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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

December 2019

While the weather is still mild here in the Southeast, many of our neighbors have snow! In North Carolina, Appalachian, Beech, Sugar and Cataloochee are all open. For our clubs further north, many resorts are open in the Northeast, including Snowshoe in West Virginia. Speaking of West Virginia, Robert Avsec shared this news from the Charleston paper: Timberline will not be open for the 2019-2020 ski and snowboard season, as they were purchased by an Indiana ski area operator. The new owners stated that Timberline will be alive and well and open for business for the 2020-2021 ski and snowboard season.

Crescent is experiencing record numbers of registrations for all three trips! If you're planning to join us for the Sun Peaks or Spain trips, you need to act now as space is very limited. Several Clubs also have some great trips planned for the coming season. Be sure to check them out on the CSC website or Facebook.

Please make sure your club sends in your dues this month. We want to make sure none of our members are affected by their club not paying dues by the deadline of December 31st. Many thanks to the clubs who have already submitted their dues. (Dues invoice attached in pdf & excel)

TREASURER (Marge Lafferty)

It was great to see many of you at fall Conference in Gatlinburg. The committee did a great job and I believe we all had a good time. I sent out the dues invoice early this year, September 1st in hope that early invoices would ensure the dues were paid in a timely manner. The final invoice for last year was not received until March. At the Spring Conference the CSC Excomm voted on changing the due date to December 1st rather than the 31st to ensure dues were paid before the ski season started. However the invoice states the due date is December 31st, therefore the due date will stay at December 31st for this year. As of November 20th only 7 clubs (Knoxville, Greensboro, Chattanooga, Palmetto, Spartanburg, Charleston and Asheville) have paid their dues. Clubs not in good standing cannot participate in Crescent Council events, trips, racing etc. Please, if your club has not paid their dues make sure you contact the correct officer and see that they are paid. Dues not received and postmarked by December 31, 2019 will be considered late and your club members will not be eligible to participate in Crescent Ski Council events. Any racing scores prior to December 31st by a member of a club not in good standing will be voided and the member will not be allowed to participate until dues are paid. You may feel this is a little dramatic but we're giving you 4 months to provide a list of members and payment. If you have any questions or unforeseeable circumstances preventing you from paying your dues please contact me.

Have a Great Holiday!

Marge Lafferty
CSC Treasurer

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

The 2019-2020 Season is here!

We are a holiday and week away from the 36th Annual Steamboat Learn to Race & Ski Camp. We are also at an unbelievable 322 participants! I will be at home taking care of Alan post knee replacement that week, so I hope everyone has a wonderful week!

CSC January Ski Week to Sun Peaks, January 11-18, 2020: We currently have 112 participants. Final payments are due this week, December 1st. If you will fill a room (2 people or single supplement) contact Sara at SAT to see if she can still add rooms.

Spain, March 14-28, 2020: We had a great presentation during the trip meeting on the day trip offerings during this adventure trip. The document and sign up form is being finalized at Holidayz and will be sent via trip leaders and must be completed and paid for with final payment due January 15th. There are still spots for the base week and post trip to Barcelona. Join 91 other CSC friends as they adventure through Spain!

Go ahead and put 2021 on your calendars. Crescent January Ski week will be to Telluride.

Lisa Beregi
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CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

Spring Convention is April 23-26, 2020. Lodging Info is out and available online at crecentskicouncil.org. Please send in your Club's condo picks via ONE lodging coordinator per club. Margaret Crum is the Rooming Coordinator again this year. You are welcome to email your club's forms to Margaret and then mail checks via snail mail to her for deposits. Please try to get your condo requests in sooner rather than later as both Margaret and I will be in Steamboat in early Dec and then things get really busy with the Holiday season!! I have heard from several clubs regarding condo numbers and nights – thank you! I want to apologize for checks not being deposited yet...

The Committee is looking for theme ideas! Email me with your ideas.

Hope to see many of you in Steamboat!

Michelle Shuford
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RACING (Rich Mead)

HOORAY!! Ski season is here!! App, Beech, Sugar and Cataloochee are open and out West many areas opened early due to plenty of early season snow. Racers should have plenty of opportunity to get in a few runs to make sure their skis are running fast. And there are two gate training camps still available before our first race at Appalachian on December 21-22. December 8 is our annual Crescent Development Series at Appalachian. This is a great time for new racers to establish their handicap and jump right in to the Crescent Race Series without racing in Flight 21 or 22. Additional information is on the Crescent website, <https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/racing/raceresults.html>. December 13-15 is the Sugar Mountain Pre-Season Ski Clinic with World Cup and Olympian Andrew "Warhorse" Weibrecht. Train 1, 2 or all 3 days. Sunday, December 15 includes a NASTAR race with Weibrecht pacesetting.

Crescent NASTAR pacesetters can update their handicaps for the season racing against Weibrecht. Register directly with Sugar Mountain, <http://www.skisugar.com/events/preseason-ski-clinic/>.

Ron Scott sent to the club Race Directors and Newsletter Editors the Race Series sponsor credit sheets with instructions. Sponsors provide merchandise and discounted promotions that are used as podium and door prizes at the races. It's important that each club participating in the Race Series advertise our supporting sponsors. And just as important is for everyone, racer and non-racers alike, to support these sponsors whenever possible. Patronizing the sponsors is the BEST way to thank them for their generosity and encourage them to continue their support. Thank you to Ron and David Lippucci for their work lining up the sponsors.

Want your friends to know about Crescent racing? We're on Facebook and Instagram!! Check out "crescentskiracing".

See you on the race course,

Rich Mead
CSC Race Director
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MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)

From Bruce: Remember to send your Officer/Director/BOD/Rep updates to Bruce McMurray, Database Coordinator, at snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net. Please help us keep the Club database up-to-date. Include name, mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, mobile), email address and Board position(s). As you review Bruce's forms during the BOD meeting, please ensure your information is spelled correctly as well. Thanks.

From Sue (Website Coordinator): Remember that I can publish any trip vacancies and/or events clubs would like to promote on the website: If you have a trip you're trying to fill or an event that you'd like to promote to the other Clubs, please let me know at chadwick_sue@yahoo.com and I'll promote the trip or event on Crescent's website!

SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

All the recent Snowmaggedens have made it pretty easy to post lots of snow reports, early ski resort openings and ski updates on our Social Media pages. We've gotten lots of attention and likes. We're working on becoming more active on Instagram. Crescent Racing has added an Instagram page and we're looking forward to some of the active racers' posts from the races that start up in December on Facebook and Instagram. We've been sharing a lot of info and reports from Steamboat and Sun Peaks as the dates of those trips get closer.

Keep spreading the word about Crescent's Facebook and Twitter pages.

CRESCENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY, 2019

We'll continue to celebrate Crescent's Golden Anniversary at the Steamboat Learn to Ski & Race Camp.

Pat Harvey
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NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

Crescent is a Charter Member of the **National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)**. There are 29 Member Councils in NSCF across the USA. As a member of Crescent Ski Council, you are also a member of the NSCF. Please visit the website, www.skifederation.org for the excellent member only benefits and discounts including ski gear rentals, car rentals and much, more! 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 Club members so they too can take advantage of the many benefits that are available.

Make sure also to like and follow the National Ski Council Federation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Spread the word on NSCF's Social Media pages to your Club members. Tag NSCF @natlskifed and spread the word on the Federation and its Facebook pages.

NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION **2019 SILENT AUCTION**

The 2019 Virtual Silent Auction was a huge success! Many thanks to Michael Calderone for all his hard work. More than \$11,000 was raised! I hope you participated in this auction – there are great deals!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Please share the monthly President's Updates with your members, include them in your Club newsletters and/or place them on your Club's web site. Keep our communication going to our members so they can be informed! If you don't publish a newsletter, direct your members to Crescent's website, www.crescentcouncil.org. The CSC President's Updates are posted on the website monthly. If your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, please add me to your e-list and also be sure to send them to Pat Harvey, Social Media Chair.

Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the **BEST** Council in the country! New volunteers are always welcome! 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.

I hope you are enjoying the Thanksgiving Holiday with family, friends and loved ones. Safe travels to those who are traveling.

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