



THE GREEN BUZZARD

Schnee Vogli Ski Club
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey guys,

I blinked twice and now it's mid January and there's a PACRAT race this weekend and Schnee race in two weeks. It also seems like the quiet before the storm with lots of trips happening right now. I've been thoroughly enjoying all the SVSC Flag pictures that are coming in from literally all over the world, but I have to say I think the photo from the Skiyente Big White trip has been my favorite. I'm thrilled everyone has been sharing moments from their trips and hope to keep seeing more of it.

On a serious topic, we mentioned at the last meeting that the club received a significant insurance premium increase this year that we did not expect or budget for. We have the money to cover it this year if we must, but ultimately the club must find a way to raise more money. Obviously, a dues increase is not desirable, and we struggle to have our parties make the money they did pre-covid. If we can increase our total membership that would be a simple solution. But without an influx of 10-ish new members or a dues increase, we need to be thinking about new or improved fundraising opportunities. So here is my ask to you. Is there a fundraiser that other groups you have been involved run or has ran that you think might work for Schnee? If so, please reach out to your favorite board member (or President@schneevogeli.com) and we can see if it's something we can use to solve our problem.



See you at the mountain

-Christian

NEWS

Race Training Opportunities

Adam will be hosting race trainings on Wednesday 2/19, Monday 3/17, and Tuesday 3/25. They will be at SkiBowl. Usually there is a \$20 fee to help cover equipment maintenance. Adam needs to have a head count in advance for these training days, so let him know if you plan to attend! Adam Miller, amillera86@gmail.com, 503-919-1680, or on WhatsApp.

In addition to the training Adam is arranging, Greg Dilger offers training most Thursdays through Sundays, except on PacRat or Schnee race days. These training days are at Timberline. It costs \$60 a day plus a onetime insurance payment. Contact Greg Dilger at gdilger2@yahoo.com for more info.

Historian's Photo Project Update

Following up on the Historian's project to digitize and share our archives, there's been a lot of progress made on processing photos but there is still a significant amount of work to do before the collection is ready to share.

- Approximately 65 / 250 film negatives have been color corrected. (We have true color digital photos of the negatives that can be post processed into the positive photo through software)
- Most of the non-film photos and scans have been collated into a single folder. These files will still need digital manipulation into more useful and refined formats. In some cases, multiple photos are in the same file and will need to be split or some additional context needs to be provided to explain the significance.
- There are some photos from the first scan party that simply did not turn out. We will want to recapture these eventually.
- A large amount of the film the club is holding did not get digitally captured. We will want to selectively capture that once we catch up on the digital processing we have right now.
- Once the files are presentable, we would like to get some of our older members to take a look and tell us about anyone or anything they recognize and we can record that information against the file name.

Are you handy with a computer and have some time to help? The club needs you!



Corned Beef Dinner

Our annual get together at Ottos Sausage Kitchen will be March 18th.

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

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).

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.

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 Teks, 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 moving ahead and gathering some interest in SVSC Logo Warm Up Jackets. These are coats designed to quickly go over your race suit, helmet and gloves to keep you warm at the start or between races. There is a large Schnee Logo on the back and you get your name embroidered on it as well. We did these a couple years back and they were very popular. Right now, we are gathering interest and combining

with other groups to try and get a volume discount to bring the price down a bit. Price isn't solid yet, but we are anticipating around \$200. If you are interested in a jacket, please put your name on the list here: <https://forms.gle/ebjjBELS5Jnbc4328>."

Do you already have an item of clothing you would like a Schnee logo added to? Ed (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. Let's 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 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 gift card) 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) or on the historian's corner of whatsapp.



SKI TRIPS

Local Trips

Mt. Bachelor (organized by Christian)

The mid-season is pretty busy already so we will need to find a time later in the spring for this trip. Stay tuned and we will get more info out later!

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 12-16th 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

MEMBERSHIP

A Message from the Director of Membership

Gents,

Not a lot is going on with membership, which is a bad thing! Please bring a name for a new member that you feel will be a good fit for the club. PacRats is a great place to meet future potential members and that is starting this week. Remember if you bring a new member to a meeting the club will buy you a beer.

We have a vote night at the next meeting and will be voting on Karl Lisle as a new associate. If you know him please be ready to share a great story with the SCSV crew at the meeting.

If you haven't been to a meeting yet this year, I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting at the Gap! We are all here to have fun, make lifelong friends, ski, and stay in touch with each other!

-Captain Fun

Meeting Reminder and Zoom Access

Remember meetings occur on the 2nd and 4th 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) 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 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/KLmZKBrCeNcHgVyUWpkfzO>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 22nd - GS Training

When: Tomorrow! 5:30 pm

Where: Mt Hood Lane, Skibowl

What: We are sharing a training course with the East Side high school race teams (so be on your best behavior). Up to 10 can participate. There is no fee for this training but be sure to help out and thank them for letting us use their course. You might even offer some food or beer. Don't forget to pick up a Wild Mike's pizza to get a discounted lift ticket. If you would like to go, please confirm with Adam that there is space!

Jan 24th and 26th - 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.

Jan 28th - 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 2nd and 4th Tuesday through the ski season.

Feb 2nd - Condor Cup

Where: Mt. Hood Meadows - Middlefork

What: Club GS Race. Meadows is hosting an Après Ski that day. We will likely be drinking there after the race.

Feb 21st and 23rd - PACRAT Race #2

Where: Meadows

Feb 22nd - King Winters Dance

When: Feb 22nd 7pm - 2am

Where: Charlies

What: Annual Skiyente event. RSVP at Skiyente.com

March 2nd - Condor Cup

Where: Ski Bowl - Bill's Gold

What: 2nd club GS. If conditions allow we will plan on setting a slalom course after the GS is complete.

Mar 7th and 9th - PACRAT Race #3

Where: Skibowl

Mar 9-10th - 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).

Mar 15th - Club Championships

Where: Skibowl - Mt. Hood Lane

What: Club Championships, for all the glory!

Mar 18th - Corned Beef Dinner

Where: Otto's Sausage Kitchen on Woodstock

When: March 15th, 6pm

Mar 21st and 23rd - PACRAT Race #4

Where: Meadows

Mar 30th - PACRAT Race #5 COMBINED

Where: Timberline

ENTERTAINMENT

The Bartender

A guy stumbles through the front door of a bar, ambles up to the bartender and orders a beer. The bartender looks at the drunk man and says, "I'm sorry sir, but I can't serve you...you've already had too much to drink." The guy swears and walks out of the bar.

Five minutes later the guy comes flying through the side door of the bar, and yells for a beer. Again the bartender says, "I'm sorry, sir...but I can't serve you...you've already had too much to drink!"

Ten minutes later, the same guy comes barrel-assing through the back door of the bar, storms up to the bartender, and demands a beer. Again, the bartender says to the man... "I'm really sorry, sir, but you've had too much to drink...you're going to have to leave!" The guy looks quizzically at the bartender and says finally, "My God, man... How many bars do you work at?!"

Death Benefits

A woman's husband dies. He had \$20,000 to his name.

After everything is done at the funeral home and cemetery, she tells her closest friend that there is no money left.

The friend says, "How can that be? You told me he had \$20,000 a few days before he died. How could you be broke?"

The widow says, "Well, the funeral cost me \$6,500. And of course, I had to make the obligatory donation for the church and the organist and all. That was \$500 and I spent another \$500 for the wake, food and drinks, you know. The rest went for the memorial stone."

The friend says, "\$12,500 for the memorial stone? My God, how big was it?"

The widow says, "Three carats."

CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

The first PacRat race is this weekend! Get your skis waxed! If you are interested in taking an AIRIE 1 Avalanche course check out Wylark Mountaineering. I am doing a course February 15th. and 16th. There still may be some spots available and the price was \$450 (better than most places I found).

See you on the mountain!

-Joe Smoot