



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!

September 2020

To hold Fall Conference or not to hold Fall Conference? It was a difficult decision to make, as we really were hoping to be able to come together. We miss seeing all of you! But make it we did – based on three main things: Gatlinburg continuing to be a Covid-19 hotspot, having only one registration from CSC, and vendors still either remaining on furlough or not having travel budgets. In last month's President's Update, I asked that you keep the Fall Conference dates open. During a meeting of ExComm, we realized that since we were not going to be together in Gatlinburg, we did not necessarily have to hold our meetings over a weekend. I have sent an email to the Club Presidents and Representatives asking your preference for keeping the BOD meeting on Sunday, October 18, or having it during the week(s) following the original scheduled date of the 18th. Once the deadline to email your response has passed, I'll let you know the date of the meeting. ExComm also decided to cancel the Administrative/Education meeting mainly due to NSCF being canceled. The Chairs for the Trips and Racing Committees will also poll their members to see when they want to meet.

Ski resorts are planning their opening seasons now. Vail Resorts announced in SKI Magazine how they plan to operate its 34 North American ski resorts amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic this winter. Vail's resorts are scheduled to begin opening with Keystone on November 6th through December 19th with some of their Midwest resorts. The company plans to limit the number of skiers on any given day by using a reservation system that prioritizes season passholders. Passholders can reserve their ski days (up to 7 of them) beginning Nov. 6th. According to Sara Clemens with SAT, Vail Resorts have not decided/declared where/if group lift orders will be prioritized, or how guests relying on group lift tickets will reserve their ski days. In theory, if the trip was over a popular set of dates and passholders made enough reservations to hit that resort's safety capacity then those with group lift tickets would not get access. This is not very reassuring! SAT is advising anyone traveling to a Vail destination to purchase an EPIC product prior to Sept. 17th for the best pricing. In MANY cases the Epic Day Passes are actually a better price than the group lift tickets anyway. Remember - you can buy passes from SAT at www.sportsamerica.com/epic-crescent. For more information about Vail Resorts and their reservation process, go to: <https://www.skimag.com/news/vail-resorts-announces-2020-21-winter-operation-plans?utmmedium=email&hsmi=94074618&hsenc=p2ANqtz--9DS2PmsYsqGhCovuQOz9sRckfpyHWg5dAxAuDGtoPdqqbBloufu5vqk5rqldHKlslp6VgtCSd12y0I3JczaxMikMs-Gg&utmcontent=94074618&utmsource=hsemail&fbclid=IwAR10H-tuLPR94T7Byr09poYUtD8hISgMGpwizlrd-F35WljevEDlj5YYio>

Alterra Partners IKON Adventure Assurance provides two options in case of cancellations due to COVID-19 – Option 1 is the default and no action is needed on your part unless you desire to change to Option 2. Option 1 is for all destinations and Option 2 is for a single destination. You can read about these options with scenarios here: [https://www.ikonpass.com/en/adventure-assurance?%20utmsource=IBM&utmmedium=%20email&utmcampaign=2021IKNew2021Passholders-FinalVersionMonthly%20Stoke%20\(1\)&utm%20content=AdventureAssuranceText&eml-publisher=Strategie&eml-name=2021IKNew2021%20Passholders-Final%20VersionMonthly%20Stoke%20\(1\)&uid=&eurl=AdventureAssuranceText&sp%20MailingID=5939123&spUserID=MjUwNDkyMjcwMzYwS0&spJobID=1081907113&spReportId=MTA4MTkwNzExMwS2#AA-examples](https://www.ikonpass.com/en/adventure-assurance?%20utmsource=IBM&utmmedium=%20email&utmcampaign=2021IKNew2021Passholders-FinalVersionMonthly%20Stoke%20(1)&utm%20content=AdventureAssuranceText&eml-publisher=Strategie&eml-name=2021IKNew2021%20Passholders-Final%20VersionMonthly%20Stoke%20(1)&uid=&eurl=AdventureAssuranceText&sp%20MailingID=5939123&spUserID=MjUwNDkyMjcwMzYwS0&spJobID=1081907113&spReportId=MTA4MTkwNzExMwS2#AA-examples)

For those Clubs planning trips for the 2020/21 season, be sure to ask your Tour Operators how these guidelines and any required resort reservations impact your group.

On a lighter and historical note, do you know what country was the first to design and build a ski lift? Did you guess (or know) the USA? The July 27 edition of Snow Brains reports the world's first chairlift was built in Sun

Valley, Idaho in the fall of 1936. The first two lifts were located on Sun Valley's Dollar and Proctor mountains. James Curran, a bridge engineer with the Union Pacific Railroad Company, designed the first plans for the ski lift after conveyor belts that were used to load bananas on cargo ships in Central America. Curran's previous work making conveyor systems that ran at a continuous flow and loaded bananas on ships in Honduras inspired his design for a machine that could carry people up a mountain and drop them off on top. Averell Harriman, the president of Union Pacific, asked Curran and his team to come up with a system that could carry skiers uphill, Curran thought about replacing the banana hooks with chairs. The popularity of the third Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, NY in 1932 helped spur Union Pacific and Harriman to develop a winter destination resort at Sun Valley in an effort to get people to ride the train and take up skiing. James Curran was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 2001.

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. 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. Additionally, Crescent loves new volunteers - you are always welcome to join us! 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!

PAST PRESIDENT (Pat Harvey)

Elections for officers for the 2021/22 season will be held at the Spring Convention in April 2021. Although it's early, we'd like all of you to start thinking about running for office for the 2021/22 year. Our current Secretary, Sandy McQuain, has been in that position for several years and has advised she doesn't plan to continue after this year so we will be needing a new Secretary. If you are interested in any of the Officer spots or would like to know more, please let me know.

SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

Updates to ski areas for the upcoming season continue to come in and we're posting as we see them. Summer activities, of course with limitations, have been happening and the resorts have been announcing their plans on opening the resorts safely this season. Crescent and Club Trips are planned and we're optimistic they will be a go.

Reminder to the Clubs, as you start to plan your trips for the 2020/21 season, and need any promotion or help selling your trips, let Sue Chadwick and myself know and we'll post to the Council's website and social media pages. If you have any articles of interest for trips for the coming season, let me know. The more information we have at this challenging time, the better to keep our Clubs as up to date as we can.

Crescent is 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)

I hope that as summer is nearing its end you are thinking about the upcoming ski season. As strange as it will be, and what it will be like still to be seen, it appears that many are planning to get out on the snow. Don't

forget to remind your members about the club trip list on the website if they are looking for additional /other places to ski or dates you are not offering.

With Fall Conference in-person cancelled, I will be polling the Trip Leaders about a day to host a virtual Trip Meeting in October.

Spain 2020 refunds/credits have been finalized. Holiday has been informed that one vendor will not be able to return the funds until November, so they will be sending all but that portion to participants the first week of September.

Steamboat 2020 - We currently have 135 participants signed up. I will be setting up a virtual meeting for all signed up participants or anyone trying to decide if they want to go before the registration deadline with SAT and the resort. It will be an informational meeting so they can tell you about the current situation and plans for safety during the trip, what to expect, and answer questions (if they can). This is to help people be informed and hopefully feel better about going on a trip (or not).

Telluride 2021 - We currently have 81 participants signed up. We will do the same as with Steamboat and have an informational call set up with SAT and the resort.

Looking to a brighter future, the RFPs for 2022 went out this week to eligible Tour Operators. The short list for the 2022 Ski Week is Deer Valley/Zermatt Resort and Sun Valley.

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CONVENTIONS (Michelle Shuford)

So the "new normal" continues to plague us with regards to meeting in person as we decide when we want to hold our Fall Conference meetings...Trips, Racing, & the BOD. As we move forward with the "new normal", keep the 2021 Spring Convention dates on your calendar for April 22-25th. We have been in touch with Kingston Plantation and as of now, they have policies in place to provide us with safe and clean meeting spaces, so we are planning to move forward with an "in-person" convention at this time. I'd like to share the note that Robin Kociski, our Event Manager sent:

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the Spring 2021 Crescent Ski Council Convention. I wanted to recap our conversation today so that you can share with your committee members.

Throughout this very fluid situation, we continue to follow the mandates of our (SC) Governor and CDC regulations. The Hotel is currently able to hold your event per the (SC) Governor and CDC Regulations which currently states that we can hold events up to 250 guests. We currently have socially distancing guidelines in place as well as Hilton CleanStay and EventReady standards. I have attached those standards for you. Please feel free to share these with your vendors and ski clubs.

As we discussed, our CleanStay Standards do apply to the Kingston Plantation Condos and villas. The only difference is that due to HOA regulations we are not permitted to place the stickers on the guest room doors.

We have every intention of being flexible with you throughout this process. We understand that your attendance may be affected and we are prepared to work with you on your minimums and attrition should you fall below your room block and food & beverage performance.

I cannot stress enough the importance of our long standing partnership and the hotel's willingness to be flexible with your program.

Please let me know if there is anything else that I can assist with to ensure a successful convention.

Thank you,
Robin Kociski
Senior Event Manager

As for our 2021 Fall Conference, Mary Anne has secured a contract with Glenstone for Oct. 22-24th, so plan to vote on that in the BOD meeting.

Other than that...Let's continue to plan to ski this season! I mean, where else can you be outside ALL DAY with a mask and gloves on? AM I RIGHT!

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RACING (Rich Mead)

I have emailed all Race Directors and Race Workers asking them to poll their racers as to their interest in racing this coming season and soliciting ideas for how to conduct our races in light of the pandemic. Races will be subject to the operating procedures implemented by the ski areas. I will be contacting ski areas as the race season approaches to determine operating procedures. Snowshoe/SilverCreek has contacted Lisa Beregi and myself informing us of their decision not to host the Crescent Cup races, March 6, 2021, due to their planned pandemic operations.

I will finalize a date and time for the Fall Race Directors and Race Workers meetings to be held virtually. Meetings will be held in September or early October, prior to the originally scheduled Gatlinburg conference.

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MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)

If your Club has held elections recently, please make sure to send your updates to Bruce McMurray, Database Coordinator, at database@crescentcouncil.org, as well as a copy to me. 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).

Sue Chadwick (webmaster@crescentcouncil.org) still seeks help with potential modernizing of the Crescent web site. Contact Sue if you can help. In addition, Sue can help you with promoting your trips or events on Crescent's website!

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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 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) business meeting was held via ZOOM on August 22nd. The NSCF meeting for 2021 is scheduled to be held in Telluride

Please stay safe and healthy, and continue praying for each other, our country, and world.

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