



**PRESIDENT’S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!**

**November 2020**

As shared in last month’s President’s Update, the Executive Committee (ExComm) met October 21<sup>st</sup> and the BOD met virtually on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bylaws revisions were approved during the BOD and will be distributed to each club’s representatives as well as posted on the CSC website shortly. In addition, committee chairs are reviewing and/or revising their policies and procedures to ensure they are compliant with the Bylaws. Our goal is to have these documents ready for you to approve at Spring Convention in Myrtle Beach.

While many of our clubs move forward with their planned trips and Crescent moves forward with trips to Steamboat and Telluride, I’m sure many of us are wondering if this is the wise thing to do. I’ve heard comments that range from one end of the spectrum in wanting to ski to the total opposite of not skiing at all this year. As we read about the cases of COVID19 increasing again to numbers higher than those in July, we continue to ask ourselves that very question. Some members have cancelled their reservations, while others seem to have adopted a wait-and-see attitude. By all means, everyone should purchase trip insurance. The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) reports that an advisory group of ski industry leaders from across the country established the ***Ski Well, Be Well*** foundational best practices, according to scientific guidelines put forth by infectious disease experts, including the CDC and WHO. Ski areas will comply with additional federal, state and local regulations as they are implemented. These practices can help us get back to the slopes and they can be adapted to each ski area’s unique operation, and can be scaled according to the appropriate local COVID-19 response. The industry values the health and safety of all their guests, employees and communities, and this serves as the guiding influence for these best practices. The safety and compliance of guidelines by resorts as they open for skiing is paramount as their employees face restructuring and/or additional layoffs. And remember – if we are willing to go skiing, we need to do our part by complying with the guidelines for that area.

**The following associations and businesses advised in the creation of the *Ski Well, Be Well* document and endorse its contents:**

National Ski Areas Association	NSAA Board of Directors	Alterra Mountain Company	Boyne Resorts	POWDR	Vail Resorts, Inc.
Colorado Ski Country USA	Connecticut Ski Areas Association	Idaho Ski Areas Association	Intermountain Ski Areas Association	American Association of Snowboard Instructors	Michigan Snowsports Industries Association
Midwest Ski Areas Association	Minnesota Ski Areas Association	Professional Ski Instructors of America	North Carolina Ski Areas Association	Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association	Pennsylvania Ski Areas Association

Ski Areas of New York	Ski California	Ski Maine	Ski New Hampshire	Ski New Mexico	Ski Utah
Southeastern Ski Areas Association	Vermont Ski Areas Association	West Virginia Ski Areas Association	Wisconsin Ski Areas Association	Massachusetts Ski Areas Association	National Ski Patrol
Montana Ski Areas Association	Snowsports Industries America	U.S. Ski and Snowboard			

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. Sandy McQuain has advised us that after 4 years in the position of Secretary, she plans to step down. It's time to start thinking about running for one of the offices and volunteering to be on a Committee. Please add this position to your club's meeting agendas. Elections will be held at the Board of Directors meeting at the Spring Convention in April. Let me know if you'd like more information about any of the Crescent offices.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)**

The snow is now falling in the Rockies. A-Basin and Loveland are in the annual battle over who opens first. And we are posting lots of pictures and updates from the ski industry and ski areas as we get close to the 2020/21 ski/ride season. COVID has changed a lot of the rules at the resorts and we will continue to pass along all updates and news as we see them.

Reminder to the Clubs, as you promote your trips for the 2020/21 season, and need help selling your trips, let Sue Chadwick and Pat Harvey know and we'll post to the Council's website and social media pages. Just put together a paragraph or two including all of the information and contacts for your trips and we'll post the info on Facebook and the Council's website.

Follow Crescent on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Tag us [@crescentski](#) on any of your posts. Crescent Racing ([@Crescentskiracing](#)) 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  
 Past President/Social Media Chair  
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### **TREASURER (Ellen Cortright)**

The membership dues submission date is November 1. Thank you to the eleven clubs that have completed the paperwork and submitted payment!

For those organizations who have not completed the paperwork and submitted their payment, the completed invoice and membership list should be forwarded to me or a copy should be included with the check.

If anyone has questions or issues with receiving the invoice please email me at the address below.

Ellen Cortright  
Treasurer  
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### **CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)**

What a crazy ride we are on in 2020! As ski season nears, local COVID numbers are rising, and so many questions still have unknown answers. Comfort levels are up to the individual and they vary from one extreme to the other! Whatever you feel is right for you this season, it is your decision and it is OK. If you think waiting this year out to see how vaccines and or immunities build, Crescent is OK with that decision. If you feel you need to ski and travel, we (or your club) still have a trip for you.

#### **STEAMBOAT - Race and Learn to Ski Camp**

We are a month away from this year's trip. I have been working with SAT and Steamboat on what social aspects we can and can't offer, and SAT will be sending you the adjusted pricing and your final payments very soon. Unfortunately, there is basically no social aspect with this year's trip. The BBQ, après, Christie discount night and Farewell have had to be cancelled due to local group regulations.

#### **TELLURIDE - January Ski Week**

This trip is about 12 weeks out. We are also addressing the social activities and once those are decided and the adjusted price is confirmed, SAT will be sending out the final balances.

For both trips, 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.

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.

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### **CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)**

SAVE THE DATES!

Spring Convention: April 22 - 25, 2021

Fall Conference October 22 - 24, 2021

We certainly hope that by April, this pandemic will have ended. That said, Kingston has assured us that if current state and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) rules continue to apply, they will be able to host us for Spring Convention April 22-25, 2021. They will have space to allow us to distance and are cleaning condos well between guests using their Clean Stay and Event Ready protocols, which are attached. Crescent stands to lose \$11,000 if we cancel now or \$21,000 if we cancel three months out. Kingston has indicated they will be lenient on attrition penalties. The clubs' condo lists are due February 19th. March 12th is the condo drop date and payment due date. Social activities may be curtailed, but meanwhile, we are asking for outdoor space to hold social events and meetings. We will also consider using Zoom as an option for those who choose not to attend. Frances is asking key vendors if they will be able to attend. Also attached are the Lodging Pricing, Registration, and Rooming List forms. Please send in your Club's condo picks via ONE lodging coordinator per club to Margaret Crum. You are welcome to email your club's forms to Margaret and then mail checks via snail mail to her for deposits.

By the time for our Fall Conference, COVID should be behind us with available vaccines and therapeutics making us pretty well toward normal. Your CSC Board voted to accept the proposal from the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg, TN to host our 2021 CSC Fall Conference. Dates are Friday, October 22 to Sunday, October 24, 2021. Please put these dates in your calendars and plan on attending. Hopefully we will have LOTS of vendors there to have a fantastic Trade Show.

Room rate is \$96 plus tax for CSC club members and \$116 plus tax for vendors. This group rate will be honored 3 days prior and 3 days post event, so you can have extra time to enjoy Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and of course, our beautiful Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Registration forms and schedule information will be sent to you at a later date. Mary Anne Koltowich is our current Fall Conference Coordinator. Please contact her for any questions.

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### **RACING (Rich Mead)**

The Fall Race Directors and Race Workers meetings were held virtually on October 6th. Discussion centered on how to conduct the race season in light of issues raised because of the pandemic. It was decided to postpone voting until more information especially pertaining to the NC ski areas could be obtained. Ron Scott has coordinated and scheduled race training events at Appalachian and is involved in planning for racing events at the annual Steamboat trip, December 5-12. Ron and David Lippucci, Sponsorship Coordinators, are contacting potential sponsors for support during the coming season. Jake LaRoe and I are drafting COVID19 protocols for racing and I have contacted the NC ski areas for their protocols and procedures. Once I have more information from the ski areas, I will schedule a meeting with the RD's (hopefully by mid-November). We will keep you informed as we hear/know more.

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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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:chadwick_sue@yahoo.com) and I'll promote the trip or event on Crescent's website!

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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](http://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.

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