



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – PLEASE SHARE!

September 2021

It is with mixed emotions and sadness that I report the cancellation of our Fall Conference in Gatlinburg as you'll read about in Mary Anne's report. While voting is open until September 2, there is currently a majority vote as 18 of our 19 Clubs and 26 representatives have voted to cancel our Fall Conference (one representative voted to have the Conference). Sadly, but wisely, cancellations within our council as well as in our communities seem to be a trend again, as I have read that some of our Clubs have suspended activities and/or cancelled gatherings and meetings, even while knowing all their members are vaccinated. I had high hopes of seeing all of you in Gatlinburg, but this nasty Covid upsurge has many of us changing our plans. We want to make sure our members are as safe from exposure as possible so we can enjoy each other's company and see each other – in person - soon!

Our country has been experiencing some severe weather events – from flooding due to Tropical Storm Fred in North Carolina and Tennessee, to fires in the West – now the Sierra-at-Tahoe ski resort and South Lake Tahoe areas, to Ida making landfall Sunday in Louisiana as a Category 4 Hurricane, where more than a million people are without power. The Village of Sugar Mountain had some devastating impacts from flooding August 18, particularly along NC 184/Tynecastle Highway near the Alpine Coaster (see picture on left below). Out west, the Kirkwood area has been evacuated and more than 22,000 evacuations were ordered yesterday around the Tahoe Basin as the Caldor fires threatened surrounding towns (see picture on right below). This fire is only 13% contained and has destroyed more than 470 homes and structures and burned over 168,387 acres. It is currently headed to Heavenly and the situation does not look good. I found it interesting to learn that ski areas become staging areas for first responders when fires burn nearby. In the August Ski Area Magazine, Michael Reitzell, president of Ski California stated the parking, resources, and even snowmaking infrastructure present in ski resorts can often all be utilized in firefighting efforts. He added that Ski resorts generally serve as fire breaks because they are not densely forested and have parking or other non-fuel areas. I hope all of our members and our friends in any of these areas are ok. Please let us know if you've been affected and how we may help.



The National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) met via Zoom August 21. Both Diane and Mary Anne attended this meeting. Be sure to read about the newly elected officers and the use of Groupons from this meeting under the NSCF heading toward the end of this update. Additional information from the meeting will be shared later.

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 attend a meeting and/or run for office. Remember – everyone is welcome to attend any of Crescent's meetings.

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)

On September 1 all Crescent Dues Invoice templates will be distributed to the President and Treasurer of each club. Instructions for completing the invoice are included with that email distribution. All dues payments should be remitted to arrive on or before November 1.

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CONVENTIONS (Cathie Mulgrew)

2021 Crescent Fall Conference Update – Canceled, to Be Replaced with Virtual Meetings

It is with deep regret that we have had to make the decision to cancel our upcoming CSC Fall Conference in Gatlinburg. This decision was made by the members of our BOD with an electronic vote. It is sad that once again we will not be able to see each other in person and enjoy good times together. Our in-person meetings will be replaced with virtual meetings on dates to be determined by ExComm in conjunction with committee members.

It is our hope that you all will take the precautions necessary to stay well and protect yourself and others by following CDC guidelines. This includes masking in indoor public spaces, outdoors when social distancing is not possible, good hygiene practices, staying away from others if you suspect you've been exposed to Covid, and above all, getting vaccinated. Following the CDC guidelines and encouraging others around you will definitely help in getting control of this virus and getting our lives back. It won't happen until we do.

Looking forward to seeing you all for the CSC 2022 Spring Convention.

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CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

As we sat at home in 2020, and 2021 has started another roller coaster ride, I am scratching my head and wondering how is it September?? It feels like summer just arrived, and now fall is a couple weeks away. Time to get the skis out and tuned and setting snow dance events in hopes of a more "normal" and trip filled season!

Steamboat Race and Learn to Ski/Ride Camp - This year's camp is filling up nicely! We are already over 210 registrants. Second payments were due August 1st and final payments, as well as end of registration is October 1st. You only have a month left to sign up - what are you waiting for?

Sun Valley January Ski Week - Registrations continue to come in and we are at about 85% full. Once we meet our pillow allocation, availability will be if the properties have more rooms to give us. Second payments are due October 1st.

RFPs went out for our 2023 Ski Week to the short list, Jackson Hole and Telluride. The bids are all in and the Bid Committee will be hard at work this month to pick the best proposals for you to vote on in October.

Don't forget to check out the website and see where all the clubs are going this season - there may be a trip that fits your needs!

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RACING (Rich Mead)

This past season Kerri Crawford assumed the duties for computer scoring the race results. During the transition she and I had numerous discussions regarding possible improvements to the scoring calculations. Over the summer Kerri has developed and tested four changes to the program to be presented and voted on during the Fall Race Directors Meeting. The four changes relate to 1) the number of pacesetters utilized, 2) handling low and negative handicaps, 3) Most Improved Racer (MIR) points calculations and 4) team scoring points. A big thank you to Kerri for working on these changes during the off season!!

It's sometimes hard to think about skiing and racing during the warm, off season months. As a reminder, registration for the 38th annual Steamboat Race/Ski/Ride Camp, Dec 4-11, 2021 is open. This early season Crescent trip is an excellent opportunity to tune up both your technique and tactics and make your 2021-22 race season a personal best. Additional information is available on the Crescent website and registration is online at <https://www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips.php>.

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SOCIAL MEDIA (Pat Harvey)

The countdowns to the start of the 2021/22 ski season are on. Keystone plans to open in late October. Whistler will be opening November 25 and we can now cross the border to Canada. And there has already been some sightings of snow. 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. Signups for Council and Club trips are going great. 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 we'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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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.

NSCF held elections in their August 21 meeting. Please join me in welcoming the following officers:

President – Cheryl Mann, Texas

VP – Michael Calderone, Metropolitan, New York

Secretary – Joe Harvis, Far West Ski Association (CA)

Treasurer – Linda Walker. Florida

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.

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer! Please have a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend!
Please stay safe and healthy, and continue praying for each other, our country, and world.

Diane

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