



THE GREEN BUZZARD

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey guys,

I open this buzzard with some terrible news. Kyle Watson was killed in an avalanche skiing in Japan. Kyle was a great person whom many of us have made memories skiing, parting, and traveling with. He will be missed.

With Kyle in our minds, we have a busy two months ahead of us. Let's continue making memories of the good times we share.

-Christian

NEWS

Become a Star!

Many of you may have noticed the closure of the Salmon River lot at Timberline this week. The lot will be closed weekdays for the rest of the month to film "a major TV show". There is an opportunity to be included in the filming as an extra. Here is an article about it with a link to the company managing the extras.

<https://www.oregonlive.com/entertainment/2025/02/experienced-skiers-wanted-as-extras-for-major-tv-show-filming-on-mount-hood.html>

Condor Cup Series

Our next race 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

After the first full race, Schnee Ratten is in first and Ruttin' Rats is tied for fourth! 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 Adan us 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.

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!

Bachelor Blitz

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

ADL Ski Club

In light of Kyle's death, we do not know what is next for ADL. There are more trips planned for this year, it is not clear if these will happen. Monitor their webpage for more details: <https://www.adlskiclub.com>

MEMBERSHIP

A Message from the Membership Director

Gents,

We have a great winter on hand here with a bunch of new fresh snow to bring powder and snow for planting gates. I had the pleasure rolling around the Ski Bowl with Christian on Saturday grabbing some fresh tracks in the outback and the upper bowl. Get out there and ride with your friends! If you show up without a plan you can find friends on the WhatsApp page to find riding partners or the chance to visit with someone from the club you haven't ridden with before.

Get out and enjoy the snow yourself and bring a friend!

We are still looking for new members (I have a committed new one, Geoff Kittel) and you can share the below link to share their contact information with the club: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g1uUuWnYQm5_umqAvml3u5d9KESDa3Sy1EJi8F8ijbw/edit

That link will populate another spot for our membership on the google drive for tracking and being able to reach out to them. This is how we are able to track member information and their participation. Please feel free to save the link to share with potential members that you meet. We need more associates and they typically turn into members when they learn what membership may bring them.

Get out there and have fun, share the love of our sport with others, and don't forget to live the best life ever like you have been doing!

Let's take a run together soon!

-Dennis

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.



Historian's Photo Project Update

With the heart of the ski season upon us, the Historian project has been put on the back burner. If you are decently savvy with a computer and have a couple hours to help the club out, your assistance will be deeply appreciated. There is a variety of work left to do including capturing media digitally, processing digital photos to color correct and adjust for best possible presentation, and achieving the content in a format where the members of the club can view the content at will.

A discussion at the last meeting was to produce professionally printed portraits from the files we are digitizing as a fundraiser for the club. After some initial research this looks to be extremely viable and more details will come soon.



SVSC Swag

We are running low on logo T-shirts with only 4 left. \$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.

Sport Tek shirts are here, most have been picked up. We have pricing for the Ogios and Challenger Jackets. Those who signed up for one have been emailed with pricing and payment info. Be sure to respond to Christian's email. If you would like to get in on a last minute order, ask email Christian asap.

SVSC warmup jackets. Slight rephrase of "We are trying to finalize the order list for SVSC logo starter jackets soon. 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> or contact Christian at president@schneevogeli.com.

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.

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 your 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 21st and 23rd - PACRAT Race #2

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

Feb 25th - 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 22nd - King Winter Dance

When: Feb 22nd 7pm - 2am

Where: Charlies

What: Annual Skiyente event. Dancing and drinking at Charlie's. Check out Skiyente.com for more info.

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 8th - Ski to Defeat ALS

Where: Meadows

When: All day Saturday March 8th

What: Tropical themed ski day and fundraiser for ALS research. Register as a team, Dale Parshall has a team, *No White Flags*. If you can go, you can donate by searching Dale as a participant on their website and donating there. https://secure.alsnorthwest.org/site/TR?fr_id=1190&pg=entry

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

Apr 19th - Meadows Dinner

Where: Starts at Trails End Cabin

When: Evening of April 19th, details coming soon

What: Annual gathering. Starts with a cocktail party at trails end, then we all hop on a bus to Meadows for a fancy dinner. Then back on the bus to return to Govy and rampage the bars. At some point there may be erotic dancing...

ENTERTAINMENT

First Grade

A first grade teacher is teaching her class what foods come from what animals. She asks: "What does a chicken give you?"

The kids reply, "Meat!"

"What does a pig give you?"

"Bacon!"

"What does a big old fat cow give you?"

"Homework!"

Your Mom!

Kid 1: "Hey! I bet you're still a virgin."

Kid 2: "Yeah? I was until last night."

Kid 1: "As if"

Kid 2: "Yeah, just ask your sister."

Kid 1: "I don't have a sister."

Kid 2: "You will in about 9 months."

CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

I had written my final remarks just before receiving word about Kyle Watson's death. They don't seem appropriate now. It's a hard reminder that skiing is a dangerous and sometimes unpredictable sport. My condolences go out to those who knew him well. For those who can, [here is the go fund me link](#) to help his family with expenses.

Coming this week is GS training tomorrow (talk to Adam if you are coming), and PacRat race 2 at Meadows this weekend. Saturday is King Winter at Charlies. It is going to be a busy week.

See you on the slopes!

-Joe Smoot

