if you need copies and I'll send them to you.

Margaret Crum is the rooming coordinator this year. **Rooming list, balance due and condo drops are due on Monday, March 6, 2017**. All lodging is assigned to Clubs. Reminder that the rooming list deadline is earlier this year. Please pay close attention to the deadlines.

### **DEADLINES:**

THERE WILL BE A \$20 LATE FEE ASSESSED FOR EACH MISSED DEADLINE (3 total) BASED ON POSTMARKS

Feb. 27, 2017: Confirmation Form & Initial Club Deposit (deadline past)

March 6, 2017: Balance & Condo Drops

Rooming List: (Should include full properly spelled names, location choice, # Nights, # People/Unit, & Total Amount /Person...as well as who is representing your club in the capacities of: President, 2 CSC Reps, & Trips)

April 3, 2017: Rooming List Changes

\*Any info not included will constitute a missed deadline so please note what is required for each deadline...Esp. March 6th!

Any questions on the forms, contact Margaret Crum, [mcrum211@charter.net](mailto:mcrum211@charter.net).

## **FALL CONFERENCE 2017**

**Save the dates for this year's Fall Conference. Gatlinburg** won the vote for the Fall Conference 2017. Lodging will be at the fully renovated Glenstone Lodge. **The dates are October 20-22, 2017.** Mark your calendars and let your Club members know the location and dates. Information will be sent out after the Spring Convention.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Crescent is on Facebook and Twitter. Reminder to "like" the Crescent Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentSkiCouncil/>, and also the Crescent Racing Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/crescentskiracing/> And also make sure to go in and like the NSCF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/National-Ski-Council-Federation-178192492206742/>

Crescent Ski Council is on Twitter (@crescentski). Tag us on your tweets. If your Club is on Twitter, make sure to follow Crescent. Spread the word to your members about our Social Media pages!! We post pictures from the trips and post lots of great information from resorts and ski industry news from all over the country on a regular basis. A big thanks to Chuck Young for posting pictures from trips and also the race weekends.

We'd like to get Crescent up and running on Instagram. If you're interested in helping on the Social Media Committee, in particular with helping us with setting us up on Instagram, contact Social Media Chair, Pat Harvey at [crescentskipresident@gmail.com](mailto:crescentskipresident@gmail.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 to pass along the monthly President's Updates to your members, include them 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, please copy me!! I want to give a big thanks to all the Clubs who send me their newsletters and updates. All of the Clubs have great events and trips all year-long!! I also follow all the Clubs' Facebook pages – the pictures show what a great time is had by all!!

Please 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!! Crescent Ski Council is the best!!!!

Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the BEST Council in the country!! New volunteers are always welcome!! Contact me for more information and please send me your suggestions and recommendations!!

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