



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!

January 2021

Last month I posted that Steamboat had just been cancelled. It is with a heavy heart that this month I am relaying that Crescent has cancelled Telluride. However, the participants are being allowed to decide whether or not to still go on this trip because some participants are able to comply with the public health order of one household per unit. Sara has emailed this information to the participants as well as each Trip Leader. 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. You can read more about this in Lisa's report

Crescent began this season's racing series this past weekend. According to several racers, Appalachian Mountain did a great job maintaining Covid controls. They reported that the staff were diligent about requiring masks on lifts and would not allow anyone to load if they were not wearing a mask. Additionally, fresh snow and cool temperatures made for really nice race conditions.

Speaking of fresh snow and nice conditions, LA Nina is expected to bring a lot of snow to areas from the Cascades, through the northern part of the Rockies and into the Northeast. Ski resorts are hoping this winter's projected snowy forecast will help to lessen the estimated \$5 billion loss projected should the pandemic cause skiers to stay home this season. With resorts utilizing extra health and safety measures, such as limiting the number of skiers, physically distancing in lift lines, and requiring facemasks, it seems skiers are comfortable trying out the slopes. One reason for this thought is that so far, season pass sales at Vail are up 18% on a unit basis versus a year ago.

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.

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

I hope you are all staying safe as we anxiously await the vaccine! We have come a long way this year and learned how to adjust to totally unexpected circumstances. Although we still have a road ahead of us, I do believe 2021 will be a bit brighter.

Everyone knows by now that VACASA called the COVID clause on Steamboat when they saw our rooming lists had multiple households in the same units, which was not acceptable by public health at the time of our travel. As soon as all funds are paid back to SAT, they will issue refund checks to all.

Our Telluride 2021 Ski Week (January 16-23) has 74 participants at this time, but the trip has changed due to the same situation we experienced with Steamboat. San Miguel County remains in Level RED on the covid scale. The two largest implications of this for our travel is that properties are only allowed to rent units to guests from one household and there is no indoor dining allowed. As a result, Crescent has cancelled this trip. However, we realize that some of you are able to comply with the public health order of one household per unit. In addition, the lodging properties are willing to work with us. The lift ticket & transfer rates will be honored by those suppliers. Sports America will work with any individuals who choose to go to Telluride.

On a bright note, we are still looking ahead to the future and the 2022 Crescent Ski Week will be to Sun Valley! This was a pretty close race with Zermatt Resort, Utah and hopefully it will stay in the mix for 2023.

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CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

The 2020 Spring Convention will be held April 22-25. All lodging is at Brighton Towers at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach and all rooms are ocean view. Each club needs to have ONE Rooming coordinator with whom your members communicate. Make sure to get your Club's form in ASAP. Registration forms should be sent to Margaret Crum at the address printed on the forms. Please send any questions to Michelle. The Club Registration Form, Rooming List, and Lodging Information Form are posted on Crescent's website.

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RACING (Rich Mead)

The pandemic and weather have slowed but not stopped racing this season. As reported in the December report the annual Steamboat trip was cancelled denying many from getting some gate time and tuned up for racing. Also, the training day scheduled December 6 at Appalachian was cancelled due to warm temperatures and lack of sufficient snow depth. But the return of snowmaking temperatures permitted us to hold a Friday night training session before our first race weekend, both at Appalachian. Nearly 20 racers came out Friday and on both Saturday and Sunday we had enough racers to hold a one division race. A relatively easy course was set both days to accommodate a wide range of handicaps, racers making their first runs in gates this season, and some having their first day on snow or on new skis. The weather and snow were excellent and all the staff at Appalachian provided exceptional assistance to make the races a success. Though we were unable to hold an awards ceremony at the end of each day, Ron Scott showed up Sunday morning with Komperdell poles, Leki pole guards and a hat from Rudy

Project to give away as door prizes at the top of the course before the start. Generous and sincere thanks to all the racers who came out, wore their masks, kept their distance, and enjoyed a great race weekend. And I am indebted and grateful to the race workers who worked the race--Jake LaRoe, David Lippucci, Ken Lumsden, Cathie Mulgrew, Cindy and Jerry Pendley, Ruth Pollow, and Ron Scott-- and all the club Race Directors for their help.

Our next race weekends are January 9-10 at Sugar and then back to Appalachian January 30-31. Friday night training sessions will be held at Appalachian, January 8 and 29. The ski areas are investing considerable time and effort to make their resorts safe and to continue operating. While the plan we make today may not be the plan tomorrow, we will continue to evaluate the pandemic situation and strive to continue racing safely through the rest of the season.

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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 that each of you enjoy the Christmas/Holiday season with family, friends, and loved ones. Blessings to you in the New Year.

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