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President's Corner: Hi Fellas,

This past weekend we had our first Terry Walter Condor Cup of the season. Ed Rodgers set a very challenging "Paneled Slalom." The course held up well. Turns were tight and snow conditions icy. Jesse Scroggins laid down a first place 28.79 sec run with Ed Rogers, Pete Dodd and Mike Peck not far behind. Next Terry Walter Condor Cup is March 14th @ Ski Bowl. Hope to see everyone come out.

Let's shift gears a bit from European ski resorts to resort technology. Italy is home to a couple of major players in the snow moving & making business. First, Leitner Ropeways, located in small town of Sterzing/Vipiteno Italy (Two names because both German and Italian are spoken in this region). Leitner makes some of the most advanced people moving equipment in the industry, from chair lifts to gondolas. They have some of the most comfortable lifts and gondolas I have ever ridden. From wind protection, to heated seats, to Wi-Fi.

<https://www.leitner-ropeways.com/en/> + <https://youtu.be/fK8qQ1vezyl> + <https://youtu.be/BJRqCllt53c>

Techno Alpine manufactures snow making equipment and is located in Bolzano/Bozen, Italy (again both German and Italian). I'm pretty sure they make the most advanced snow making equipment in the world. (Editor's note: Techno Alpine is the market leader for snowmaking in warm temps near the freezing point.) They are the official partner of FIS, the Olympics and many other alpine organizations. A few Schnees had an opportunity a few years ago to tour the factory, it was amazing. They are highly vertically integrated. <https://www.technoalpin.com/us.html> + https://youtu.be/sq2_4T_zdRQ

PACRAT Racing: Race #1 was held Jan 26th at Ski Bowl. All 10 Ruttin' Rats showed up and they took the early team lead. Seven of the Schnee Ratten made it so, not as many points scored. Mike Peck was the fastest PACRAT racer of the day with Peter Dodd close behind in second.

● Ski Bowl Feb 9 PACRAT race #2 ● Meadows Feb 23 PACRAT race #3 ● Meadows Mar 15 PACRAT race #4 ● Timberline Mar 29 PACRAT race #5 ● Timberline Apr 5 Make-up Race Date ● Apr 17 Rat Attack, location TBA.

Membership: Welcome to Full Membership status - Stasi Rogers.

We will have a vote happening if our newest Associate candidate, Jon Brenna makes the 2nd meeting in February as he attended his first meeting 1/28/20 and the Condor Cup last Sunday or Shawn Smoot can make both meetings in February. Those are the only associates left to vote on, so bring some new blood, guys! -Jack Walker 1st Vice President, Membership

SVSC Racing: Club Racing: We had our first Terry Walter Condor Cup race February 2nd at Meadows. We had 36 total racers, which was a great turn-out. Ed and crew set a great course with 27 gates – a dual course slalom. The snow was firm and held up for four runs and the sun stayed out until the end of the last run. Jesse Scroggins made an appearance and showed the boys how it's done. Ed Rogers, Peter Dodd and Mike Peck were close behind. Of course with Jesse's advanced age and our handicap system for the series (1/2% handicap for each year over 21 and an addition 1/2% for each year over 70), Jesse will take a lead into the next race. See separate PDF for results.

The Club Championships are March 21st at Ski Bowl followed by some "light" BBQ at Ed's garage and then the annual awards dinner at the Welches Lion's Club, \$10 at the door for a nice steak dinner 6PM the doors open at the Lion's Club, food is served about 7. BYOB. The race will likely be on Bill's

Gold (aka Dog Leg) and starts at 10AM. It will be a dual course, race with guys in your class. Slowest class goes first. Reverse order within class for second run. Both runs count for classes A, B and C. Best of two runs for remaining classes. A single course "open" GS will be set after the main race for the Snow Bird. Snow Bird participants should preview the course as it is set and get back to the top ASAP. Oldest to youngest, one run race. We will have a Calcutta at the March 10 meeting on the Snow Bird. Come out and have some fun and try to get your name on the trophy. **Please note** that "snow sport specific" helmets are required at all SVSC races and training events.

Here are remaining race dates.

- Masters Mania: Feb 29 - March 1 @ Ski Bowl
- Condor Cup #2: March 14 @ Ski Bowl
- Club Championships: March 21 @ Ski Bowl
- Snowbird Race: March 21 @ Ski Bowl
- Condor Cup #3: March 28 @ Ski Bowl

Historian's note: If anyone would like copies of any photos or videos I've put in the Buzzard or shown at meetings, I'd be happy to get them to you in whatever format you'd like. Email me at historian@schneevogeli.com -Christian **Editor's note:** Hey Christian, send me photos for the next issue! -Andy

Mt Hood Lifts: Stories from the conveyances of Mt Hood!

From Don Clay: Well, here we go again another true story about the times 15-20 years ago when the snowboarders thought they owned the mountain and could do anything they wanted. It was an overcast day on Mt. Hood at Meadows. Myself and not sure who was with me were skiing down the Texas Trail. The trail at that time was not groomed very wide and as we were skiing down we slid to a stop as there were two snowboards laying right in the middle of the run. Off to left about 30 yards away were two snowboards on their knees looking over the cornice that normally forms along the Texas Trail. Me, not too excited about snowboarders at the time, yelled out "Hey what the hell are you leaving your snowboards in the middle of the run for??!!!" Their response of course was just what you expected to hear, "Fuck you, we can leave them anywhere we want!!" I suppose at that exact moment flames were coming out both ears, and after that, and as I answered back "ASSHOLES" and yelled back that we should give these two snowboards to lost and found. Again they responded with "F" words bellowing from the ridge. I remember laughing as I answered back, picked up their snowboards and skied to the bottom of the Texas Trail. Of course, we could hear and see them yelling, screaming, swearing and running after us. You all know who wins when a snowboarder is running downhill and a skier is skiing downhill. PERFECT!! We WON!! I was serious about taking them all the way down the mountain to the lodge, but again, not sure who I was with, said, "that sounds like a lot of work." We skied down a bit farther and through their snowboards off the groom. I know they would eventually find them as they would have a long hike down that way to get to the lodge. It was just another exciting day on Mt. Hood doing the thing we all love to do!! -Don Clay

-Many thanks to Rock Crusher Clay for the great yarn. It wasn't a story about a lift, but it was too good to pass up! Send your story to buzzard@schneevogeli.com

Aphorism: a pithy observation that contains a general truth

-I read that 4,153,237 people were married last year. Not to cause any trouble.... but shouldn't that be an even number?

-I find it ironic that the colors red, white and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

-When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

-Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

-My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that!

-Money talks... but all mine ever says is "good-bye."

-I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

-If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

-I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"

-The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can go in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

-Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch.

The Cheap Porsche: A fifteen-year-old came home with a Porsche, and his parents began to yell and scream, "Where did you get that car?" He calmly told them, "I bought it today."

"With what money!?" demanded his parents. "We know what a Porsche costs." "Well," said the boy, "this one cost me fifteen dollars." The parents began to yell even louder. "Who would sell a car like that for fifteen dollars!?" they asked.

"It was the lady up the street," said the boy. "Don't know her name -- they just moved in. She saw me ride past on my bike and asked me if I wanted to buy a Porsche for fifteen dollars." "Oh my goodness!" moaned the mother, "she must be a child abuser. Who knows what she will do next? John, you go right up there and see what's going on."

So, the boy's father walked up the street to the house where the lady lived and found her out in the yard calmly planting flowers. He introduced himself as the father of the boy to whom she had sold a Porsche to for fifteen dollars and demanded to know why she did it.

"Well," she said, "this morning I got a phone call from my husband. I thought he was on a business trip, but I learned from a friend he has run off to Hawaii with his secretary. Then apparently, she stole all his money and stranded him there! Well he called me, without a dollar to his name, and asked me to sell his new Porsche and send him the money. So that's exactly what I did."

Bill and Marla decided that the only way to pull off a Sunday afternoon quickie with their 8-year-old son in the studio apartment was to put him on the balcony and order him to report on all the neighborhood activities. The boy began his commentary as his parents put their plan into operation. "There's a car being towed from the parking lot," he said. "An ambulance just drove by." A few moments passed. "Looks like the Anderson's have company," he called.

"Matts riding a new bike and the Coopers are having sex." Mom and dad shot up in bed. "How do you know that?" the startled father asked. "Their kid is standing on the balcony too," his son replied.

Calendar of Upcoming SVSC Events:

11	February	SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
25	February	SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
10	March	SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
14	March	SVSC Condor Cup #2: Dual Giant Slalom at Ski Bowl
17	March	Corned Beef and Cabbage night at Otto's on Woodstock. 6PM. Don't be early.
21	March	SVSC Club Championships: Dual Giant Slalom at Ski Bowl
24	March	SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
28	March	SVSC Condor Cup #3: Dual Giant Slalom at Timberline
14	April	SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
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Capt. Buzzard's Note: Missing you guys while here in sunny Florida. Not the place to be during ski season! Contact Jim Feldman if you're having problems viewing this PDF in your web browser. Please send questions, comments, or contributions to buzzard@schneevogeli.com or 5302 NE Simpson St, Portland, OR 97218. - Andy Hobart