



### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE –March 2018**

March came through bringing lots of snow all over the country, including the North Carolina and West Virginia mountains. We saw reports that Snowshoe had some of the best conditions just last week that anyone has seen in years. If anyone thought Punxatawny Phil was wrong in his prediction of 6 more weeks of winter, he certainly showed all of us his forecast was right on track!! Hope some of you got to enjoy the powder – we know the Killington trip participants did.

Spring does finally appear to be showing up here in the South. Time to focus on the outdoors – take time to enjoy it!!

### **CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)**

Crescent had another successful season for long distance trips!! Steamboat in December, Mammoth in January and the “Limited Edition” Killington trip last week. Everyone in Vermont wanted to know how we picked the best week of the year two years ago. Please ask any participant about the trip. We were treated great at the Killington Grand, Okemo and Mt. Snow!

Make sure Clubs discuss where they would like to go in 2020, including how interested they are in Spain for March 2020 so their trip leaders can vote appropriately at the Trip meeting during Spring Convention. Thanks to all the Club Trip Leaders and each participant for a great year.

As you know, both the EPIC & IKON Passes went on sale March 6<sup>th</sup>. Lisa received a very good question this week about the EPIC Pass and how much if you buy one you would save on the Crested Butte January Ski Week. Although we haven't finalized the Crested Butte pricing, the lift ticket portion will be the same. 5-day lift ticket included in the package is \$214, so if one has the EPIC pass, they can deduct that amount from the trip. Remember, if you buy your EPIC pass from SAT you will get an additional \$30 or \$50 off the trip depending on which pass you purchase.

The only flexible component to that price is we will be offering a Monarch Day Trip during the week at an additional day trip fee. So - if one wanted to go to Monarch but only ski 5 days total, they would only be purchasing a 4-day Crested Butte ticket and the savings would be less.

Sara Clemons at Sports America also forwarded the below links on the EPIC Passes being offered for active and retired military (and dependents) for \$99 and the discounted pass offered to any vet! **These cannot be purchased through SAT, so share with your clubs. The Military Passes are only good at Vail resorts, not partners, so they would not be valid at Crested Butte, Telluride or A-Basin.** Please read all the FAQs associated with each type of pass.

<https://www.epicpass.com/pass-results/military.aspx>  
<https://www.epicpass.com/info/military-faqs.aspx>

See you in a month! Lisa

## **VICE PRESIDENT/ELECTIONS (Margaret Crum)**

March is the month for nominations for Crescent Officers. The following positions are elected:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

If you have any nominations, please email ([mcrum211@charter.net](mailto:mcrum211@charter.net)) them to me by **Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**. **As always, nominations can be taken from the floor.**

Committee Chair positions (Racing, Conventions, Trips, Membership) are appointed by the elected President.

## **CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)**

Information was sent to all of you on an email specifically addressing Spring Convention on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Reminder that all registration and information forms have been posted to Crescent's website at [www.CrescentSkiCouncil.Org/conventions](http://www.CrescentSkiCouncil.Org/conventions).

Quick reminder of the changes we previously advised with the March 21<sup>st</sup> email:

- We will be moving off campus for the early bird on Thursday to the Whiskey Grill in the Galleria Shopping Center. (Details in the Schedule.)
- Also, in an effort to keep costs down, we're going to try something new for the BOD breakfast on Sunday. Please have your 2 designated Reps meet Bryan Bobo to pick up a ticket at the Coastal Grill in the Embassy Suites building and then once breakfast is done plan on meeting the Somerset Room also in the Embassy Suites building.

Keep checking the website for any updated information as there will not be a President's Update prior to the Spring Convention. We are looking for roommates for one master bedroom unit for a 2-night stay and one female spot for 3 nights.

Any questions on the Convention, contact Michelle Shuford, Conventions Committee Chair, at [skibumlong@aol.com](mailto:skibumlong@aol.com).

## **RACING (Ron Scott)**

Crescent Racing schedules six weekends of racing each winter. This race season we were only able to hold three of the scheduled six races. Now, old man winter will not let up here in the mountains. Today, March 21<sup>st</sup> it snowed all day long and the temperature reached 24 degrees. Rich Mead has tabulated the results for our shortened season and they are listed below.

### **Ralph Tate Memorial Award – Male Skier w/Fastest 2-day Combined Time**

Jake LaRoe                      Greensboro Club                      Prize - DYNASTAR SKIS

### **Shelly Lassister Memorial Award – Female Skier w/Fastest 2-day Combined Time**

Mary Christianson                      Charlotte Club                      Prize – HEAD SKIS

**Most Improved Race Award – Male or Female**

Ralph Presiozi

Charlotte Club

Prize – ATOMIC SKIS

**Club Placement for the Regular Season:**

**Eastern Division**

1 Charlotte

2 Raleigh

3 Greensboro

**Western Division**

Asheville

Palmetto

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I want to thank all the Crescent Race Workers who have so willingly withstood the inclement weather this season and previous seasons. Also, I would like to thank each club race director for the time they put into organizing their club race team and the training they provide to their racers. The Crescent Racing Program is a TEAM event with all of us working together to provide fun, laughter, and competition for all racers.

We also want to congratulate Crescent racers who were in Squaw Valley last week for NASTAR Nationals. The following Crescent racers won medals at Nationals:

- David Harrison (Asheville) – Silver in Slalom
- Bobby Roland (Asheville) – Gold in GS
- Marla Hood (Chattanooga) – Gold in Slalom
- Janice Norris (Raleigh) – Silver in GS
- Chuck Corey (Chattanooga) – Silver in GS

We're hoping for a better year and a full season of racing next year. If you have a question concerning Crescent Racing, please contact Ron Scott, Crescent Race Director, at [rscott013@nc.rr.com](mailto:rscott013@nc.rr.com).

**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](http://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.

**MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)**

Reminder to make sure to send your Officer/Director/BOD/Rep updates to Bruce McMurray, Database Coordinator, at [snowdavgasoc@bellsouth.net](mailto:snowdavgasoc@bellsouth.net). We know some of the Clubs have elections this time of year so 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). Thanks.

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

Crescent is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If you're following us, you know we regularly post lots of information from resorts and report ski industry news from all over the country and we post pictures from all of the Crescent trips. You can tag us at "Crescentski" on any posts on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram. Spread the word to your members!!

Crescent Racing ("Crescentskiracing") is also on Facebook. Thanks to everyone who posts information and pictures on the CSC Racing page. We are still looking for volunteer racers who would like to help us set up Twitter and Instagram for Racing. If interested, please contact Pat Harvey.

Any questions, ideas or suggestions regarding Social Media, please contact Crescent's Social Media Chair, Pat Harvey, at [crescentskipresident@gmail.com](mailto:crescentskipresident@gmail.com). Make sure to spread the word on Crescent's Social Media pages to your Club members and friends.

## **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 excellent benefits and discounts available 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 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. Make sure to take advantage of the many benefits that are available to all of you through NSCF.

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 page.

## **RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIPS FOR TRIPS**

We know that some of the Clubs have trips during the off-season months and the 2018/19 trips will start rolling out by the Clubs starting in May. Reminder, 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.

## **LAST BUT NOT LEAST**

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, [www.crescentskicouncil.org](http://www.crescentskicouncil.org). The President's Updates are posted there each month. If your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, please copy me!! I again want to give a super big thanks to all the Clubs who send me their newsletters and updates and share our social media posts!!

Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the **BEST** Council in the country!! New volunteers are always welcome!! Please send me your suggestions and recommendations. Thanks.

*Patricia ("Pat") Harvey, President*

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