



THE GREEN BUZZARD

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy August everyone. I hope everyone has been out enjoying the summer and the slow part of the year on the club calendar. If the whatsapp chat is anything to go by everyone has been living it up; I'm seeing rafting, water skiing, hiking, fast boats and fast cars.

Starting this month we are ramping back up with golfing, picnicking, a happy hour in town and more. Andrew has the details below. I also have some good news for everyone. We are confirmed at Charlies for Pray for Snow in November. Dale will be working out all the details with more to share in coming weeks.

At the officers meeting last month, we took a look at the budget, our calendar, and our goals and I'm excited with what we came up with. On the budget side for 2024-2025 we did a great job controlling our expenses and bringing in new membership to counteract the impact of our insurance increase last year. The books don't close on the season until the end of the month but we are on track to run a small surplus. For events all of the officers stepped up to bring events to the club including some new ideas like a happy hour in town or a shotgun practice before that fall cleanup. We are also looking to be more proactive on planning ski trips with locked-in dates in the fall. Keep an eye on the buzzard and whatsapp, we're going to be doing some great things this year.

-Christian

NEWS

Ski Simulator

While we are a long flight or few months from hitting a run other than Palmer, there is now another option to get the feeling of gliding downhill a lot closer to Portland. Opening earlier this year, PTO Ski & Snowboard in Beaverton installed the first 2 [SkiMachine](#) simulators in Oregon. If you are interested in checking these Dutch designed machines before the upcoming August Happy Hour, please send a text with your name to Andrew Murphy at (503) 816-3624. Cost will be approximately \$25.00 for an hour in groups of 4.

Senate Bill 1196 / House Bill 3140

The Oregon legislature did not pass either of the bills intended to protect many of Oregon's recreational businesses, many of which are now at risk of shutting down or moving out of state if their insurance costs go much higher. Please take a moment to reach out to your senator and representative and let them know that access to the outdoors and skiing on Mt Hood are major parts of who we are and are integral parts of our club's history and its future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer isn't over yet—and neither are our plans to come together. As the season continues, we're adding some additional events to the club calendar and we'd love to see as many of you as possible. We know everyone has busy schedules, except Dan who is still figuring out what to do in retirement, but we are looking forward to seeing you at some of the club's upcoming events.

SVSC Golf tournament

When: August 9th, 7:00 AM

Where: Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Welches, Or

What: Scramble style tournament with shotgun start. Signup with Don Clay in advance → (djclay45@msn.com).

Plan to arrive before 7AM to pay the green fee and be in place before the start time.

SVSC Club Picnic & Horseshoe Tournament

When: August 9th Post Golf tournament / Noonish

Where: Trails Mix Cabin, 30410 E Blossom Trail, Government Camp, Or

What: Food, drinks, horseshoe, shenanigans. Pretty self-explanatory. Please bring your own camp chair, seating is limited! (BYOB)

For the non-golfers, if you want to come by early and help set up your assistance is appreciated. Please let John Orefice know if you're planning on helping.

His & Hers Golf Tournament

When: August 23rd, 10:30 AM

Where: Mt. Hood Oregon Resort, Welches, Or

What: Sign-up with Don Clay (djclay45@msn.com) . Expect more info soon.

Try out Oregon's Only Ski Simulator

When: August 19, 4:00PM

Where: PTO Ski & Snowboard 5639 SW Arctic Dr, Beaverton

What: Test out the only Ski Machine ski simulator in OR

SVSC Summer Get Together -Happy Hour

When: August 19, 6:00 PM

Where: The Cider Mill - 6712 SW Capitol Hwy

What: Catch each other up on our summer activities over a pint

Clay Pigeon Practice

When: TBD

Where: TBD

What: An opportunity to get your eye in before the shotgun shoot. Stay tuned for details. Reach out to Christian if you are interested.

SVSC Meeting

When: Tuesday September 9 Doors Open at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00 PM

Where: Buffalo Gap → **Pizza Night**

What: First meeting of the year

Hwy Cleanup and Shotgun Shoot

When: September 13, 9:30 AM

Where: Meet at Skibowl West 930 am

What: Meet in the Morning at Ski Bowl to clean up litter on the highway between Skibowl and Snowbunny. Then load up and drive out to Wamic for lunch and sporting clays at Andy Tag's ranch.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Updates

Hello from the membership chair,

We have warm events happening and looking forward to seeing all this summer. When you are thinking about doing something fun, invite other club members, and share the great times that you had with the rest of us! Pictures tell the best story and please take many and share using WhatsApp!

After the golf scramble is the picnic and horseshoe contest immediately following at Trails Mix in Government Camp. This is a fun event, BYOB, BYOChair, and there will be SVSC items available for purchase. Dale Parshell and Joe Cain won last year (Dale will be out of town) and the trophy is up for grabs to grace your mantle for a full year!



Ask ski friends about becoming a member of the club. Talk with fellow racers on other teams and represent each other by being incredible! If you see others on Palmer skiing this summer they are likely someone that needs to know about the club.

Electronic application link (for you to share): <https://forms.gle/y8wii8QAWdn481y>

Our costs will increase over time and we are working hard to balance the budget with what we have. When we bring more friends into the club this helps us all have more fun and makes the club viable through more membership. You are the club and skiing is the glue! Keep having an awesome summer while dreaming of snow!!!

We have new patches available for only \$5.00 to stick or sew them to your favorite garment, bag, or other space to show your SVSC Love!!!



-Dennis

SVSC HISTORIAN

Over the summer Dan will be picking up the photo project to continue making our club's history accessible and enjoyable for years to come. 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 archiving the content in a format where the members of the club can view the content at will.

There was a lot of interest in professionally printed portraits from the files we are digitizing, and we believe it can also serve as a fundraiser for the club. There's a couple options on how we can make this happen that Dan will be investigating with the help from some of the members.



SVSC SWAG

It was a big year for logo gear in 2024-2025 and we are looking to keep building this season. In addition to representing the club on and off the mountain with high quality apparel, a small portion of the purchase price directly benefits the club treasury softening the impact of insurance and hill space costs.

We have some merch currently available in case you missed it at the last few events. First up is new logo hats with a sewn on cloth patch of the buzzard. Available in black/white trucker, white/gray trucker, or black "dad's cap", \$20 for any style. If you would like a cloth buzzard patch separately, we have extras for \$5 a piece.



We also have a few remaining Kandabeer shirts in large and extra-large. Other sizes can be made by request. These shirts are also \$20. Both the hats and shirts will be available in person at the remaining summer events until they are gone. If you aren't able to make it in person, reach out to Christian at president@schneevogeli.com.

Meeting Reminder and Zoom Access

Remember meetings occur on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting up in September. Except for the annual Hillcrest meeting in December, we meet at the Buffalo Gap on Macadam. Doors open for the meeting space at 6:00 pm. The 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.



WhatsApp stuff

About a year ago we introduced the Schnee Vogeli Whatsapp group and it's been pretty successful this last season with over fifty members enrolled so far. Whatsapp has filled a gap we've had for a while providing a space for us to chat, stay in touch, and share high quality pictures directly with the historian in a mobile friendly format.

If you've never used Whatsapp before, there's a little setup work you need to do but it's not that bad. Download the app, create an account, and then click this link from your phone to join the Schnee community. [Here is the link.](#)

ENTERTAINMENT

Three guys go to a ski lodge, and there aren't enough rooms, so they have to share a bed. In the middle of the night, the guy on the right wakes up and says, "I had this wild, vivid dream of getting a hand job!" The guy on the left wakes up, and unbelievably, he's had the same dream, too. Then the guy in the middle wakes up and says, "That's funny, I dreamed I was skiing!"



I realized I've got a road rage problem when my five-year-old niece screamed... "Pick a lane, dickhead!" While sitting in my shopping cart!

CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

As we are just shy of the mid-way point from the end of last ski season to the beginning of next one, I have to say I'm done with the heat and I can't wait for the flakes to fly. With most of us off doing our own things in June and July, we have a number of club events in August to bring us back together. With a couple golf tournaments, the club BBQ and horseshoe championships, and a happy hour in Portland in case you can't make it up to the mountain. Looking forward to catching up with many of you over the next few weeks.

As always - Please send questions, comments, or contributions to buzzard@schneevogeli.com or 2700 SW Taylors Ferry Rd, Portland, OR 97219.

Andrew Murphy