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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

November 2019

It finally feels like fall here in the Southeast! Just last weekend we were out on the beach and around the pool, and even got in the water to cool off. These cooler temperatures feel great! If you've been on Social Media or listening to the news, you probably heard that Colorado had record snowfalls for October. Several ski resorts have already opened, with several more planning to open early this month. The first resort to open on October 11 was Arapahoe Basin. Eldora, Keystone, Loveland Ski Area, Monarch Mountain and Wolf Creek are all open in Colorado, as are Mount Rose at Tahoe and Wild Mountain in Minnesota.

Crescent is experiencing record numbers of registrations for all three trips! The deadline for Steamboat registrations is today. Three hundred fourteen (314) of us will be hitting the slopes in just five weeks with the opening of Crescent's 36th year with Steamboat's Ski Ride and Race Camp. 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.

TREASURER (Marge Lafferty)

Just a reminder that membership dues are due by December 31st. A big thank you to those clubs who already paid their dues. Attached is the membership report and dues form in excel and a pdf. Please make sure they get to the current treasurer of your club. The goal is to have all club dues in by the deadline. Remember, in order for your club members to participate in CSC events and races your club must be in good standing. If you have any questions please contact me.

Marge Lafferty
CSC Treasurer
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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

As the deadlines are coming close, our trips are filling in those last couple of spots!

Steamboat 36th Anniversary Race and Learn to Ski Camp December 7-14, 2019: We are now up to 314 of our 318 spots. Final sign up (if those last 4 don't come before) is November 1st.

CSC January Ski Week to Sun Peaks, January 11-18, 2020: We are sitting on 108 participants, and a few random spots, so if you sign up now you'll get "wait listed" until appropriate space is confirmed. If you're just thinking about going on this trip, do try to sign up or call SAT, as we can 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 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 94 other CSC friends as they adventure through Spain!

Lisa Beregi
CSC Trip Chair
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CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

Thank you to everyone that attended the Fall Conference in Gatlinburg. It went very smoothly once everyone got registered. I want to take a moment to thank Mary Anne Koltowich and Frances Edwards for all their hard work in organizing the event. We had almost 20 vendors participating in our Trade Show and got a lot of good info from them!

I would also like to thank the BOD for voting to negotiate contracts moving forward with Kingston Plantation for your Spring Conventions through 2025. Being able to have this set up early takes a huge burden off our shoulders when it comes to planning.

Now it's time to turn our attention to the 2020 Spring Convention. Attached are the Lodging Pricing, Registration, and Rooming List forms that were handed out at Fall Conference. 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!!

We always want Theme suggestions, so email me with your ideas. I'll run them past the decorating committee for approval. And, as always, we are looking for volunteers to help and maybe even one day...TAKE OVER chairing this committee!

Hope to see you on the slopes!

Michelle Shuford
CSC Convention Chair
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RACING (Rich Mead)

The Race Directors and Race Workers meetings in Gatlinburg were very productive and I want to thank all the club Race Directors and dedicated Race Workers for their work making the Crescent racing program a success. For me, the highlight of the weekend was presenting Ron Scott with a service award for his many years of leadership and dedication to the racing program. We are closing in on the start of the race season, securing sponsorships, testing improvements to race registration, and finalizing event details. The Race Workers had a very productive discussion on upping our social media presence. Looking ahead, Ober Gatlinburg made a presentation to the Race Directors for hosting a race in the 2020-21 season that will be voted on at Spring Convention after the racers have had a chance to evaluate the race information and ask additional questions.

Though the contract was still under review at the time of the Gatlinburg weekend, I'm happy to announce that we have an agreement again this year to participate in the NASTAR ski racing program. NASTAR is a national, family-oriented (like Crescent) ski race program that gives the Crescent program national recognition and the means to compare our racers' performance against other NASTAR participants. Many Crescent racers also compete in the annual NASTAR Nationals competition. Last year, Andrea Pizzini, wowed us and NASTAR by winning top honors at the Nationals.

For both racers and non-racers alike, as you plan your upcoming season I'd like to remind you of the great deal offered by Point 6 Sock Company. Point 6 is donating one pair of Point 6 socks to each Steamboat ski/race camp participant. In addition, they are offering a 25% discount to ALL Crescent Ski Council members and their friends. Use the code "CSC" and receive a 25% discount off internet orders at www.point6.com. Free shipping is offered on all internet orders over \$50. The quality, comfort, and fit of Point 6 socks are better than what people reported from other wool socks. And Point6 now offers base layers, too.

The first Crescent race is December 21-22 at Appalachian. Prior to that date there are several race clinics available to tune up your tactics. Appalachian is hosting a Crescent Race Workshop, December 7th. Sugar Mountain's annual race clinic is December 13-15, and, of course, there is the one and only 36th annual Steamboat Crescent Race and Ski Clinic, December 7-14, which is nearly sold out. For more information, see the Crescent race schedule on our website, <https://www.crescentcouncil.org/racing/raceresults.html>. And non-racers are always welcome to join us on race weekends.

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!

Ken Lumsden
CSC Membership Chair
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SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

Crescent can help you sell your Club's trips and events. As you start selling your trips for the 2019/20 season, we'd be happy to promote your trips to the other Clubs' members. Simply send me an email with the trip information, and we'll list the trip or event on Crescent's Facebook page.

CRESCENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY, 2019

Crescent Ski Council was initially formed in February 1969 and we will continue to celebrate Crescent's Golden Anniversary at the Steamboat Ski, Ride & 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 is now LIVE! Be sure to place your bids on those items you would like to win. Bidding will continue for two (2) more weeks until November 15th, when it closes at 12:00 noon. There are some fantastic items up for bid, including a Club Med vacation, several lodging packages, lift tickets, a hard-shell ski case, a Transpack boot bag, a Sims Snowboard, a pair of Renoun Skis, Kulkea bootbags, helmets, goggles and much more!! See the attached flyer for more information. The auction proceeds will help defray the expenses of our Annual Meeting. Please, please promote this auction to your clubs and their members and all your skiing and snowboarding friends. Remember anyone can bid on these items. We thank all of you for your help to make this event even more successful than last year! To bid, simply go to the NSCF website, www.skifederation.org, scroll down the page to the Auction Info and follow the link to the online auction. You can also use the following link to go directly to the Auction site: <https://www.32auctions.com/NSCFAuction2019>. Have fun and bid often. Questions? Contact Michael Calderone at skimikec@aol.com.

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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