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## **Celebrate St. Patrick's Day!**

### **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – March 2023**

***Mary Anne Koltowich***

What a crazy weather February – 80+ degrees in Tennessee? Lots of violent storms the last week. Hope all of you came through OK.

It looks like we are heading for great attendance at our 2023 Spring Convention at Myrtle Beach April 27-30, 2023. **Please read on to the Conventions section for important information!**

As many of you know, it has been a challenging past several months for all of us in Crescent. I sincerely hope Crescent can count on all of you for your support and get us back to being a fully functional organization. We are very thankful to have new people in Conventions, a new Webmaster and website.

Rich Mead and his Racing Committee completed a successful Racing Season. Congrats to all our racers and especially to our winning clubs and winning racers!

Lisa Beregi and her Trips Committee are planning some super exciting trips for 2024 and 2025. See her section below for more.

Ken Lumsden and his Membership Committee continue to coordinate possible new club affiliations with ClubExpress. This could lead to monthly savings, both for Crescent and those clubs.

**Special note: We are looking to CSC Officer Positions with the upcoming elections at the CSC 2023 Spring Board Meeting: (CSC Vice President and CSC Treasurer)** Good news in that Frances Edwards has agreed to run for the office of Secretary. However, There are still 2 of our 4 Executive Officers at the end of their terms this coming May. The Vice President position does not require a lot of work, so this is a great position to learn how Crescent operates. Our Treasurer Ellen Cortright has done an outstanding job these past few years in really getting our systems up-to-date. We have a new Crescent Treasurer's laptop, along with the latest Quickbooks version. She has made budgeting a thorough and well documented process that makes it much easier to do detailed budgeting year to year. If you have some accounting experience or good financial skills, this is a great opportunity to learn more. I and Crescent really need your help. You Club Presidents and Board Members can please work with your clubs to seriously identify people who would be good candidates. Crescent needs these important people to provide the leadership team we all must have, not only to survive, but thrive. I kindly ask we put our differences aside, let past issues go, and move forward.

**National Ski Club Federation News:** Check out the end of this newsletter for recent NSCF news.

### **VICE PRESIDENT (Michelle Shuford)**

As I type this, the daffodils & trees are blooming...It's FEBRUARY!

I hope the rest of you get some time out west while it is still EPIC out there!

Meanwhile, Crescent really needs folks to step up and VOLUNTEER!

The position of Vice President is available and we would love to see some fresh and eager faces interested in the position!

Not much to report as the Vice President but know that I have been active in training the new Conventions Chair, and we are ready to host the 2023 Crescent Ski Council Spring Convention! (Please see the Conventions Committee Report for further details!)

See you in April!

### **TREASURER (Ellen Cortright)**

As announced last month, I have decided to close my tenure term as Treasurer of Crescent Ski Council upon the end of the current term. It is not a decision I made easily. I will complete any and all Treasurer duties until June 1, but I will be available during the transition as much as I can.

It is time for me to pursue alternate volunteer options, and to begin embracing retirement and start opening the doors to our list of opportunities. We will continue to be involved with the organization.

One of the most difficult requirements of the Treasurer position is to locate a volunteer to review the books at the end of each fiscal year. I am happy to fill that role, if needed, once the final year for which I was responsible has been reviewed.

### **CONVENTIONS (Jodi Stevens)**

**2023 CSC Spring Convention: Dates are April 27-30, 2023.**

A REMINDER: Rooming lists and balances are due now and should be postmarked by March 12.

The 2023 Crescent Ski Council Spring Convention is approaching rapidly, don't miss out! April 27-30 is just around the corner! Registration for Spring Convention is going very well. We have lodging requests from almost all the clubs and the Brighton Condos are sold out!

Have you looked at the activities? We start with the Early Bird Reception on Thursday, April 27 at The Whiskey Beach Bar and Grill (same as last year) and it's included in your registration fee! On Friday, April 28, you have your choice of playing golf or mini-golf, and then you can explore Myrtle Beach! On Saturday, April 29, after all the business of Trips and Racing is completed, the usual activities have been planned, including the Beach Olympics, DJ party with a Woodstock theme, and a great time with all your Crescent friends. A couple of free drinks and lots of fun! Find those tie-dyed shirts and bell bottoms!

Stay tuned to see if we have a Table Decorating contest!

Signup forms for the Mini Golf and Golf are on the website. Get your teams together now! Think about your Beach Olympics teams! Signup will be available at Check-In and all-day Friday at the Registration area.

All the information, including registration forms, can be found on the CSC website:

<https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/conventions.html>

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### **SAVE THE DATE!: 2023 CSC Fall Leadership & Training Conference, October 27-29, 2023**

#### **Location: Glenstone Lodge, Gatlinburg, TN**

We are pleased to announce preliminary plans for our 2023 CSC Fall Conference. Once again, we will be at the Glenstone in Gatlinburg, TN. The standard room rate is \$129 + taxes. There may be a few other type rooms available – Front Balcony, Junior Suite, and Executive Suite (sleeps 4 with two beds and two baths) depending on availability at reduced rates. Be looking for details later on registration and schedule information.

### **TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)**

While some clubs are finishing up the season with March trips there are a few last-minute spots open, so have your members check out last minute page on the website. Crescent though, has put to bed it's 2022-2023 Ski season and is full swing into planning the next two years.

### **2023-2024 SKI SEASON**

STEAMBOAT RACE AND LEARN TO SKI CAMP: Start planning now to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of this one of kind trip December 2-9, 2023. Sports America Tours is currently working with the mountain and lodging property to have the pricing and details ready for roll out at the Spring Trip Meeting.

**TAOS SKI WEEK:** Next year's ski week will be to Taos January 13-20, 2024. Sports America Tours won the bid for that trip and will be rolling the details out at the Spring Trip Meeting.

### **ADVENTURE TRIPS:**

#### **2024 - ICELAND:**

Final contract details are being worked on with Collette Tours for roll out at Spring Convention Dates will be May 26th - June 4, 2024, and pricing will be around \$5,000 including air from most cities and the cancel for any reason up to day before for cash back insurance.

#### **2025 SKI WEEK RFP:**

The short list for the 2025 January Ski Week is Aspen/Snowmass and Big Sky. RFPs have gone out to four tour operators; more information will be available at the Spring Trip Meeting.

Enjoy the last days on the slopes!

### **RACING (Rich Mead)**

February concluded the race season for the Racing Program with races held at Beech Mountain and Sugar Mountain. The Saturday, February 11, slalom race at Beech Mountain was held successfully, but the Sunday, February 12, race was canceled by a vote of the Racing Committee due to a forecast of ice and snow that would have made travel to the mountain dangerous. Persistent warm and wet weather during the remainder of the month made the final races on February 25-26 look questionable, however, Sugar Mountain was able to provide a course with good snow and sufficient depth to conclude the season with both a slalom and giant slalom race. At the Crescent race awards on Sunday, Ron Scott was honored by Sugar for his continued work to coordinate the race events.

Also, at the conclusion of the Sugar races, season awards for clubs and individuals were announced. A list of awards has been posted to the racing page of the Crescent website. Trophies and plaques will be presented at the Spring Convention. Congratulations to both the clubs and individual racers who excelled this season. A special thank you is due to Crescent Racing sponsors Dynastar and Atomic who annually each donate a pair of skis that were awarded to the racer with the highest overall points and to the Most Improved Racer. This year's awards were a family affair with Daniel Moniot (father) receiving the most overall points and Sarah Moniot (daughter) earning the Most Improved Racer award. In addition, Daniel Moniot and Andrea Pendley, as the highest male and female overall points winners, received packages for lessons and lift tickets at next year's 40th anniversary Steamboat Race/Ski/Ride camp in December, provided by racing sponsor Steamboat Resorts.

The Racing Program continues to provide an opportunity for skiers/snowboarders of all abilities to participate in a local, family-oriented event. Thanks go to all the Crescent club members, both racers and non-racers, who take part in the weekend events, as well as the host ski areas and all of the program sponsors.

### **MEMBER SERVICES (Ken Lumsden)**

**Website Database Updates:** Club Reps and Presidents are reminded to send changes to contact info to Ken Lumsden [member.services@crescentskicouncil.org](mailto:member.services@crescentskicouncil.org)

It is not necessary to send your entire list.

Only send Additions, Deletions, Corrections.

ClubExpress Meeting Event: Anyone wanting to be included in an upcoming informational Zoom with ClubExpress, let me know at the above email address. I am coordinating the event on March 10, 2023 (Friday), at 2 pm.

**Social Media:** Unbelievable snow recently especially in the Lake Tahoe area has given us so many opportunities to share the great conditions this season on social media. Our clubs have been to so many destinations and we've shared as much as possible. Thanks to Chuck Young for posting lots of good pictures from Crescent's races. What a season!!

Reminder we now have a Facebook group set up for our members to post skis, ski boots, ski jackets, gloves, helmets, or any slightly used gear for sale. You asked and we created this group so now it's your turn to post on our Crescent Ski Council Ski Marketplace on Facebook.

Post your ski gear and equipment you'd like to sell. Crescent wants to be the middleman to help you sell and buy anything ski-related. Spread the word to your club members. Any questions or suggestions, let me know. Let's make this an added benefit for our members. But we need items for the page. If we don't start getting some posts, we can't keep the page going.

Additionally, reminder we need someone to take over the Crescent Ski Council Racing page. Contact Pat Harvey at [crescentpastpres@gmail.com](mailto:crescentpastpres@gmail.com) if you're interested in helping with the racing page.

### **PAST PRESIDENT (PAT HARVEY)**

Our election of officers is coming up at the Spring Convention. Thanks to Mary Anne Koltowich for agreeing to stay on as President. However, at this time we have no candidates for VP or Treasurer. Get involved and run for one of the offices. It's your Council. Let's keep it going. Contact me if interested. Crescent needs you!! Contact me if you're interested ASAP.

Thanks to Frances Edwards (ETMM) for agreeing to run for Secretary.

Pat Harvey  
Past President/Social Media Chair  
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### **CLUB CORNER (By Our Clubs)**

Check out our clubs' websites/newsletters for more information. You out there send me your club's newsletters or emails so we can share more ideas and activities.

#### **Kanawha Ski Club –**

The club is organizing a Bike Trip from April 28-30 to North Bend State Park. Please register now as space is limited--really!--by contacting the Trip Leader, Harry Mills, at [hbmills@hotmail.com](mailto:hbmills@hotmail.com) or 304-553-5034

#### **Knoxville Ski & Outing Club –**

There will be a Happy Hour on March 24, 2023, at Corner 16 off Northshore Dr., beginning at 4:30 pm.

There will be a hike in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, at the Townsend Greenway and Riverwalk Arboretum on March 18, 2023. Be sure and have your GSMNP parking tag! For questions, call Robert and Karen Towle at (865) 254-2044.

The next hike will be Fort Loudon State Historic Park on March 25, 2023.

To register for the hike, contact Carolyn Reeves at [crhiker04@gmail.com](mailto:crhiker04@gmail.com) or 865-399-2972. We will leave from the Ft. Loudon visitor center at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. There is plenty of parking there.

We will have our semi-annual camping event at Big South Fork from April 14-16, 2023.

#### **Huntsville Ski Club –**

Huntsville is reporting a growth in membership with member numbers up to 220.

The club is travelling to Banff/Lake Louise March 11-18. The Big Sky, Schweitzer, and Whitefish trips were successful and a lot of fun.

The Membership Meeting is at the Elk's Lodge on March 15, 2023. Eat at 5 pm; social at 6 pm, and meeting at 6:30 pm.



## NATIONAL SKI CLUB FEDERATION NEWS!

### Newsbeat FEBRUARY 2023

**Sugarloaf Receives Approvals for West Mountain Expansion.** Sugarloaf received key approvals from the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to begin work on its massive, 450-acre West Mountain expansion, which will include a new high-speed detachable quad, 12 new alpine trails with snowmaking, and a new real estate development. [More.](#) Sam

**Alterra Acquires Southern California's Snow Valley.** Alterra Mountain Company has closed on its acquisition of Southern California's Snow Valley Mountain Resort. Snow Valley will join the operations of Alterra's Big Bear Mountain Resort, located 11 miles away in Big Bear Lake, which includes the Bear Mountain and Snow Summit ski areas. [More.](#) SAM

**Multi-Dimensional Expansion Underway at Brian Head (UT) Resort.** Development and construction are currently underway for Aspen Meadows, a new master-planned community and expansion at Brian Head Resort. The project includes expanded skiable terrain, additional lifts, skier services, parking, lodging and residences, and more year-round recreational activities. [More.](#) SAM

**Mountain Capital Partners to Acquire Valle Nevada Chili.** Mountain Capital Partners (MCP) has agreed to become the majority owner of Valle Nevado, Chile, the largest ski resort in the Americas by acreage. The acquisition is MCP's first international resort and eleventh ski area. [More.](#) SAM

**Largest Ski Jump in The Western Hemisphere Set to Reopen in Michigan After Decades of Neglect.** The hill shut down after the 1994 season to deal with erosion and a massive \$300,000 debt. Copper Peak has a comeback plan for the jump and to revolutionize the sport. [More.](#) Snowbrains

**Discover America's Most Underrated Yet Thriving Ski State.** Despite boasting more than 40 ski resorts – the second largest in the country after only New York – Michigan rarely gets the attention it deserves when it comes to generating downhill excitement for hordes of skiers each year. [More.](#) *The Bharat Express News* via Google Alerts

**A Powder Day Can Be Deadly—Even In-bounds. Here's How to Stay Safe.** During the 2021-22 ski season, 57 people died at U.S. ski areas, according to a report from the National Ski Areas Association. This was up from the ten-year average of 40 deaths per year. The leading cause of death was high-speed impacts with trees. Three deaths occurred in 2021-22 from Snow Immersion Suffocation or SIS. The previous season seven people died. [More.](#) Outside & Yahoo via Google Alerts

**Partnership Offers Campervan Rentals as a New Way to Discover Indy Pass Resorts.** Indy Pass recently announced a new partnership that makes visiting their 120+ ski areas a little easier. In collaboration with Native Campervans, they are offering a special package for Indy Pass holders to experience van life and hit the wide-open road in search of uncrowded slopes. [More.](#) Snowbrains

**U.S. Ski Resort Surpassed the \$300 Barrier for a Single-Day Lift Ticket.** Over a recent weekend walk-up single-day lift ticket rates at Arizona's 777-skiable-acre Snowbowl, north of Flagstaff, came in at \$309 a pop for one day of skiing on the resort's 55 runs and eight lifts. Dynamic pricing, long a staple of the airline industry and concert venues, lets sellers jack up the rates when demand is high, penalizing people who didn't plan ahead, or, in the case of Arizona Snowbowl, skiers who have the audacity to want to hit the slopes of their local ski hill after a powder day. [More.](#) Outside via Google Alerts

### **Education Videos from Toko, from Lisa Beregi, Education Chair:**

Dear Federation Members,

Toko waxes and tools is a Black Diamond sponsor of the National Ski Council Federation. Instead of trying to do several Zoom calls, they felt it would be better to provide a monthly blasts for each Council to share with their clubs and the clubs to share with their members over four months.

Each blast will contain 2-3, short videos on Toko products (vises, irons) or "How-To" use their products (edge tuners, waxing, brushing, etc).

Toko is a Swiss brand and are known for their quality. They are supporting some of our events and in addition have extended a **30% discount** to all NCSF members. To access this discount, one needs to go to [TokoUS.com](https://TokoUS.com), put desired items in the shopping cart, and then enter and apply the discount code **NSCFTOKO** on checkout (it's on the right under promotional codes). The discount is on all products except for clearance items which are already very marked down.

This is our last month, and we will cover Brushing - what, when, why and an overview of the 4 Toko Oval Brushes and Waxing with Base Performance Liquid Paraffin.

Thank you Toko and Ian for all the great information and videos on how to do it yourself!

Federation members - don't forget to go to the benefits page and utilize the great offers that are available to us!

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### **February**

**Brushing – what, when, why and an overview of the 4 Toko Oval Brushes**

<https://youtu.be/ZNzZZpcOWo0>

**Waxing with Base Performance Liquid Paraffin**

<https://youtu.be/cTtIs9GOKLU>