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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

September 2019

Are you feeling the cooler temperatures? Most of us are enjoying daytime temperatures below 90 degrees. Summer is winding down, schools have started their fall terms, and once again we in the coastal southeast are watching a hurricane as it slowly advances toward us. Now is the time to start thinking of where you're going skiing! Our ski season begins in about 97 days with the Steamboat trip! If you haven't yet signed up for the Steamboat, Sun Peaks or Spain trips, you better do so soon. There are a few spaces left for the Sun Peaks trip as you'll read about in Lisa's report. Seats for the Spain pre-trip flights from Lisbon to Malaga have sold out. But you can still come! Sean with Holidayze can get additional seats for just (approximately) \$50 more. Several Clubs also have some great trips planned for the coming season. Be sure to check them out on the CSC website or Facebook.

In preparation for the BOD meeting, you were sent an email August 8th asking if you would send your review comments and suggestions for the budget by September 30. To date, no one has responded. By sending in your comments you are enabling ExComm to prepare answers and incorporate your feedback into this FY19-20 budget. **Having your input by the deadline (September 30) would significantly reduce the time needed during the BOD meeting to discuss and come to an agreement to approve the budget more quickly.** ExComm will address your comments and suggestions during the meeting. Please send your comments and suggestions to Mary Anne Koltowich, CSC Vice President, at: VP@crescentskicouncil.org.

If your Club has held elections recently, please make sure to send your updates to Bruce McMurray, Database Coordinator, at snowdawgasoc@bellsouth.net. Bruce needs to know your Club's current officers, board members, webmasters and newsletter editors. Please include their name, mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, mobile), email address and Board position(s).

TREASURER (Marge Lafferty)

It's hard to believe fall is right around the corner, although I'm sure many of us are looking forward to cooler weather. September 1st starts a new fiscal year for CSC and rather than wait until October to send out the membership dues invoice you'll find them attached with this newsletter. (You may remember we agreed to send out the notice in September during the Spring BOD). The deadline is December 31st but this will give extra time for clubs to remit. Please pass the attached invoice to your club treasurer and stress that dues and the membership reports are due by December 31st. In order for members to participate in CSC events and races the club must be in good standing. Please contact me if you have any questions. Hope to see many of you at the Fall Conference.

Marge Lafferty
CSC Treasurer
treasurer@crescentskicouncil.org

CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

Steamboat 35th Anniversary Race and Learn to Ski Camp, December 7-14, 2019:

Steamboat is already at 239 registrants! Everyone is excited it is a week later and hoping for the same snow we had last year for the 35th! Registration is open until November 1st - so let's shoot for 300!

Sun Peaks, January 11-18, 2020: Sun Peaks is just over 100 and the second payment is coming due - October 1st. There is currently (4) king rooms, (2) double queens, and 1 female spot available.

Registration for both trips is online at: www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips.

Spain, March 14-28, 2020: Spain is also doing well. As of last week Holiday had registrations/deposits in hand for 68 participants. Please keep selling the trip as Sean has informed me that cut for air and lodging is December 1st. We requested initial deposits by August 30th, but will continue to take registrations until December 1. The second payment of \$500 per person is due October 31st.

The 2021 Ski Week will be to Telluride!

Lisa Beregi
CSC Trip Chair
trips@crecentskicouncil.org

CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

2019 Fall Conference – October 18 – 20, 2019
ALL CONFERENCE ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER!

NEW TO FALL CONFERENCE: GOLF!

Play a Round of Golf on Friday morning, October 18 in the beautiful Smoky Mountains! Only 12 spots, so first come, first served. Details:

Location: Gatlinburg Country Club, 520 Dollywood Ln, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863, only about 9 miles away from the Glenstone Lodge. You will need to allow 30 minutes or more to account for traffic driving there.
Website: <https://www.gatlinburg.com/to-do/attractions/outdoors/outdoor-activities/golf/>

Rates: \$65/player, including taxes. Seniors & veterans play for \$60/player, including taxes.

Carts included.

Tee Times: 9:30 am, 9:40 am, and 9:50 am for 3 foursomes.

Make out your checks to the Crescent Ski Council and denote on your registration form or email me at kolsmithma@gmail.com the tee time you desire and that you are wanting to play golf. Remember, first come, first served. Mail your check for payment to me at the address below.

Deadlines are looming. Registrations have been very slow in coming in, so get moving.

September 19, 2019 is coming up fast and is the DEADLINE for making your hotel reservations at the Glenstone. Make your own reservations one of two ways:

- 1) Online by copying and pasting the following address into your browser: https://www.bookonthenet.net/east/premium/eresmain.aspx?id=QsJdsMuAsGMp9MfJ05JDcnluasqVW25%2fjliPiBr227Y%3d&arrival_date=2019-10-17&stay_nights=3&adults=2&promo_code=CRESCENT19#/rates

OR

- 2) Call 800-362-9522, press 1 – say you are with the Crescent Ski Council Conference (Crescent19) to get the special room rate. Rooms can have a king bed or two queen beds. You can stay from Tuesday, October 15 (check-in day) - Wednesday, October 23 (check-out day) at the same low rate to enjoy Gatlinburg and the Smokies more.)

September 20, 2019 is the deadline to sign up for the Conference. Please note this year you **MUST** register and pay the registration fee of \$25/person. This includes your entry to the Trade Show and Reception events on Saturday.

Make checks payable to **Crescent Ski Council** & send payment and registration forms to:

Mary Anne Koltowich
Address: 1733 James Ferry Rd.
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Mary Anne Koltowich
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Michelle Shuford
CSC Convention Chair
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RACING (Rich Mead)

The final days of summer are here and it's time to plan your racing season. The Crescent Race Series schedule was sent out to Race Directors 2 weeks ago and is available on the Crescent website. This is also a great time to start shopping for new equipment for the coming season. Again this year, Point 6 Sock Company is donating one pair of Point 6 socks to each Steamboat ski/race camp participant. (You're going, aren't you?) In addition, they are offering a 25% discount to ALL Crescent Ski Council members and their friends. Use the code "CSC" and receive a 25% discount off internet orders at www.point6.com. Free shipping is offered on all internet orders over \$50. 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 people reported from other wool socks. And Point6 now offers base layers, too.

Rich Mead
CSC Race Director
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SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

Crescent is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Tag us @crescentski on any of your posts. Crescent Racing (@Crescentskiracing) is also on Facebook. We regularly post information and updates from resorts and report ski industry news from all over the country. Snow is starting to fall in Canada and at some of the resorts in the higher elevations. The season looks like it's off to a good, early start. We'll keep following the snow and let you know where it's falling. We're also trying to keep up with the additions to the Ikon and Epic Passes. They keep adding resorts regularly and it's difficult to keep up with the latest on the Passes, but we'll add updates as soon as we see them.. If you haven't gotten your pass yet, time is running out. Prices go up the beginning of September. With all the resorts that have been

added, including Zermatt Resort in Switzerland recently, having an Epic or Ikon Pass (or both) will work for just about everywhere now. The Clubs are scheduling their trips with the passes in mind. Check our updates on the Council's Facebook page.

Reminder, Crescent also can help you sell your Club's trips and events. As you start selling your trips for the 2019/20 season, we'd be happy to promote your trips to the other Clubs' members. If you have a trip you're trying to fill or an event that you'd like to promote to the other Clubs, please send me an email with the trip information, and we'll list the trip or event on Crescent's Facebook page and help you fill any open spots from the Crescent Club members.

Any questions, ideas or suggestions regarding Social Media, please contact Pat Harvey at crescentpastpres@gmail.com. Keep spreading the word on Crescent's Social Media pages to your Club members and friends.

CRESCENT 50TH ANNIVERSARY, 2019

Crescent Ski Council was initially formed in February 1969 and we will continue to celebrate Crescent's Golden Anniversary at the Fall Conference in October and on the Steamboat Ski, Ride & Race Camp in December. These will be on a smaller scale than at the Spring Convention but we will keep our celebration going throughout the rest of 2019!!

Pat Harvey
Past President, Social Media Chair
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NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION

I will be leaving Wednesday (weather permitting) to attend the NSCF meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. I appreciate your support of me to attend this meeting. During the conference, new information about the ski industry is shared as well as networking with ski Council/Club representatives throughout the country. Be sure to have a representative attend the Administrative meeting, as all this information will be shared/presented during this time.

Crescent is a Charter Member of the **National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)**. There are 29 Member Councils in NSCF across the USA. As a member of Crescent Ski Council, you are also a member of the **NSCF**. Lisa Beregi, CSC Trips Committee Chair, is the current President of NSCF. Pat Harvey, CSC Past President, is NSCF's Social Media Chair and Margaret Crum is the Eastern Council Regional Representative. NSCF has some excellent benefits and discounts and more are being added regularly. 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 Club members so they too can take advantage of the many benefits that are available to all of you through NSCF.

Make sure also to like and follow the National Ski Council Federation on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Spread the word on NSCF's Social Media pages to your Club members. Tag NSCF @natlskifed and spread the word on the Federation and its Facebook pages.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Please share the monthly President's Updates with your members, include them in your Club newsletters and/or place them on your Club's web site. Let's keep our communication going to our members so they

can be informed! If you don't publish a newsletter, direct your members to Crescent's website, www.crescentcouncil.org. The CSC President's Updates are posted on the website monthly. If your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, please add me to your e-list and also be sure to send them to Pat Harvey, Social Media Chair.

Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the **BEST** Council in the country! New volunteers are always welcome! 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.

May you and your family enjoy the remainder of the Labor Day Holiday.

Diane

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