



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – March 2017

Hi everyone. Welcome to Spring. This has been an unusual and challenging season!! The Sierras have gotten hundreds of inches of snow while other areas have seen snowfall way below the normal ranges. Some of the Rocky Mountain ski areas have been reporting abnormally warm springtime temperatures over the past couple of weeks. Latest report is that there are several storms heading to the West over the next week. Great news for anyone still planning a trip out west!!

PAST PRESIDENT

Nominations for CSC officer positions are due by the end of March. Elected positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please send nominations to Margaret Crum by April 1, 2017.

Margaret P. Crum, Past President

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

Lisa is in Banff for MTS this week representing Crescent. She will be meeting with ski area representatives and working on attracting new vendors to Crescent. Trip leaders from several Crescent clubs will also be at MTS. Trips are currently in a holding pattern. Rollouts on the three ski trips for next year will be at the Trips Meeting at the Spring Convention next month. The 2017/18 Ski Weeks are Steamboat Ski, Ride & Race Camp in December, Mammoth, CA in January, and Killington, VT in March.

Don't hesitate to contact Lisa Beregi, CSC Trip Chair, at drlab88@aol.com if you have any questions regarding trips.

RACING (Ron Scott)

The 2016-2017 Race Season was an unusual and abbreviated season. Our first race of the season was held under mild temperatures, fog and rain at Appalachian Mountain. Crescent Racing's second race was held at Sugar Mountain. Saturday the wind was blowing and the ambient temperature was 4 degrees. Sunday the temperature was 0 and we experienced windy conditions. The third race of the season was held at Beech and weather conditions were mild temperatures and dense fog. We had to apply hundreds of pounds of salt at the Appalachian and Beech races to have a firm course to race on. The second Sugar Mountain race and the Wintergreen race were cancelled due to a lack of snow. We also had to cancel the Crescent Cup. I cannot remember ever having to cancel the Crescent Cup and I have been doing this volunteer job of many years. Rich Mead tabulated results from our 3 regular season races to determine the winners of our memorial and special awards. Below are the final Regular Season Team results and the results for our memorial awards and special awards.

REGULAR SEASON TEAM RESULTS

Eastern Division

1. Greensboro 224 points
2. Charlotte 224 points
3. Raleigh 222 points

Western Division

- Asheville 232 points
Palmetto 217 points
Knoxville 211 points

Tom Broughton Memorial Award overall winner Cabell MacMillan

Male with most Team Points

Ted Ford 101 points (Asheville)

Female with most Team Points

Cabell MacMillan 104 points (Asheville)

Each wins airfare to Steamboat Springs and 5 day lift passes courtesy of Steamboat Ski Resort. Also, 5 nights lodging courtesy of Resort Lodging Company (The Lodge at Steamboat).

Most Improved Racer

Ted Ford (Asheville)

Ted wins a pair of *DYNASTAR RACE SKIS*, courtesy of Keith Bowen, Eastern Rep.

Ralph Tate Memorial Award

Fastest Male – Combined time for season

Josh Pendley (Palmetto) 391.49 seconds

Josh wins a pair of *ATOMIC SKIS*

Courtesy Atomic/Mike Lamb

Shelly Lassiter Memorial Award

Fastest Female – Combined time for season

Cathie Mulgrew (W-S) 435.03 seconds

Cathie wins a pair of *HEAD SKIS*

Courtesy Ski Country Sports/Head USA

I would like to thank the club officers and the club members for supporting the nation's best organized and most efficient club racing program – **Crescent Racing**.

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 Brighton Towers at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach!! This will be a fantastic weekend. I sent the registration forms for mini-golf, golf and tennis to the Club Presidents and Reps last week. All forms are also on Crescent's website.

1. **Mini-Golf Tournament – deadline for signup is April 12, 2017.** All registrations must be received **in advance** no later than April 12th!! Please send your registration form and check payable to Crescent Ski Council to Terri Tokaz at the address listed on the form. **Important – everyone must pre-register!!**
2. **Tennis Tournament – first-come basis. Space is limited to the first 16 players. Only those pre-registered can play in the tennis tournament.** Please complete the registration form and check for \$18 to Cameron Andrews at the address on the form. **Deadline for signup is April 7, 2017.**
3. **Golf Tournament – deadline for signup is April 7, 2017.** Cost is \$55 which includes greens fees, golf cart & cart attendant tip & lunch buffet. **Space is limited to the first 40 golfers.** Please complete and send your registration form and check to Dave Salisch at the address on the sign-up form.

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 Serengeti, 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. We currently only have 3 Clubs who have notified Faith Campbell that they will be decorating a table. Please let Faith know if your Club is entering the table decorating contest – mbcampsoup@outlook.com.

Rules:

- 1) Any Club that WANTS to make a centerpiece, can do ONE table. If a Club decorates more than one table, only one will be eligible to be entered into the contest.
- 2) Please notify Faith Campbell at mbcampsoup@outlook.com by **April 1** if you plan to enter. (Faith will need to determine the quantity of decorations for the remaining tables.)

Please see attached Rev #1 as .doc and .pdf of the changed rules for the Video Competition. The changes are:

1. Inclusive date for material in the video changed from "on or after December 1, 2016" to "on or after March 1, 2016". This addresses the question from one of the Clubs about the need have dates that included non-skiing activities.
2. Changed submission date from April 3 to April 17.
3. Changed submission rules to adopt the way the videos are submitted. They can be uploaded to YouTube and then send the URL for the competition.

Rev #0 wording struck-through and the Rev #1 wording is shown in red. This is so everyone can see what was changed.

The deadline for submittal of videos for CSC Spring'17 Competition has been changed per the revision and is now April 17, 2017.

IMPORTANT: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THE BEACH OLYMPICS. Margot Payne, last year's Beach Olympics Chair, is unable to make it to the Convention this year. We would like to have a few people to help with the Beach Olympics. Note that that if we have no volunteers to help run the beach Olympics by April 17th, then it will be just games on the beach...no competition!! We'd like either someone to oversee the entire activities, or coordinate/operate specific events. Let's keep the competition going!! The events include Bocce Ball, Corn Hole, Horseshoes, Ladderball, Impossible Ski Race, the Beach Run, and Volleyball. Please let your Clubs know we are looking for help!! Anyone interested should contact Michelle Shuford, skibumlong@aol.com. Thanks.

Margaret Crum is the rooming coordinator this year. The remaining deadline for **Rooming List Changes** is due **April 3, 2017**. Please send any changes to Margaret at mcrum211@charter.net. Note: *Any info not included will constitute a missed deadline so please note what is required for each deadline!

Any other questions regarding the Spring Convention, contact Michelle Shuford, Conventions Chair, skibumlong@aol.com, or Bryan Bobo, Spring Convention Chair, at bryanbobo@charter.net

FALL CONFERENCE 2017

Save the dates for this year's Fall Conference. 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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/> And also make sure to go in and like the National Ski Council Federation Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/National-Ski-Council-Federation-178192492206742/> Tag Crescent on your tweets on Twitter - @crescentski.

If your Club is on Twitter, make sure to follow Crescent. Spread the word to your members about our Social Media pages!! We post pictures from the trips and post lots of information from resorts and report ski industry news from all over the country on a regular basis.

We are working on getting Crescent up and running on Instagram and will let you know as soon as it's active. Any questions, please contact Social Media Chair, Pat Harvey at crescentskipresident@gmail.com.

NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

Reminder, 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 please pass along the monthly President's Updates to your members, include them 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. You all have great events and trips all year-long!! I also follow all the Clubs' Facebook and Twitter pages – the posts and pictures show what a great time is had by all!!

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 snowdavgasoc@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 making 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!! As I advised in past updates if you want to Skype us into one of your Club meetings, just let me know.

Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the BEST Council in the country!! New volunteers are always welcome!! Contact me for more information and please send me your suggestions and recommendations!! Look forward to seeing you in Myrtle Beach in April!!

Patricia ("Pat") Harvey, President

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