



# THE GREEN BUZZARD

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Year Guys,

I hope everyone had a great Holiday and enjoyed some of the piles of snow we received. In a 48 hour span I had one of the worst ski days in memory and one of the best skis days in memory. What an experience. I posted my favorite photos to the Whatsapp and hope to see more of your highlights as well. This is doubly true if you're going on a trip!

I also went to review our calendar for the new year and realized that we have events on Mountain Hood, be it Schnee, Pacrat, or Skiyente every weekend minus two from January 24 until April 26. Definitely no shortage of opportunities out there to get together, ski and socialize.

I'm trying something new today and not writing you guys a whole novel. That's a ton going on right now and most of it is in the buzzard below. Come to the next meeting to hear about what else is in store, catch up with the guys after the long break and share some stories. Maybe win some merch or a free beer.

Adiós from Mexico City

-Christian

## NEWS

### Wild Mikes Wednesday Nigh Ski Deal

Back by popular demand is the Wild Mikes Promo. Look for specially marked packages of Wild Mike's Pizza products starting in early January 2025 and will run through March 2025! The boxes will have a coupon for a \$35 Wednesday night ticket to Skibowl.

### 2025 Oregon Cancer Ski-Out

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### Winterhawks Game Recap

About a dozen Schnee's made it to the Winterhawks thirsty Thursday game last week 01/03. It was a great game (won 5-3 and got Chick-Fil-A and beverages), the seats were good, and many free beers were enjoyed. Heck of a Thursday night. Thanks to all that participated and Dennis for coordinating. Dennis is willing to arrange another game later in the year if you have interest! We got to see an old club member, Mike Foley, who is the teams statistician and talked with him for a bit. We almost caught a puck and it seemed to me that everyone had fun! Thanks for the great night!



## Historian Scanning Party

On December 13, a few brave members travelled to Dennis Noreen's office to digitize a few old photos from the historian's collection. We're processing the large number of files created. For film (negatives), there is a significant amount of post processing that needs to happen to turn a negative into a positive with good color and exposure, it's going to take some time. But the results are amazing. In some cases where the original 4"x6" print was available, the digitization of the film resulted in a better-quality photo. Here are three preview examples, two medium format black and white, one 35mm color. Once all of the files are sorted, we will find a way to make these archives available to (only) club members online.



## ADL benefits for SVCS Members

All Schnee Vogeli members qualify for ADL Ski Club member benefits (Thanks Kyle!). In addition to the trips at a discounted price mentioned later in this section, ADL Ski Club has pro-deals and may be able to help you score some gear at a steep discount. Check out <https://adlskiclub.com/clubbenefits.php> for more information and don't hesitate to reach out to Kyle for more info: [kyle@adlskiclub.com](mailto:kyle@adlskiclub.com).

## SVSC Swag

We have logo Tee-Shirts on hand and available, long and short sleeves in three colors. \$10 for the short sleeve, a couple bucks more for the long sleeve. Easiest way to get one is to be at the meeting with cash. Hats are being delayed due to a supply chain disruption with Richardson hats. As soon as we can order hats we'll get those available targeting sub-\$20 a hat.

We closed the books on the special order of Ogios, Sport Tek, and Challengers. Ed is negotiating our pricing and we will get details to those who signed up. We had a lot of interest so we are looking to get a reasonable price.

We're also in the early stages of another run of [race warm up jackets](#) with Custom logo and name embroidery similar to the run from a few years ago. These will be on the expensive side, possibly around \$200 but that all depends on total volume. If you are interested please reach out to [president@schneevogeli.com](mailto:president@schneevogeli.com) so we can start getting volume and detailed pricing worked out.

Do you already have an item of clothing you would like a Schnee logo added to? Ed ([edcarman2007@yahoo.com](mailto:edcarman2007@yahoo.com)) can help and it would help the club. That logo work helps us meet our minimum order quantities. Do you have an idea for something new or different you would like to see? Not just clothing, uses of the logo abound. Lets talk, there's a good chance someone else would want in on it too.

For anyone who missed out last season, we still have some SVSC logo ski straps available. The straps are 2/\$5, contact Christian at [President@schneevogeli.com](mailto:President@schneevogeli.com) if you are interested.

## Seedy Petey Photo Contest

Please remember to submit your photos to the historian to be included in the Seedy Petey Photo Contest! The winner is selected at the end of the year and a prize (often a Hillcrest giftcard) is given to the person who submits the best photo (not necessarily the person in the photo). Here are a couple winners from past years.

You can submit to the historian's email ([historian@schneevogeli.com](mailto:historian@schneevogeli.com)) or on the hisotrian's corner of whatsapp.



# SKI TRIPS

## Local Trips

Mt. Bachelor (organized by Christian)

Looking at the calendar, we have two weekends in February before all of the Schnee/Pacrat/Skiyente events start piling up, 02/08 and 02/15. Right now we have 16 guys expressing interest in Mt. Bachelor. Dennis and Christian are working on the details and will have more to share at our next meeting. There's room for more, come ski with us.

Crystal Mountain (organized by Dennis)

Talking with Crystal is not easy and the deals that they propose are not strong. We have eight people that are interested in the trip and alternative days have been mentioned and I am looking at this to happen on February 7-9 which is a Friday through Sunday. We will stay at the Guest House in Enumclaw and rooms start at \$158 per night: <https://www.stayinns.com/guesthouse-extended-stay/wa/enumclaw/guesthouse-enumclaw>

If you have a "base pass" Ikon you have five days at Crystal. Please let me know if you are "all in" or "all out" since we need to book soon! I will contact the Guest House to set aside rooms and they have an "okay" continental breakfast. Great food near the hotel at the Rainier Bar!

Bachelor Blitz

Don't forget the Bachelor Blitz with NWSCC is March 12-16<sup>th</sup> details are [on their website](#).

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ADL Ski Club offers a number of "turn key" international trips mainly to Europe that offer unique experiences like guided skiing through Vallee Blanche in Chamonix or being at Kitzbuhel for the Hahnenkamm Downhill. A few guys in the club have been on these trips and their report of the experience were one of a kind and jealousy inducing. Check out [adlskiclub.com](http://adlskiclub.com)

# MEMBERSHIP

## A Message from Our Membership Director

Hello Gents,

The season is upon us, we have great snow, and we are off with a racing start exploding out of the start house! Looking forward to fast times on the slopes this winter!

### Challenges:

I made a few challenges to other racers in the club last year and failed miserably yet it made the races more fun and got some great banter from challengers. By all means please challenge your fellow racers that are close to you and make it for fun by letting others know what is going on!

### Kandabeer:

It is early for the Kandabeer and would like to see more costumes and fun! Get your costume now so you don't have to think about it later. Word on the street is that we are doing a "best in show" for crazy costumes and the general public always loves to see us on the hill in full costume!

### Membership Dues

It's past time to pay dues for this season. You can still pay \$112.50 through the first meeting in January. After that, those who haven't paid (or made arrangements with Dale) will be removed from the membership rolls. You can mail to our PO Box, pay Dale directly if you see him, or contact Dale and he can send a payment invoice that allows you to pay with a credit card.

### Meeting Reminder and Zoom Access

Remember meetings occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. Unless otherwise planned the meeting will continue to be at the Gap off Macadam as they have been in the past. Doors open for the meeting space at 6:15 pm. Meeting starts promptly at 7 pm. Silence you phones!

You may have noticed a few participants calling in via Zoom. This is routinely offered to anyone who lives more than 25 miles from the Gap. Another reason you may call in is if you are sick or traveling. Please email Christian ([President@schneevogeli.com](mailto:President@schneevogeli.com)) before the meeting to obtain the link if you need it.

## Membership Roster

Our contact info is a mess. If you have moved, updated your email address, or have gotten a new phone number in the last 5 years, you should make sure the info in the roster is accurate. Let [membership@schneevogeli.com](mailto:membership@schneevogeli.com) know if you need to make an update. Once we have updated the roster we will send out a new PDF with contacts of current members and associates to the group.

## Membership Applications

We are all talking with skiers at various shows and ski events. Invite them to a meeting and get them introduced to the members. If you have a referral for a new member please send Dennis their contact information. He will be more than happy to reach out to them and get them up to speed about the club. Your job is simple, make the introduction and share their contact information. We are in need to bring 15 new members and that task will be one at a time. We want more great members like yourself to join in on the fun!

If you have a new prospective member, here is the link to the online version of the application; <https://forms.gle/y8wii8QAWdn481y>.

## WhatsApp stuff

For those of us that do not look at our emails often, we have created a WhatsApp community for the membership. I would encourage everyone to try it out. Our email listserv is clunky and not cell phone friendly. The hope is this will allow for easier communication with event organization and last-minute updates. It is a great way to send high resolution images to the historian. There is also a form for selling your gear to make room for new ski gear. **All our existing communications will not be changing.** We are simply adding an extra layer here to see if it will be of benefit.

Once you have downloaded the app to your phone and started your account, you can click this link to join the Schnee community. Here is the link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FMW2DFPdAnrKIEvAepP8af>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Jan 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting

When: Doors open at 6:15 pm, meeting starts at 7pm

Where: Buffalo Gap Saloon, Upstairs, 6835 S Macadam Ave, Portland, OR 97219

What: Join us for drinks and food. Meetings are same time same place, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday through the ski season. **Bring cash to purchase your snow park permit!** Jeff Vachter has acquired a book of them. Each pass is \$30.

## Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting

### Jan 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> - PACRAT Race #1

When: Inspection starts at 9, subject to change based on conditions

Where: Skibowl, course TBD

What: Registration is now closed. Watch your email as we get closer to race day for further details.

### Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> - PACRAT Race #2

Where: Meadows

### Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - King Winters Dance

When: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm - 2am

Where: Charlies

What: Annual Skiyente event. RSVP at [Skiyente.com](http://Skiyente.com)

### Mar 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> - PACRAT Race #3

Where: Skibowl

### Mar 9-10<sup>th</sup> - Cancer Ski-Out

When: Ski Sunday, Party in Hood River Sunday night, Ski Monday

Where: Meadows and Hood River

What: The [Oregon Cancer Ski Out](#) is March 9-10 at Mt Hood Meadows. This is a two-day fundraiser for Cancer Treatment and Research at regional institutions. The event itself can be a lot of fun and includes casual ski races with prizes for consistency Sunday and Monday with a party in Hood River Sunday night. Teams are five people and we already have one team of Schnees. Can we make it a second team? For \$199 you get your lift tickets for both days and a hotel room in Hood River. If you are interested please reach out to Jeff Langfeldt ([jslangfeldt@comcast.net](mailto:jslangfeldt@comcast.net)).

### Mar 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> - PACRAT Race #4

Where: Meadows

### Mar 30<sup>th</sup> - PACRAT Race #5 COMBINED

Where: Timberline



# ENTERTAINMENT

## The Taxi

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped inches from a shop window.

For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver – I've been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

## Love and Death

A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "I hope you die a long, slow, painful death."

He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"

## Ex Wife

Tim decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was organizing his ski quiver. His wife was standing nearby watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks: "Tim, I've been thinking, now that we're married maybe it's time you quit skiing. You spend so much time on the mountain. You could probably get a good price for your skis."

Tim gets this horrified look on his face. She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"For a minute there you were beginning to sound like my ex-wife."

"Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

"I wasn't," he replied.

## CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

Happy new year! We are back to your regularly scheduled buzzards. It was a beautiful day on the mountain! Clear skies. The snow was nice above 7000'. I hiked up above the Triangle Moraine. Saw a few people up there. I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Hopefully it included a few days of skiing.

See you on the slopes!  
-Joe Smoot

