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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – October 2024
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Fall Has Arrived



Our hearts go out to all those affected by hurricane Helene, and now comes Milton. How hard it is for people to just have a place to live, water, shelter, and food. Many have lost homes and everything they have. The devastation is almost beyond belief. Prayers for all. I've heard from several of you and know about your difficult circumstances.

A couple of clubs have submitted ideas on how to lend aid to the recovery from Hurricane Helene. The Charlotte Ski & Snowboard Club (CSSC) is donating \$500 to Samaritan's Purse and is challenging the other CSC clubs to do the same. You clubs out there – please send me your ideas on lending aid to president@crescentskicouncil.org.

Then I received this from Gary Armstrong: "On behalf of Austin Skiers in the Heart of Texas our thoughts & prayers go out to your members and their families with the recent devastation of Hurricane Helene! Hope everyone is safe. It's a long road to recovery..."

The CSC 2024 Fall Conference is ON! Gatlinburg is up and running. Hopefully those of you from the east will decide to still attend. There are route workarounds that are not that much longer than what you would normally expect. Highway 441 over Clingman's Dome from Cherokee to Gatlinburg is OPEN and is a beautiful drive (will take you a little longer to enjoy the scenery). Please check Google maps (or your favorite map apps) for updates for routes. I-26 from the south into Asheville and I-40 from Waynesville to the east onward from Asheville are open. Read on to the Conventions section of this newsletter for more from Jodi Stephens.

The NSCF Auction is LIVE! Let the bidding begin. Our 7th Virtual Silent Auction went live October 1 at 12 Noon Eastern time. It will continue until 5 PM Eastern time on November 1, 2024. We have many donated products up for auction. Bid now, bid often. Spread the word to your membership, family and friends!

Use the following link to access the auction: <https://www.32auctions.com/NSCF2024>

Please refer to the Treasurer's section for an explanation of how the latest dues were set.

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

NSCF News:

The NSCF October 2024 Newsbeat is in an attachment to this newsletter and has lots of info about ski resorts.

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: Please seriously consider stepping up and taking over this position. This is absolutely Ellen Cortrights's last term as Treasurer and is hoping to turn everything over soon. 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. 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. Invoices 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. If there ANY questions regarding rosters and dues payments please let me know. Due to Helene we were without internet access, but I will respond as well as I am able. Internet access is spotty at this time. Send any questions to me at CSCTreasurer8@gmail.com.

Thanks to all the clubs that have already paid their dues!

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). **Reminder: All dues payments should be mailed in sufficient time to arrive before November 1.**

Recently, there have been inquiries about why the dues set on the invoices are different than those in the Bylaws. Dues were last set by the Board during the April 2023 Board meeting by approving the budget. The dues at that time were set as \$1.50/adult and \$0.75/junior.

The CSC Bylaws in Article XII – Dues, Section 1. Annual Dues, Item B states: **The amount of per-Member dues shall be established by a two-thirds vote of the Board.** In absence of such determination, dues shall be as follows: 1. \$1.00 for each Member aged eighteen (18) or older. 2. \$0.50 for each Member under age eighteen (18). ExComm will be reviewing the Bylaws and proposing updating the dues section to reduce misunderstandings.

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

First, to all of the Club members affected by Hurricane Helene, I hope your families are safe and healthy. All material things can be replaced, but our family members cannot. I look forward to catching up with you at Fall Conference and Spring Convention. May you continue to be safe in the interim.

The CSC 2024 Fall Conference is still on schedule. Many of our members will take a new route to attend and we wish them safe travels.

FRIDAY EVENING MEET & GREET

Don't forget the NEW 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.

SATURDAY NIGHT VENDOR SHOW

Visit our vendors between the times of 5 pm & 8:30. Frances Edwards has 13 vendors for you to discuss your future ski trips.

DJ PARTY – Don't forget Hallowe'en Costumes!!!!

At 8:30 we will switch over to dancing for the evening. Dance until you can't to the music provided by Gann Entertainment.

Door Duty for the Saturday evening DJ Party will be sent next week to the POC listed on your registration forms.

All information is posted on the website. Any questions, please contact Jennifer Emch, 865-466-7483, email: jenemch@comcast.net

2025 SPRING CONVENTION

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

HELP!!!!

NEEDED: Spring Convention Coordinator.

Needed: Pickleball Coordinator

If someone in your club is interested in working with this Committee, please contact Jodi Stephens, jstephens0613@yahoo.com.

TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

STEAMBOAT 2024 - Currently 194 signed up!

December 7-14 Online registration opened June 1st - all information is posted 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 and will be drawn at the Fall Conference.

Parking - one car per condo at Trappeurs 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 was 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 183 signed up and SOLD OUT! There is a growing waitlist right now.

January 18-25, 2025, all information is on the website. 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 –

OPTION 1 - Ikon Pass Products - all products require reservations thru online Ikon account. Ikon Passes offer no Tram Access.

*A **Full Ikon** pass is currently \$1269 when purchased from Sports America's link with the password snow. Buying this pass qualifies you for a \$50 trip discount, and there are NO blackout dates.

*An **Ikon Base** pass offers 5 days at Big Sky. Sunday Jan 19th is blacked out. Currently \$919 from the Sports America site. You qualify for a \$30 trip discount & can purchase a 1 day ticket for Sunday if you want to ski all 6 days.

*An Ikon Session pass - offers 2, 3, or 4 day options but must be purchased directly at ikon.com. Black out on Sunday Jan 19th. Currently a 3 day is \$399, a 4 day is \$479.

OPTION 2 - Sports America Ikon Purchase - Site:<http://www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-crescent>
Prices increased on Sept 1st.

OPTION 3 - Big Sky Freestyle Pass - go to Big Sky Passes are still available until sold out. Adult 4 day is \$450. 3-5 day pricing available, Sunday Jan 19th is a blackout so would need 1 day lift from registration page.

ALASKA 2025 Adventure Trip – 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:

[Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise](#)

We currently have 29 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.

Price goes up \$250 Nov 14th.

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.

CLUB TRIP LIST: Please visit the Crescent website to see the most current trip listings for our clubs.

RACING (Rich Mead)

We here in Greenville are dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. No power here for me. So there is not a real update for this newsletter. But there will plenty to talk about at the CSC 2024 Fall Conference Racing Meeting (see y'all there). (Note: Rich finally power just recently)

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)

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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, CSC Social Media Chair, Email: crescentpastpres@gmail.com

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:

- October 16 – Membership Meeting, Elks Lodge
- 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/hsclub>

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; 2 spaces left (one single male, one single female)

Winter Park, February 8-13; 14spaces available

Snowmass, February 15-22; 6 spaces available

Greece cancelled

New Trips just announced:

Ski Chile, Summer 2025, August 7-18m 2025

Douro River Cruise, October 2025

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://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:

- October 11-13 – Camping in Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area
- October 18 – Happy Hour at Chesapeake's
- October 25-27 – Crescent Ski Council Fall Conference in Gatlinburg
- November 10 – Stream Cleanup for the Ten-Mile Creek greenway

- 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. Trip vacancies include Jackson Hole and Copper Mountain. The Big Sky and Chamonix, France have waiting lists.

Calendar includes:

- October 12 – Hike at Radnor Lake
- 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
- November 5 – Membership Meeting, Jonathan's in Murfreesboro
- November 13 – Bourbon Tasting (Members only)
- November 20 - The Weekend Starts on Wednesday, Sam's Place in Belle Meade
- And much more in December and January

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

- October 20 – Sunday Brunch at the Inman Roadhouse restaurant and Bar
- November 7 – Wine Tasting meeting
- December 5 – A Victorian Christmas at the Duncan DuPre House, bring you own adult beverages and participate in the Christmas Cookie Swap. Members are asked to bring socks and underwear for children to benefit the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in their mission work in Central America.
- December 13 – The Nutcracker, performance at Twichell Auditorium Converse College

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. October features a Dog Bed Drive and asks people to bring a new or gently used bed to the October meeting.

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