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## **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!**

**June 2020**

I believe most of us thought things would be more “normal” by now, but they are not and will not be for some time. While guidelines have been relaxed for most areas, we are still in the midst of challenging times. Not knowing if the precautions we are taking are truly adequate – for ourselves and for those people who come into our “space”. Is dining “in” really safe – especially when the service staff wear their masks on their chins? What about flying? What about transportation to and from airports to ski destinations? What about gatherings of large groups for welcome receptions and dinners? These questions and others are on our minds as we plan our club trips. Crescent Ski Council has decided to cautiously move forward. In her Trips update, Lisa shares the take away from the May 13 virtual meeting the National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) held to allow the industry representatives to exchange information with council members. Participants, which also included tour operators, and resort and property managers, discussed spacing guidelines, airline policies, and COVID-19 policies related to their resorts to help strengthen club operations. At this time, we feel confident that resorts will follow CDC & WHO recommendations for their areas to keep us as healthy and safe as possible.

While ski areas have been closed, some took advantage of the “downtime” to make improvements. One of our local mountains, Beech Mountain, is one ski area that took this opportunity to make improvements. They expanded the area around Lift 5 to improve traffic flow. You can see a bit of the work in progress here: <https://twitter.com/BeechMtnResort/status/1255957691622621201>. As restrictions are easing, many resorts are reopening – some with snow and some with their summer schedules, but all with special social distancing guidelines. Some western resorts that have opened are Timberline, Mt. Bachelor, A-Basin, Sundance, Mt. Baldy, Tamarack Resort, and Snow King, Wyoming. Of note is **Ober Gatlinburg**, which reopened its Aerial Tramway and mountain activities on May 22. The tramway has been retrofitted with spacing barriers to encourage social distancing, hand sanitizer will be provided at high touch points, and food service and janitorial staff will be required to wear masks.

The BOD elected officers for the 2020/21 season at their May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thank you for electing me to serve as your president for another year. I look forward to working with all of you to help continue to make our Council such a great organization. See Pat's past president information to learn more about these results. Marge Lafferty, our outgoing Treasurer has prepared her final budget for CSC. I appreciate all of Marge's work during her tenure and wish her well as explores travel opportunities. At this time, I would like to introduce Crescent's new Treasurer to you: Ellen Cortright. Ellen has been a member of Palmetto Ski & Outing Club (PSOC) since 1985, and is a familiar face (along with her husband) on the skiing and racing circuits. Her education includes a B.A. in Accounting. Ellen has worked in the accounting field since 1980 and recently retired as an accounting manager from a multi-million dollar manufacturing facility. Ellen has attended the ExComm meetings since March. She and Marge have met and successfully transferred all treasurer-related items and business, to Ellen. Make sure to welcome Ellen when you see her.

Please share this Update with your members, include it in your Club's newsletters and/or place 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. Let's keep communications going to our members so they can be informed! Please add me to your e-list if your Club sends electronic newsletters and emails to your members, and also be sure to send them to Pat Harvey, Social Media Chair. 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. Keep the ideas coming to keep Crescent the **BEST** Council in the country!

### **TREASURER (Marge Lafferty)**

I hope everyone is staying safe and still finding a way to enjoy life through these trying times. I know many, including myself had travel plans that were cancelled due to the virus, just hope it's all over soon. We were not able to have the Spring convention this year, however the EXCOMM did have several zoom meetings and held a zoom BOD meeting on May 16th. So even though we were in lock down we continued to work for you. As the month ends so does my term of the EXCOMM treasurer. I served as your treasurer for 2 years and decided it was time to move on and travel a bit more. Of course that decision was made before I realized I'd be quarantined for awhile! Ellen Cortright from Palmetto Ski and Outing Club stepped up to run and was elected to be the new treasure effective June 1st. Most of you know Ellen and her husband Devon from their years of skiing/racing. Please join me in welcoming Ellen aboard, she'll do a terrific job. I had the pleasure of working with the EXCOMM and getting to know many of the Crescent members, and many members I look forward to getting to know better. Hope to see many of you on upcoming trips, conferences and events.

Marge Lafferty

Treasurer

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### **PAST PRESIDENT (Pat Harvey)**

Elections of officers for 2020/21 were held via email May 6-8. Congratulations to Diane Andrews, President, Mary Anne Koltowich, Vice President, Sandy McQuain, Secretary, and Ellen Cortright, Treasurer, on being re-elected. Committee Chairs were approved during the BOD meeting: Lisa Beregi, Trips, Rich Mead, Racing, Michelle Shuford, Conventions, and Ken Lumden, Member Services.

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### **CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)**

The National Ski Council Federation had a call with its councils on May 2nd to discuss what they have done for conducting business, holding meetings and trips for next ski season. We also asked them what questions they had for the Industry. May 13th we had a second call with the Industry and councils where industry answered the questions. As soon as the notes from that call are available I will let you know by either forwarding them, or directing you to where you can find them posted. The take home was: plan for the future "as normal" and as the trip gets closer, details (final numbers, events) can be adjusted and dealt with. Right now all resorts will be adhering to government (state, local and national) regulations at the time of your trip. In the meantime, go ahead and plan with your tour operators/resorts as good group rates, cancellation and attrition policies are being offered. Don't hesitate to go back and renegotiate your current contracts for next season. Ask - if you don't ask you'll never know, and if you do the worst answer is no - but they want you to ask. Lastly, be patient as with layoffs, furloughs, etc., the industry is working (or not) with limited people so it may take longer to get answers than you are used to.

#### **Steamboat Race and Learn to Ski Camp - December 5-12, 2020**

Information has been sent to club trip leaders. We decreased our anticipated numbers (although we can still do the 318 we had last year) so we proportionally decreased the early bird numbers. This means there are only 52 and not 72 early bird spots this year. All registrations will be online through SAT and start June 15th. As we noted on the flyer, all activities are being planned as normal, but come fall if they have to be canceled we will adjust final payments accordingly.

#### **Telluride - CSC January Ski Week - January 16-23, 2021**

We are in the final stages of pricing and putting the trip information together. This should be ready and out to clubs by next week. We will be offering standard 2 bedroom condos (on the mountain and in town) and standard hotel rooms (in town) in the package with upgrades on request. As with Steamboat, all events are still included, but subject to regulations when we travel. We are renegotiating the contract but do not want to delay any longer getting info out, so hopefully the price will come down a little. We will also have a power point presentation for you to share with your members.

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## **CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)**

### **CSC 2020 Fall Conference – Save the Date!**

Save the dates and make plans for attending the upcoming 2020 CSC Fall Conference, again at the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg, TN. The dates are October 16-18, 2020.

Your room rate is \$96 + taxes. All the information and registration information is in the attached package. We are working on alternate plans to accommodate COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and guidelines, such as possibly conducting the Trade Show via video conference and using social distancing in the meeting rooms. Tennessee has now opened up restaurants (with 6' distancing between tables), other public places, and attractions. We'll see how it goes. As of now, the rate of new COVID cases is decreasing with 55% having recovered. We will stay in touch with you and make alternate plans as situations arise. Since we did not enjoy our time at the beach due to the canceled Spring Convention, we can make up that time this fall. A new policy for registration is that those that sign up late after the published deadlines are at risk of being refused due to space availability, plus it can result in late fees being assessed to your club. It is important to register on time as food orders are finalized 30 days out. Please have patience during this process and stay tuned. We would all love to have a great time in the beautiful Smoky Mountains and finally see each other.

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## **RACING (Rich Mead)**

As states begin easing Covid-19 restrictions, there's good news for summer race camps!

The state of Oregon allowed Timberline ski area to open on May 15. Race camps will commence June 1. However, overnight camps are currently prohibited so all attendees will be on their own for lodging and transportation to the daily training sessions. This restriction may be lifted by July 1 as the pandemic subsides. Peak Performance Race Camps are scheduled for July 1-11 and July 12-18. <https://peakperformancecamp.com/>. These sessions book-end the USSA Booster Strap Summer Fun Nationals Race, July 10-12. <http://summerfunnationals.com/>. Ligety Weibrecht Race Camps are scheduled for: Session 1 - June 16-20, Session 2 - June 22-26, Session 3 - June 28-July 2, and Session 4 - July 4-8. Email or call Miguel Azcarate at (716) 378-7509, [ski@ligetyweibrecht.com](mailto:ski@ligetyweibrecht.com). An Adult Camp session is June 26-28, <https://adlskiclub.com/>.

Asheville Ski & Outing Club's race camp is fully booked and on hold pending pandemic regulations and procedures. Closer to home, Sugar Mountain opened Memorial Day Weekend, May 22-25, to kick off its summer season of mountain biking. Beginning July 3, the mountain will be open Fridays through Sundays. Full details on pricing, rentals, food and upcoming special events are at <http://www.skisugar.com/>

Stay safe and stay in shape. If the abundant precipitation persists and cold temperatures follow, we are going to have an AWESOME 2020-21 season!

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## **MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)**

Please continue to provide updated club officer and rep information to Bruce McMurray ([database@crecentskicouncil.org](mailto:database@crecentskicouncil.org)). Sue Chadwick ([webmaster@crecentskicouncil.org](mailto:webmaster@crecentskicouncil.org)) still seeks help with potential modernizing of the Crescent web site. Contact Sue if you can help.

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## **SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)**

Crescent is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Tag us @crecentski on any of your posts. Crescent Racing (@Crescentskiracing) is also on Facebook. As you know, due to the coronavirus, ski resorts around the world have closed. We will continue to monitor the ski industry news and update our social media pages.

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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## **NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION**

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**. NSCF has some excellent benefits and discounts and more are being added regularly. Please visit the website, [www.skifederation.org](http://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.

The National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) meeting remains scheduled in August in Telluride, CO. The Federation Officers (Lisa Beregi is President) have planned a group call on June 8th to see what the travel status is and then make a decision whether or not to cancel.

Hopefully, we'll physically see everyone in October! Please stay safe and healthy, and continue praying for each other, our country, and world.

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