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# THE SCHNEE VOGELI SKI CLUB

## **GREEN BUZZARD**

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**President's Corner:** Hello My Fellow Schnees,

This weekend we say our final goodbyes to our brother Terry Walter. I hope to see many of you at his celebration of life. Terry was an incredible force in our club from race director to organizing the picnic and awesome BBQ. And most missed will be his larger-than-life laugh and personality. Terry you will be forever missed but not forgotten.

The snow continues piling up on Hood. Our first PACRAT race is this coming Sunday, January 26 at Ski Bowl. I'm looking forward to seeing how some Schnees that haven't raced in a few years do. Our first SVSC race will be a Super Slalom is on the following Sunday, February 2 at Meadows. Should be an exciting season for sure!

As you know I love skiing in Italy. I have however skied in other European countries. One of my favorites is Chamonix. I've been twice and both times the weather sucked but the experience was awesome. Skiing was introduced in Chamonix at the end of the 19th century by Dr Payot. The first big winter season was in 1906-07. One of the most vivid features of skiing Chamonix is that you can ski Switzerland, Italy, and France all in the same day. You can drive through the Mont Blanc tunnel to Italy in only 13 km or simply ski to Italy from the top of the Aiguille du Midi. Skiing from one country to another is a truly unique experience.

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Cheers, Bob

**Terry's Celebration of Life** will be Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 PM at the Royal Oaks Country Club at 8917 NE Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver, WA 98662. We look forward to celebrating Terry.

The Royal Oaks does have a strict dress code: Men's shirts must have a collar (polo shirts are acceptable). No distressed jeans, tennis shoes, sweat pants, hats or visors.

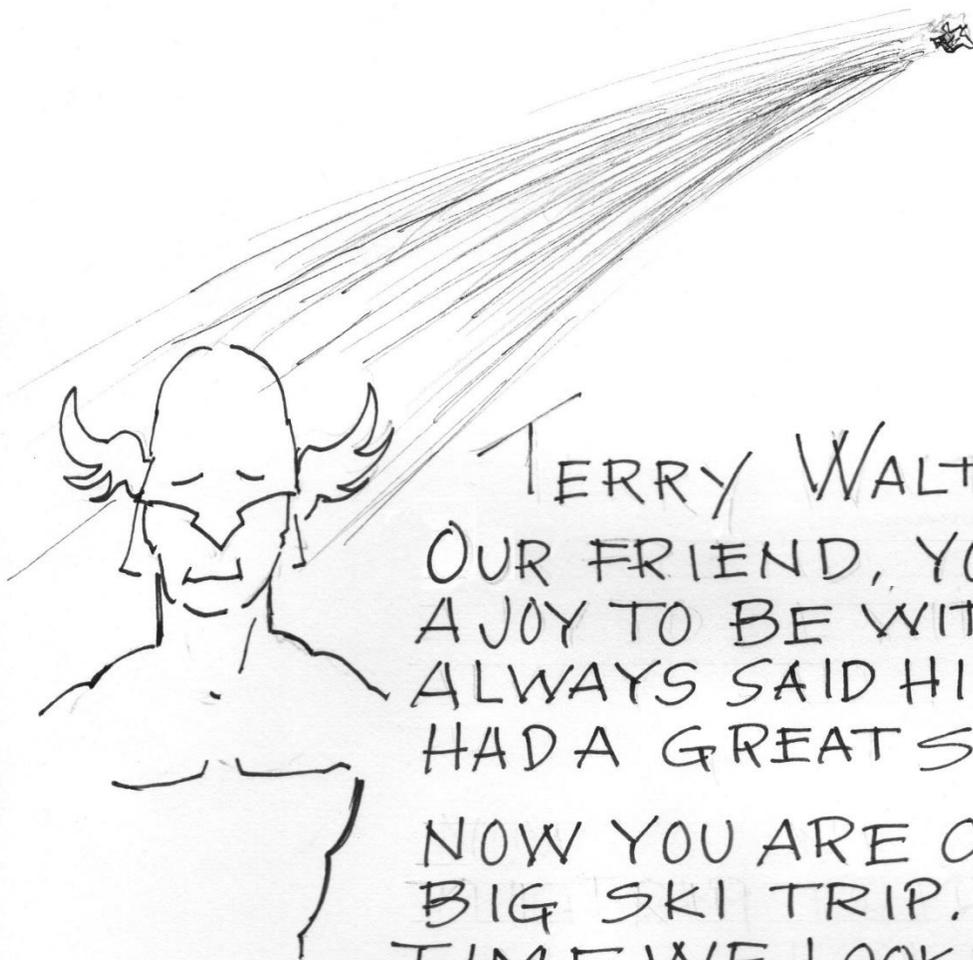
**Membership Dues:** Thanks for getting your dues in. We'll have an update on those not re-upping this year next time. Thanks, Dale.

**PACRAT Racing:** The first race is this Sunday (Jan 26) at Ski Bowl. Dale has your bib if you don't have it yet. More info to come this week. 2020 Schedule: • Ski Bowl Jan 26 PACRAT race #1 • Ski Bowl Feb 9 PACRAT race #2 • Meadows Feb 23 PACRAT race #3 • Meadows Mar 15 PACRAT race #4 • Timberline Mar 29 PACRAT race #5 • Timberline Apr 5 Make-up Race Date • Apr 17 Rat Attack, location TBA.

**Membership:** The next meeting on January 28 is a vote night. Stasi Rogers is up for full membership. His sponsor is Dave Rogers. Hopefully Uncle Dave can make it! -Jack

**SVSC Racing:** Please note the date of the Crab Feed has changed.

2	February	Condor Cup #1: Dual Super Slalom at Mt. Hood Meadows
8	February	Prime Rib and Crab Feed at the Huckleberry Inn in Government Camp
14	March	Condor Cup #2: Dual Giant Slalom at Ski Bowl
21	March	SVSC Club Championships: Dual Giant Slalom at Ski Bowl
28	March	Condor Cup #3: Dual Giant Slalom, Venue TBD



TERRY WALTER  
OUR FRIEND, YOU WERE  
A JOY TO BE WITH, YOU  
ALWAYS SAID HI AND  
HAD A GREAT SMILE.  
NOW YOU ARE ON THAT  
BIG SKI TRIP. EVERY  
TIME WE LOOK UP AND  
SEE A SHOOTING STAR  
WE WILL KNOW IT'S YOU  
TAKING THAT SKI RUN DOWN  
THE MILKY WAY.

FROM TIME TO TIME SOME  
OF US WILL COME AND SKI  
WITH YOU, LOVE YOU, THANKS  
FOR THE MEMORIES

*The Captain*

**Our recent SVSC World Cup Viewing Party** was held at McPeet's Portland Pub on Tuesday January 21. We viewed the Lauberhorn Downhill and several guys had their first McPeet's Brunch Burger. They'll obviously never be the same. Schnees outnumbered the other patrons about 2 to 1.



Ski racing, burgers and brews at McPeet's Portland Pub

**Historian's note:** If anyone would like copies of any photos or videos I've put in the Buzzard or shown at meetings, I'd be happy to get them to you in whatever format you'd like. Email me at [historian@schneevogeli.com](mailto:historian@schneevogeli.com) -Christian

**Mt Hood Lifts:** Stories from the conveyances of Mt Hood!

**From Jeff Griese:** The story begins back in 2018, that whole year I was stalking the Pucci chair. Lap after lap, I skied sometimes in the mornings but most often night skiing. I loved when the snow got icy! The skis I ran the previous summer on Palmer, Blizzards, were my skis of choice.

But I digress; this story is about cool lift stories so I will get to it. It was on a rare Sunday that I was skiing in the day time, while riding up the chair with this fella who was wearing a Briko helmet and skiing Blizzard GS skis, that I started to strike up a conversation. We talked about the Firebirds which weren't out yet and the Palmer run in the summer.

He asked me if I was racing on Paintbrush, which I wasn't, and then he told me I should start racing and how much fun it was. He said, "Get a hold of Greg Dilger with PACRAT" and if I couldn't then to call any of the Tichys and they would connect me.

Greg called me back right away. I was training in the next couple of weeks and skied the last Condor Cup race on Timberline in 2018. During all of this everyone kept asking me how I got connected with PACRAT so I kept describing the guy that I rode the chair with but never saw him again until 2019 when I ran into him at a race. That guy was Casey Kahler. Casey fell on that last PACRAT race and got injured so he was out for quite a while.

I saw Casey at the Summer Fun Nationals and asked him if he remembered me and I told he was the one that encouraged me to get into racing and training.

Small world and a great story because finally after a year I ran into the guy I was looking for!

Editor's note: Casey isn't a Schnee but without that conversation Jeff might not have found the club. Thanks, Casey! And thank you Jeff for the story.

**From the Shoot Star Lift at Meadows** this past Sunday: Bob Lawrence, Mark Conan and I were in line waiting to load. A young boy didn't quite make it onto the lift and his father had him by his arm,

with the child dangling below. The lift hit the E-stop and started yelling “We’ve got a hanger!!!” I’ve never seen lift attendants move as quickly as they did. Seemingly out of nowhere they had a tarp-like device to catch the boy and were about to get into position when the father was able to hoist his son into the chair. Couldn’t see from my vantage point but I bet they put the bar down after that. From time to time we all complain about the customer service on Mt Hood but those guys were ready to help when they were needed most. -Andy and Mark. -Send your story to [buzzard@schneevogeli.com](mailto:buzzard@schneevogeli.com)

**Mark Conan’s account of volunteering for 2019 Birds of Prey Speed Events** It was a bucket list item for me to work at a World Cup Race. My friend John Geller has worked many and for the first time I joined him. It wasn’t cheap or easy. We covered our own travel and lodging. Most days were 10+ hours in ski boots, boarding gondola at 6:30 AM and if we were lucky skiing down before dark. We did a lot of raking and shoveling snow, slipping and setting up fencing. But we also had a front row seat to the best speed racers in the world flying off the jump above us and compressing through our section “The Abyss.”



Mark taking a selfie for social media while the other volunteers work their asses off

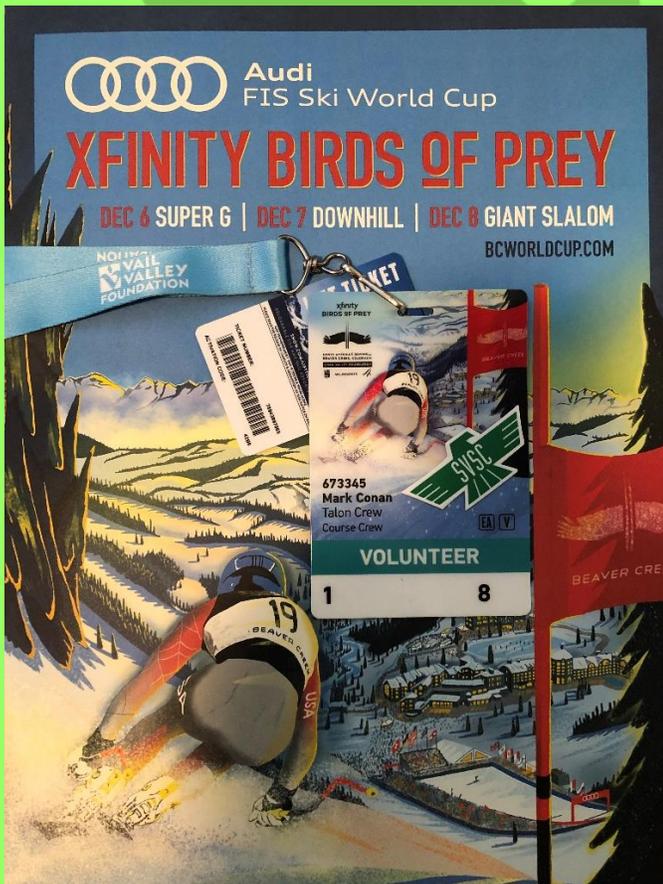
I was one of 350 volunteer course crew in addition to another 200 or so general volunteers and probably 200 race and FIS crew members. It takes a small army to put on a race this big. There was a great team spirit among our Abyss crew. I attribute that to experienced volunteers with excellent professional leadership.

Best Parts: Working gate repair during the Super G. Got to be on the course zooming in and out mostly reconnecting a panel. Also riding up the lift with Thomas Dressen, German Downhiller who won the week before in Canada – super nice and appreciative of volunteers.



Worst Parts: Since the Downhill and the Super G were the focus, we worked 6 days straight though the Downhill on Saturday and then were on our way to the airport when Tommy Ford from Bend won the GS. I also got really beat down working that many days in a row so next time I would take a day off somewhere in the middle.

Not sure if we will do another but we put our names in as interested in the 2021 World Championships in Italy. -Mark Conan



**Brush up on B Net installation:** Watch the WCS B net install video at <http://rmsro.org/bnet/> Check out the B net installation video: <https://my.ussa.org/alpine-programs/officials/resources> -Mark Conan

**What's in a Name?** A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with three young mothers and their small children. "You all have obsessions," he stated. "I am concerned that these individual obsessions are going to impact your children."

He turned to the first mother, "Joyce: Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your children's names: of Brandy and Sherry. You have even called your cat: Whisky."

To the second mother he said, "June: Your obsession is with flowers. Your girls are called Rose, Daphne, and Poppy."

At this point, the third mother, Kathy, quietly got up from her seat, looked at her three sons and whispered: "This guy has no idea what he's talking about. Rod, Dick and Willy, get your coats on, we're leaving." -Courtesy of Ron Reichardt

**A friend of mine** has two tickets for the 2020 Super bowl. They are box seats plus airfare and hotel accommodations. He didn't realize when he bought them that this is the same day as his wedding—so he can't go.

Are you interested and want to go instead of him?

It's at St. Peter's Church in Portland at 5 PM that day. Her name is Donna. She will be the one in the white dress.

**On their first night together** a newlywed couple go to change. The new bride comes of the bathroom showered and wearing a beautiful robe. The proud husband says, "My dear, we are married now, you can open your robe." The beautiful young woman opens her robe, and he is astonished. "Oh my," he exclaims, "My God you are so beautiful, let me take your picture. Puzzled she asks, "My picture?" He answers, "Yes my dear, so I can carry your beauty next to my heart forever".

She smiles and he takes her picture, and then he heads into the bathroom to shower. He comes wearing his robe and the new wife asks, "You can take off your robe, we're married now." At that the man opens his robe and she exclaims "Oh my, let me get a picture". He beams and asks why. She answers, "So I can get it enlarged!"

### Calendar of Upcoming SVSC Events:

25	January	Terry Walter Celebration of Life. See above for time, location, dress code.
28	January	<b>SVSC</b> Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
2	February	<b>SVSC</b> Condor Cup #1: Dual Super Slalom at Mt. Hood Meadows
8	February	Prime Rib and Crab Feed at the Huckleberry Inn in Government Camp
11	February	<b>SVSC</b> Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
25	February	<b>SVSC</b> Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
10	March	<b>SVSC</b> Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
14	March	<b>SVSC</b> Condor Cup #2: Dual Giant Slalom at Ski Bowl
17	March	Corned Beef and Cabbage night at Otto's on Woodstock. Start time TBA.
21	March	<b>SVSC</b> Club Championships: Dual Giant Slalom at Ski Bowl
24	March	<b>SVSC</b> Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
28	March	<b>SVSC</b> Condor Cup #3: Dual Giant Slalom at Timberline
14	April	<b>SVSC</b> Meeting - Doors Open at 615p, Meeting Begins at 7p at the Gap
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