



THE GREEN BUZZARD

Schnee Vogli Ski Club
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey Guys,

This weekend is THE WEEKEND. Pray for Snow returns to Charlies on Saturday. No tickets, no cover, no door duty, no fuss. Just music, dancing and drinks into the night. This is a party for the sake of getting back together on the mountain and having a good time. Come by and check it out.

A second reminder for two weeks out, at our meeting on 11/25 at the Buffalo Gap, we will have a special presentation on Avalanche Safety from a professor instructor with Wylark Mountaineering. We all assume some risk skiing, even inbounds. Nearly all of us could benefit from a 45 minute to hour long orientation on risk management and guidance on what to do next. That same meeting (11/25) will also be a logo night.

NEWS

NOAA has issued a La Nina advisory with the expectation it is a relatively weak and short lived event through winter 2025-2026 before easing back to ENSO-neutral by early Spring. In addition to cooler temperatures, La Nina years tend to have above-normal seasonal precipitation amounts in the Pacific Northwest and northern California eastward to the northern Rockies so we have the makings for a great ski year. Timberline has 7" at the lodge and 53" so for this year, Batchelor not too far behind at 2" at the base and a number of resorts firing up their snow guns and working to lay down a base for the upcoming snow.

2025-2026 DUES:

If you did not pay your dues by October 31st, dues have gone up to \$93.75, but you still have some time to save some money before they go up again on December 1st when the move up to \$112.50. After Jan 1st those that haven't paid will be removed from the membership rolls.

How to Pay

If you click on the small buzzard on the bottom right of the Schnee website it will take you to the SVSC Website Dues Page. No paypal account required.

1. You can use a PayPal account and send appropriate amount to schneevogeliskiclub@gmail.com.
2. Send a check to our PO Box.
3. Dale takes cash or check.



PACRAT:

PACRAT registration is up and running (pacrats.org). The race schedule is on the PACRAT website. Price is same as last year, \$145. That gets you five races, discounted racer tickets, the after race parties and the season ending Rat Attack party. Best deal on the mountain. If you want to race on a Schnee Vogeli club team let Dale Parshall know (daleparshall@comcast.net). There is a PACRAT 101 at Hillcrest Nov 16 and a PACRAT Hay Hour Dec 3 if you are interested. For details see the PACRAT website.

Ski passes

All of the major passes have gone up a pricing level, so hopefully you purchased your passes by now. Meadow's passes are at tier 4 with another pending increase if they hit the next ticket sales threshold. Timberline is offering their Tier 2 pricing on Fusion passes with the deadline to purchase your passes by November 23.

Snow Park Permits

Jeff Vachter will bring his stack of Snow Park permits for \$30 at Tuesday's Meeting. Bring some cash as 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, but you might need to help fill a 2 or 3 bedroom condo as all the originally booked spots have been filled. Last year sounded like a ton of fun for those who went. More details here:

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

Winter Trips:

If you are planning any ski trips this year please send them to Captain Buzzard (svscbuzzard@gmail.com) and I will share. Potential trips include: Dan Lane to White Pass, Murphy to Mission Ridge and also a Silver Mountain and Lookout Pass trip and a possible trip to Anthony Lakes. Justin Bishop to Willamette Pass. Dates and Details to come, but a great opportunity to hit some different mountains and use our passes at partner resorts. If you want to join one of these trips, reach out sooner rather than later!

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

SVSC Race Dates

February 22, 2026 - TWCC #1 Ski Bowl - Mt Hood Lane
March 15, 2026 - TWCC #2 Mt Hood Meadows - Stadium
March 28, 2026 - Club Championships Mt Hood Meadows - Middle Fork
April __, 2026 - TWCC #3 Timberline (date and venue to be finalized)
May __, 2026 - Spring Fling Slalom Series Timberline (date and venue TBD)

SVSC Race Training / Adult Race Training

Dates and Venues to be announced once we get on snow.
Do not forget our other sources for race training on Mt Hood.
Greg Dilger - (503) 931-0200 Mt Hood Adult Racing
Breanne Morton - (503) 473-1971 BD Performance Racing

SVSC Meeting

When: Tuesday Nov 11 SVSC Meeting - Doors Open at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00 PM

Where: Buffalo Gap
What: Business meeting

East Side Ski Team Ski Swap

When: Friday November 14 through Sunday November 16
Where: Lloyd Center
What: Eastside Ski Swap at Lloyd Center to support the Eastside PDX High Schools Ski Team November 15-16, with November 14 being the Racer Only Night. Browse truckloads of gear (skis, snowboards, boots, apparel, goggles, helmets, and more) from two vendors and individual consigners. Enjoy early access Saturday morning with paid admission. Free admission after noon. Want to consign your ski and snowboard gear with us? Bring it in! For more details, visit the Eastside High Schools Ski Team website [HERE](#).

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.

SVSC Meeting -AIRE/Wylark Avalanche Safety Presentation

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.

Pacrat Happy Hour

When: Wednesday December 3rd 6:30-(:00
Where: PDX Sliders North - 4232 N Williams
What: Catch up with fellow Pacrat racers and support one of the league bib sponsors

Warren Miller SNO-CIETY

When: Friday December 5 - Saturday December 6 6:00PM both Nights
Where: Sandy High School Auditorium 37400 SE Bell St, Sandy, OR
What: Warren Miller's Benefit for Sany Highschool

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership Updates

Hello from the membership chair,

Fall is here and time to move the summer to the basement and release the winter! Get your gear together, organized, and ready for an incredible year!

Keep talking up the club with new and potential members this fall and invite them to a meeting. Keep being awesome and we will attract more incredible members!

Electronic app. (share with new prospects): <https://forms.gle/y8wii8QAWdn481y>

The second meeting of the month is our working meeting and we have some voting coming up and need you to be at the meeting. Please zoom in or be at the meeting to vote. Newest associates that were voted on from the 10/28/25 vote night:

- Darris Miller, Chuck Howard, and Michael Montgomery were accepted as associates!

Next vote night is on 11/25/25 at the Buffalo Gap. We have a number of people that are up for full membership (November or next vote night we will vote on these folks):

Craig Diehl, Bill Brown, Brendan O'Connell, and Alex Moreland. We will need the sponsors to be there to say some kind words! You know who you are!

-Dennis

HISTORIAN

SVSC The digitization project continues! Having the clubs 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?



ENTERTAINMENT

A prostitute was leaning against the wall outside a dusty little motel in a sleepy town. Business had been slow all week, and she was getting desperate.

Just then, she spotted an old man—must’ve been well past 70—shuffling down the street. With a playful whistle, she called out,

“Hey handsome, how about a little fun?”

The old man stopped, scratched his head, and said,

“Ah... but I don’t think I’ll be able to...”

She smirked and cut him off,

“Oh, don’t worry about that. Come on, old-timer, give it a try!”

He hesitated, then shrugged. “Alright then.”

The two slipped into a room, and the moment they hit the bed—BAM! The old man transformed. Like a man possessed, he went at it with the energy of a 20-year-old, keeping the pace for a full hour.

When they were finally done, the prostitute lay flat on the bed, gasping for air, her hair a mess. She looked at him, stunned, and said, “Good Lord! You said you wouldn’t be able to...”

The old man calmly buttoned up his shirt, smiled, and finished, “...pay you.”



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 Christian 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).

Also if you have some gear that you looking clear out to make room for some new stuff, Dexter and the crew at Hillcrest have you covered. Bring in your used gear to

earn some store credit for all those things you “need” to help you ski better and faster. The Team at Hillcrest will also be sponsoring a racing 101 for new Pacrat racers on November 16th at 5-7:30 PM and could be a great opportunity to recruit some new members to the club. If you go, make sure you have the link for new member application [New Schnee Member Application](#) ready to share.



The advertisement features a blue header with the Hillcrest logo, which includes a mountain peak and crossed skis, with the text "HILLCREST" and "est. 1976". Below the header, the text "SKI SWAP!" is written in large, bold, blue letters. The main image shows two people in winter gear standing in the snow, holding skis. A text box on the left side of the image reads: "TRADE IN YOUR USED GEAR FOR STORE CREDIT ON NEW SNOWBOARDS, SKIS, OUTERWEAR, GOGGLES, ACCESSORIES & MORE!". At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text: "VISIT HILLCREST SPORTS", "Use the credit to purchase skis, snowboard, outerwear, goggles & more.", and "2424 SE Burnside Rd, Gresham, OR 97080".

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