



PRESIDENT’S UPDATE –November 2017

Thanksgiving marks the start of the holiday season for 2017. Sleigh bells are starting to ring, Christmas trees are being decorated and lit up everywhere and holiday lights are illuminating the areas all over. And quite a few ski resorts are now open. Mammoth is reporting over 8 feet of snow have been received to date. Steamboat started out with a big white bang and has slowed down but since Crescent will be arriving there this weekend, we fully expect that Mother Nature will welcome the Council with a lot of the fluffy white stuff. Close to 300 ski and snowboard enthusiasts will be ready for lots of fresh white powdery snow!!

CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

Spring Convention 2018

Reminder to all Clubs that they need to have **ONE** Rooming coordinator per club. We've been getting some individuals requesting single spots in whole condos because they didn't know or understand they are supposed to go through their club. We've only received Club registration forms from 6 clubs so far. Make sure to get your Club's form in ASAP. Also, reminder that Michelle Shuford, Conventions Chair, and Margaret Crum, Lodging Coordinator, work together on the Convention. Club Registration Forms should be sent to Margaret. Her address is on the forms. However, Margaret often won't have answers about what is still available or pricing. Please send any questions to Michelle at skibumlong@aol.com.

The Club Registration Forms, Rooming List, and Lodging Information Form were attached to last month's President's Update and are also posted on Crescent's website. The dates are April 26-29, 2018. Lodging is at Brighton Towers at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach and as most of you know, all rooms are oceanview. A few oceanfront units may come available and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis so if you have anyone interested in an oceanfront, please indicate that on the Club Registration Form. There is also a 4 Night Stay option this year for those who want an extra day at the beach!

PRICE PER PERSON:

BRIGHTON TOWER - OCEAN VIEW 1 ROOM STUDIO/1 BATH CONDO (1 queen)

# of People Per Unit	1	2
2 Nights Stay	\$364	\$207
3 Nights Stay	\$521	\$285

BRIGHTON TOWER - OCEAN VIEW 2 BEDROOM/2 BATH CONDO (1 King; 2 Queens; Queen-sized sofa)

# of People Per Unit	2	3	4	5	6
2 Nights Stay	\$276	\$201	\$163	\$141	\$125
3 Nights Stay	\$390	\$276	\$220	\$186	\$163
4 Nights Stay	\$503	\$352	\$276	\$231	\$201

OFF-SITE FEE: \$55.00 No Single Event Fee

On-Site Registration: \$65.00

PRICE INCLUDES:

Lodging and Taxes
Early Bird Reception on Thursday Night
Trade Show on Friday Night*
DJ Party on Friday Night*

Complete use of Sports & Health Club
Beach Olympics on Saturday
Saturday Night Theme Party w/DJ*
*Includes complimentary beverages

DEADLINES are February 26th for the Club Registration Form and Initial Club Deposit, March 23rd for the balance due and any condo drops, and April 2nd for any Rooming List Changes.

Any questions, contact Michelle Shuford, CSC Conventions Committee Chair, at skibumlong@aol.com.

CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and have fun to all those headed to Steamboat this weekend.

Mammoth - reservations have been put on wait list until the last master bedrooms are sold. We can accommodate couples, singles willing to share a king bed or singles willing to pay for a single supplement to get the master suite.

Killington - although numbers are low, the trip will go!!! SAT is currently working to see if there will be any lodging increase with the low numbers, or if we can adjust the activities so that the price stays the same. More to come through your trip leaders soon.

Registration for all Crescent trips is at www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips. Any questions with regard to Mammoth or Killington, contact Lisa Beregi, Crescent Trip Chair, at drlab88@aol.com, your Club's Trip Leader or Sara Clemons at Sports America at sara@sportsamerica.com.

Any questions regarding Crescent trips, contact **Lisa Beregi, Crescent Trip Chair**, at drlab88@aol.com

LOCAL TRIPS (Linda Redd)

Local Trips - This year there are two weekend trips to West Virginia that are open to all CSC skiers. They are race weekends to Canaan Valley, January 26-28, 2018 and SilverCreek, March 8-11, 2018. You do not have to be a racer to take advantage of the lodging/lift package at SilverCreek or the discounts at Canaan Valley. Trip specifics will be sent to your trip and racing officers.

It is time to start planning the 2018 Silvercreek race weekend. Linda is trying to make her life a little easier, by making some basic rules and sticking to them. The forms are attached to this month's President's Update.

Rules for 2018 SilverCreek trip:

Each club needs one contact person/trip leader. That will be the person Linda talks to. She will refer every question that she gets to the Club Trip leader. Let Linda know name, address, phone number and e-mail of that person for each club, as soon as possible. That information is included on the club confirmation form.

Linda will try to be clearer about costs, rules, etc. in my communications to trip leaders and will also try to answer questions in a timely manner.

Deadlines are important, but we realize that they are hard to keep, given the long lead times that Snowshoe imposes on us. If you miss room reservation deadlines, Linda will try to get more rooms. **If Crescent has to pay for cancelled rooms, your club will be charged.** Conservative is probably better, when estimating room needs.

That's all for now. Let's all hope that we actually get some snow this year and that we can see each other at Silvercreek.

Linda Redd
Silvercreek Trip Coordinator
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RACING (Ron Scott)

The 2017/2018 Racing Newsletter Credit Sheets have been e-mailed to each Club Race Director. Printing instructions were included as an attachment in the e-mail. If your Club no longer prints a paper newsletter, please post the sponsorship logos on your web site. When your Club broadcasts a monthly e-blast, please include one of the newsletter sheets, of which there are four. As you have done in the past, please include Ron Scott (rscott013@nc.rr.com) in your e-blast mailings and your hard-copy newsletter mailings. Ron will forward your e-blast and newsletters to Crescent Racing sponsors. Posting the logos on your club's web site is voluntary for the clubs but greatly appreciated. However, **posting the Sponsorship Sheets that were sent out to the Race Directors is a requirement under Crescent Racing Rules.**

We have some updates:

The training scheduled for French-Swiss, aka Appalachian Ski Resort will NOT be held this weekend. No Snow!

The Preseason Ski Clinic at Sugar is still on for Dec 8-10 - of course dependent on weather. Sugar fest is set for the same weekend also - demo the newest & coolest ski & Snowboard equipment. They'll also be an after ski party & fireworks on Sat Dec 9 starting at 4 PM. It'll be a fun weekend. See the links for details.

<http://www.skisugar.com/events/preseason-ski-clinic/>

http://www.skisugar.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/2017_Clinic.pdf

Sugarfest is the same weekend as well. Demo's, etc.

<http://www.skisugar.com/sugarfest/>

The CSC Racing Friday Night Gate Practice before our first scheduled race of the 2017/18 season at Appalachian, Friday, 12.15.2017, is still “on” at this moment, but it is always contingent on conditions being suitable (and a lot more snow base is required for racing than for regular skiing!). Watch for a future announcement about the status of practice/CSC Races #1. Both will either be on, or not. It will not be either/or. In case everything is still on, we have a new feature for 2017-2018: The Asheville Ski Club Racing Team will set up brushes on the slope at the lower mid-station (conditions permitting), beginning at 5 PM (that’s when our special discounted lift ticket starts). Regular gates will be available to run on the race course by 8 PM. Everything else is still the same: At the French-Swiss desk in the lower lodge, 1) Get your discounted lift ticket; 2) If you intend to run the brushes or gates, then a) pay the racing fee; b) sign the waiver; c) get a bib; 3) Wear the bib when running brushes/gates; 4) You do not need to wear a bib if all you are doing is skiing and NOT running brushes/gates; 5) Non-racers who are current members of W-SSOC or other Authorized Club of the Crescent Ski Council, can purchase the discounted lift tickets, too, and may try running brushes/gates if they do #2) a), b) and c) and 3) as outlined here.

Crescent Racing is for the young and old. We welcome everyone, even snowboarders! If you have a question concerning the Crescent Race Series please contact Ron Scott, Crescent Race Director, at rscott013@nc.rr.com. Crescent Racing is the type of racing program the other ski councils wish they had.

Enjoy the up-coming holidays and remember our soldiers and those less fortunate than each of us.

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.

MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)

Reminder to make sure 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). Thanks.

SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

Crescent is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We regularly post lots of information from resorts and report ski industry news from all over the country. Follow us on our Social Media sites!! 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 and we would like to add Twitter and Instagram for Racing. We have added some racers who will be posting pictures and racing updates. 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. Make sure also to like and follow the National Ski Council Federation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. NSCF’s Facebook page just reached 600 likes but of course, we want to keep that number growing. Tag NSCF @natlskifed and spread the word on the Federation and its Facebook page.

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 excellent benefits and discounts available and more are being added regularly. Please visit the website, www.skifederation.org, for member only benefits. There are some fabulous products and offers so check them out. Car rental discounts also are available to NSCF members. Advantage Rent a Car has been added to NSCF’s discount program. They are offering us a 10% discount. Use this link to book or access it from the Benefits Page on the website: <https://www.advantage.com/?rc=CD07E8612E>. Also Hertz Car Rental offers a nationwide and international discount to NSCF members. The link is at: <http://www.hertz.com> and the provider number for the discount is 1467605.

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.

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. 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. I hope everyone’s

holidays are wonderful. I'll try to get the December President's Update out b the end of December but with some holiday traveling, it may be the beginning of January for the next Update. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and don't forget to THINK SNOW and do lots of holiday snow dancing!

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