



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!

March 2021

Let's talk about our Spring Convention. At this time, the spring convention is still on and it is imperative that each club submits their Attendance and Rooming list no later than March 12. If you're like me, I have many questions and concerns, including the possibility that our Spring Convention may be cancelled and/or postponed. I want to provide you with as much information as possible so you can make the best decision for yourself and for your club.

1. A poll of ExComm showed that 9 out of 10 do not feel comfortable attending Spring Convention.
2. There will be no indoor social functions: Welcome Party, Trade Show, or Parties. The Industry does not have funds for travel this year, so they are not able to attend our meeting.
3. Miniature golf, Golf, Tennis and Beach Olympics are planned to happen as scheduled at this time, but may not be held if the coordinator(s) does not attend and/or if there is not enough interest.
4. ExComm, Trips, Racing, and BOD meetings may not be able to be held during the Convention if attendance is inadequate to establish a quorum.
5. Myrtle Beach/Horry County continues to be a hotspot for COVID-19, while South Carolina continues to remain high in COVID cases, with an average of 1,903 new infections diagnosed every day (which is close to the peak of South Carolina's summer wave). South Carolina also reported last week 21 cases of the South African variant and cases of the UK variant, more than any other state. The Georgia Tech COVID event risk calculator today shows Horry County, SC at a 79% chance of exposure to someone having COVID per 50 people. If there are 100 people, the chance of exposure goes to 97%. SC has been slow to get people vaccinated. Myrtle Beach is a tourist area, plus spring break will occur in the month prior to convention.
6. Current CDC recommendations are that once you've been vaccinated over 3 months, quarantining is again necessary. It's scary to think they don't know if vaccinations will be good for more than 3 months by now.
7. At this time, the National Ski Council Federation is only aware of Florida Ski Council and Crescent having live spring shows. The NSCF will hold their annual meeting in August virtually. Following is the paragraph from the NSCF to Councils on their decision:

*After months of discussion with the Officers, Executive Committee and waiting to have enough information to make good decisions for the Federation we came to several conclusions. We believe that the **safety of our members is a priority**. We were not able to guarantee that members would not be exposed even with physical distancing as many of our **members share hotel rooms and travel**. **Vaccinations, while a great tool, may not contain variant strains of the virus in the upcoming months, and some of our members may not have access to the vaccine until summer**. Councils have not had the ability to fundraise as per usual this year due to events being limited by health and safety protocols.*

There is the potential that attendees will be required to sign a CSC COVID waiver, and provide documentation of a recent (within 72-hours) negative COVID test, documentation that they have had COVID within 3 months prior to the event, and/or proof of receiving both vaccines. We will require that ALL participants wear masks at all times.

The above information needs to be thoughtfully considered at this time, as you think about attending Spring Convention.

Meanwhile, It is critical that CSC knows how many people are seriously planning on attending Spring Convention so we can make final decisions with the property. Please communicate all of this information with your club members and submit the names and thus, the numbers of your members attending along with your deposit to Margaret Crum. You should email the Attendance and Rooming list to her and mail your checks to her (mailing information is stated on the form). Once Michelle receives this information from Margaret, ExComm will meet and make recommendations on how best to proceed.

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)

It's almost election time and your Executive Committee (ExComm) has some openings. Please consider volunteering! Ask during your club meetings, gatherings, happy hours, etc. Currently vacant is the Database Coordinator position that functions under Member Services. Sandy McQuain has advised us that after 4 years in the position of Secretary, she plans to step down. Michelle has also expressed that she would like someone to step into the Conventions Chair position. It's time to start thinking about running for one of the offices and to volunteer to be on a Committee. Election of Crescent officers for the 2021/22 year takes place during the Spring Board of Directors meeting and the winners take office June 1. Let me know if you are interested! We'll provide information to you about any of the Crescent offices and get you on the ballot. Get involved – we need you!!

SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

In spite of COVID, even if on a reduced level, this ski season has managed to happen. Some of our Clubs were able to run some pretty nice trips with no crowds on the slopes and lots of fresh powder. We've shared lots of pictures from the trips and will keep watching for more. Make sure to tag us @crescentski and we'll post all pics that we see. We follow all the Clubs who have Facebook pages so we will share posted pictures from your trips. You can also send pics and trip info to me for posting.

We also are following all the ski resorts and news on what's going on in the ski industry and post articles of interest. Watch for news updates.

As you promote your remaining trips for the 2020/21 season, and would like help selling them, just put together a paragraph or two including all of the information and contacts for your trips and let Sue Chadwick and me know and we'll post to the Council's website and social media pages.

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

I hope you have all had a good winter! It has been a strange one with the weather, no snow to great snow and cold temps in places you wouldn't expect! There are still a few trips planned in March so check out the club update (on the website) for any last minute vacancies.

As for next season, we will be going to Steamboat December 4-11, 2021 for Race and Learn to Ski Camp, and Sun Valley January 15-22, 2022 for Ski Week. Details as always are planned for release during the Spring Trip Meeting.

Enjoy the last few weeks of snow season, as Spring is on its way!

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CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

Kingston Resort's stance regarding hosting the CSC Spring convention in April is that we simply need to make the effort. With that said, I really need your rooming lists of people willing to come by March 12. These folks need to be of a mindset that, all things remaining the same, they will be there. Once we have those numbers, we will be able to decide on exactly what meetings we will be able to host in person. Kingston has assured us they will place us in larger rooms where we can properly socially distance and we will require that ALL participants wear masks at all times. At this time, we plan to have the outdoor tournaments and that information is attached to the update and has been posted to the Crescent website.

We already know we will not be hosting any indoor social functions. Therefore there will be no theme for this year's convention. Stay tuned for 2022 when we still plan to have the Roaring Twenties!

Meanwhile, stay safe, wash your hands, and wear masks!

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RACING (Rich Mead)

We did it! The Crescent Race Program concluded the season racing at Sugar Mountain, Feb 20-21. Despite the pandemic we were able to hold 4 race weekends, 2 each at Sugar and Appalachian (less one day cancelled due to weather). Congratulations to the Greensboro and Palmetto teams, season winners in the East and West Divisions, respectively. I want to thank all the racers, club race directors, and race workers who chose to race. Participation was less than in past years, however, we still had enough racers to conduct a one division race each day. For those who did not race this season, I fully understand everyone had to make a decision based on their own health, family and work environments, and finances. I hope that we will see everyone back in the upcoming season, 2021-2022.

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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.

Be sure to get outside as often as you can – walk, cycle, ski, or work in the yard/garden. Please stay safe and healthy, and continue praying for each other, our country, and world.

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