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Greetings Fellow KSC Members!

WOW! Is it really the 27th of March already? I guess the time does fly, especially when one spends about two weeks out of the month ill with the flu.

Yep, Flumagedon 2018 made a visit to the Avsec household this year despite both me and Mrs. Avsec having received our annual flu vaccine in early October as we’ve done annually for the past 30+ years. She came down with it first on Sunday March 11th and despite wearing a surgical mask around the house and using copious amounts of Lysol spray and disinfecting wipes I fell victim to the virus on Thursday of that week.

And I was supposed to leave for the Killington Ski Trip on Saturday with Doug Ackerman and Kelley Endres. Well that didn’t happen. Fortunately, Bob Galloway was able to take my spot at the last minute (See his comments later in this update).

We’re both over the flu at this time, but the energy levels are still “way depleted”. Thank goodness for getting our flu shots (which the docs say helps reduce the severity if you do get the flu) and Tamiflu!

Don’t Forget our next General Membership Meeting at The Olive Tree Café in South Charleston on April 4th, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring a potential new member and let them see what they’re missing by not being a member!

The April Meeting is also our last regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting for 2017-2018, and as such, it’s also the time when we fill positions on the Board of Directors for the coming year. If you want to be considered for one of the three slots coming open this year, please contact any of the current Board members (Gene Teaney, Bob Galloway, Martha Endres, Tom Connelly, Bob Wright, Joe Carney, or me) ASAP.

I know we’re a small club, and most of you who have been with the club for any length of time, have likely served on the Board previously (Perhaps multiple times). So, please consider taking another turn on the Board or actively encourage a newer member to “put their name in the hat”.

Activities

From Tom Connelly, Board Member and Activities Director, here’s a brief run-down of the ski/snowboard activities. Tom asks that you start sending him thoughts and ideas non-skiing/snowboarding activities now that Spring is in the air (Though it looks like folks will be skiing and snowboarding at Snowshoe into April!).

Ski Trips

Crescent Ski Council’s Killington Trip

“I had to scramble to clear my schedule (less than 24 hours to departure) but it was worth it. Locals said it was best week of the season. We had a great time as you may be able to tell from the



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photos.”—Bob Galloway, KSC Board Member, and last-minute addition to the KSC contingent that took the Crescent Ski Council’s Killington (Vt.) Ski Trip. Bob, Doug, and Kelley were joined by KSC “long distance member”, Ed Weis, on the trip from March 18th-23rd.

From Lisa Beregi, CSC Trips Chairperson

So as this ski season is winding down, it is already time to be thinking about next year!

First - as many of you probably saw, **Crested Butte** has joined the Epic Pass. Yes, with **CB being Crescent's 50th Anniversary January 2019 Ski Week**, the pricing just got even better than the low price it was!!! See below information from Sara at Sports America how buying your Epic Pass from SAT also gets you money off your ski trip with them!

The **Epic Local Pass** will now include 7 days at Crested Butte. For the best value guests should buy their pass from Sports America at www.sportsamerica.com/epic-crescent

By purchasing at that site they'll receive \$30 off their first trip booked with us (Sports America Tours) for next season. If they purchase a FULL epic pass it's a \$50 credit! Questions, contact Sara Clemons, Special Groups Manager, Sports America Tours, at 800-876-8551, ext. 125, or email sara@sportsamerica.com.

I am sending this out now, so those of you interested in buying the Epic Pass at best rates can do so before Spring Convention - and then when you/your members book their Ski Week they will get the extra off the trip.

The IKON Pass is also on sale and includes Steamboat. Sara will confirm the details when they're finalized as to how to purchase the IKON Pass. By purchasing at the site that Sara will send out soon, trip participants will receive \$30 off their first trip booked with SAT for next season. If they purchase a FULL epic pass it's a \$50 credit!

Speaking of Future Ski Trips...

Tom Connelly and I will be representing KSC and its interests at the CSC Spring Convention, April 27-29. Are you going to Crested Butte for CSC's 50th Anniversary January Ski Week? Please let us know so that we can attend the conference with a solid number for how many KSC members will be taking the trip. Send us an e-mail with “Heck Yes, I’m Going to Crested Butte!” in the subject line to our e-mail address, kanawhaskiclub@gmail.com

What are your thoughts and ideas for CSC ski/snowboard trip destinations in January 2020 and March 2020? (Man, did I just type the year 2020 twice?). At the CSC Fall Conference (October 2017), CSC reps deferred voting on whether to go to Spain in March 2020 until the Spring Convention (When we would have a formal presentation from Holidayze Travel). If you're interested in skiing/snowboarding in Spain in March 2020, please let Tom and I know before we



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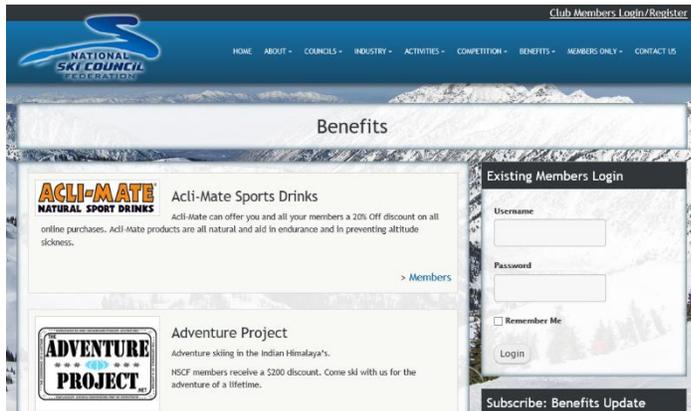


head to the Convention in April. Send us an e-mail with "Si! I'd like to ski/snowboard in Spain!" in the subject line to our e-mail address, kanawhaskiclub@gmail.com

Stuff Included with this President's Update

Below you will find I've included the following documents:

- Sponsor Sheets for those companies that support the CSC Racing Program--as well as CSC in general--throughout the year.



Did you know? The Crescent Ski Council CSC is a member council for the National Ski Council Federation (NSCF). And since KSC is a member club in the CSC, that means that all KSC members in good standing can register on the NSCF website as a member. When you do, you have access to all sorts of really cool information about trips being run other clubs and councils, ski-related posts and articles, and...Member Benefits! Currently there are over 60 companies that offer discount benefits to NSCF members. Sign up today at, <http://skifederation.org>

Social media gives each of us a tool to become a "KSC Ambassador"!

Here are some tips to help you in developing your "Ambassador" (and recruiter) skills:

- Get on social media (if you're not already there). If you haven't already done so, go to the **KSC Facebook Page** (<https://www.facebook.com/KanawhaSkiClub/>) and give it a "Like". Then invite your Facebook Friends to "Like" the Page as well. (Over on the left side of the page you'll see a link labeled "Invite friends to Like this page").
- Share posts and activities from the **KSC Facebook Page** with your Friends on Facebook.
- Follow KSC on Twitter @KanawhaSkiClub. Share Club updates from both Twitter and Facebook with your Twitter followers.

One of the many challenges that any club's Board of Directors faces, and ours is no different, is getting input and assistance from its membership in completing the tasks necessary for making the club successful and vibrant for its members.

I'm asking each of you to make a commitment this year to provide that input and assistance to one (or more) of these folks for one event or activity for the Club:

- Bob Wright, VP for Administrative Affairs, (Like helping to keep the KSC website current)
- Gene Teaney, Treasurer (Selling 50/50 tickets at meetings)
- Joe Carney, Secretary
- Tom Connelly, Activities Director
- Martha Endres, Director for Membership (Recruiting new members)
- Bob Galloway, Director for Meetings and Special Events



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- “Talk up” the Kanawha Ski Club with people in other organizations or clubs you participate in. Every member of KSC is a “recruiter”!

Job Opening!

If you enjoy using Facebook and/or Twitter, your club could sure use your talents—And enthusiasm! I’m looking for someone who can help keep our Facebook Page and Twitter account “humming” with new content posted at least daily.

There’s lots of stuff that’s available for sharing on the Crescent Ski Council Facebook Page, the National Federation of Ski Councils, the Facebook Pages of our sibling clubs in Crescent and more.

If you’re interested, contact me via e-mail at, kanawhaskiclub@gmail.com, and I’ll be more than happy to get you set up with account access and training to get you off on the right foot!

Best wishes,

Robert

Robert Avsec

KSC President, 2017-2018 Ski/Snowboard Year



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CSC RACE SERIES SPONSORS OF THE MONTH

The following businesses have donated merchandise and/or certificates to the Crescent Ski Council. Their merchandise and certificates will be used as prizes to the top three finishers in each flight of the CSC Race Series. Please support these establishments and product lines at every possible opportunity.

