



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!

December 2021

It's that time of year again! It's likely you may be thinking of this holiday season or skiing, but I'm referring to the National Ski Federation's Silent Auction. The highly popular auction is back this year and kicked off November 15th and runs through December 30 at 5:00 pm EST. A flyer is attached to this email that you can send to your members and put on your websites and in your newsletters. Anyone can bid, so pass it along to your family members and others. New items are still being added, so be sure to check the site often. The auction is at this link: [NSCF Silent Auction](#)

I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday. There was certainly a lot of great food and fun at our home as well as some great football. And yes, almost 260 of us will be leaving for Crescent's first ski trip to Steamboat in four days. I know I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of you there! We all need to be doing our snow dances in earnest! Here's an update on the gondola: <https://twitter.com/skisteamboat/status/1460342685022175232>

I shared information in the September President's Update on the Caldor Fire at Sierra-at-Tahoe. The Ski Area Management (SAM) Magazine provides an update on this 221,000 acre firestorm that ravaged the Tahoe Basin. Sierra-at-Tahoe states that, "Despite making progress every day and working together with our partners at the United States Forest Service, and with arborists, engineers and inspectors, we have big challenges ahead. Detailed inspections of the entire resort have revealed that we will not be able to offer you the same ski experience you have come to expect from Sierra." Several challenges complicate Sierra-at-Tahoe's recovery efforts. First, the damage is far greater than initially estimated. Damage to the ski area's trees and infrastructure has proved significant upon further assessment. Fire-weakened trees throughout the property's entire 2,000 acres will need to be evaluated and potentially removed, particularly in areas around lift lines and ski trails. Sierra-at-Tahoe is also in the midst of repairs to several of its chairlifts—a task that global supply chain and shipping issues has made more difficult. The resort still intends to open this season but will provide options related to their 2020-21 season passholders. While the Caldor Fire is 98 percent contained now, flare ups are still being fought in the Tahoe Basin area. If you would like to support Sierra-at-Tahoe with donations, a [GoFundMe](#) account has been established with a primary goal of raising funds for employees that lost personal tools and items when the maintenance shop burned.

How many of us like to use apps to track our day on the mountain, meet up with friends, check the weather, or more? Jack McNary shares the top five apps to use this Winter in the Ski Industry News.

- 1) The **Ski Tracks** app is a great example of being able to capture and analyze your movements with an impressive degree of accuracy. The app maps out your runs providing run-by-run breakdowns of each successful trek down the slope. Using the app is easy: you just need to press play on the main screen, and it runs in the background while you are skiing (which is helpful for those of us whose phones tend to die in the cold!), so there is no need to constantly maintain it during the day. The app records each individual day, which makes for a ton of fun as a season recap!
- 2) To locate members of your group, **SkiLynx** app uses GPS and the available trail maps to help keep track of you and your friends. This is especially helpful when someone takes a wrong turn (we all have that friend), and you need to find a good place to reconvene. The app displays the run your wayward friend is taking, and also shows their progress so you can intervene.
- 3) Founded in 2011 by Joel Gratz and Andrew Murray, the **Open Snow** app tends to have the most accurate forecasts to help skiers locate the best pow! With a network of dedicated snow observers, you're covered in whichever region you're skiing. The app is free and easy to use – type in the name of the mountain (or backcountry area) where you are going to ski, and you'll get a detailed 5-day forecast of not only the conditions you can expect, but also a detailed breakdown.
- 4) As you venture over the mountain looking for that next great run, you might notice that you're in another gorgeous but unknown mountain range. With the **PeakFinder AR** app, you take a picture of whatever

glorious hills you are viewing, and the app will provide you with the names and elevations of each respective peak (this doesn't really apply to the Midwest).

- 5) The **Avalanche Forecasts** app provides the current avalanche danger levels in each region. While these are extraordinary circumstances, we must assume certain risks in dangerous terrain, and, if the slope is steeper than 30 degrees, an avalanche is always a possibility.

Do you have used gear or clothing you're no longer using? If so, you can help fund outdoor experiences for children and adults with disabilities. It's called [Gear Up, Give Back](#), and here's how it works. You identify gently used outdoor equipment and apparel from reputable brands you're ready to retire. Products for hiking, camping, backpacking, running, climbing, cycling, skiing, paddling, and more are all welcome gear. Go to Cairn (an Outside-owned company) and print a free shipping label. Send products to Gear Fix, which cleans them and does any necessary repair work, then sells them to people who will give them a second life. Cairn and Gear Fix, both based in Bend, Oregon, match the net proceeds and donate the funds to Outdoors for All, a nonprofit that supports adaptive and therapeutic recreation for children and adults with disabilities. Each year, Outdoors for All serves more than 3,000 individuals, thanks to the training and support of more than 850 volunteers — and critical funding supplied through this program (Gear Up, Give Back is on track to donate more than \$30,000 in 2021). People with disabilities get to enjoy the outdoors through snowboarding, snowshoeing, cross country and downhill skiing, cycling, mountain biking, kayaking, hiking, rock climbing, and more. This may be something you may like to do as an individual or as a Club project.

Come join us! If you are interested in getting involved or volunteering with any of the CSC Committees, please contact me. We are always looking for ideas and suggestions and would love for you to join us for a meeting.

Please share this Update with your members by including it in your Club's newsletters and/or placing it on your Club's website. You can also direct your members to Crescent's website, <https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/>, where the President's Update is posted. I would love to hear your suggestions and/or recommendations. Feel free to contact me with your interests or to learn more about your Council. Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the **BEST** Council in the country!

TREASURER (Ellen Cortright)

Thank you to ALL clubs for a successful Membership Dues period this year. By November 1 every club had submitted their membership list, and all but two clubs had paid dues in full. The last check was received on November 6 – over two full weeks earlier than last year! The goal next year is to be 100% on or before the November 1 due date.

An issue for several clubs was cleaning up their membership lists BACK to the last day of the previous membership year end. Please consider importing an excel format download of your membership list on the last day of the Club's Membership year.

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PAST PRESIDENT/SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

Election of officers for the 2022/23 year will be held at the Spring Convention in April 2022. We are hoping it'll be a live election this coming year. We are always looking for interested Crescent members to join our team of officers: President, VP, Treasurer and Secretary. John Neblett of the Chattanooga Club stepped up this year and has succeeded Sandy as Secretary. As you know, most of the officers have been in various positions with Crescent for a very long time. Please help give us a break if you can and contact me if you're interested in learning more.

Welcome to the 2021/22 ski season. A lot of updates are being posted on our social media pages. Resorts are opening including here in the southeast. It's going to be a great season and we can't wait to see all the fun and we'll be posting it all.

These are still some crazy times as the pandemic continues but we're hoping for a little more normal in the skiing and riding areas. As you plan your trips, if you need help filling spots, let Sue Chadwick and I know. Sue will put info on your openings on the website and I'll add them to our Facebook page. As trips and events get going, make sure to tag us @crescentski and we'll post all pics that we see. We follow all the Clubs who have Facebook pages so will share pictures from your trips that are posted. You can also send pics and trip info to me and I'll post them.

Follow Crescent on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Tag us @crescentski on any of your posts. Crescent Racing (@Crescentskiracing) is also on Facebook. Any questions, ideas or suggestions regarding Social Media, please contact me. Keep spreading the word on Crescent's Social Media pages to your Club members and friends.

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

Happy Thanksgiving and Ullr Fests!!! I hope all of you have done your rituals to help promise us a great winter/ski season.

Steamboat Race and Learn to Ski Camp starts in 4 days. We have a great turnout in participation this year with 256 registered. As the days grow near we need to be doing a few extra snow dances, but it looks like (breath held) that we will finally be holding a Crescent trip after 23 months! Although a very large percentage of our participants are vaccinated, there are increases in cases across the northeast and west so be extra safe while traveling.

Sun Valley 2022 Ski Week is set for January 15-22. We have one empty male spot at the moment. Another trip that has sold our allocated spaces and then some! If you have a couple for a hotel room, or a group that will fill a condo, contact Sara at SAT to see if we can add more space.

The votes from trip leaders for the 2023 Ski Week were due last week. I will be tallying the results and getting them to the trip officers next week.

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RACING (Rich Mead)

The 2021-22 ski season has begun! North Carolina ski areas are making snow and opening. Cathie Mulgrew is working on the final details for Crescent's annual Steamboat Ski/Ride/Race camp, Dec 4-11. Ron Scott is working with the Steamboat race crew and finalizing sponsorships. For racers not headed to Steamboat, Sugar Mountain hosts a Preseason Ski Clinic, Dec 10-12, that includes up to 3 days of race training. More information is available at <https://www.skisugar.com/events/preseason-ski-clinic/>. The same weekend on Sunday, Dec 12, Appalachian is hosting Crescent's Racer Developmental Clinic with gate training and timed runs that new racers can use to establish a qualifying handicap for the coming season and the first race weekend of the season at Appalachian, Dec 18-19.

Again this year, Crescent Racing is participating as a club affiliate in the NASTAR (NATIONAL STANDARD RACE) program. All Crescent races are scored as NASTAR races and the results posted on NASTAR's website, www.nastar.com. Participating in NASTAR gives all Crescent racers the opportunity to compare their performance with NASTAR racers across the country throughout the race season and the chance to participate in the National Finals in the Spring.

With Covid-19 cases greatly decreased compared to last season, we're looking forward to a rebound in the number of Crescent members participating this season. Crescent Racing will continue to abide by all resort precautions and protocols to minimize exposure and keep all racers safe and healthy throughout the season.

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NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

Crescent is a Charter Member of the **National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)**. There are 30 Member Councils in NSCF across the USA. As a member of Crescent Ski Council, you are also a member of the **NSCF**. NSCF has some excellent benefits and discounts. **A new benefit with Groupon is now available to your clubs.** Michael Calderone (NY) has contacted Groupon, and they are willing to work with clubs to help us possibly gain exposure and new members. Groupon can do a 20-25% discount and 78% from the discounted price sent to you for each Groupon customer they send to your club. Groupon also works with many ski resorts as well for lift tickets. Please contact Kalli Huston at kcavadeas@groupon.com or direct line 623-522-8446 for additional information.

Please visit the website, www.skifederation.org for member only benefits. The NSCF site allows you to search for all benefits by category so you can find what you are looking for much faster. You must register on NSCF's website but once you're signed up, you can take advantage of all the benefits. Please spread the word to your members so they too can take advantage of the many benefits that are available to all of you through NSCF.

Remember to post your trips and activities to the NSCF database. It is a great way to get more exposure for your events and trips. NSCF has a code available to allow Federation Councils and Member Clubs to display their Clubs' trips that have been entered into the database—ON THEIR OWN WEBSITE. It is available to all at the asking. It will be customized for each council and club. This is a key benefit. Each Council should encourage their clubs to enter their trips into the database and request the customize code for their club or council. Contact Joe (webmaster@skifederation.org) to request your customized search code.

I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of you at Steamboat!

I hope you and your loved ones have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season.
Please continue to stay safe and healthy, and continue praying for each other, our country, and world.

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