



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!

December 2020

Crescent had 160 participants planning to go to Steamboat, but Sara sent us a cancellation notification yesterday. Colorado is leaving the decision to stay open up to the individual resorts/counties. According to SAM (Ski Area Management), Colorado allows each area to develop their own COVID operating plan based on their size, customer base, location, etc., review that plan with their local public health authority and get local approval to operate. This allows resorts to control access in the way that best suits their individual business models. In our case, due to the current State Health Orders, lodging management could not place guests from more than one household in a shared unit. To do so would break the public health order to limit social engagement to those within your immediate household. I know I am saddened and disappointed by this turn of events, as I am sure you are, but thankful that we are not being placed in a potentially unsafe situation.

For those of you needing to make reservations to ski, make sure you do that as soon as the resort allows. Breckenridge sent out an email blast reminding guests that the resort was opening Friday, Nov. 13 and reservations were opening Nov. 11. Breckenridge, (a Vail Resorts – EPIC pass – property), is using a corporation-wide reservation system. The Friday of the system's launch saw more than 120,000 people queued up in a virtual waiting room. Keystone's opening weekend booked in under an hour.

In North Carolina, The North Carolina Ski Areas Association (NCSAA) has released its COVID operation guidelines, which align with NSAA's Ski Well, Be Well guidance. Sugar and the other five areas across western North Carolina will be adopting physical distancing and mandatory masks in spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained, as well as allowing guests to request to ride the lifts alone. Guests will be allowed in lodges but will be required to maintain physical distancing or mask up.

The revised Bylaws have been posted on the Crescent website. The Bylaws revisions included with this email are in red so you may easily see these changes. I appreciate your input and feedback in accomplishing this revision. Should you have additional suggestions or comments concerning the Bylaws, please send them to Margaret Jordan at magjordan@msn.com so she can address them with the Bylaws committee that was formed during the Board meeting.

I also wanted to make you aware of some opportunities to become more involved with Crescent. We currently have a few positions open. You already know from the Fall Board meeting that Sandra McQuain is stepping down as Secretary. Bruce McMurray has resigned as Database coordinator and Michelle Shuford would like to step down as Conventions Chair. You will read more about this in their sections. Please let your Club's members know about these positions. Contact Pat Harvey if you or anyone you know is interested in serving in any of these positions.

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. Please add me to your e-list if your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, and also be sure to send them to Pat Harvey, Social Media Chair. Additionally, Crescent loves new volunteers - you are always welcome to join us! 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!

PAST PRESIDENT (Pat Harvey)

Election of Crescent officers for the 2021/22 year will be held, as you know, at the Spring Convention in April. It's time to start thinking about running for one of the offices and volunteering to be on a Committee. Let me know if you'd like more information about any of the Crescent offices.

SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

Resorts around the country are open or will be opening soon. COVID-19 procedures are in place. Watch our Facebook page as we continue to give you the latest information in this not-normal season.

Reminder to the Clubs, we can get the word out to help sell your open spots on your trips. Let Sue Chadwick and me know and we'll post to the Council's website and social media pages. If you have any articles of interest for the Clubs' trips for the coming season, let me know and we'll share it.

Crescent is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Tag us @crescentski on any of your posts. Crescent Racing (@Crescentkiracing) is also on Facebook. 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.

Pat Harvey
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TREASURER (Ellen Cortright)

Thanks to all clubs that met the November 1 dues payment deadline. I understand the confusion with some date changes, and confusion on membership list requirements. I appreciate everyone's efforts to reach 100% dues collected before Thanksgiving this year.

Ellen Cortright
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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

Where has 2020 with all its madness gone? In a year that seems to be about staying home and where one would think slow moving, we have once again come to the end of another year. I guess that's the old saying time flies the older you get, obviously even in the most unusual times. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

STEAMBOAT - Race and Learn to Ski Camp has been cancelled. Sara with SAT received notice from the property manager that they are unable to fulfill our lodging contract due to limitations presented by the current State Health Orders. They are not allowed to place guests from more than 1 household in a shared unit. Doing so would break the public health order to limit social engagement to those within your immediate household. Sara sent an email to all participants and I sent an email, which included Sara's email to all Trip Leaders.

TELLURIDE - January Ski Week

We have addressed the social activities for this trip, and have also decided at this time it is best to remove all the activities and adjust the cost. SAT will let participants know of balance changes.

Again, any last minute local, state or government regulations that result in cancellation of the trip, will result in full refunds less \$60 to all participants. (This is also true for Steamboat)

Club Trip Leaders have been asked to share the 2022 Bids with their club during November meetings and send in their vote after. Destinations for the January Ski Week are Sun Valley or Zermatt Resort, UT. I am still waiting on a couple of votes and hope to have the final result for the December Trip Leader Update.

Lisa Beregi
CSC Trip Chair
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CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

SAVE THE DATES!

Convention at Kingston Plantation, N. Myrtle Beach: April 22 - 25, 2021
Fall Conference at Glenstone Lodge, Gatlinburg: October 22 - 24, 2021

2020 continues to be a strange year. Usually by this time, Margaret and I are fielding many reservation requests and have even put clubs on a waiting list for the Brighton Towers Condos for Spring Convention. That is NOT the case this year. We have yet to receive a single form! As I write this update, I have just come off a call with Kingston in which I have been assured they will work with us as long we are willing to make an effort! So, in light of this, I have attached new info forms for the Spring Convention with three (3) major changes that have been made in an effort to reassure you!

1. All Deposits and Late Fees have been waived by CSC so your club can reserve a block of condos and not have to put any money down at this time.
2. The reservation form date has been moved forward to January 15th! This allows me to communicate with Kingston SOONER what our numbers are looking like.
3. The contact person for your initial club reservation forms has been changed from Margaret to me. Since there is NO DEPOSIT REQUIRED, simply email the form to me. Please still send your rooming lists to Margaret Crum; her info is still on the bottom of that form.

As for meeting space, Kingston is going to move our Saturday meetings into larger rooms so that we can have more space between us. Our BOD meeting on Sunday will only have 6 spaces versus the usual 8 per round tables. And, we currently are not planning any social components but can bring those back if safety allows.

I also want to address a rumor I heard that Crescent would pass on any cancellation penalties to the clubs. That is NOT THE CASE! We would never pass on to our clubs any contractual financial obligations that we, as a council entered into. With that said, Kingston has assured us that as long as we make an effort, they are going to work with us on attrition penalties in both lodging numbers and contracted food & beverage numbers, but we HAVE TO TRY! If we do, then there will be NO attrition penalties to worry about! I'm happy to speak with any club in detail about how we plan to move forward. Contact me! Meanwhile, let's get those club reservation forms in to me ASAP!

Also – I really would like to step down as Conventions Chair, so we are looking for an Heir Apparent. If you are interested, please let me or Pat Harvey know. I will work with you to ensure a smooth transition.

Michelle Shuford
CSC Convention Chair
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RACING (Rich Mead)

The pandemic continues to challenge us. The Steamboat trip which included race training has been cancelled (see Trips for more information). The North Carolina Crescent races and training events are still scheduled as the ski areas work to operate under Covid-19 restrictions. Each ski area is implementing safety procedures consistent with the Ski Well, Be Well best practices. While it would be wonderful to be outside, racers and race workers are advised to assess their personal situation and determine if they wish to participate in an event. The health of everyone is the first priority. In the event of low participation, a race may be converted to a one-division race or a training-only event. December events are:

Dec 6 - Crescent Development training at Appalachian

Dec 11 - 13 Sugar Pre-season Ski Clinic - <http://www.skisugar.com/events/preseason-ski-clinic/>

Dec 19 - 20 Crescent Race at Appalachian Ski Mountain (SL on Sat, GS on Sun)

Our contract with NASTAR has been received, albeit later than in past years as NASTAR is starting up cautiously, and is being reviewed prior to signing.

Rich Mead
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MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)

Bruce McMurray has resigned as the Database Coordinator. We thank him for many years of excellent service in maintaining contact information for Crescent and Club officials. Clubs updating their contact info should email their data to Ken Lumsden. Anyone interested in helping with the Database, please contact Ken or Pat Haarvey.

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!

Ken Lumsden
Member Services
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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**. NSCF has some excellent benefits and discounts and more are being added regularly. 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.

Speaking of benefits: Remember the **Masterfit Buyers Guide** has been released and is free to our members. The guide is 120 pages. You can access it at <https://masterfitinc.com/buyersguide> and download the PDF. The link will also be posted on our website.

Please stay safe and healthy, and continue praying for each other, our country, and world. I hope you have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving – even if it is different this year.

Diane

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