



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – January 2017

Hi everyone. Hope you're having a great ski season!! This hasn't been the best year for skiing/riding in the southeast with the warm conditions. Hopefully the months of February and March will bring some colder conditions, and some snow!! However, the conditions in the west have been amazing!! Hope you've joined Crescent or one of its Member Clubs on one of the great trips this season!! Unfortunately, I haven't been able to join on one of the trips this year but will be in Steamboat for a week at the beginning of March!!

PAST PRESIDENT

Now is the time to seriously consider volunteering for CSC positions. As you know, we have 4 elected positions: President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee chairs are appointed by the President with BOD approval. Please let me know if you are interested in any positions. It is always nice to get nominations before our election at the April meeting but as always, nominations may be taken from the floor. If you are a current officer, please let me know what your intentions are.

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

January 2107 Ski Week – Beaver Creek

Crescent had 213 participants arrive in Beaver Creek January 14-21. They were welcomed by superb guest services at The Charter, and the weather was perfect with blue bird skies most of the week with a LOT of snow that fell right before we got to Beaver Creek. Aside from a couple of injuries/illnesses a good time was had by all. Since Vail Resorts only offers their epic race, and could not offer a fun race, we tried a video competition. There were only three entries, so all were given a prize at the Farewell Banquet - but start thinking about how we can fine tune this competition for future trips. There was a photo booth at the banquet and here is the electronic version of all pictures taken to share with your clubs' participants. <https://gophotobooth.smugmug.com/Events/CSC-at-Beaver-Creek-011917/>. Pictures from the trip were also shared on Crescent's Facebook page. Check them out when you have a chance!!

Greek Isle Cruise 2017

March 1st is the deadline for signing up and paying in full - so hurry, there is still room to join us! Contact Sandy Gaudette at SkiGroup.net for more information and to sign up.

2018 Ski Weeks

December - Steamboat Ski and Race Camp; January – Mammoth; March - Killington

Club trips information that we've received is on Crescent's website. Also, find out more about CSC and authorized club trips on the National Ski Council Federation website at http://skifederation.org/search-for-trip-activities/?Trip_Location_Resort=&Council_Name=Crescent+Ski+Council,+Inc.&Club_Name=&Date_of_Trip=

Don't hesitate to contact Lisa Beregi at drlab88@aol.com if you have any questions about any of the trips.

RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR TRIPS

As previously advised, Crescent doesn't mandate that member Clubs offer reciprocity on Club trips, but we do recommend that our member Clubs allow members of other Crescent Clubs to participate in their trips and offer a reciprocal membership to the member of another Crescent Club to participate on trips offered by member Clubs. The suggested wording is as follows:

Reciprocal membership is available to persons twenty-one (21) years of age and older who are currently a member in good standing in a Crescent Ski Council Club other than [name of Club]. The reciprocal member shall not be entitled to vote. If a Crescent member in good standing participates in a [name of Club] hosted activity, that person will be charged a \$1.00 membership fee and become a [name of Club] guest member during the activity.

We hope that Clubs will open their trips to other Crescent Club members without the necessity for the member to become a full member of that Club. If you have any questions, please let me know.

RACING (Ron Scott)

Sugar Mountain was the resort for the second Crescent race of the season. Old Man Winter turned the heat down and the cold up. Saturday the wind was taking the wind chill down to around -10 degrees. We ran Division I on Gunther's way and Division II was on Big Birch. Each Division's race was run as quickly as possible because of concerns with the weather conditions. Sunday's weather was no better. The ambient temperature was 0 degrees and the wind chill was -10. The Crescent Race Workers are to be commended for their efforts to expedite the running of the races that weekend.

The third race of the Crescent Race Season was to be held at Wintergreen, WV. Due to the unseasonably warm weather and the lack of snow that race was cancelled. The next scheduled race is at Beech Mountain on February 11 & 12, 2017.

Here are the Team Standings after two races this season,

EASTERN DIVISION

- 1. Winston-Salem 149 points**
- 2. Greensboro 149 points**
- 3. Raleigh 148 points**

WESTERN DIVISION

- 1. Asheville 153 points**
- 2. Knoxville 143 points**
- 3. Palmetto 141 points**

Your Crescent Racing program is the best run and best organized club racing program in the nation. All the Crescent Racers thank each club for their support.

CSC MEMBER PERK - POINT 6 SOCKS

Please share the **25% off Point 6 sock, Crescent Ski Council discount with all your club members and friends.** Point 6 Sock Company donated one pair of Point 6 socks to each Race Camp participant this year at Steamboat. Now, Point 6 socks is offering all Crescent members and their friends a 25% discount on Point 6 socks. All one needs to do is use the code “CSC” and receive a 25% discount off internet orders, www.point6.com. For all internet orders over \$50 free shipping is offered. This offer is extended to **all CSC members and their friends**, so spread the word. Point 6 Sock Company was started by Peter Duke who founded Smartwool Sock Company. The quality, comfort, and fit of Point 6 socks are better than what one experienced from other wool socks.

SPRING CONVENTION 2017

The Spring Convention dates are **April 27-30, 2017** at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach!! All lodging in is 2 bdrm/2bath OCEAN VIEW large condos at Brighton Towers at Kingston. This will be a fantastic weekend – events included are mini-golf, tennis, golf, vendor Trade Show, Friday night DJ Party, the highly competitive Beach Olympics, and the Saturday Night Theme Party. The theme for this year’s Spring Convention Saturday night party is “**Out of Africa/African Safari**”. We know all of you are going to come up with some great ideas for this one!! Safari, Tarzan, Jungle Serengetti, Drums, Tribal Dancers, and we certainly need to include Indiana Jones!! We’ll also include a **table decorating contest** this year for the Clubs to participate in. One table per Club, please. Please advise Faith Campbell if your Club will be decorating a table (or two or three). She needs to know no later than **April 1st** so please sign up with Faith at mbcampsoup@outlook.com no later than April 1st. Faith needs to have enough time to create the decorations for the remaining tables.

Deadline for submittal of **videos** for CSC Spring’17 Competition: **April 3, 2017**. Deadline for requesting to enter **web site** competition: **March 13, 2017**. Entry forms have been posted on Crescent’s website. Let me know if you need copies and I’ll send them to you.

Margaret Crum is the rooming coordinator this year. Club Confirmation Form and Initial Club Deposit deadline is February 27, 2017, but don’t wait. Get your Club’s form and deposit in as soon as you can to be sure you have the lodging for your Club. All other deadlines are listed on the form. New this year is the Club Rooming List form. The Rooming List is due on March 6, 2017. If your Club hasn’t signed up yet, please send your condo request to Margaret ASAP. Reminder that the rooming list will be needed earlier this year. Please pay close attention to the deadlines.

Any questions on the forms, contact Margaret Crum, mcrum211@charter.net.

FALL CONFERENCE 2017

Gatlinburg won the vote for the Fall Conference 2017. Lodging will be at the fully renovated Glenstone Lodge. **The dates are October 20-22, 2017**. Mark your calendars and let your Club members know the location and dates. Information will be sent out after the Spring Convention.

MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)

Crescent is on Facebook and Twitter. Reminder to “like” the Crescent Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentSkiCouncil/>, and also the Crescent Racing Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/crescentskiracing/>. The Race Schedule for 2016/2017 is listed on the

Racing page. And make sure to go in and like the NSCF Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/National-Ski-Council-Federation-178192492206742/>

Crescent Ski Council is also on Twitter (@crescentski). Tag us on your tweets. If your Club is on Twitter, make sure to follow Crescent. Thanks to Kanawha and Greensboro Clubs for retweeting our posts. Spread the word to your members about our Social Media pages!! We posted pictures from the trips and also post lots of great information from resorts and ski industry news from all over the country on a regular basis. Be the first to know what's going on in Ski Country!!

VICE PRESIDENT/S.K.I.B.U.M. Committee (Tom Grayson)

Hello Folks,

I wish to recognize and thank Lisa Beregi and her trip committee for putting on an outstanding trip to Beaver Creek. I wish to also recognize and thank Sara Clemons and Sports America for doing a fantastic job throughout the week. It takes a lot of work and planning to handle a large group like we had and I think they all did a tremendous job.

We would like to thank each one of you for joining us in Beaver Creek! I enjoyed meeting and talking to many of you throughout the week. I hope to see you again at Crescent Spring Convention at the end of April. As you know, the Spring Convention is a special weekend for all Crescent Clubs with golf and tennis on Friday, the Trade Show on Friday evening, the Beach Olympics on Saturday afternoon, and the theme party/dance on Saturday evening. Information on the Spring Convention is included in this month's President's Update and registration forms are posted on Crescent's website.

If you are going on another trip with your club this season, I hope you have a great time. Until later....

Thanks.

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NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

As a member of Crescent Ski Council, you are also a member of the National **Ski Council Federation** ("NSCF"). NSCF has some great benefits and discounts available and more are being added regularly. Check out the website, www.skifederation.org for member only benefits. The site allows you to search the benefits by category allowing you to find what you're looking for much faster. You'll need to register on NSCF's website but once you're signed up, you can take advantage of all the benefits that are available. Please spread the word to your Club members.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Reminder to pass along the monthly President's Updates to your members, include it in your Club newsletters and/or place them on your Club's web site. Let's keep our members informed! If you don't publish a newsletter, direct your members to Crescent's website. The President's Updates are posted there each month. If your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, please copy me!! I want to give a big thanks to all the Clubs who send me their newsletters and updates. All of the Clubs have great events and trips all year-long!!

Please help us keep the Club database up-to-date. If you received this update and are not the current officer or rep for your Club, please forward it to the appropriate person. Please remember to send Bruce McMurray your Club's updated information for your current officers, board members, webmasters and newsletter editors. Include name, mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, mobile), email address and Board position(s). **Bruce's email address is snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net.**

Clubs ask what Crescent can do for them, what benefits do they get from being a Club Member of the Council. In addition to having great trips and one of the best racing programs in the country, and having friends all across the Southeast and beyond, there are a lot of discounts and benefits available to all of you. We also are **always** available to help!! Want to Skype us into one of your Club meetings, just let me know. As I mentioned, if you have a Club trip you are trying to fill, let me know!! NSCF benefits are at <http://skifederation.org/benefits/>. Take advantage of them!! Crescent Ski Council is the best!!!!

Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the BEST Council in the country!! New volunteers are always welcome!! Contact me for more information and send me your suggestions and recommendations!!

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