



THE GREEN BUZZARD

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey guys,

I blinked twice and now it's February, the race season is underway and I'm starting to work on spring activities. No idea how that happened. I've been thoroughly enjoying all the SVSC Flag and travel 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 two meetings 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 have to, 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 are able to 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 in 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.

-Christian

NEWS

World Championship Watch Party!

World Championships are starting! They are in Saalbach, Austria this year. Bob Brown is hosting a watch party for the Women's GS on Thursday, 2/6, at 6pm. It will be at his house, and he will have some snacks, but be sure to bring a beverage. There will be a time delay so do not look up the results online, or at least no spoilers. RSVP with Bob, 503-939-7567. Address: 14172 SE Nightingale AVE, Happy Valley 97015

Terry Walters Condor Cup Race 1 in the Books!

Let us put out a very grateful thank you to everyone who came to the race and helped set up and break down. A special thank you for Sylvia and Sheri for being there for us on the hill. They both had a long day with the ongoing fight with timing for Sheri and the long hours standing around out in the weather for Sylvia. Let's all be sure to thank them in person next time you see them. Also, a tip of the hat to Jack Walker for hosting us for our Panel Party. We had enough hands to make it go smoothly and quickly with a few friendly beers to follow.

We had 33 racers (22 Schnee's, 11 Skiyente's) at our first Terry Walter Condor Cup race on Feb. 2 at Meadows. If you weren't there you missed a fun course! Under the new stuff, the snow was pretty firm and held up for four runs (two races). It was a slow day due to chair closures and the weather-related timing issues, but we got the race in. Thanks to starter Adam/Bob, Roundhouse lookout Richy Tichy, crossing guard Sylvia Kearns, timer Sheri Parshall, Richy Tichy for course maintenance, and everyone who helped set-up and tear-down. After the first two races there is a three-way tie at the top between Peter Dodd, Dale Parshall and Farzin Ghezel. The handicap system is based on age (1/2% handicap for each year over 21 and an additional 1/2% for each year over 70). The race was followed by some beverages and music at The Vertical.

As for our next race; it will be at Skibowl on Bills Gold (Dog Leg) on 3/2/25. Adam will get an email out to everyone as we get closer to race day. If you are available to help at the next race please fill out [this google form](#) or tell Adam. Yes, there will be a paper version passing around the next meeting as well. Steve Urdahl (Oregon Episcopal School Head Coach) is going to be our lead setter. It will be fun to see just what Coach Urdahl puts his kids through. We will be following up the GS with an open & fun Slalom, set by Marina (Skiyente President / St Mary's Academy Head Coach). So bring both sets of skis if you have them. If not, bring what you have and try it out. If you are going to take part in the slalom; please contact Adam directly so he can get a list put together (the racer list is needs to be done in advance for the Slalom timing). Adams contact inf: amillera86@gmail.com or (503)919-1680 or via WhatsApp.

The Club Championships & Snow Bird:

March 15th at Ski Bowl on Mt Hood Lane, followed the annual awards dinner at the Welches Lion's Club, \$20 at the door for a nice steak dinner. Doors open at 6PM, 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 11 meeting on the Snow Bird. Come out and have some fun and try to get your name on the trophy. Watch for Class and Snow Bird lists in the near future - let Dale know if any questions. Please note that "snow sport specific" helmets are required.

PACRAT Racing

We had the first PACRAT race weekend Jan 24-26. Each pair of Friday/Sunday races makes up one full race. After the first full race, Schnee Ratten is in first and Ruttin' Rats is tied for second! Both teams appear to be positioned well for the next race. We have had good participation so far. See results at www.pacrats.org. Next PACRAT race weekend is Feb 21-23 at Meadows.

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. Breanne Morton also offers race training at Timberline on Friday-Sunday. Also \$60 a day plus a one-time insurance fee. Contact Coach Bre at bcmn79@gmail.com.

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).

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 us 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!



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.

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

Coming up this weekend! If you are going you should already be in contact with Dennis about it.

Bachelor Blitz

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

ADL Ski Club

ADL is offering a special “shotski” discount on their upcoming March 1-9 trip to Engelberg Switzerland. Engelberg offers big mountain off piste skiing with 4-6k lift served vertical and the most snow in Switzerland. Sale price is \$2450/person which covers 7 nights of lodging with breakfast, 5-6 days of guided skiing, lift tickets, and all transportation in Switzerland. I checked flights this morning, they are around \$700. You could put together a very reasonably priced trip right now. Check out more details at: <https://www.adlskiclub.com/engelberg.php> or contact Kyle Watson directly: kyle@adlskiclub.com

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.

MEMBERSHIP

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.

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

Feb 6th - World Championship Watch Party

When: Feb 6th 6pm - ?

Where: Bob's House (14172 SE Nightingale AVE, Happy Valley 97015)

What: BYOB, snack provided. RSVP with Bob (503-939-7567). We will be watching the Women's GS. It will be time delayed so NO SPOILERS!

Feb 11th - 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 18th - 90lb Rucksack Challenge

When: Feb 18th, 7pm

Where: Skibowl West

What: This is a fitness challenge to honor the efforts of the 10th Mountain Division on the 80th anniversary of their assault on Italy's Riva Ridge. The event is coordinated by the 10th Mountain Foundation and Christian Beckwith. It is happening on hills across the country. Participants will climb from the base of Skibowl West to the top of Upperbowl before skiing back down. You are encouraged to wear a heavy pack (but not required). If you would like more information please register at this link <https://christianbeckwith.com/register-for-the-ninety-pound-rucksack-challenge/>.

Feb 21st and 23rd - PACRAT Race #2

Where: Meadows, more details will come out the week before.

Feb 22nd - King Winters Dance

When: Feb 22nd 7pm - 2am

Where: Charlies

What: Annual Skiyente event. RSVP at Skiyente.com

March 1st - Ski The Glade

When: March 1st 8:30a-4p

Where: Buses leave from Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum in Govy

What: Annual fundraiser for the center! Food will be served at the museum (breakfast and lunch). A shuttle will take participants to Timberline where they can ski back on the Glade trail, which will be groomed. At the end of the day the Museum will host an Après Ski Party. The theme this year is a dress up day. Participants are encouraged to wear retro ski gear. There will be awards for best dressed. More info is available on the MHCCM events page. Tickets cost \$150 for members, an additional \$30 to become a member.

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

So there was this man in Bulgaria who drove trains for a living.

He loved his job. Driving a train had been his dream ever since he was a child. He loved to make the train go as fast as possible. Unfortunately, one day he was a little too reckless and caused a crash. He made it out, but a single person died. Well, needless to say, he went to court over this incident. He was found guilty and was sentenced to death by electrocution. When the day of the execution came, he requested a single banana as his last meal. After eating the banana, he was strapped into the electric chair. The switch was flown, sparks flew, and smoke filled the air - but nothing happened. The man was perfectly fine.

Well, at the time, there was an old Bulgarian law that said a failed execution was a sign of divine intervention, so the man was allowed to go free. Somehow, he managed to get his old job back driving the train. Having not learned his lesson at all, he went right back to driving the train with reckless abandon. Once again, he caused a train to crash, this time killing two people. The trial went much the same as the first, resulting in a sentence of execution. For his final meal, the man requested two bananas. After eating the bananas, he was strapped into the electric chair. The switch was thrown, sparks flew, smoke filled the room - and the man was once again unharmed.

Well, this of course meant that he was free to go. And once again, he somehow managed to get his old job back. To what should have been the surprise of no one, he crashed yet another train and killed three people. And so he once again found himself being sentenced to death. On the day of his execution, he requested his final meal: three bananas.

"You know what? No," said the executioner. "I've had it with you and your stupid bananas and walking out of here unharmed. I'm not giving you a thing to eat; we're strapping you in and doing this now." Well, it was against protocol, but the man was strapped in to the electric chair without a last meal. The switch was pulled, sparks flew, smoke filled the room - and the man was still unharmed. The executioner was speechless.

The man looked at the executioner and said, "Oh, the bananas had nothing to do with it. I'm just a bad conductor."

Three couples are trying to get married.

Three couples are trying to get married at the same church. There is a young couple, a middle-aged couple, and an elderly couple. The three couples meet with the priest and discuss when they can get married.

"If you wish to get married in my church, you must all go one month without having sex," says the priest.

One month later the three couples return to the church and talk to the priest. He then asks the elderly couple, "Have you completed the month with sex?"

"Yes we have, it was easy," replies the elderly couple.

"How about you?" He asks the middle-aged couple.

"It was hard, but we didn't have sex for the whole month," they respond.

"And how about you two?" He asks the young couple.

"No we couldn't do it," responds the boyfriend.

"Tell me why," says the priest.

"Well my girlfriend had a can of corn in her hand and she accidentally dropped it. She bent over to pick it up and that's when it happened."

The priest then tells them, "You're not welcome in my church."

"We're not welcome in the supermarket either," says the boyfriend.

CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

I had a great day skiing the powder on the mountain today! I brought my dog up to Timberline via the Glade. The weather was perfect, and she loved the attention from other skiers.

Also, I will be doing the 90lb Rucksack Challenge this year. Please join me! I will promise to carry as much or more weight than any Schnee who joins me!

-Joe Smoot