



THE GREEN BUZZARD

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We're off to a strong start for '25-'26! Last week we had our first meeting of the year, our highway cleanup, and the following shotgun shoot. I think we might have set a club record for most guys at a highway cleanup, by my count (and including late arrivals) we were at 25. I love to see the energy and engagement and want to keep it going into the race season. If you run into Don Clay or Ed Rogers make sure to thank them for running the shotgun shoot and picnic for another successful year.

I mentioned this during the meeting but want to say it again here. One of my goals this year is to get more guys from the membership leading events open to the membership. It doesn't need to be a big international trip or even necessarily ski related. Just an opportunity to get together and have a good time. If you are interested in leading an event or just open to the idea, reach out to me and let's talk about it. I will help organize and promote it and we can work together to bring more opportunities to the club.

I hope everyone enjoys these final days of the summer and I will see you next Tuesday at the Buffalo Gap. We have a slew of potential associates eligible for a vote, come out and welcome some new guys to the club.

-Christian



NEWS

In Memory: Steven Sciborski



We recently lost one of our members, Steve Sciborski as a result of a reported heart attack. While only recently becoming a full member of Schnee, Steve had an outsized presence on the mountain actively supporting events like the Oregon Cancer ski out where his focus, like much of his life, was helping others by connecting people to deliver positive outcomes. There will be a celebration of live remembering Steve October 26th at the Riverside Country Club.

[Steve Sciborski Obutuary](#)

2025-2026 DUES:

It's time to pay your dues again. It's \$75 until the end of October then it goes up from there. We have added some additional ways to pay your dues

1. If you click on the small buzzard on the bottom right of the website you go to this page: [SVSC Website Dues Page](#). No paypal account required.
2. Scan the QR code with your phone if you have a paypal account.
3. Send a check to our PO Box.
4. Dale takes cash or check.



Ski passes on sale

All major passes have gone on sale, with early bird pricing ending soon on a couple of them, so pick your favorite pass and Pray for Snow.

Winter Forecast

As winter approaches, NOAA's seasonal forecast for the 2025-2026 season offers a cautiously optimistic outlook for snow lovers in the Cascade Range. While long-range predictions are inherently uncertain, early indicators suggest a potentially snowy season for the Pacific Northwest. A weak La Niña is forecasted for this year with Washington and northern Oregon the only regions where temperatures are forecasted as "Probability of Below", and precipitation as normal. While too early to say for sure, it looks like another good snow year for us on Mt Hood.

Sapporo Snow Festival

Charlie Scott is looking to bring a crew with him to the Sapporo Snow Festival and then hit some epic powder at Niseko resort. Schnee members have attended in the past [Schnee in Sapporo '08](#) and Sapporo, host of the 1972 Winter Olympics is also the Sister city of Portland. Charlie Scott will share an outline of the schedule, timing and costs in the next few weeks.

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

One 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.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Countdown to the Winter is here with a

SVSC Meeting

When: Tuesday September 23 Doors Open at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00 PM

Where: Buffalo Gap

What: Business meeting and vote night

Hillcrest Race Day

When: September 27 10AM-4PM

Where: Hillcrest Ski & Sports, Gresham

What:

No need to fight the end of day traffic to make it out to Hillcrest for Racer Night as Dexter has shifted to a full day event on Saturday September 27, with factory reps from a number of great brands to walk you through what's new and answer any questions you may have on skis and other gear for this year. Shout out to Gary and Wild Mike's as there will be pizza throughout the day.



Pray for Snow!

When: November 15th

Where: Charlie's Mountain View

What:

It's Official Pray for Snow is back at Charlie's and the mountain is going to rock. Changing the format there will be no tickets to enter with the club fundraising efforts focused on securing a few sponsor tables, door prizes and a 50-50 drawing. To ensure we have some door prizes that drive ticket sales, please network friends and companies for donations. If nothing else, tell your friends we're partying in Govy Nov 15th and there's no cover.

Winter Trips:

If you are planning any ski trips this year please send them to Captain Buzzard (buzzard@schneevogeli.com) and I will share. Potential trips include: Dan Lane to White Pass, Murphy (just added E WA, ID and AK to my territory) to Mission Ridge and also a Silver Mountain and Lookout Pass trip. Details to come, but a great opportunity to hit some different mountains and use our passes at partner resorts.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Updates

Hello from the membership chair,

Summer is winding down, thoughts of winter winding up, and the club is full-on for another year of camaraderie along with great times to be had by all!

Keep your eyes out for potential new members this fall during the ramp-up to winter skiing/racing. When you attend Pac-Rat (or other ski event) keep your eyes open for fun/great people (like yourself) that we all need to meet and have them get to know us!

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

We as members consistently build on the club by being a great member! What is a great member you ask? A great member is everyone's number one cheerleader (think: Gary Gunderson), steps up to help (think: John Orifice and many others), is a great skier (all of us), and supports one another (incredible club of friends!). That is who we are and who we will always be! I am proud that you are my friend.

We have SVSC patches available (see James Cory) for only \$5.00 to attach them to your favorite garment, bag, or other space to show your SVSC Love!!!



-Dennis

SVSC HISTORIAN

The digitization project continues! Having the club's history in digital form makes long term preservation simpler and allows more of the membership to experience our shared history. How that is going to look is still taking shape. But for starters 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. More to come, stay tuned for updates.



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 across the board cost increases the club has to cover. One change you will see in the logo gear this year is James Cory taking on the "business" side of the operation. He will be the

guy collecting money, taking orders, and delivering gear. Ed Carman is still the man behind the creation of the gear and is eager to turn our ideas into reality.

We have now tried and failed with two vendors to get challengers jackets and vests ordered. For the guys who paid last year refunds are forthcoming.

We are working through the last of the current wave of merch and have a selection of Logo Hats remaining plus a Kandabeer shirt or two. (\$20 each) Now is the best time to make your voice heard, what should we make next for the club? More T-shirts? Hawaiian shirts? Something else?



There is also an opportunity for a custom Schnee logo Artica race warm up/start jacket. This is a large jacket that you can quickly throw on at the top or bottom of the race course over your race suit/gloves/helmet and get warm. These aren't inexpensive but for the price we will be paying are a great value. We are estimating a price around \$200 and this is the same as the sign up last year, if you signed up last year I will be reaching out to you soon to confirm your interest. Otherwise let me know if you want one!

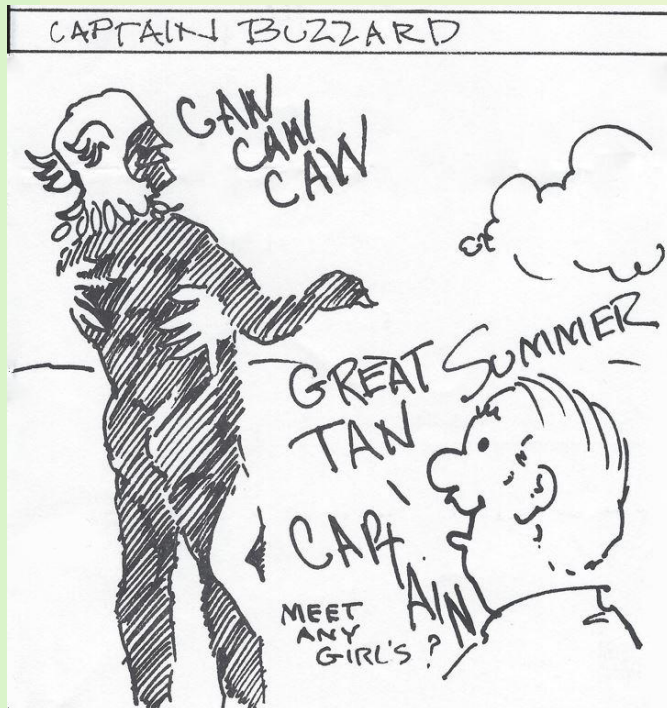
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LOGO ON BACK WILL BE LARGER. (13 INCHES WIDE)

ENTERTAINMENT



Three snowboarders are riding in the back of a car. Who is driving? - *The police.*

What do you call a successful ski instructor? *A guy whose girlfriend has two jobs.*

What do you call a snowboarder who broke up with his girlfriend? *Homeless*

CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

Big thanks to Don for organizing all the summer events—they gave us a great chance to catch up on the course and at the range, and stay connected with what's going on.

We're officially in countdown mode as we slide into the back half of September. There's a bit of moisture in the air, the temps are finally cooling off, and you know what that means—the flakes can't be far behind. With snow coming, it's definitely time to start thinking about dryland training, that's usually as far as I get. But I know a few of the boys are already hitting the gym to get prepped. Respect.

It was great seeing many of you at the Gap last week. Looking ahead, we've got an upcoming meeting and vote night, with several associates up for full membership—so come out and show your support!

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

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