



THE GREEN BUZZARD

Schnee Vogli Ski Club
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey guys,

It's been a heck of a month of skiing and socializing, and sure the weather hasn't been all we could hope for, but it's been a blast either way. I had to double check the calendar, it's been 10 straight weeks with at least one event for Schnee or Pacrat, many with more than one. But it's far from over, looking ahead five of the next six weeks have at least one Schnee or Pacrat Event including no less than five more race days. That incredible amount of activity is only possible with an army of people contributing. Thank you to everyone who has shown up, been part of the story, and especially those who stepped up to help. It would not happen without you. For PACRAT, some of you may have noticed that Ruttin' Rats is in with a chance of some hardware. If you are a Sunday racer, we **need** you to be there this Sunday 04/06. If you are not a Sunday racer, pressure the Sunday Ruttin' Rats to show up in their racing best.

Those of you at the last meeting already heard about this, but the club has officially worn out its welcome at the Ratskeller. With both the Rat and Charlie's not interested in hosting our parties, we need to take a step back and figure out what's next. Stay tuned, the dream isn't dead.

A while back, The Mt Hood Podcast approached Marina (Skiyente), Ulla (Pacrat), and I to interview on their podcast and talk about adult racing on Mt Hood. I don't exactly have a voice for radio but I enjoyed the conversation with the host Andy Poorman and hopefully presented the club in a positive light. That episode went live this week and might be worth a listen, links to different places to hear the podcast below. You may notice some familiar voices in some of the other episodes Andy put out.

Apple Podcasts:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/ski-and-snowboard-racing-for-grownups-on-mt-hood/id1730989693?i=1000700802582>

Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/0F6osS3drQ9uBMLelmKCvc>

Buzzsprout:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2316781/episodes/16858651-ski-and-snowboard-racing-for-grownups-on-mt-hood>

One more reminder, there's two noteworthy events at the next Schnee Buffalo Gap meeting 04/08:

- 1: Officers nominations for the '25-'26 season will open
- 2: We are going to watch some Hot Dog Hans videos while we finish our drinks after the meeting.

See you all at the mountain for MORE RACING.

-Christian

NEWS

Condor Cup Series

Last race of the Condor Cup will be on Saturday! Race will be on Pucci at Timberline. Due to several rained out races this year we will be making this a marathon race! That's right, we will make up all the missed races in one day, 8 runs! We will be sending a separate email out shortly with complete details.

The Club Championships & Snow Bird Recap

This year's club championships were held March 15th at Ski Bowl. We had some challenging weather but at least it was of the frozen variety. We were on Mt. Hood Lane and had 30 racers. The weather must have been a deterrent for our older guys as no one showed up in the 70+ age Vet V/Sr. B class. Everyone was able to complete two runs. The course held up pretty well considering the amount of new snow we had. Brian Bogatin put together two great runs to edge Adam Miller for fastest overall (and winner of Class A) by just 0.45 seconds. Other class winners were: Steve Urdahl (B), Andrew Murphy (C), Bob Lawrence (Sr. A), Bill Brown (Vet I) (Jeff Langfeldt gets on the trophy since Bill is an associate), Craig Pieringer (Vet II), John Orefice (Vet III), and Aaron Sawyer (Vet IV). Results are on the website and are listed at the end of the buzzard.

After the Club Championships the course was reset for the Snow Bird race. Jarrod Levesque was able to navigate the course fastest and claim the Snow Bird crown and he won Jack Walker \$205 in the Calcutta.

Thanks to Adam and the rest of the race crew for the great courses, Ulla Brunette for being our starter and Sheri Parshall for being our timer. Then it was on to the Multipor bar for some beverages and about 50 of us and our guests made it down to the Welch's Lion's Club for a fun night of food and awards. Thanks to the Associates who came in their best attire and cleared tables and handed out desserts. A few of us still standing were able to make it to Charlie's to show off awards and enjoy a nightcap.

PACRAT Racing

We had a full PACRAT race weekend March 7-9. Each pair of Friday/Sunday races makes up one full race. The Friday Feb 21 race has been paired with the Sunday March 9 race to make-up the second full race. Schnee Ratten and Ruttin' Rats continued to score well and were in 3rd and 4th place, respectively. The March 21-23 races were cancelled due to weather. We had a combined race Sunday March 30 at Timberline. Participation is lagging a bit but hopefully we can stay in the hunt. Updated results are expected later this week. There is a Sunday make-up race April 6 at Timberline and then the Rat Attack April 18. See results at www.pacrats.org.

Meadows Dinner

The date is April 19th. The cocktail party at Trails End at 5pm, bus pickup at 6pm to Meadows, dinner at 7pm and the bus will take us back to Govy around 9pm.

Even if you already told Don you plan on attending YOU MUST SIGN UP WITH [THIS LINK](#) TO PAY AND CONFIRM YOUR RESRVATION!

If you have not already signed up at a meeting or told Don, you also need to email him (DJCLAY45@msn.com) in addition to signing up online.

SlowLam

We are still hoping to do some slalom racing this year. Tentative dates are 5/4 and 5/11 at Timberline. Adam is still working out details, so stay tuned and set those days aside for some racing. Many people may be hesitant to try out slalom because they don't have the right skis, pole guards, or shin guards. While I can speak from experience that these are not 100% necessary, I would agree that it is nice to have and needed if you are planning on slapping gates. If this is a barrier for you, let us know! Many of us have extra gear we may be willing to lend you or sell to you at a discount.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Updates

Hello from the membership chair,

We have a new associate Jeff Hornick to the club and was voted in the last meeting. Also in that meeting we have an associate that has completed his year as an associate (along with requirements) and Andrew Murphy was voted on as our newest full member. Please congratulate both Jeff and Andrew on their new status with the club when you see them.

If you were someone that got a note to be at the next meeting to be voted in please note that you need to attend the second meeting of the month (working meeting) where you can be voted on. If you do not show up, we cannot vote on you. Please attend the meeting at the Buffalo Gap or if you away from the area please “zoom” in to the meeting remotely to be voted on.

If you feel that you have been forgotten with your voting please let me know and I will research to explain why. It may be a mistake that you have been missed and don't want to mess up longer by waiting to figure it out, please notify me.

We still need to bring on some new associates (insurance cost went up over \$1K additional) and refer them to me and you are able to send them the link below to sign up to be an associate. We need this filled out by everyone that is going to be in the club since it notes all the particulars to the person who is signing up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g1uUuWnYQm5_umqAvml3u5d9KESDa3Sy1EJi8F8ijbw/edit

If you can collect their email and phone number then send to me, that works as well. We want to make this easy for everyone and that means the incoming members as well.

Winter is winding down and we have a race left for the season. After that we will be talking about warm weather items with members/friends. If you have an idea for an event, please let us know (through Whatsapp) to invite members. We have many members doing fun things all summer flying planes, hiking, biking, surfing, music events, running races, car shows, food events, and much more. If you want to plan an event for members I am interested myself and don't even know what the event is yet.

To sum it up we have had a great season, still going strong, and we have fun coming up for summer.

-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

As our ski season comes to a close we will be looking forward to continuing work on the photo project. 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.

We are considering 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

Lots of new logo gear out there so far, but right now we're in-between orders of merch. We're about to close the book on Schnee Starter Jackets which will be the last special order item for the season. These will have the schnee logo front and back, with your name embroidered below the logo on the front. If you want a starter jacket, reach out to Christian (president@schneevogeli.com) ASAP. Also we are expecting to see some hats become available as soon as the next meeting, make sure to come by and see what we have.

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 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 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.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 5th - Condor Cup Makeup Races

Where: Timberline, Pucci Main

When: Saturday morning

What: Marathon event of racing to complete the condor cup!

Apr 6th - PacRat Makeup Race

Where: Timberline, Pucci Main

When: Sunday, 9am

What: PacRat make-up race for Sunday racers. We are in the running for a podium! Be sure to show up and earn points!

Apr 8th - Club Meeting

Where: The Gap

When: Opens at 6, meeting at 7

What: Officer nominations open! After the meeting we will hang out to watch some Hot Dog Hans!

Apr 13th - Laura Green Memorial Race

Where: Timberline

When: Sunday, April 13th, Race starts around 9. Show up early to register.

What: This is another racing opportunity and a fundraiser for Mt Hood Ski Patrol. Your registration donation allows you to race as many starts as time allows on a Nastar style GS course on Pucci Main as well as an after race BBQ. All proceeds benefit Mt Hood Ski Patrol. Come check it out. Here is a link to the flyer: https://pacrats.org/files/event_flyers/2025%20Laura%20Green%20Race%20Flyer.pdf

Apr 18th - Rat Attack

What: PacRat awards banquet. Always a good time! Details will be emailed out by the PacRat board soon.

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...

~~Apr 26th - Ender Bender~~

~~Where: The Ratskellar~~

~~When: Evening April 26, further details TBD~~

~~What: Our annual end of season blowout!~~

Cancelled...for now...

May 4th and 11th - SlowLam

Where: Timberline, somewhere on the Mile?

When: Daytimes on 5/4 and 5/11

What: Slalom racing, casual event. Still working on details but save the dates.

June 21st - Highway Cleanup

Where: Meet at Skibowl West, we will break out from there.

When: Saturday June 21st, meeting at 930 am

What: We are the sponsors for the best section of HWY 26 from SkiBowl to Snowbunny. We will clean trash from the side of the road, then have lunch together in Govy. This is a required event for associates.

ENTERTAINMENT

Surprise Party

Why did I get divorced? Well, last week was my birthday. My wife didn't wish me a happy birthday. My parents forgot and so did my kids. I went to work and even my colleagues didn't wish me a happy birthday. As I entered my office, my secretary said, "Happy birthday, boss!" I felt so special. She asked me out for lunch. After lunch, she invited me to her apartment. We went there and she said, "Do you mind if I go into the bedroom for a minute?" "Okay," I said. She came out 5 minutes later with a birthday cake, my wife, my parents, my kids, my friends, & my colleagues all yelling, "SURPRISE!!!" while I was waiting on the sofa... naked.

Weight Loss Plan

There is an overweight guy who is watching TV. A commercial comes on for a guaranteed weight loss of 10 pounds in a week. So the guy, thinking what the hell, signs up for it. Next morning an incredibly beautiful woman is standing at his door in nothing but a pair of running shoes and a sign about her neck that reads, "If you can catch me, you can have me." As soon as he sees her, she takes off running. He tries to catch her, but is unable. This continues for a week, at the end of which, the man has lost 10 pounds. After this he tries the next weight loss plan, 15 pounds in a week. The next morning an even more beautiful woman is standing at the door, in similar conditions. The same happens with her as the first woman, except he almost catches her. This continues for a week, at the end of which he, as suspected, weighs 15

pounds less. Excited about this success, he decides to do the master program. Before he signs up, he is required to sign a waiver and is warned about the intensity of this plan. Still he signs up. The next morning, waiting at the door, is a hulking 300 pound muscle man with nothing but a pair of running shoes, a raging erection, and a sign around his neck that says, "If I catch you, you're mine!" The man was supposed to lose 25 pounds in the week; he lost 34.

CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

One more busy month of events left before the season starts to wind down. We have another Condor Cup and the last PacRat race. Then several opportunities to commiserate. I will be looking for a good day to try for summit. Let me know if you are interested!

Officer nominations are opening soon. If you are looking for a way to become more involved and leave your mark on the club, think about running for an officer position.

- Joe Smoot

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

SVSC Club Championship - 2025

First Name	Last Name	Age	Class	Blue	Red	Combined/Fastest	Place
Brian	Bogatin		A	29.00	28.25	57.25	1
Adam	Miller		A	28.60	29.10	57.70	2
Peter	Dodd		A	29.49	28.65	58.14	3
James	Cory		A	29.55	29.77	59.32	4
Dale	Parshall		A	29.76	29.69	59.45	5
Christian	Bennett		A	29.95	29.81	59.76	6
Alex	Smoot		A	32.82	31.23	63.85	7
Steve	Urdahl		B	30.58	30.04	60.62	1
Robert	Galasso		B	31.65	30.66	62.31	2
Scott	Morrison		B	31.30	31.57	62.87	3
Bruce	Parshall		B	31.60	32.69	64.29	4
Jason	Rogers		B	32.91	32.34	65.25	5
Ryan	Rooper		B	33.38	33.50	66.88	6
Gary	Gunderson		B	36.06	36.36	72.42	7
Andrew	Murphy		C	31.05	31.61	62.66	1
Dennis	Noreen		C	31.81	31.66	63.47	2
Bob	Lawrence	Sr.	A	31.90	32.45	31.90	1
Farzin	Ghezel	Sr.	A	34.02	33.78	33.78	2
Jack	Walker	Sr.	A	35.40	33.91	33.91	3
Greg	Dilger	Sr.	A	37.38	36.06	36.06	4
Bill	Brown*	Vet	I	33.19	34.44	33.19	1
Jeff	Langfeld	Vet	I	35.11	35.04	35.04	2
Craig	Pieringer	Vet	II	34.38	32.86	32.86	1
Justin	Bishop	Vet	II	35.72	35.20	35.20	2
Jack	Clifton	Vet	II	36.53	36.40	36.40	3
John	Orefice	Vet	III	38.12	40.04	38.12	1
Greg	Brown	Vet	III	40.02	38.57	38.57	2
Craig	Diehl*	Vet	III	38.73	38.90	38.73	3
Aaron	Sawyer	Vet	IV	34.96	32.78	32.78	1

SNOWBIRD RESULTS

2025 SVSC Snowbird Racers

As of 3/11/25

Team	Racer		Time	Team	Racer		Time
One	Norvin	Peer		Four	Felipe	Semper	
	Ron	Reichardt			Bill	King	
Steve U	Thor	Noble		Adam M	Scott	Pillsbury	
\$55	Charlie	Sperr		\$90	Ken	Kaster	
pd	Jeff	Vachter		pd	Bob	Repp	
	Jeff	Ely		2nd	Neal	Japport	
	George	MacDonald			Aaron	Sawyer	35.40

Two	Steve	Sciborski		Five	Steve	Coxen	
	Tom	Cansler			AJ	Sheppard ¹	
Christian	Rick	Stark		Jack W	Chris	Shepard ¹	
\$70	John	Tilton		\$205	Syd	Putnam	
pd	Paul	Munsell		pd	Jeremy	Dieter	
	Matt	Jacoby		1st	Jeff	Griese	
	Raj	Savara			Jarrold	Levesque	32.71

Three	Mike	Gregg		Six	Brad	Nase	
	Terry	Jondahl			Rob	Teeters	
Farzin	Greg	Blomgren		Steve U	Greg	Smith	
\$75	Joe	Cain		\$80	Kevin	Pike	
pd	John	Howey		pd	Kent	Frigaard	
	Tom	Reynolds			Jerry	Hartz	
	John	Brighton			Jonathan	Lowy	
					Field ²		

1 Gets a 20% discount for using a snowboard

2 Anyone not listed

Snow Bird Trophy Winner:

Total Purse:	\$575
1st	\$316.25
2nd	\$172.50
3rd	\$86.25