

PACRATS

Pacific NW Area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams

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PACRAT Team Captains!!! Please Take Time to read through this letter... And The rest of forms are attached!

The 2010 PACRAT race season is coming up QUICK and now is the time to get your teams lined up for another exciting season. November is Team Registration Sign Up time! Please get your money in hand from your racers, \$85 per person NOW!

Dale Parshall is our Chief Registrar and Timer (so it's smart to get on his good side) would love to see completed team forms turned in as soon as possible like at Ski Fair on Monday Night, November 9th. Please send out Ski fair flier to your team mates and encourage them to attend in the NEW Location at the Holiday Inn near the Portland Airport. You could also bring it to the general NWSCC Mtg on Wed., November 18th at Buffalo Gap!

PACRAT is excited to announce our NEW 2010 BIB Sponsor The Tire factory! See AD attachment...Discounts to club members so please patronize if you need new tires and let them know you are a ski club member!

Included are the team entry form, release and registration guidelines. Please note the deadline for returning the completed entry and release forms to Dale or Barb Parshall is **November 30, 2009. One check per club for all teams please! If you have a hybrid club team we can accept 2 checks-**

The December 16th NWSCC meeting will be dedicated to PACRAT and we will have bib pick up at Buffalo Gap off Macadam Ave at 6:30 pm. Come early for Happy Hour and Social!

Racer fee remains at **\$85!** Still a bargain and the best buy on the mountain – 5 races, post race parties, the famous Rat Attack, discounted lift tickets and plenty of prizes and awards. Once again we have lots of sponsors and door prizes!

Race dates are posted on Web Page Calendar and have been emailed out to you all previously- PACRAT Training Date is tentatively scheduled for January 3rd at timberline- 1 week before the 1st race and more information to come!

One of PACRAT's best features is that our program allows for and welcomes all levels of skiing and snowboarding ability. We have seven categories each for men and women ranging from beginner to elite. PACRAT's handicapping and scoring system encourage varying the skiing/snowboarding levels of the racers on each team of ten individuals.

If a club is unable to completely fill a team with ten (10) racers, please let us know!! Last year partial teams from different clubs were combined, thereby providing the racers with a better chance to be on a winning team! It worked well, and this practice will continue in the coming season. Teams will again race as a team unit. The start order of the season's first race is determined by lottery, and subsequent race start orders are determined by team standings. Two courses run simultaneously, giving PACRAT racers an opportunity to race against someone. However, each racer is competing against the clock – not one another.

Race results will be emailed to your team captain and available on the PACRAT Webpage: www.pacrats.org.

Race cancellation notices will be emailed to team captains and immediately posted on the website. We do NOT have the telephone answering service any longer.

- **Mandatory Team Captain's Bib Pick-up** is scheduled for Wednesday, **December 16, 2009** at Buffalo Gap in conjunction with the NWSCC meeting that same day and location. Team captains, or their designees, must attend this meeting to pick-up team bibs, learn of any final changes, meet the PACRAT Board, and share in the excitement of the coming season.
- **Possible race cancellations** It is the responsibility of each Team Captain to confirm whether a scheduled race is being held or cancelled. Again, check the website a few days before each race, and depending upon weather conditions, even on the morning of a race. Weather and snow conditions may impact our ability to hold a race – and sometimes the ski area makes the decision for us, with very little notice. Each Team Captain must notify their teammates of any postponed or cancelled race.
- **Team Captain's Meetings** It is mandatory that each Team Captain or their designee attends the morning of a race event. The meetings start at 8:45AM and are the one sure way to communicate important PACRAT race, party and other information to all teams. The Board may sanction a team that is not represented at these meetings.
- **Post-Race Party** The post race parties begin no later than 3:00 p.m. (often earlier) and last until 5:00 p.m. Racers must wear or bring their bibs for identification and free admittance to the party! Guests may attend the parties for a fee of \$10.00.

Please feel free to call me at anytime with questions, ideas and suggestions. We are here to serve you and to insure you have a fun and enjoyable PACRAT experience.

On behalf of the PACRAT Board, we hope that everyone has a great and injury free PACRAT race season.

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