



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE - June, 2015

I hope everyone is surviving the southern heat. We are all going to be more than ready for ski season this year!! Have you signed up yet for one of the Crescent trips or some of the great Club trips that are being offered this year? Planning for the trip is a great way to beat the heat as you dream of snowy slopes!!

CRESCENT TRIPS

The Crescent trips for the 2015/2016 season to Steamboat, Mt. Bachelor and Big Sky are up and running and signups are coming in. Keep spreading the word to your Club members. We have some great trips scheduled this year to Steamboat, Mt. Bachelor and Big Sky.

The Steamboat Ski, Race & Ride Camp is December 5-12, 2015. The Mt. Bachelor trip is scheduled for January 16-23, 2016 and the Big Sky trip is March 12-19 2015. We have some great trips this coming season so hope you can join us on one or more. More information and the link to signups is at www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips. Any questions, check with your Clubs' Trip Leaders or Sara Clemons at Sports America at sara@sportsamerica.com.

Check the Crescent website, www.crescentskicouncil.org for updated Club trip lists. Lisa Beregi, Crescent Trip Chair, has added all the trip information she's received to date and the trip list is now posted on Crescent's website. I'm also attaching a copy to pass along to all of your members. If your Club has a trip that isn't listed, please let Lisa know so the list can be updated. Lisa's email address is drlab88@aol.com.

CONVENTIONS

The Fall Conference information will be out soon, but save the date of October 23rd through 25th. If you want to go ahead and book your rooms, the Fall Conference will be at Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg again this year. Any questions, contact Bryan Bobo at bryanbobo@charter.net.

CAMPING IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

The Palmetto and Asheville Ski Clubs have put together a fun weekend in the mountains on July 10th through the 12th. A jewel of a campground, Apple Tree Campground, has been reserved in the Nantahala National Forest. More information is at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/nfsnc/recarea/?recid=48642>

The campground is close to the Nantahala River for rafting & Tsali for mountain biking. Hiking trails and fishing are also activities that we can pursue while in the forest. Contact Michelle Shuford (skibumlong@aol.com) or Tripp Thompson (trippthompson@charter.net) if you're interested in joining them.

They will be rafting with the Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) at a price of just \$36 each – check-in time is 2:30 pm on Saturday, July 11th. Limited space is still available. The group will be going at the 3 PM semi-guided session. This will be a guide-assisted trip with guides in every other boat so if you have experience, step up and be the captain. Rafting spaces are limited.

The Mountain Top Zip Line will be somewhere around \$85/person. Call and make your own reservations – info. is at www.noc.com.

If you'd like more information, contact Michelle Shuford at skibumlong@aol.com or call Michelle at (828) 768-0120.

RACING

The 2015/2016 Race Schedule dates are set. Listed below are the race dates. Many of the Crescent Clubs refer to the Race Schedule to plan their local and out-west ski trips to avoid any overlapping of the two.

DEC. 19-20, 2015 Appalachian
JAN 9-10, 2016 Sugar
JAN 30-31, 2016 Appalachian
FEB 6-7, 2016 Beech
FEB 20-21, 2016 Sugar
MAR 4-6, 2016 SilverCreek

Crescent's Racing Program is comprised of young and "old" club members. We have seen our numbers increase due to more families becoming involved. If your club is searching for a way to increase your club's membership, try and advertise the CSC Racing program. The best club racing program in the nation.

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/SOCIAL MEDIA

Pat Harvey is the **Social Media Subcommittee** Chair. We are still looking for some help with our Facebook and Instagram accounts and hopefully help as we move onto more social networks, like Twitter, Pinterest, etc., please contact Ken Lumsden, Member Services Chair, at ken@wssoc.org, or Pat at pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com.

Crescent's Facebook page is now up to 278 likes. We'd like to move that number up to 300 by next month!! Pass along to your members to find Crescent at <https://www.facebook.com/CrescentSkiCouncil>. We update the page regularly and if there is something you want us to include, please email Pat and we'll make sure to get it posted. If you have any comments or suggestions, contact Ken or Pat.

The **National Ski Council Federation's** Facebook page is now up to 294 likes. We try to add great information from Ski Councils, Clubs and resorts all over the world!! We are up to 286 likes – keep it going!! Let your Club members know about the NSCF page – the link is at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Ski-Council-Federation/178192492206742>.

NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

The National Ski Council Federation (“NSCF”) is made up of 30 ski councils with 640 ski clubs with more than 300,000 club members throughout the US. We all have a common interest in the enjoyment of snowsports. We all belong to ski clubs, who in turn belong to ski councils. If you've checked, you already know that there are some **great benefits and discounts** with NSCF and more are being added regularly.

The new website for NSCF is up and running and the web address remains www.skifederation.org. There are still some things to be added but check out the site for member only benefits. All of the benefits are listed on the new website. The new site allows you to search the benefits by category hopefully allowing you to find what you're looking for much faster. With the new site going live, NSCF can now concentrate on getting additional benefits and getting them online much faster which is a definite win, win for all. Please spread the word to your club members that these benefits are available and please take advantage of them.

A username and password is only needed in the members' only area. The purpose of restricted access is due to the fact that the companies offering discounts would like those to go only to current Club members. We've added the Crescent and the Club trips that we have information on to the NSCF site. Our race schedule is also now on the NSCF site.

Click on any of the sub-menus except “My Profile” and the registration page will appear. If you are already registered you need only use the “Existing Members Logon” area on the top right of the page. If not registered yet, complete the registration form and submit it. You will receive an email with their username and password along with a message that your registration is complete but they will not be able to log in until they receive a follow-up email stating that they “have been approved to access Ski Federation.” Alternately you can use <http://skifederation.org/wp-login.php> to go directly to the Registration/Logon screen.

NSCF's Insurance Committee has finalized the selection of Cornerstone Risk Management of Brattleboro, Vermont, as the Federation's carrier. Cornerstone is preparing a web page for Clubs and Councils to complete an application. That site should be available soon. Clubs and Councils will need to contact Cornerstone directly with questions and issues..

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Reminder, please distribute the President's Updates to your members, via email, your newsletters and/or by placing them on your Club's web site. If you received this update and are not the current officer, please forward to the appropriate person. Let's keep our members informed!

We know a lot of Clubs have election of officers this time of year. Please send Bruce McMurray your Club's updated information as listed below:

Newly elected Officers
Current Board Members
Webmasters
Newsletter Editor

Include name, mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, mobile), email address and Board position(s). **Bruce's email address is snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net.**

Be sure to thank the Crescent Officers and Committee Chairs, and don't forget - we are **always looking for more volunteers**. We're starting a new year for Crescent on June 1st – which means we'd like to see some new volunteers!! We can't make it happen without your help!!

If any of you publish an electronic newsletter or send out regular emails regarding your club's news and updated events, reminder to send me a copy at pat@charlotteskiandsnowboard.com.

Any questions or comments, please email me – I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

I hope everyone has a fun and safe 4th of July!!



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