



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!

August 2021

In case you haven't noticed, Summer is here and in full swing! While we're experiencing these high temperatures (at least not as high as the northwestern part of the country!), many of you are already thinking of skiing with Crescent Ski Council. Sign-ups for both of Crescent's trips to Steamboat and Sun Valley are going well as you'll read in Lisa's report. Several Clubs also report good numbers for their planned trips. If you haven't yet signed up for any of these trips, be sure to do so soon.

Speaking of ski (and other) trips...if you're planning to rent a car, you may want to plan earlier rather than closer to your trip. According to AAA, slow sales during the pandemic and a shortage of semi-conductor chips has led to manufacturer delays and rental car inventory shortages. More people are taking road trips, which has increased demand for car rentals. According to AAA's Leisure Travel Index, average daily car rental rates have doubled in price. Prices ranging from \$250 to \$600 or more have been reported at some airport rental locations across the country. Following are some tips for securing car rentals offered by AAA:

- Book your reservation early.
- Consider working with a travel advisor.
- Weekly rates may be less expensive than weekend rates.
- Consider off-airport locations, which are typically less expensive than renting at an airport.

If all else fails, U-Haul still advertises their rentals beginning at \$19.95!

Our Fall Conference will be here soon! In preparation for the Administrative Meeting, please email me any topics or items you would like to discuss or know more about. Also, please plan to have a representative from your Club attend the Administrative meeting.

Come join us! If you are interested in getting involved or volunteering with any of the CSC Committees, please contact me. We are always looking for ideas and suggestions and would love for you to attend a meeting and/or run for office. Remember – everyone is welcome to attend any of Crescent's meetings.

Please share this Update with your members by including it in your Club's newsletters and/or placing it on your Club's website. You can also direct your members to Crescent's website, <https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/>, where the President's Update is posted. I would love to hear your suggestions and/or recommendations. Feel free to contact me with your interests or to learn more about your Council. Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the **BEST** Council in the country!

TREASURER (Ellen Cortright)

On September first the invoice template for Crescent Dues will be distributed via email to the President and Treasurer of record for each club. The due date is November 1 per the Bylaw changes approved last fall. Each invoice submission should be documented with a membership list that includes only the name of each member identified as an adult or junior member (under 18) as of the end of your last membership year. It is preferable to receive this as an excel document. Detailed instructions will accompany the invoices. Each club should make sure that Crescent has the most recent officer roster contact information to make this a seamless process.

Ellen Cortright
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CONVENTIONS (Cathie Mulgrew)

I want to let everyone know Mary Anne Koltowich will continue as the CSC Fall Conference Coordinator and Cameron Andrews has agreed to be the CSC Spring Conference Coordinator. Frances Edwards will continue as the Trade Show Vendor Coordinator. I also want to welcome Jodi Stephens and Diane Brown from Huntsville Ski Club who have expressed interest in volunteering with CSC Conventions. Our Fall Conference will take place in Gatlinburg, TN October 22-24, 2021. Diane previously sent out Mary Anne's information regarding registration and how to reserve rooms at The Glenstone Lodge. Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces – in person!

Thinking way ahead to Spring Convention 2022, we are considering offering Pickle ball as an optional Friday event. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Cameron Andrews by email at candrews1214@gmail.com or cell 706-231-3935.

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

Can you believe it is August? Second payments on trips will be due before we know it, and then it will be ski season and we'll be on the slopes. I personally don't want to rush summer and fall, but the thought of mountains and snow on these hot humid days brings a smile to my face!

Registration for the Crescent trips has been open since June 15th, and we have had sign ups almost every day! Steamboat is already at the 200 mark and Sun Valley is at 75% of our bid lodging. There are still plenty of spaces so keep your members signing up!

The clubs have voted for their short list for the 2023 January Ski Week. Bids will be going out this summer for Jackson Hole and Telluride.

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RACING (Rich Mead)

Neither heat nor drought, nor fire nor smoke can keep Ron Scott and David Lippucci from competing in the Summer Fun Nationals races at Timberline, Mt Hood, Oregon. GS and Slalom races were held July 17 & 18 and both Ron and David were there representing Crescent. In the GS Ron placed 2nd and David 4th in their respective age groups. In the Slalom both placed second. Way to go!

As a reminder, online registration is now open for the 38th annual Steamboat Race / Ski / Ride Camp, December 4-11, 2021. This is an excellent trip to tune up, get ready and receive top level coaching for the Crescent Race Series, starting December 18-19 at Appalachian. Register online at www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips.

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SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

We'll be posting all the fun hikes, lake parties, picnics, summer trips to resorts and other things we see Clubs doing during the summer. Make sure to tag us @crescentski so we can post your Club's events and pictures. We also are following all the ski resorts and news on what's going on in the ski industry, so we'll keep you updated on the happenings!

Follow Crescent on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Any questions, ideas or suggestions regarding Social Media, please contact me. Keep spreading the word on Crescent's Social Media pages to your Club members and friends.

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NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

Crescent is a Charter Member of the **National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)**. There are 30 Member Councils in NSCF across the USA. As a member of Crescent Ski Council, you are also a member of the **NSCF**. NSCF has some excellent benefits and discounts. **Several new benefits have been added: Athalon Sportsgear, Sportube, Icelantic Skis, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame, and others.** Please visit the website, www.skifederation.org for member only benefits. The NSCF site allows you to search for all benefits by category so you can find what you are looking for much faster. You must register on NSCF's website but once you're signed up, you can take advantage of all the benefits. Please spread the word to your members so they too can take advantage of the many benefits that are available to all of you through NSCF.

NSCF will hold elections in August and needs new people to run for office. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact the federation at nominations@skifederation.org. They will reach out to potential candidates to discuss and confirm their interest in being nominated. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer are needed.

Remember to post your trips and activities to the NSCF database. It is a great way to get more exposure for your events and trips. NSCF has a code available to allow Federation Councils and Member Clubs to display their Clubs' trips that have been entered into the database—ON THEIR OWN WEBSITE. It is available to all at the asking. It will be customized for each council and club. This is a key benefit. Each Council should encourage their clubs to enter their trips into the database and request the customize code for their club or council. Contact Joe (webmaster@skifederation.org) to request your customized search code.

And there is an opportunity to help with the International Skiing History Association. The International Skiing History Association is looking for an Executive Director. Please share with your members to see if anyone would be interested in this position. Contact Lisa Beregi for more information.

Enjoy this last month of summer! Please stay safe and healthy, and continue praying for each other, our country, and world.

Diane

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