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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – June 2026

Frances Edwards



Sorry for the lateness of the June President's Update but ClubExpress has been having issues that has not allowed us to load documents to send.

On June 6, 34 members of Crescent Ski Council just got back from Portugal. It was a fantastic trip and everyone meet new Crescent members and others on the trip from other parts of the world.

This update will be short and concise. There may be some changes coming to the President's Update in the near future.

Look for a **NEW** session to be held at the Fall Conference for Presidents, CSC Representatives, and other interested members that will address the future of the Crescent Ski Council. The session will be called "Looking to the Future" which was the title that NSCF used when they were exploring where the future of the organization was headed. This will be an opportunity to give input on what Crescent is doing well, what Crescent is doing okay, and what Crescent is not doing well. We will not do any "planning" during this time. This is only a time for gathering information. I NEED your valuable input for the future.

Crescent is still looking for a **Vice President**. Ask yourself "Do I know of someone who would be interested in serving"? I would love to have the position filled.

We also have a vacant position for the **Conventions Chair**. The Conventions Committee runs both the Fall Conference and Spring Convention. We do have a Fall Conference Coordinator, so that helps a lot with the work. We also rented space for our beach Olympics equipment, so people don't have to lug this stuff home and bring it back. Please contact myself - Frances Edwards at snoskier@mindspring.com

Our Board made the decision to change our Fall Conference location for October 2027 to Greenville, NC. SpringHill Suites Downtown. Dates are October 21-24, 2027 and the contract has been signed. Thanks to Devon Cortright for being a contact person to make this happen after the BOD voted to go to move Fall Conference.

A thank you again to **Cameron Andrews** for serving as our Conventions Chair this past year.

Thank you to **Mary Anne Koltowich** for serving in the President's role and who will now be our past president.

Crescent would love to have some new faces and ideas to take our organization forward. Please reach out if you are interested or know of someone who would be interested in taking an active role.

Message From Kingston Resorts

Dear Board of the Crescent Ski Council,

On behalf of the entire team at Kingston Resorts, I want to thank you for your continued loyalty and for choosing us to host your recent conference. We deeply value our long-standing relationship with the Crescent Ski Council, which makes it all the more disappointing that your recent stay did not meet the high standards of hospitality and communication you have rightly come to expect from us.

We completely take ownership of the communication gaps regarding our delayed building waterproofing project. We understand the impact this had on your event, and we sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and frustration this caused your board and your attendees.

Your satisfaction and loyalty mean a great deal to us, and we are committed to making things right. To show our appreciation for your business and to welcome you back next year, Kingston Resorts would like to host a complimentary one-hour beer and wine reception for your group. This will include a chef's choice of one hot and one cold hors d'oeuvre, served as a kickoff to your highly successful game night.

Please accept this gesture along with our sincerest apologies. We are already looking forward to your next event and are fully committed to making next year's conference your most successful and seamless one yet.

Warm regards,

Kelly Cauble

Assistant Director of Sales
Kingston Resorts Team

National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) Special Notes

NSCF will hold its **Annual** Meeting in Reno, Nevada at the Silver Legacy Casino, August 20-23, 2026. Crescent will be represented this year by both myself (Frances Edwards) and Ellen Cortright who serves on the financial committee.

See the new NSCF Education opportunity via Zoom with one of our Black Diamond Sponsors. Save the Date of June 15th at 7 pm. More details in the NSCF News at the end of this newsletter.

VICE PRESIDENT (Vacant)

Crescent Ski Council is still looking for members interested in fulfilling the roles of Vice President and Conventions Chair for the 2026-2027 year. Please reach out if you are interested in either of these roles. We really need some NEW faces and energy to go forward and assist Crescent in the future

TREASURER (Ellen Cortright/Becky Kennedy)

The Board approved the FY2026-2027 draft budget during the Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach. Thanks very much.

SECRETARY (Kerri Crawford)

All clubs are reminded to please send in changes to club officials (officers, committee chairs with names, positions held, email addresses, optional phone numbers, etc.) to Ken Lumsden at joonone@ix.netcom and Webmaster John Gardner johnrgardner@bellsouth.net, and Kerri Crawford at cscsecretary2021@gmail.com.

CONVENTIONS (Vacant)

Look for information on the upcoming Fall Conference being held in Gatlinburg TN October 22-25, 2026.

TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

ALL trips opened at **NOON** on June 15, 2026.

During club May meetings Trip Directors have been asked to share the 2028 bids to Beaver Creek and Steamboat for a final vote on where the members want to go. Some clubs have not responded back to Lisa with their vote.

Steamboat - The 43rd Race and Learn to Ski/Ride Camp will be held December 5-12, 2026.

2027 Ski Week - Mt Bachelor will be the 2027 Ski Week to be held January 16-23, 2027.

2027 Adventure Trip - The Trip Committee voted for Australia/New Zealand/Fiji with Overseas Adventure Tours/Grand Circle as the tour provider. The trip will be in May of 2027.

RACING (Cathie Mulgrew)

No report.

MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)

Club Reps and Presidents are reminded that we need name and email address and cell phone number for the club positions that we keep on ClubExpress. Pleads send updates to CSC Database Administrator Ken Lumsden at joonone@ix.netcom and copy to CSC Webmaster John Gardner johnrgardner@bellsouth.net.

Thanks to Asheville, Charlotte, Chattanooga, ETMM, Nashville and Spartanburg who recently sent updates.

Social Media:

Our clubs are asked to submit their best photos from the Spring'26 Convention to Pat Harvey / Social Media Coordinator crescentpastpres@gmail.com for posting on the CSC Facebook page. Please identify the photos by club and people in the picture. For the Famous People Costume Party, also tell us who the character that is represented.

Pat Harvey, Social Media Chair

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PAST PRESIDENT (Mary Anne Koltowich)

As your new Past President, I am happy to fill this position which has been vacant for a number of years. Much thanks to Margaret Jordan for her past excellent work with our Bylaws changes and running elections. It's good to stay very involved with Crescent to help support our President, officers, ExComm, and our Board with accomplishing our business needs and making our activities successful.

CLUB CORNER (By Our Clubs)

Check out our ClubExpress Club Corner! Please send any newsletters, emails, club happenings, etc. to me and I will be adding them to this area. In the interim, refer back to the May President's Newsletter for the extensive list of activities that clubs within Crescent having upcoming.

NSCF NEWS

1) Dear Federation Members,

The zoom meeting was held on June 15th with Eric Gomes, Business Development Director for Ski Club Pro. Eric introduced Ski Club Pro during the short session designed specifically for NSCF member clubs. He spoke on their product and how clubs are simplifying trip management by bringing registration, payments, rosters, and communication into one system. If your current process involves spreadsheets, email chains, and manual tracking, this will be a practical look at a more streamlined approach. Be looking for the copy to the recorded information from Lisa Beregi in the future.

2) 10th Mountain Whiskey & Spirits has signed up again as a Black Diamond sponsor.

When I moved to Vail in 1998 as a 22-year-old, I had no idea I was stepping into a community built by heroes.

The Vail Valley—and the American ski industry itself—was shaped by returning World War II veterans of the 10th Mountain Division. These soldiers came home from the war and founded over 60 ski resorts across the country, including my home mountain, Vail.

They didn't just build ski resorts—they built an entire industry and a way of life that we all cherish today.

My father served in the Army and Navy. My grandfather served in the Army. My brother-in-law served in the Army. And over the years, I have become close friends with Veterans who served in the modern 10th Mountain Division.

I felt indebted to their service—to the freedom they protected and the legacy they carried forward. I wanted to honor them in a meaningful way.

In 2014, I enrolled in the very first class at Moonshine University. I learned, experimented, failed, and refined. Twelve years later, 10th Mountain Whiskey & Spirit Company stands as a tribute to American craftsmanship, military service, and the unbreakable bond between community and heroes.

Our tasting rooms are filled with 10th Mountain Division memorabilia—challenge coins, patches, uniforms, maps, and flags. It's a museum within a tasting room, (or is it a tasting room within a museum) where history lives alongside exceptional whiskey.

Philanthropy drives everything we do. We proudly support the Vail Veterans Program, the 10th Mountain Foundation, 10th Descendants, Adopt a Platoon Program, and many other military nonprofits.

As a proud sponsor of the National Ski Council Federation for the past two years, I'm honored to serve a community that shares our values of service, excellence, and adventure.

The next time you raise a glass, I hope it's filled with 10th Mountain Bourbon—our most popular spirit and a tribute to the Veterans who made our ski industry possible.

Drink To Glory,

Ryan Thompson Founder & CEO, 10th Mountain Whiskey & Spirit Company

P.S. Visit us at 10thWhiskey.com and use promo code NSCF for 10% off your order. And if you're ever in Vail, stop by our tasting room in the heart of Vail Village, right at the base of the resort. We'd love to share a pour with you.