



# THE GREEN BUZZARD

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Does anyone else hear winter knocking on the door? October is the last “quiet” month we have until May. From here on it's Pray for Snow, skiing, racing, Parties, and more.

Pray for Snow is just around the door and it's going to be a blast. No cover, no pre-sales, no door duty. Just fun and celebration at Charlies. Make sure you are there and bring some friends.

Later in November we are trying something new. Joe Smoot was able to arrange for an Avalanche and Backcountry instructor to come and present at our meeting on November 25th. We'll run a quick meeting for the first half hour, then we will get a half hour to forty five minute presentation on Avalanche hazards and how to manage the risk including a Q&A session. Just last year we lost Kyle Watson to an Avalanche with at least one more close call within the club. Make a point to come out and learn a thing or two about managing the risk we all accept when we go out skiing.

One last note, a small cache of Leon Laucirica's final Captain Buzzard comics was recently uncovered. You may see these filter through the Green Buzzard this season. Keep an eye out.

Think Snow and I will see you all at the 'Gap next week.  
-Christian

# NEWS

It's official, flakes are flying with a dusting on Mt Hood and Mt Bachelor reporting the first snow of the year as well. With cooler temps and moisture in the forecast, NOAA is predicting some rain/snow at Timberline so time to start pulling our gear and getting ready for another great season.

## 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. Mt Bachelor early bird pricing ended on Oct 7 and Timberline / Fusion Tier 1 will end November 2 and Mt Hood Meadows at the end of October.

## Snow Park Permits

Jeff Vachter will be selling Snow Park permits for \$30 at Tuesday's Meeting. Cost is \$30.00 and proceeds will benefit Mount Hood Ski Patrol

## Sapporo Snow Festival

Charlie Scott is pulling together the details for those who are interested in joining him in February at the 76th Sapporo Snow Festival. The annual festival, that runs 4 to February 4-11 attracts millions of visitors, and features elaborate snow and ice sculptures as well as lots of winter activities. As the Schenee members who went in 08 will tell you, this is an epic trip with some of the best powder skiing in the world. [Schnee in Sapporo '08](#)

## Skiyente Big White Trip '26:

Skiyente is going back to Big White this season and there's still a chance to go with. Last year sounded like a ton of fun for those who went. More details here:

<https://www.skiyente.com/bigwhite2026>.

## Meeting Reminder and Zoom Access

Remember meetings occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

### **SVSC Meeting**

When: Tuesday Oct 14- SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00 PM

Where: Buffalo Gap

What: Business meeting

### **Snowvana Ski Show**

When: Oct 24-26

Where: Portland Expo Center

What: The Northwest's largest gear sale with up to 70% off on new and used gear, your favorite ski resorts in attendance offering lift ticket deals and ski/stay packages.

### **SVSC Meeting**

When: Tuesday Oct 28- SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00 PM

Where: Buffalo Gap

What: Business meeting and vote night

### **Mt Hood Cultural Center and Museum Heritage Night 2025**

When: Saturday NOV 1 6:00-9:00 PM

Where: The Mt Hood Museum, Government Camp

What: This is an annual fundraiser for the Mt Hood Museum. This lively evening brings the community together with a mix of live and silent auctions, raffle prizes, delicious hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and plenty of fun. Admission is free for museum members, and non-members are welcome by signing up for a membership at the door.

Proceeds support the Museum's programs and preservation efforts, so come and support a great cause. If you'd like to donate an item for the auction,

please contact us at 503-272-3301 to arrange pick-up.

### **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.

### **AIRE/Wylark Avalanche Safety Presentation - AT THE SCHNEE MEETING**

When: November 25th at the regularly scheduled Schnee meeting

Where: The Buffalo Gap

What: After a shortened Schnee meeting, we will have a professional avalanche and backcountry instructor (Alexander Vasarab of Wylark) presenting some basics of Avalanche risk awareness and mitigation. It goes without saying that we could all benefit from this knowledge, even for those who never leave a marked run in the resort.

### **Winter Trips:**

If you are planning any ski trips this year please send them to Captain Buzzard ([svscbuzzard@gmail.com](mailto:svscbuzzard@gmail.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,

We have some remnants of summer hitting us before the rain starts falling and the flakes start flying! Quick, get your summer activities wrapped up, summer sports gear put into hibernation, and the winter gear is awoken from its slumber!

Find potential new members this fall and invite them to a meeting. When attending Pac-Rat (or other ski event) wear your SVSC gear and start talking with potential members.

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

The second meeting of the month is our working meeting and we have some voting along with discussions about members. Please zoom in or be at the meeting to vote.

Members voting on and sponsors (please say something if I missed you!):

Dave Gearing (December will be back) sponsors: Steve Sciborski, Jeff Langfelt, Bob Brown

Brendan O'Connell (November vote) sponsors: Jeff Ely, James Cory, Bob Lawrence

Craig Diehl (November vote) sponsors: Christian Bennett, Jarrod Levesque, Shane Smith

Bill Brown (November vote) sponsors: Gary Gunderson, Steve Urdahl

-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.

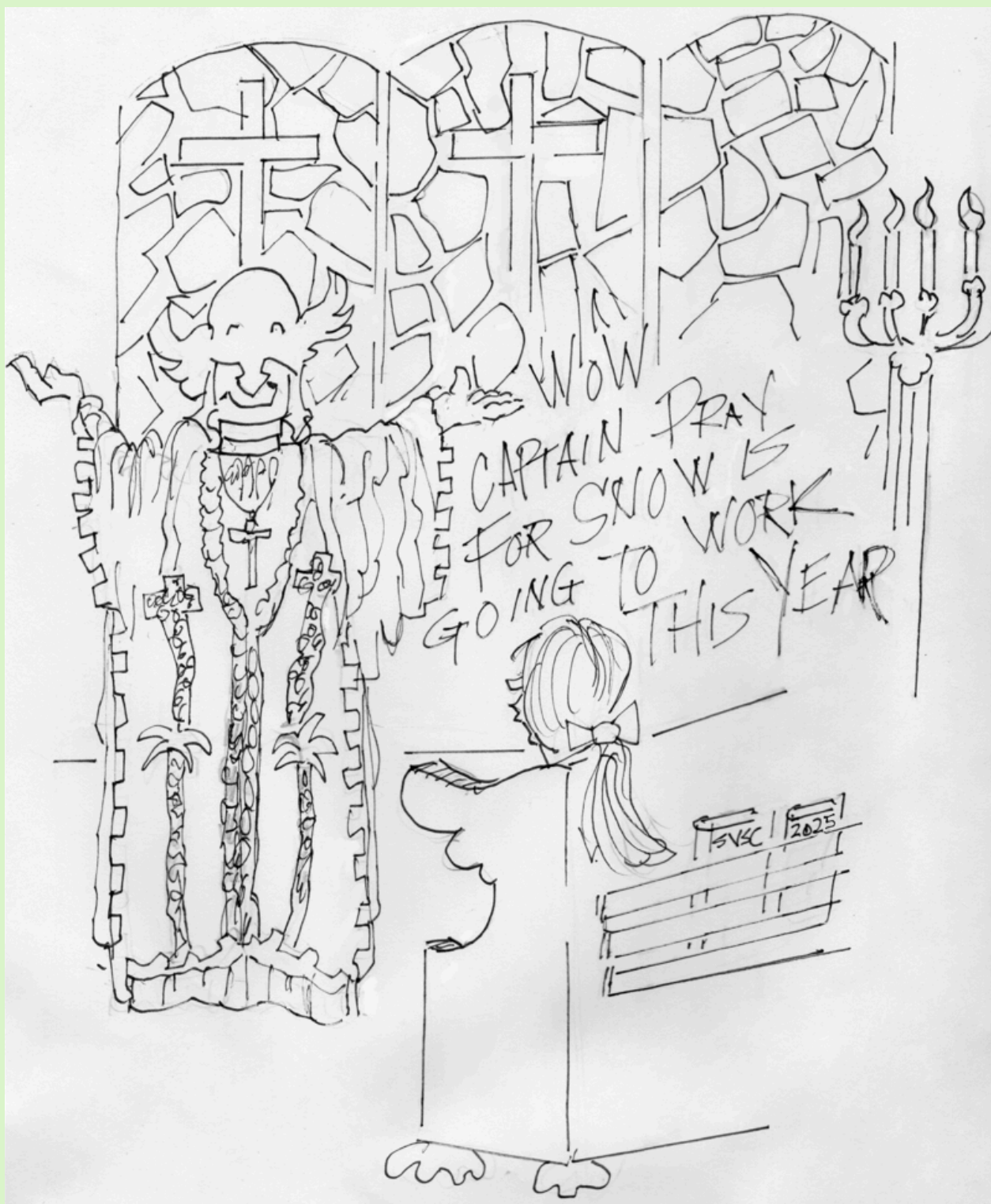
We are working through the last of the current wave of merch and have a selection of Logo Hats remaining. (\$20 each) Now is the best time to make your voice heard, what should we make next for the club? More T-shirts? Hawaiian shirts? Something else?



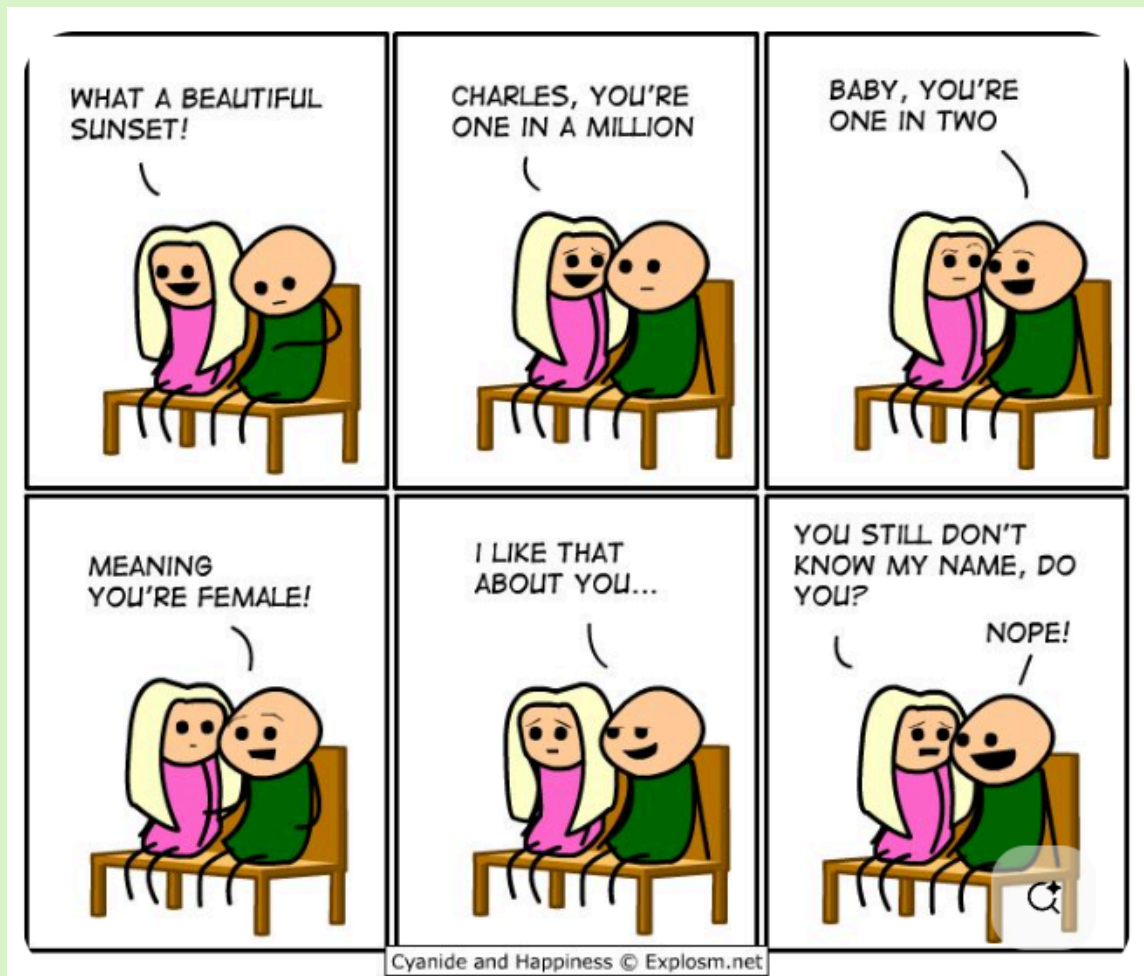
There is also an opportunity for a custom Schnee logo Artica race warm up/start jacket. This is a large jacket that you can quickly throw on at the top or bottom of the race course over your race suit/gloves/helmet and get warm. These aren't inexpensive but for the price we will be paying are a great 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! <https://forms.gle/zf48fkiGNbaKfu1R8>



# ENTERTAINMENT



*Pardon the low quality scan and crude touch ups, we'll get a better quality version preserved in the archive.*



A skier walks into the bar and says “Hey, you guys wanna hear a snowboarder joke?” The bartender says, “I’m a snowboarder, the guy on your right is a snowboarder, the guy on your left is a snowboarder, and the guy behind you is a snowboarder.” So the skier says, “OK. I’ll tell it a little slower then.”

Why are girlfriends that ski the best? They actually get excited for 4-6 inches.

## CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

With Pray for Snow just around the corner if you have access to items or services that could be raffled during the event, please reach out to XXX to discuss the donation. With insurance and hill rental costs continuing to go up, every dollar we make at our event helps offset these increased expenses. With no admission tickets, we are going to need to sell lots of 50-50 and raffle tickets so the better the prizes, the easier it will be to separate those in attendance with a little (or a lot of their cash).

As always - Please send questions, comments, or contributions to [svscbuzzard@gmail.com](mailto:svscbuzzard@gmail.com) or 1322 SW Freeman St, Portland, OR 97219  
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