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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

February 2020

Fun was had by over 100 people who attended the CSC Ski Week at Sun Peaks. Although it was really, really cold, the conditions were great and the scenery was breathtaking! The snow was so soft and provided great skiing. We discovered that our skis would stick to the snow in temperatures below -10 degrees until speeds of about 3 mph were reached (unless you used phantom wax on your skis). The Sun Peaks Grand Hotel offered nice accommodations with ski storage, ski out/in and was within easy walking distances to excellent restaurants and shops. I also saw something I have never seen at a ski resort – children riding a pommel lift up the slope to school!

A lot of Crescent members also skied resorts like Steamboat, Deer Valley, Jackson Hole, Winter Park and Copper in January. On the East coast, Appalachian Mountain had good conditions and fun race courses for us last weekend. Be sure to contact your Club's Trip Leader, the CSC website or Face Book page for more information on ski trips.

I hope you are making plans now to attend the Spring Convention April 23-26th.

PAST PRESIDENT (Pat Harvey)

Election of Officers for the 2020/21 year will be held at the Spring Convention. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the Officer positions. In particular, we are looking for someone to run for Treasurer. We thank Marge Lafferty, our current Treasurer, for all she's done. Marge has advised she doesn't want to run again for Treasurer, so please consider submitting your name for that position. A financial background is recommended. Contact me if you are interested. Thank you.

Pat
Past President, Social Media Chair
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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

The January Ski Week to Sun Peaks was a COLD one! Although it was the coldest the area had seen in over 50 years, the locals claimed the snow was the best in 20. Even with the -10+ degree days, the 100+ Crescent participants claimed to have learned how to ski in cold temperatures, how to phantom wax skis, use tissue to avoid freezing lenses, and still have a good time.

SilverCreek (race finals) is set for March 5-8. Waylon is doing a great job learning how this trip works and working with the resort. The resort is very picky about meeting deadlines - so all rooms that were not requested were dropped last week. If anyone in your club is interested in going on this weekend, please contact him ASAP to add back rooms. Final payment and room list is due February 10th.

Crescent will be in Spain in less than 2 months! Trip balances and day trip costs were due by January 15th. Registration for the trip is closed, but if you have an interested party, please contact Sean at Holidaze to see if there are any holes that need filled.

Dates for next year: Steamboat Race and Learn to Ski Camp is December 5-12, 2020 and the January Ski Week to Telluride is January 16-23, 2021.

Lisa
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CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

Greetings from your Conventions Chair!

We are deep in the thro's of winter so I know it's hard to think about the Spring Convention! Looks like the Theme is going to be "**The Roaring'20's!**" So get your best Flapper Dress, Gangster Suit, or Downton Abbey Attire ready to go!

The reservation deadline is fast approaching. (Feb 24th). To date, Margaret and I have reservations from the following clubs in the following order and we are already out of our contracted numbers for 2 bedroom Brighton Towers condos! I'm asking for more as we get reservation forms but at this time I can no longer guarantee the Brighton Towers. They will be added as available on a 1st Come/1st serve basis! If we can't get more Brighton Towers, we will be using the Plantation Villas further inland.

If your club is not on the list below, get your reservations in before the deadline of Feb. 24th!!!

1. ETMM: 8 Condos
2. Palmetto: 3 Condos
3. Knoxville: 3 Condos
4. Columbia: 2 Condos
5. Greater Charleston: 3 Condos
6. Raleigh: 9 Condos
7. Augusta: 1 Condo (ExComm) no form from you yet if you need more than the one condo
8. WSSOC: 1 Condo (ExComm) no form from you yet if you need more than the one condo

Don't forget all the upcoming **DEADLINES:**

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

Feb. 24, 2020: Confirmation Form & Initial Club Deposit

March 9, 2020: Balance & Condo Drops

Rooming List: (Include full names - properly spelled, 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 6, 2020: Rooming List Changes

(PLEASE NOTE THAT MARGARET & MICHELLE WILL BE LEAVING FOR SPAIN ON MARCH 14th, SO DON'T WAIT TIL THE LAST MINUTE!)

****Any info not included will constitute a missed deadline so please note what is required for each deadline...Esp. March 9th!***

Keep an eye on the crescentskicouncil.org/conventions site for upcoming Golf, Mini-Golf, & Tennis sign-up info as it should be posted by late February or early March. Of course it will be attached to the President's update as soon as it is available.

Thanks, and see you in April!

Michelle
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RACING (Rich Mead)

Warm weather at the start of January necessitated cancelling the January 4-5 race at Sugar, though a small group of racers in the immediate area made it to Appalachian January 3rd for a few training runs. The return of cold temperatures had us back on the race course at Appalachian January 25-26 for our second race of the season. Ron Scott and Ken Lumsden are in charge of the Friday night gate training series at Appalachian and the January 24th session was well attended with 25 racers training. Thank you to Doug MacMilan, Asheville, for coordinating the use of their B-netting along the courses, insuring good protection should a racer lose control and head toward the tress and to all the racers that helped install and remove the netting each day.

Looking ahead to February, we have another Development Workshop scheduled at Appalachian on Sunday, February 2nd. The workshop was added due to the strong response to the annual early season workshop in December. This is a great opportunity for new racers to establish their qualifying Crescent handicap and for current racers to receive some additional training time. Yes, that's February 2nd, Super Bowl Sunday. Training is scheduled from 9:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm so there's time to be a skier athlete and a football fan all in one day! Our next regular season race is again at Appalachian, the following weekend, February 8 – 9th. The final regular season race scheduled for February 22-23rd at Sugar has been cancelled and by the time you're reading this report we will know if we will be filling in that race weekend with a race at Ober Gatlinburg. And then it's on to Snowshoe/Silvercreek, WV for the annual Crescent Cup competition March 6-8th.

At all of our races, winners placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their individual flights receive merchandise awards provided by a number of generous sponsors, for example: Descente products like tumblers, coffee mugs, neck gaiters and gift bags at the last Appalachian race. In addition many sponsors provide merchandise that is given out as door prizes such as Dominator Ski Wax ordered through Artech Ski Company, Komoperdel ski poles, Buff neck gaiters and Rudy sunglasses. Major resorts like Aspen, CO and the Banff, Canada areas provide discounts or free lift tickets and/or lodging packages. Crescent clubs with race teams advertise our sponsors and encourage all Crescent members to patronize them and receive discounts when purchasing their products. Dominator Ski Wax can be ordered through Artech Ski Company for a 20% discount using the discount code 855FISSKIS. Point6 Socks, who generously provides a pair of socks to every participant in the annual Steamboat Ski & Race Camp offers a 25% discount on internet orders at www.point6.com with the discount code CSC. Please support the sponsors who contribute to making Crescent Racing the best.

--Rich
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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).

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!

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 Club members so they too can take advantage of the many benefits that are available to all of you through NSCF.

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.

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.crescentskicouncil.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.

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