



THE GREEN BUZZARD

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Just in time for the busy part of the calendar winter has returned to the mountain. While I know we all wish the Condor Cup was on for this weekend, the rest of the season is looking up.

In the next six weeks we're going to hit most of our calendar. That is nine ski races, three club meetings, the steak fry with associated snow bird, two ski training nights, the corned beef dinner at Otto's, a raceless after race party, and presumably if the snow keeps up some spirited racing on the glade trail. That doesn't even count King Winter, The Mt Hood Museum Social History Happy hour, Oregon Cancer Ski Out, Ski to Defeat ALS, and I am sure a wax party or three, some tailgating and random small moments of fun and camaraderie.

On a more serious note, thank you to everyone who engaged in some legislative outreach recently regarding the attempts to reform recreational liability in Oregon. Just today it looks like State Senate Leadership may be trying to kill this bill in committee again. After I finish making my contributions to this newsletter I am going to dig into that some. Expect another email soon with some details and instructions if you're willing to reach out to your representatives again. Sorry to keep filling your inbox, but this is important.

Keep thinking snow and I will see you on the mountain.

-Christian

NEWS

Finally, it looks like we have a few days of consecutive snow on the mountain. While it's not a lot, at least it's adding to the base instead of subtracting from it. I have to admit, while I was basking in the summer sun in New Zealand, I fully expected to return to feet of new snow—but those

dreams were quickly dashed when I checked the Timberline and Meadows reports mid-trip.

We're still hoping for a late-season blast like we had in '14-'15 to build a solid base for our spring races. We also need some lower-elevation snow to get the Glade Trail in shape so Dennis can defend his title—or so the trophy can return to Adam or Christian.

Conditions have been challenging across the Northwest, and we've had to postpone or cancel several planned trips. However, Christian's Bachelor trip (May 9-10) is still on. If anyone wants to lead a trip to Mt. Baker (+15 inches in the last 3 days) or Brundage (+10 inches in the last 3 days), I'm sure you'll find takers—both are fantastic mountains.

If you're planning any ski trips this year, please send them to Captain Buzzard (svscbuzzard@gmail.com) and I'll share them. More details to come, but this is a great chance to hit different mountains and use our partner-resort passes.

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

For about a year and a half we have had a private Whatsapp community that has been a convenient and sometimes fun way to stay in touch with the membership. It's a handy tool to communicate quickly with during our events, it's been useful to find guys who are skiing to link up with them, and it's a good way to share photos with the group in a way that retains good quality. My favorite has been travel photos from you guys near and far. There's about fifty guys there now, and I would encourage you to check it out if you haven't. There's a bit of a learning curve to set up the app if you haven't done that before, but frankly looking at the guys who have figured it out, I am sure you'll manage. [Here is the link to join.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mt Hood Cultural Center and Museum Social History Happy Hour

<https://mthoodmuseum.org/event/social-history-happy-hour-4/>

When: Saturday February 21 - Doors at 6:30PM

Where: Mt Hood Museum

What: Hard core legendary Mt Hood Skier who has skied the summit more than 300 times, Asit Rathod will walk/ski us through the upper elevation riding on the seven major ski descents from Hood's summit, and share his personal recollections and stories that lead to his writing the book '11,239: A Ski and Snowboarding Guide from the Summit of Mt Hood'. He will tell of mistakes he has made exploring it, close call, lessons learned, hard-earned pristine powder days, and the strong bonds of friendships forged on the mountain.

TW Condor Cup #1 - ~~Canceled~~ Ski Bowl is Closed for Skiing. They are open for Drinking. After Race Party 330PM at 70m Bar, Ski Bowl East.

When: Sunday Feb 22

Where: Ski Bowl - Mt Hood Lane

What: First of the season SVSC race - (We tried to relocate to Mt Hood Meadows but they are slammed trying to accommodate all the High School leagues that need to complete their season to qualify for State OISRA Race. The state race has now been moved to Meadows on March 3rd (training), 4th (race day 1), & 5th (race day 2). I have checked in with Troy at Skibowl; and are planning to have an informal get together at 70 Meters Bar and Grill on the top floor of Multorpor Lodge. Lets plan to begin to gather from 3:30pm and on. Look forward to seeing all the familiar faces wearing your SVSC gear.) - Adam

SVSC Meeting (Vote Night)

When: Tuesday Feb 24 - Doors at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:00 PM

Where: Buffalo Gap

What: Business meeting.

Pacrat Race #2

When: Friday Feb 27 / Sunday March 1

Where: Friday / Sunday Meadows (TBD)

What: Second race of the Season, No after party.

Skiente King Winter Party

When: February 28th, 2026 @ 7:30-11:30pm

Where: Charlies Mt View in Government Camp

What: Join Skiyente Ski Club for the annual coronation of this year's King Winter. The Western/Rodeo themed bash will be at Charlies. Dance to the tunes of our killer DJ, win some awesome door prizes and enter a

chance to win the 50/50 drawing. You'll be in govy anyways, come check it out.

Pacrat Race #3

When: Friday Mar 6 / Sunday March 8
Where: Friday / Sunday Ski Bowl (TBD)
What: Second race with after party for both days at Multipor "70 Meters" bar

SVSC Meeting

When: Tuesday March 10 - Doors at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:00 PM
Where: Buffalo Gap
What: Regular meeting

SVSC Training

When: Wed Mar 11 - time TBD
Where: Ski Bowl (TBD)
What: Race training

TW Condor Cup #2

When: Sunday March 15
Where: Meadows - Stadium
What: Second SVSC race

SVSC Training

When: Monday Mar 16 - time TBD
Where: Ski Bowl (TBD)
What: Race training

Otto's Corned Beef Dinner

When: Tues Mar 17 - Doors open 6pm, Dinner at 7pm.
Where: Otto's Sausage Kitchen, 4138 SE Woodstock Blvd, Portland
What: Corned beef, on St Patricks Day, at Ottos in Woodstock. No need to make it a sausage party as this is a good event to bring a +1.

Pacrat Race #4

When: Friday Mar 20 / Sunday March 22
Where: Friday / Sunday Ski Bowl (TBD)
What: Fourth Fri-Sun race, after party for both days at Cascade Ski Club

SVSC Meeting

When: Tuesday March 24 - Doors at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:00 PM
Where: Buffalo Gap
What: Pizza Night! Vote Night! Calcutta for Snowbird Teams.

Club Championship, Snowbird, Steak Fry Saturday March 28th

This is a big day and deserves more than the typical blurb. There's a lot to go over from start to finish:

We are at Mt Hood Meadows for the race. Fingers crossed for middle fork but this is a take what we can get kind of year. Following our club championship we will reset for the Snowbird. If there was ever a day to have waxed skis and a suit on, it's this one.

I'm sure some type of post race but pre-dinner festivities will be planned, stay tuned for more details.

For dinner we are returning to the Mt Hood Lions Club for a steak dinner and awards. Doors open at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. The price this year is \$25 a head. You are welcome to bring a +1. Associates and new guys are expected to help out, talk to Dennis if you have any questions.

If you would like to leave the driving to and from dinner to a professional, there will be a shuttle available again this year with pickup and drop off in Government Camp. Cost will be \$22 each if we fill the van. Currently 8 spots remain. Contact Christian if you would like to join.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Updates

Howdy, from the membership chair,

Holy lack of snow for snorkel turns Batman! We are supposed to get some snow to cover up the rocks for continued P-tex love to our bases! While you are tuning your skis for the 12th time this month, think about talking to others about joining the club! We always need members (great people like yourself) and we need to consistently add at least 5 members per season. Currently we have ten associates that are getting ready for the Steak Fry next month (will do the party whether we have a season or not!).

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

At the next meeting we are going to be voting on some new members so please do your best to attend. Associates coming up for a vote are (must be present or zoom in): Michael Tarr (sponsors Dale & Gary G), John Hutchings (sponsors Bob Brown) and Trenton "Trent" Brashier (sponsors Bob Brown and others). For full membership we are going to be voting on: Mike Long (sponsors Greg E, Christian, and Dennis) and full members are not required to attend to be voted upon.

Keep your tips up!

-Dennis

SVSC HISTORIAN

The digitization project continues! Our methods are getting better both in the old fashioned record keeping and organization from and the more complicated analog to digital conversions.

With some key help from Dave Winterling, we both have access to some well preserved Schnee film at the Mt Hood Museum, but we also have an agreement to market prints of general interest to the mt community in their gift shop on very generous terms.

Here's some photos we captured from film negatives at our last session. Our work continues on April 9 at Dennis Noreen's. We would love to have more scanners to process the work load more quickly. We are also looking for entries for the Speedy Peety photo contest. Lots of ways to submit a photograph, easiest is Whatsapp or via email to: historian@schneevogeli.com.





SVSC SWAG

More SWAG is incoming. We've placed the order for Hoodies and Flags, sorry if you missed it! But regular logo T-Shirts will be available at upcoming meetings and there are still a few "dad" hat style baseball caps available.

Do you have an idea for something we could slap a Schnee logo on? We would like to hear about it!



MEMBER UPDATE

This is an update from long time member Syd Putnam - Feel free to help his cause(s) using links at the bottom of this message.

Kenya.....well I came here in 2018 to perform a medical mission and kind of stayed! In 2019 my Son died on his birthday and one thing lead to another after that.....two years ago I formally immigrated to Kenya and this is now home.

I support two NGO based organizations. The Carolyn Jane Foundation is providing training and skill share for East African orthopedic surgeons in the spine surgery specialty.....much needed since there are over 100,000,000 people in East Africa and no formal spine surgery training programs. The second organization is LimbKind.....who produce prosthetic limbs for hundreds of children in this area and others each year.....right now I am working on a program to bring a commercial 3D

printer to East Africa to produce the prosthetic sockets for legs and arms.....working with 3M and others to make this possible. We will also make wheelchair parts and other things when the program is up and running. Total cost is over \$1M so a big deal.

I have also developed a three acre farm that provides all the garden produce to CURE International Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Kijabe.....an employees 10 locals in the process.

In collaboration with my Maasi partner I have over 300 goats that provide income to Maasi children for food and school fees.....

So life is busy.

At 72 I could stop, spend every day in the country club OR.....ya so I chose to do something fulfilling and practical with my last 25 or 30 years on the planet.

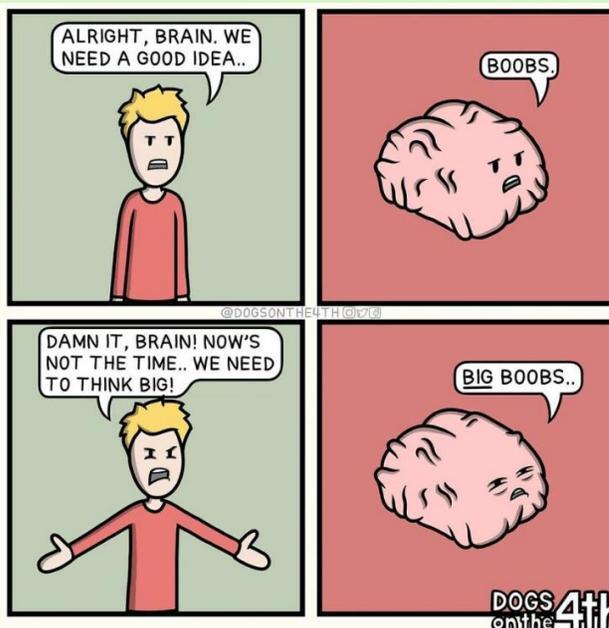
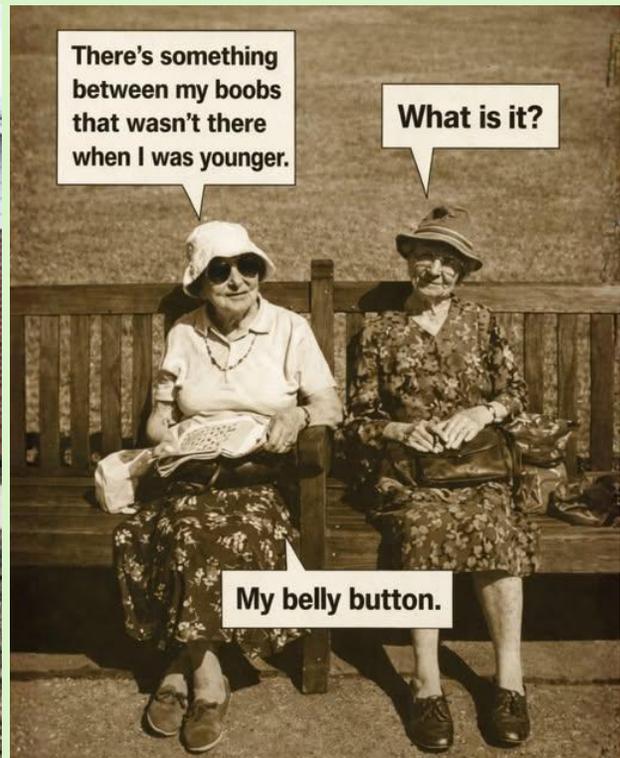
Best to all.....donations are very much sought and appreciated.

George MS 'Syd' Putnam

Carolynjane.com

Limbkind.org

ENTERTAINMENT



What is the difference between a used tire and 365 used condoms? One is a Goodyear, one is a great year.

A family is at the dinner table. The son asks the father, "Dad, how many kinds of boobs are there?" The father, surprised, answers, "Well, son, a woman goes through three phases. In her 20s, a woman's breasts are like melons, round and firm. In her 30s and 40s, they are like pears, still nice, hanging a bit. After 50, they are like onions."

“Onions?” the son asks. “Yes. You see them and they make you cry.” This infuriated his wife and daughter. The daughter asks, “Mom, how many different kinds of willies are there?” The mother smiles and says, “Well, dear, a man goes through three phases also. In his 20s, his willy is like an oak tree, mighty and hard. In his 30s and 40s, it’s like a birch, flexible but reliable. After his 50s, it’s like a Christmas tree.” “A Christmas tree?” the daughter asks. “Yes, dead from the root up and the balls are just for decoration.”

A newlywed couple meets with the pastor of a church they’re interested in joining. After talking with him for a while, the pastor says, “I would love to have you two as members of my church, but there is something I must ask of you before you can join. You have to abstain from sex for two weeks.” The couple agrees to these terms, and two weeks later they are meeting with the pastor again. “So how did it go?” he asks them. “Well, we almost made it the full two weeks,” the husband answers. “But yesterday she bent down to pick up a package of frozen vegetables and I was overcome with desire. I just couldn’t help myself.” The pastor pauses for a moment, then says, “Well I’m sorry, but you are not welcome in my church.” “I understand,” says the husband. “We’re not welcome in Safeway anymore either.”

CAPTAIN BUZZARD NOTES

Thank you to all who sent a messages to their state representatives and senators regarding the SB 1593 as our notes and persistence of Mark Meek, the Gladstone Democrat who spearheaded the bill, allowed for the bill’s referral to the Senate Committee on Judiciary to be rescinded and is now discussed the bill in work session on September 11. There is still a long way to go, but hopefully Oregon will join the rest of the west and adopt the changes that will allow for outdoor recreation providers to continue to operate in the state of Oregon, while providing options for those who might be injured due to gross negligence of an operator.

**As always - Please send questions, comments, or contributions to
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