



BEND SKI CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER **FEBRUARY** 2020



Are we having fun yet?!! Yes indeed, fellow ski club members enjoying the variable conditions the mountain has thrown at us lately! A special thanks to all the recent members joining the club, which is now at 170, smashing the all time record by far! We hope everyone can take advantage of the many On & Off-Mountain activities still planned for the season.

BREAKING NEWS/USEFUL INFORMATION:

RECENT SKI TRIP:

Eight of our BSC members have just returned from a fabulous week of skiing and apres fun at Big Sky Resort in Montana (FWSA Annual Ski Week). We had 14 inches of new snow, reasonable temps and NO lift lines. The mountain is huge with 38 lifts on a total of 3479 acres. There is also a tram which services expert skiing only, including triple black diamonds. Turtle, Laury and Marlene had a bit of excitement on a scenic tram excursion. Ask us about it at the next ski get together!! We encourage more members to attend next year's Ski Week. The destination is Sun Valley, January 30th to Feb. 6, 2021. Info on this trip will come out in June or July of this year. One of BSC's board members, Rod Robinson is the leader for this trip. **DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!**

--**SAFETY On the Mountain:** I think we are all aware of some of the hazards we skiers need to be aware of during our play time on the snow. One, of course, is the threat of tree wells, sadly brought to light with deaths and near deaths on Mt. Bachelor the past couple of seasons. Besides always skiing with buddies when off-piste, everyone should have a **whistle** handy, dangling from their outer jacket. The BSC offers **free** logo-ed whistles to all members, available for pick up at all Off-Mountain events and occasionally On-Mountain meetups. The proper procedure for using these if in trouble on the mountain is to give 3 short blasts, interrupted by a few seconds each. Of course, if in doubt, just blast away until found, and keep your fellow ski buddies in sight at all times when skiing off-piste, and especially in the trees!

--**Coffee-On-The-Mountain informal** get togethers every day, Pine Marten Lodge, 11:30 – 12ish, downstairs table by Pinnacles Coffee Shop: **DO** check in if you are in a meetup group or not, as we have established that time period/location as a possible meeting point for club members on the mountain, looking for other members to ski or just chat!

--**Ski Club 'Ski Connections' Program:** All dues-paying members will soon receive an updated participating fellow members contact list, including their self-described ski ability, to facilitate finding ski companions to ski with when there may be no compatible meetups scheduled for that particular day. No need to ski alone, but please, this list is for dues-paying members **ONLY** and also not to be used for any commercial/marketing purposes. Thanks!

--**Local Discounts:** -Pine Mountain Sports (pinemountainsports.com) is offering a free store membership for dues-paying club members (show BSC membership card), which is good for discounts and deals at their local shop here in Bend.

-PowderHouse Ski Shop (powderhousebend.com) offers 10% discount to dues-paying club members (also show your BSC membership card) for all service oriented work, including waxing, tuning, etc.

→ **Bend Ski Club & Social Media:**

-Beyond the informative, cheerful monthly newsletter & other notices distributed to members via the member email list, we continue to be well represented in several other social media venues, namely: Club website: <https://www.bendskiclub.net>

Facebook: BendSkiClub Group

Instagram & Twitter: Search for 'Bend Ski Club'

Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/bendskiclub>

DO take advantage to stay well-informed of all things Bend Ski Club as well as events, stories, & useful information revolving around downhill skiing. Continuing thanks to **Becki**, our Social Media expert for rocking the Facebook/Instagram/Twitter sites!!

ALSO, check out our parent ski organizations (Northwest Ski Club Council-NWSCC, Far West Ski Association-FWSA) websites: nwskiers.org & fwsa.org Lots of industry/travel/deals found there and as a member of the Bend Ski Club **you** are eligible for the many discounts listed under member benefits. And of course as a dues-paying club member, you are eligible to go on the many adventure trips organized by these groups.

--> **UPCOMING EVENT:**

-BSC Monthly Meeting & Social February 12th:

BSC is hosting our monthly presentation meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at the upstairs Tap Room at the Deschutes Public House in downtown Bend. Our main speaker for the evening will be **Daniele McKay**, a well-known local geologist who teaches at the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. Daniele will discuss the geology of Mt. Bachelor and some of the spectacular geologic features we see from various runs on the mountain. Daniele's presentations are always popular and we expect this talk to be particularly interesting for skiers.

The doors at the upstairs Tap Room will open at 5:30 PM for members who want to socialize and order drinks or a meal. There will be a brief business meeting starting around 6:45 PM and the presentation will begin at 7:00 PM.

-First Notice: End of Season Party: May 22, 2020. We have reserved the Skyliner Lodge west of Bend this year for our grand finale party. Cool, historic rustic lodge with lots of space for outdoor activities as well! More information to come as we plan what kind of goodies and all to provide. Stay tuned & mark it on your calendar.

Important REMINDERS :

--Our main sources for membership communication (besides the upbeat newsletters!) remains the club website www.bendskiclub.net (now more secure and mobile device friendly) and the meetup site for all event signups www.meetup.com/bendskiclub. Don't forget that the club website also lists contact information for every BSC Board member for additional questions you may have. (We love feedback!)

--We have implemented a **new** and improved system for online membership registration/dues collection. Simple as clicking on the link located on the 'Join Us' page of the website www.bendskiclub.net, fill out the form & submit your payment. A secure system, with a detailed confirmation email automatically sent upon completion. So Easy! (Dues have increased slightly to cover the additional club costs for this system)

--Sign ups and attendance for ON-mountain club events had some **changes** this season (insurance company driven):

NON-Dues skiers will be welcome to check us out on 2 separate occasions, after which they will be asked to formally join the club & submit dues. They will need to sign an electronic liability waiver online for **each** event attended (maximum of 2 before registering as a BSC member).

--On-mountain club event attendance for **Dues-paying** BSC members is much simpler. No signing a waiver for each event. :)

[Note: EVERYONE must sign up through the meetup site to attend; NO on-mountain additions!]

→ **On the Mountain Meetups:** As always, check and sign up for all events at the club meetup site: www.meetup.com/BendSkiClub. A mixture of Mellow-Intermediate, Fast-Intermediate, Advanced-Intermediate, and Advanced skier level meetups continue to be scheduled.

AND speaking of ski meetups, we are always looking for more Dues-paying members interested in becoming **leaders** for the ski-together events. Specifically we are in need of those willing to lead Mellow-Intermediate & Fast-Intermediate groups on the mountain. If that is YOU, please contact any board member (Contact Us page of www.bendskiclub.net) with your desire to help!

SKI Trips for the upcoming year

ADL Ski Club has open spaces to fellow NWSCC advanced skiers on trips to Myoko, Japan, February 15-23, 2020 <https://adlskiclub.com/Japowtrip2.php> and to Chamonix, France, March 7-15, 2020! <https://adlskiclub.com/chamonix.php>

2020 February 28 - March 7, FWSA Intl. Ski Adventure - Davos, Switzerland

BASIC Trip - Davos, Switzerland, February 28 – March 7, 2020.

POST Trip - Lisbon & Porto, Portugal, March 7 - 13, 2020. For more details go to

<http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/InternationalSki/2020-FWSA-Davos/2020-FWSA-Davos.html>

2020 March 29 - Apr 3, FWSA Mini Ski Week Big White, Canada

5 Nights Lodging (dbl. occ.), 5 Day Lift Ticket, Welcome and Farewell Parties. Priced from \$525. Air & ground transportation not included. For details go to <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/NAski/2020-FWSA-BigWhite/2019-FWSA-BigWhite.html>

2020 August 5 - 11, San Diego Council Invite to Iceland - Land of Fire and Ice

\$2349 without air. Possible early sign up discount. See flyer at <https://instituteforeffectiveness.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Iceland-land-of-fire-and-ice-Aug-52020.pdf>

2020 September 3 - 13, FWSA Adventure Trip– Croatia

\$3,340 PP/DO Trip is SOLD OUT, but contact Debbie Stewart on the flyer for a cancellation list.

<http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Adventure/adventure.html>

2020 October 3 - 18, San Diego Ski Council invite to Romantic Villages of Alpine Europe

\$3495 without air. Possible early sign up discount. Visit Italy, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany. See flyer at <https://instituteeffectiveness.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/AVS-2020-with-SDCSC-G0-24570.pdf>

2020 October 3 – 10, 2020 FWSA Dive Trip to Cozumel, Mexico

Dive Package: \$1,378 pp Standard Bungalow (double occupancy), 7 nights lodging and all meals. Transportation not included. Single supplements and non-dive package options available.
<http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Dive/2020-FWSA-Cozumel/2020-FWSA-CozumelDive.html>

2021 January 30 - February 6, FWSA Annual Ski Week - Sun Valley, ID

NWSCC group will be led by **Bend Ski Club's Rod Robinson**. For a fun filled week of adventure and fun please be sure to check back for more details for next season and sign up to begin later this spring.

Future trips to come:

2021 March FWSA Mini Ski Week - Zermatt Resort & Spa, Utah

2021 FWSA Intl. Ski Adventure - Sölden, Austria

2021 Summer FWSA International Ski Adventure - Chile

2022 FWSA International Ski Adventure - Madonna di Campiglio Italy

2022 FWSA Adventure Trip - Africa

2024 FWSA Adventure Trip - Galapagos Islands

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