



Schnee Vogeli Ski Club



Green Buzzard

September 2026

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Gentlemen,

Well, that was quite a summer! We survived wildfires threatening Mt. Hood, smoke from western Canada, and another summer of wondering whether our ski areas were going to be covered in snow or ash this winter.

The good news is that summer is winding down, and we're turning our attention to the important things in life—snow, skiing, racing, and figuring out where the heck we're going to get our first turns in.

The current forecast is calling for an ENSO (El Niño–Southern Oscillation) pattern with milder and wetter weather. We'll take the wet part! Whatever Mother Nature decides to give us, we'll be ready to race on it. Last winter, Gemini became our go-to run for racing, thanks to its north-facing valley that kept it shaded most of the day. Hopefully, we won't have to get quite that creative this season.

Pray for Snow — November 14

Our next big club event is the Pray for Snow Party on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Charlie's Bar in Government Camp. We're planning to follow a similar format to last season:

- No cover
- DJ
- Share of Drink sales
- Sponsored tables
- Door prizes
- And whatever other good ideas we can come up with

We currently have one table sponsor confirmed, one "maybe," and one table still looking for a home. Table sponsorship is \$500 per table and you can decorate your table to your hearts content!

We're also looking for ideas for door prizes and anything else that could make the party bigger, better, and more profitable for the club.

One important rule: If you bring us a great idea, be prepared to help make it happen. We're always looking for volunteers—especially the kind who volunteer themselves before someone else volunteers them!

Club Meetings

Don't forget, club meetings are starting back up at 7:00 p.m. at the Buffalo Gap, 6835 S. Macadam Ave., Portland, on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Come catch up, hear what's happening, throw out some ideas, and help us get ready for another season. Before we know it, we'll be complaining about icy conditions, arguing about which run is best, and wondering why we didn't wax our skis sooner.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon—and let's all start praying for snow!

Thanks, Dennis

NEWS

September 12th was another big day for Schnee Vogeli.

We started with the Highway Cleanup and Scavenger Hunt, followed by lunch, a shotgun shoot, and then poker.

Because nothing says *community service* like picking up garbage and then immediately trying to take your friends' money.

We managed to turn one Saturday into a full day of competition, questionable decision-making, and several opportunities to determine who among us has the most questionable taste.

Scavenger Hunt Champion (highway clean up) — Joe Leitschuh (*pronounced "Light-Shoe"*)

Joe took home the Scavenger Hunt championship by finding what can only be described as the Holy Grail of Highway 26 trash—a perfectly overused La-Z-Boy rocker.

This wasn't just any La-Z-Boy. This was a chair with history. A chair that had seen things. A chair that probably had its own Social Security number. Joe immediately recognized the potential. He was last seen in a smoking jacket, headphones on, Jack Daniels in hand, sitting proudly on his new throne.

We assume the chair is now sitting in his living room. Or possibly the garage. Or possibly being used as a ski waxing bench.

Highway 26 Clean Up Crew



Highway 26 Clean Up



Shotgun Shoot Champion — Don Clay (*pronounced "Accurate Shooter"*)

Don Clay took the shotgun title and made short work of the clays. When your name is Don Clay, there really isn't much choice. You either become a clay shooter or spend the rest of your life explaining yourself.

Don chose wisely! He proceeded to turn the clays into little pieces of regret.

Congratulations, Don!

Shotgun Shoot Trillium Lake Rock Quarry



Poker Champion — Joe Smoot (*pronounced "Good Bluffer"*)

Then there was poker. Joe Smoot walked away with everybody else's money. We're not saying Joe was bluffing, but let's just say there were several people at the table who apparently believed him. Joe left with a bigger wallet. The rest of us left with a valuable lesson: Never trust a guy named Smoot when he's holding cards.

And Then There Was Sunday...

Most people would have spent Sunday recovering from the previous day's activities. Not Joe.

After winning poker, Joe volunteered with the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol to help clear the Glade Trail of small trees and brush. Congratulations, Joe!

The SVSC Minutemen

We also want to recognize everyone who volunteered their trucks, trailers, SUVs, straps, equipment, and manpower when the Grasshopper Fire threatened the Mt. Hood area. There was a very real possibility that the Mt. Hood Museum might need to be moved if the fire breached Government Camp city limits. Fortunately, we never had to move the museum. Our friend/SVSC member Dave Winterling put out the call, and the SVSC minutemen were ready to roll.

Those who stepped up were:

Christian Bennett, Bob Lawrence, Harrison Brown, Dennis Noreen, Thor Noble, Greg Brown, Travis Butler, Joe Smoot, Scott Morrison, Dan Lane, and Charley Scott.

That's a pretty impressive list of people willing to drop what they're doing, grab a truck and trailer, and start moving museum artifacts down the mountain. Fortunately, the fire didn't force us to put the plan into action. The museum stayed put. The trucks stayed parked. And nobody had to explain why an SVSC member was transporting a 200-year-old artifact in the back of a pickup next to a cooler full of Coors Light!

But it was great knowing that when the call came, Schnee Vogeli was ready. That's what this club is about. We ski together, we compete together, we occasionally take each other's money, we find questionable furniture on the side of the highway—and when somebody needs help, we show up.

So here's to another great SVSC day. Many hands make light work...

...and apparently, one good scavenger hunter gets a free La-Z-Boy.

2026-2027 Club 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 <https://schneevogeli.com/index.html> you go to this page: SVSC Website Dues Page. No Paypal account required.
2. Scan the Paypal QR code with your phone or send payment to schneevogeliskiclub@gmail.com if you have a Paypal account.
3. Scan the Square QR code with your phone or click the Square link if you want to pay with a credit card.
4. Send a check to our PO Box.
5. Dale takes cash or check.

PayPal – Regular Dues



Square – Regular Dues



Square Link: <https://square.link/u/jbS7ziYU>

UPCOMING EVENTS

When: Tuesday September 22nd - Doors at 6:30 and Meeting at 7:00 PM
Where: Buffalo Gap
What: Vote Night



What: Skiyente Trip
When: January 14-19 2027
Where: Big White, BC Canada
Why: Because it's fun to socialize with skiers of the opposite Sex

MEMBERSHIP

We as members consistently build on the club by being a great member! What is a great member you ask? A great member is everyone's number one cheerleader (think: Gary Gunderson), steps up to help (think: John Orifice and many others), is a great skier (all of us), and supports one another (incredible club of friends!). That is who we are and who we will always be! I am proud that you are my friend.

SVSP HISTORIAN

The digitization project continues! Having the clubs history in digital form makes long 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



Update on our next Logo Hats will be provided at the September 22nd meeting.

RACE RESULTS



Update on 2026-2027 Race Dates will be provided at the September 22nd meeting.

CAPTAIN BUZZARD



Our monthly Buzzard is being updated and revamped. The September version is our first pass, attempt to modernize the Buzzard format, in the next months versions there will be embedded links to our race schedules, events, activities and favorite subjects

Happy Trails,

Craig

ENTERTAINMENT



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