

MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Golden Rose Ski Classic at Timberline

June 4, 2005 (Saturday). Golden Rose Ski Classic is a fun event open to everyone! Teams of 6 racers (of which at least one must be female) compete in a fun GS race. The team entry fee is \$330 (which is \$55 per person). This includes 3 runs on the race course, and a post-race party. It does not include lift tickets. Lift tickets will cost \$31 per racer. Remember, by entering the race, you are supporting the Mt. Hood Ski Academy, which trains young racers.



All registration information and updates will be posted on the MHSEF website at www.mthoodacademy.com.

Mail completed entry form, entry fee and release to: MHSEF Golden Rose Ski Classic, P.O. Box 189, Government Camp, OR 97028.

For more info, contact **Steve Coxen** by phone 503-679-9022 or email: sacoxen@aol.com.

Gary Gunderson organizes several teams every year. To join one of these teams, call Gary at: 503-258-8051.

Timberline Lodge celebrates 50 years

Timberline Lodge celebrates 50 years under RLK management, and is inviting past employees to with them! Due to the sheer numbers of folks employed over the years, the festivities are divided into two blocks.

May 20-21: Weekend for staff from 1955 thru 1985.

May 27-28: Weekend for staff from 1986 thru 2005.

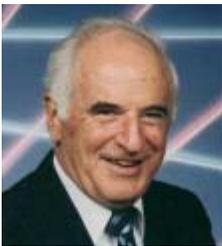
The events and dance are free to everyone, however, the reunion dinner is \$50 per person (inclusive) and by registration only. For more info, check out these web pages:

<http://www.timberlinelodge.com>

Magic Mile - 1st chairlift in Oregon



"Skiers Live a Long Time" - article by Henry Bendinelli, Mt. Hood Skikats club president



Henry Bendinelli

Timberline's "Sky Lift" on the Magic Mile. Capacity: 300 skiers per hour.

This was the second lift built in the world---by Triplett, (if memory serves me right.) The first was built and designed by engineer Jimmy Collins of the Union Pacific RR, being converted from a banana conveyer. Jimmy replaced the original banana hooks with chairs (good move!) and the lift was installed on Dollar Mountain in Sun Valley.

Would you believe **Henry Bendinelli** worked as a loader on this lift? About 1940. Then he graduated upwards to selling tickets, at 35 CENTS per ride. Moreover, he balanced to the penny every day! Whee!

Many years ago, **Hjalmar** informed me "Skiers live a lo-o-o-ng time" and he was so right. Hjalmar skied until age 93.

Every day you ski adds a day onto your lifetime, so go ahead and buy that season pass. You'll be jumping on and off chairlifts, having a BLAST in our gloriuos sport of skiing, while those Couch-Potato acquaintences are pushing wheelchairs around, ---or underneath pushing-up the daisies.

Your Friend, Henry

PS: Next time you take a spill, say a word of thanks to **Hjalmar Hvam**. He did a tremendous favor for all skiers--and you--. Hjalmar invented the release binding.

Then, fill-in your sitzmark. (*Editor's note: This means fill in the hole your ass created in the snow! The German word "sitz" literally means "seat".*)

Photo on right: 1930 ski jumping meet. Hjalmar Hvam first on left.

