



# THE GREEN BUZZARD

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey guys,

Well that was a bummer. Cancelling races for rain always sucks but we will make it up another day. Thank you for everyone who showed up ready and willing to help, particularly the crew that went up in the rain to retrieve our gates from the top of the hill. Not as good as racing, but we did have a lot of fun chatting over beers at the 'stube into the afternoon.

Going into this next weekend, there are several good causes to go support. Ski to Defeat ALS is March 8th at Meadows, Dale Parshall is running a team, see details below. The Oregon Cancer Ski Out is March 9th-10th with on mountain activities at Meadows. Jeff Langfeldt and Steve Sciborski are heavily involved in that event, also see details below. It's not too late to donate or participate to either event!

This is all listed out below, but I want to emphasize that our biggest week of the year starts with the next meeting 03/11/25 at the Buffalo Gap. It will be a Pizza Night and we will be running the Calcutta Auction for Snowbird Teams. Come out and be part of the action, Zoom participants are welcome to bid on teams. Saturday 03/15/25 is the Club Championship at Ski Bowl slated for Bills Gold now. Following the Club Championship we will run the Snow Bird. Call and encourage the guys on these teams to show up. That night we have the Steak Fry at the Mt Hood Lions Club in Welches with all the usual shenanigans attached. The following Monday 03/17/25 is the next Training night at Ski Bowl Adam is running to get some gates in. And 03/18/25 is the Otto's Corned Beef Dinner. **DO NOT MISS THIS EVENT**, it is a great time Jerry and his family provides for the club. Keep thinking SNOW and I will see you all on the Mountain

-Christian



# NEWS

## Condor Cup Series

Unfortunately, we got rained out this past week. Poor Steve was ready and willing to set a course for us in the rain. We salvaged the after party by having breakfast at Charlies and Lunch at the Beer Stube, so we still did the most important part of race day (that's drinking!). We still need to work out a make-up plan for the race. More details coming at the next meeting.

## 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. The race 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. See attached for Class and Snow Bird lists - let Dale know if any questions. Please note that "snow sport specific" helmets are required.

After the race will be the Steak Fry, our annual awards banquet. Held at the Lions Club in Welches. \$20 at the door for a nice steak dinner. Doors open at 6PM, food is served about 7. BYOB. If you are interested in round trip transportation from Government Camp, Christian is coordinating a charter van service for \$20 a person or less with Hoodland Shuttle. Reach out to [President@SchneeVogeli.com](mailto:President@SchneeVogeli.com) if you want a seat. (Limited seats available)

## PACRAT Racing

After the first full race, Schnee Ratten is in first and Ruttin' Rats is tied for fourth! We had half a race the weekend of Feb 21-23 (Sunday was cancelled due to weather). 100% of our Fridays racers showed up for the Feb 21 race. Both teams appear to be positioned well. There won't be any updated results until a full race is completed. See results at [www.pacrats.org](http://www.pacrats.org). Next PACRAT race weekend is March 7-9 at Ski Bowl.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bcmn79@gmail.com).

### **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>

## **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 12-16<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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](mailto: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 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.

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](mailto:president@schneevogeli.com).

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. 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 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 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

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

Where: Skibowl

### Mar 8<sup>th</sup> - Ski to Defeat ALS

Where: Meadows

When: All day Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>

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](https://secure.alsnorthwest.org/site/TR?fr_id=1190&pg=entry)

### 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 11<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.

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> - Club Championships**

Where: Skibowl - Mt. Hood Lane

What: Club Championships, for all the glory!

**Mar 15<sup>th</sup> - Steak Fry**

When: Doors open at 6, dinner at 7

Where: Mt Hood Lions Club at 24730 E Woodsey Way, Welches, OR 97067

What: Annual dinner at the Mt Hood Lions Club following the club championship. Race results will be announced, awards distributed, and dessert served by the associates. If you are interested in round trip transportation from Government Camp, Christian is coordinating a charter van service for \$20 a person or less with Hoodland Shuttle. Reach out to [President@SchneeVogeli.com](mailto:President@SchneeVogeli.com) if you want a seat. (Limited seats available)

**Mar 18<sup>th</sup> - Corned Beef Dinner**

Where: Otto's Sausage Kitchen on Woodstock, 4138 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

When: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm

What: Jerry Eichentopf and his family are hosting the club at Otto's Sausage Kitchen off Woodstock in Portland. Doors open at 6pm for drinks, dinner to follow. This is always one of the highlights of the year, amazing food and great company. This is also a great event to bring a +1 to. Don't miss out.

**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

**Apr 19<sup>th</sup> - Meadows Dinner**

Where: Starts at Trails End Cabin

When: Evening of April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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...

**Apr 26<sup>th</sup> - Ender Bender**

Where: The Ratskellar

When: Evening April 26, further details TBD

What: Our annual end of season blowout!

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Salary Negotiations

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

## Bug Soup

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

"That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies.

After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

## The Old Schnee's

There was an elderly couple who in their old age noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down so they don't forget. They went home and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said. The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream." Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top. "Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top." So he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon. The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"



# CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

Well the weather gives and takes. At least there have been some great sunny ski days! Keep doing your snow dances and let's hope for a great week of skiing!

See you on the Mountain!

- Joe Smoot