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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – August 2024
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Is Fall in the Air?



Summer will give way to fall in only a week. It is very dry here with no measurable rain for a long time. I kissed my garden goodbye a few weeks ago. We've been seeing a lot of deer around. The other night there were five of them sleeping in the front yard when we drove in.

Of Special Note: Cindy Pendley let us know the news that Wade Godfrey, long time PSOC member, former PSOC President and CSC President, has passed away. A memorial will be held locally – details will be forwarded when available.

Deadlines for Conference and hotel Registrations are coming due very soon for the 2024 Fall Conference in Gatlinburg, TN. Information has been sent via email to our Crescent club reps and club presidents and posted on the CSC website under the Conventions tab on how to register for the 2024 Fall Conference. Jennifer Emch, our Fall Conference Coordinator has planned a Meet & Greet new vendor and club member event for Friday night at the Park Vista up the street from the Glenstone. See the Conventions section by Jodi Stephens later in this newsletter.

There is some new information on trips from Lisa Beregi. Read that section later in this newsletter

Rich Mead provides us with news about Racing, including some upcoming performance ski camps.

NSCF News:

The NSCF August-September Newsbeat is in an attachment to this newsletter.

The NSCF 2024 Virtual Silent Auction begins October 1 and runs through November 1. There will be lots of excellent stuff to get for excellent prices. Bid on items you would like and get those Christmas presents for your friends and family.

NSCF has partnered with Grouper to offer a free program that pays your Ski Club members, age 65+, to stay active in your club. Please read the attachment to this newsletter providing all the details and information.

Help Needed: CSC Officer of Treasurer: We had our elections of officers at our Spring Convention Board meeting, and Ellen Cortright agreed to be nominated and stay on a temporary basis until a volunteer gets training from her. She has done an outstanding job these past few years in really getting our systems up-to-date. Please seriously consider stepping up and taking over this position. Crescent **CANNOT** operate with a Treasurer; the By-Laws prohibit any officer holding more than one position (and rightly so). You don't have to be a CPA to do this job, but some accounting skills are desirable. Crescent has over 2,000 members – surely there are some bodies out there more than capable. It is great to always learn new skills and have fun.

TREASURER (Ellen Cortright)

On September 1, the new year's Membership Dues invoices were transmitted to each club, Please make sure that Club Express has the current officers tied to your club. Invoice were sent via email to the President, Treasurer, and Membership Contact, and we want to make sure the correct people are getting the correct information. Follow-ups with specific clubs are in progress to obtain needed information/payments.

Depending on your Club's Membership year, this may be a great time to make sure your membership roster is updated. The only data required for the roster submitted for dues is the name of EACH member (this includes individuals in a family) and whether the member is a junior (age 17 and under) or Adult (18 and over). **All dues payments should be mailed in sufficient time to arrive before November 1.**

SECRETARY (Kerri Crawford)

All clubs are reminded to please send in changes to club officials (officers, committee chairs with names, positions held, email addresses, optional phone numbers, etc.) to Ken Lumsden at member.services@crecentskicouncil.org, Webmaster John Gardner johnrgardner@bellsouth.net, and Kerri Crawford at cscsecretary2021@gmail.com.

CONVENTIONS (Jodi Stephens)

2024 FALL CONVENTION

Time is running out!! Has your Club sent in the Registration Forms to attend the FALL CONFERENCE @ GATLINBURG! October 25-27? Jennifer Emch is the Fall Conference Coordinator, and all club registrations and payments need to be sent to her. Contact information is on the club registration form.

DEADLINES are approaching:

SEPT 24 Reservations/Cancellations @ Glenstone Lodge (Form 1 on website)

SEPT 24 Registration/Cancellations to Attend (Form 2 on website)

If you have had a problem with the website, please check again.

You must be registered for the Fall Conference to book in the reduced rate block of rooms.

FRIDAY EVENING MEET & GREET with the vendors at the Park Vista! From 5-7pm. Details are on the website. The Trolley picks up in front of Glenstone and returns through town to the Glenstone Lodge.

A reminder will be sent to the Presidents, Reps, & ExComm on September 17.

2025 SPRING CONVENTION

Plans are already underway for the 2025 Spring Convention. Dates are April 24-27, 2025.

NEEDED:

We need a 2025 Spring Convention Coordinator. If someone in your club is interested in working with this Committee, please contact Jodi Stephens, istephens0613@yahoo.com.

TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

STEAMBOAT 2024 - Currently 185 signed up!

December 7-14 Online registration opened June 1st - all details are available on the CSC website. Transfer, lift and air will be in addition to package price. IKON pass good unlimited days, IKON Base needs 6th day = \$80, 6 day Adult ticket = \$456. Transfer from Hayden = \$120 RT, Denver - \$215.

Lodging: Trappeurs Crossing 2, 3 and 4 bedroom condos are sold out. The Grand hotel or 2 bedroom condos as needed and with full occupancy requested.

All sign ups by August 1st will be in for a drawing to get lesson/lunch component free. This is a \$580 value.

Parking - one car per condo at Trappuers and tiered pricing at The Grand.

Package Price includes lodging, lessons, 3 lunches, 2 dinners and several apres: All condos at both properties \$1530, Grand hotel \$1630. Second payment of \$600 was due August 1st and final balance is due October 1st.

IKON PASS - Crescent Ski Council

Crescent Ski Council (or use your club link if have one) link. If you buy through these links, you get a deduct off your first trip with SAT. [Ikon Passes: Crescent Ski Council](#) Password is snow.

BIG SKY January CSC Ski Week - Currently 172 signed up!

January 18-25, 2025, all information is on the website, and we sold out! There is a growing waitlist right now, and we currently have 180 signed up! Since we have sold out and SAT is constantly trying to add more rooms unsuccessfully, we will offer off site lodging to anyone on the list or wanting to go that can find their own lodging. Price for offsite lodging (CSC activities and transfers) is \$420.

Transfers - from Bozeman included with registration stating what time you must arrive by and depart by to utilize, or will be on individual shuttles and prices.

Lift Options - September 1st for Ikon increase on passes

ALASKA 2025 Adventure Trip – 8 spots (4 rooms) left

May 13-25, 2025. A presentation of the trip was given by Collette June 5 and is on the website.

Online registration opened June 1st. Here is the electronic link to information on the trip as well as will be the registration site: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1242400>

We currently have 26 participants of the 40 double per room spots booked.

All CSC gateway cities are included in the price and will be an option on the registration. They are good until November 14th.

Due to flights into Fairbanks arriving very late at night, the package starts May 13th, and the extra night hotel is in the pricing.

Pricing may appear high, but it does include 6 nights land and 7 day Holland America cruise with 27 meals, cancel for any reason insurance (\$599), cruise port fees (\$684) and air with taxes and fees. Remember you are flying into Fairbanks and out of Vancouver. CSC is also planning that land tips will be covered.

We have 40 spots, so early registration is suggested to get desired cabin type and best air schedules.

Price: Inside cabin \$6146, Window \$6746, and balcony \$7346. Collette travelers in last year get 5% off.

A Vancouver post night hotel is offered on the registration for those desiring not to rush off the boat and onto a plane.

2026 SKI WEEK - Whitefish won the 2026 Ski Week.

2026 ADVENTURE TRIP - Bids have gone out to the Tour Operators for the 2026 Adventure Trip. Destinations to be considered are Australia/New Zealand and Portugal/Spain River Cruise.

RACING (Rich Mead)

Summer is quickly coming to an end, and it's time to think ski racing. Snow has already fallen in the Sierras, and several ski areas out West have announced opening dates. Locally, while not official, North Carolina areas target to open shortly before Thanksgiving, weather permitting. At the end of August, Ron Scott emailed the club Race Directors with information on three great race training opportunities starting in November. In case you missed receiving the information—

Peak Performance Ski Camps.

Peak Performance is a Crescent Race Program sponsor and offers high quality race coaching. Week long Fall camps at Copper Mountain start November 16 through December 13. Complete information is at <https://peakperformancecamp.com/fall-2022-camp/> (yes, that's the correct link, not a typo).

Crescent Ski Council Steamboat Race/ Ski/Board Camp, Dec 7-14.

Our 41st year should tell you this trip with a week of training and social events is a keeper.

Registration is filling quickly. Full details at

https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=395076&item_id=2288514&actr=3

Sugar Mountain Pre Season Ski Clinic, Dec 13-15. Closer to home, Sugar Mountain's program offers 1 to 3 days of training. Additional information at <https://skisugar.com/events/preseason-ski-clinic/>

MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)

Many of you clubs out there have had recent elections of your leadership team. All you clubs out there are reminded to please send in changes to club officials (officers, committee chairs, and board members with names, positions held, email addresses, optional phone numbers, etc.) to Ken Lumsden at member.services@crescentskicouncil.org, Webmaster John Gardner johnrgardner@bellsouth.net, and Kerri Crawford at cscsecretary2021@crescentskicouncil.com.

Social Media:

Still looking for help from our members to help on social media. Posting just takes a minute and would love to have a few people who like sharing stories, snow reports and adding to Facebook and Instagram.

Pat Harvey

Social Media Chair

Crescent Ski Council

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CLUB CORNER (By Our Clubs)

Check out our ClubExpress Club Corner! You out there send me your club's newsletters or emails so we can share more ideas and activities.

Huntsville Ski Club –

The club has 4 ski trips next season, including Jackson Hole (January 25 – February 1), Snowbasin (February 1-8), Deer Valley/Park City (February 8-15), and Snowmass (February 15-22 with a wait list). Except for Park City, these resorts are on the Ikon pass.

Upcoming Events:

- September 22 – Meet at the bikers parking lot on Monte Sano
- October 5 – Madison Street Fair (arts & crafts, entertainment, exhibits, food, etc.)
- December 7 - The Christmas Dance (A Great Gatsby Affair)

The Special Events Committee has reservations with Diamond Tours for an event in 2024. The tour is: Asheville and Biltmore Estate: November 24-27 (before Thanksgiving), 4 days and 3 nights, \$615 pp including gratuities. See <https://forms.gle/TAAjWJaSdZKo5Wk86>

Club clothing can now be ordered at the Huntsville Ski Club Store:

<https://business.landsend.com/store/hclub>

Of note, the club celebrates its members' birthdays during monthly meetings.

The biking group meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, depending on the weather each week.

Knoxville Ski & Outing Club (KSOC) –

KSOC's remaining 2024 trips includes an adventure trip to Croatia September 26-October 9, 2024. This trip is sold out, but there is a waiting list.

For the 2024-2025 Ski & Adventure Trips, the slate is:

Palisades Tahoe, January 12-18, 2025; 5 spaces left

Winter Park, February 8-13; spaces available

Snowmass, February 15-22; spaces available

Greece, September 2-17, 2025; registration coming soon

CSC Trips – 41st Annual Steamboat Race/Ski/Ride Camp (December 7-14); Crescent Ski Week at Big Sky (January 18-25, 2025) sold out; Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise (May 13-25, 2025)

Trip info and registration links can be found on [Trips - Knoxville Ski and Outing Club \(knoxski.org\)](https://trips-knoxville-ski-and-outing-club.knoxski.org)

The club is donating to the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley. KSOC also started a new publication, "First Chair," that updates what the club is doing the upcoming week.

Upcoming events:

- September 20 – Happy Hour at Union Place
- September 21 – Hike at Baker Creek Preserve
- October 11-13 – Camping in Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area
- October 25-27 – Crescent Ski Council Fall Conference in Gatlinburg.
- December 14 – Holiday Party at Avalon Country Club

Nashville Ski Club (NSC) –

The club's ski trips are selling briskly, and over 90% of available spots have been sold. Trips include Jackson Hole, Big Sky, and Copper Mountain. Chamonix, France has a waiting list.

Calendar includes:

- September 18 – The Weekend Starts on Wednesday, Bar Louie
- September 21-22 – Charit Creek Weekend (members only)
- September 28 – Hike in Long Hunter State Park
- October 1 – Membership Meeting, CP Between the Lakes in Mount Juliet
- October 5 – Picnic at Arrington Vineyards
- October 16 – Franklin Ghost Tour
- October 23 – The Weekend Starts on Wednesday, Mere Bulles Brentwood
- October 24/25-27 – Fall Weekend in the Smokies (members only)
- November 2 – Hike in Percy Warner Park
- And much more in November and December

Complete details of club activities can be found in the monthly digital newsletter at www.NashvilleSkiClub.org

Members are eligible for discounts at local shops and online from national retailers

Spartanburg Ski and Outing Club (SSOC) –

SSOC celebrated its club's anniversary at its September 5 Membership Meeting. Congrats!

Upcoming Events:

- September 19 – Board Meeting
- September 25 – Mini-Social at La Taverna Italian Restorante
- October 3 – Baseball team presentation at CCC with munchies
- October 19 – Craft Fair highlighting local vendors and artists, Holy Communion Lutheran Church
- November 7 – "Wine" meeting

The membership meetings have a raffle for fun items. The money raised from these raffles and donation box go directly to charity, such as St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic, St. Luke's food pantry, and the Spartanburg Humane Society. In August, a nice load of cat and kitten food, along with cleaning supplies was delivered to the humane society. The club collected and delivered a large amount of canned goods to the St. Luke's food pantry.

Monthly birthdays and items for sale are included in the newsletter.