



Lift Lines

= No. 178-179, Oct.-Nov. 2015 =

Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208



Prepare for Winter.

1. **Ski Passes.** All local ski areas will increase their pass prices after Nov. 8.
2. **Winter trips.** The Canada trip is full, but we'll start a waiting list. There is still room on the Montana trip and the Crystal Mt. trip). See pages 9 - 12.
3. **Recreational Racing.** Our racing teams are now getting formed. Contact your team captain. If you are new, contact our Racing Director, Bruce Kuper, at bruku@comcast.net.
4. **Renew your club membership,** at the **Ski Fair** (Nov. 9) or at our annual **Kickoff party** (Nov. 12).



Montana Snowbowl!

Snow is Here!



Sun Peaks, BC: 8 inches in the past week (as of Nov. 3)



Nov 03, 2015 11:00

Time: 11:00:02

Discovery Mt., Montana on November 3, 2015

Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2015 CALENDAR

Blue: Mountain High events
Red: NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club
Black: General events

OCTOBER

Oct. 2-3 (Fri-Sat): MHSP Ski Swap
Oct. 3 (Sat.): Mt. High Seafood Party
Oct. 4 (Sun.): Timothy Lake Bike Ride
Oct. 17 (Sat.): Highway Cleanup
Oct. 21 (Wed.): NWSCC meeting
Oct. 23 (Fri.): Warren Miller night
Oct. 24 (Sat.): MSP film: "Fade to Winter"

NOVEMBER

Nov. 6-8 (Fri-Sun.): Ski Fever Show
Nov. 9 (Mon.): Ski Fair - NWSCC
Nov. 12 (Thur): Mt. High Kickoff Party
Nov. 14-15: Grant/Cleveland Ski Swap
Nov. 14 (Sat.): Pray for Snow party
Nov. 18 (Wed.): PACRAT 101 party
Nov. 30 (Mon.): Mt. High Board meeting

JANUARY 2016

Jan. 24-30: Canada trip -Silver Star, Sun Peaks

FEBRUARY 2016

Feb. 21-27: Montana trip Discovery, Lost Trail

MARCH 2016

Jan. 18-20: Crystal Mt. trip

Seafood Party

October 3, 2015 (Saturday). About 50 of our members gathered for our annual Seafood Party. A very big thank you to **Greg Anderson** for inviting us into his beautiful home.

Thanks to **Gordy Lusk**, our Grill Master, for some outrageously wonderful grilled salmon! To **Ann Gormley** and **Pete Troy**, for the tasty halibut enchiladas and baked halibut as well as the sushi platter, to **Linda** and **Bruce McGavin** for the delicious smoked salmon dip and to everyone for all your contributions in putting together this event.



Timothy Lake Bike Ride

October 4, 2015 (Sunday). Only 9 people showed up for this ride. Maybe some thought that a 9 mile ride was too short, but it was a challenging one and it kept us busy for 3 hours. Some parts were completely flat, especially by the lake, but there was also a series of gentle uphill and downhill that kept our muscles busy. It was a beautiful sunny day and we had some great views of Timothy Lake and of Mt Hood. We ended the day at the **Taco Shoppe** in Government Camp, where everyone found something interesting on the varied menu.

<== Photo by Bruce McGavin

Highway Cleanup

October 17, 2015 (Saturday). We had only 9 people for the highway cleanup, but it turned out perfect, because part of our normal route didn't need cleaning because of the blasting and highway improvement being done west of the Mirror Lake trailhead. We found some quarters, pieces of truck tires, cans and bottles, and even a "POW" sign! We wore reflective safety vests, and we filled 15 bags of trash. The only thing missing was a sign telling passing motorists that we are not convicts but skiers! After the cleanup, we had lunch at the **Taco Shoppe** in Government Camp. Good food!



Warren Miller dinner and movie

October 23, 2015 (Friday).

Over 60 of our members came to see the movie, and about 35 came to the pre-movie dinner at the Hop City Tavern in the Hilton Hotel building, just a block away from the movie theater. It was a good time to socialize. Thanks to **Sandra Smith** for organizing this fun evening.

<== Photo by John Davis

See many more photos at www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm.

Renew your membership



It's time to renew your club membership. Our membership year starts October 1st and runs till the end of September of the following year.

Annual membership is \$25 for individuals or \$40 per couple.

Please renew in one of 3 ways:

1. **By mail:** Send your check and the Dough Transmittal form to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.
2. At the **Ski Fair**, Monday, Nov. 9, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center near the airport. 6:30 - 10:00 pm.
3. At our annual **Kickoff Party**, Nov. 12, 6:30 - 9:00 pm at Gray Gables Estate, 3009 SE Chestnut Street, Portland, Oregon 97267.

Mt. High display at Mt. Hood Museum

Thanks to a cooperation between the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp and local ski clubs, our club now has a display cabinet at the museum. Check it out next time you are in Govy.

Bruce Kuper found the cabinet, purchased it, and added locks and glass shelves to it.

Several of our Board members then started looking for items to display in it. So far, we have several contributions from **Debbi Kor**, **Linda McGavin**, **Kurt Krueger**, and **Emilio Trampuz**.

It's still a work in progress and we will be adding to the cabinet over the next few months.



Mt. High Cookbook



Many years ago, the **Plaza ski club** (one of our parent clubs that in 2000 merged with the **Edgeset Club** to eventually be renamed **Mountain High**) published a cookbook that contained contributions from many of our club members. The cover of that cookbook is shown here.

Let's do it again!

Let's gather a bunch of recipes, including maybe some of those for the winning **chocolate desserts** in recent years. And maybe also a recipe for the **salmon** and other **seafood** presented at our Seafood parties.

Any other recipes from our club members are welcome! Please send your contributions to Debbi Kor, ijustwannarun1@comcast.net

Just to whet your appetite, here are a couple of recipes already submitted:

NOTE: A photo of your finished meal isn't required, but if you have one, send it in. It might help.

Also, just the fact that you are a club member is sufficient connection to the club. But if your recipe has some additional connection to the club, let us know.



Potato & Green bean soup

Enjoyed by Kurt Krueger and Emilio during their Steamboat, Colorado trip.



Flour-less Panama Torte

Won in the healthiest (lightest) category at our Chocolate Party in 2012

Ski Fever & Snowboard Show Expo Center



Nov. 6-8 (Fri - Sun.)

Admission: \$14.

Juniors (6 - 12 years old)

pay only \$3.

Under 6 is free.

Show hours are:

Friday 1pm - 10pm
 Saturday 10am - 10pm
 Sunday 10am - 6pm

Big annual ski show at the Expo Center. Great deals on ski clothing and equipment. Save Up To 70% on new Ski and Snowboard Gear. See live demonstrations. Many freebies.

Also included a giant Ski Swap, where you can keep 80% of the sale value when you sell your used equipment.

Everyone attending will receive a 2-for-1 lift ticket voucher to: Ski Bowl, Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, and other ski areas. (Some of these are only for night skiing, or only mid-week.)

For more info see: www.portlandskifever.com.

Pray for Snow party

Nov. 14 (Saturday.)

Starting at 7:00 pm

Organized by the Schnee
 Vogeli club. Everyone is
 invited! Limited space!

Location: Charlie's Pub
 in Government Camp.



Come celebrate the upcoming winter. Live music, and door-prizes. All local skiers and riders are invited, regardless of which club they belong to.

There will be a live band.

Tickets are \$15. Sold in advance (not at the door). Tickets always sell out completely before the event. For tickets, contact your favorite member of the Schnee Vogeli club, or one of the following:

Gordy Lusk, 503-804-8363 GordyLusk@hotmail.com, or

Dale Parshall, 503-245-3782, dale.parshall@bankofthewest.com,

NWSCC

Ski Fair at the Airport Holiday Inn

2015 SKI FAIR

ONE NIGHT ONLY!
 Monday, November 9
 6:00 pm - DOORS OPEN

Holiday Inn Portland Airport
 8439 NE Columbia Blvd
 Portland, OR 97220

Admission is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 No Host Beverages
 DOWNHILL, CROSS-COUNTRY, SNOWBOARDING, ...
 ALL KINDS OF SNOWPLAY!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Silent Auction
- * Ski Resorts
- * Ski Retailers
- * Ski Clubs
- * Sports Clubs
- * Mt. Bachelor
- * Mt. Hood Meadows
- * Ski Bowl
- * Timberline
- * Join a Club
- * Buy new Gear
- * Plan Ski Trips
- * Get discounted season passes

NWSCC NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL
 Contact: Mary Olhausen
 Phone: 503-880-7383 Email: omary52@comcast.net

Nov. 9 (Monday) 6-10 pm Admission: FREE.

A one day event organized by skiers for skiers, at the **Conference Center** next to the **Airport Holiday Inn**, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd.

Meet local ski clubs and ski areas. participate in the **Silent Auction, Raffle**, and more! See what's new. As part of the auction, you can get great deals on lift tickets, lodging, ski trips, ski gear, and more.

For questions about the Ski Fair, contact **Mary Olhausen**, 503-880-7383, omary52@comcast.net

Visit our Mountain High club's booth, where you can **renew your club membership**, sign up for **trips**, or join a **racing team**. You can also enter a drawing for a free club membership.

To volunteer to help staff the Mt. High booth, contact **Karen Michels**, skiklynn@gmail.com, 503-984-9210.

Click on the flyer for a larger view.
 Then print it and post it somewhere.

MOUNTAIN HIGH

Upcoming events

SNOWSPORT CLUB

Mt. High Mt. High Kickoff Party + Mini Ski Swap

November 12 (Thursday), 6:30 - 9:00 pm.

Our biggest party of the year, marking the start of a new ski season. Come enjoy the following:

- * Free food, and door prizes. We'll give away some Warren Miller movies, some gift certificates, and other stuff.
- * Meet your fellow club members.
- * Renew your membership (\$25 singles; \$40 couples)
- * Sign up for trips. (They are all fun!)
- * Join a PACRAT racing team (It's fun.).
- * Bring a friend.
- * Bring something to sell or swap. We'll have a mini ski swap, just like we've done for several years now. Bring your skis, jackets, or anything you'd like to sell. But please be there to sell it yourself. This is not an organized ski swap. We don't have anyone to watch over the stuff. So, be there yourself.

Location: Gray Gables Estate. See [MAP](#).
3009 SE Chestnut Street, Milwaukie.

More info on our web site:

www.mthigh.org/#Kickoff_Party

NOTE: Even though this is only the beginning of the season, this event is actually the last opportunity to pick up a trip flyer and sign up for the trip in person. Try to decide on a trip or two by this night.

Sno-Park Permit

On Mt. Hood you can get a \$30 ticket for not having a sno-park permit. Remember to buy one. You can get it at the DMV.

PACRAT 101 - Intro to racing

Nov. 18 (Wednesday)
6:00 - 8:30 pm.

A recruitment and education class, open to everyone. Bring friends who might be interested in racing! Find out what's new for this racing season.

Location: Buffalo Gap Saloon
6835 SW Macadam Ave.
Portland, OR 97129

Come learn about PACRAT Racing. We will be presenting the benefits of joining PACRAT for prospective racers, and for returning racers and captains we will be discussing what is new this year.

Join a 10-person team. Participate in 5 races throughout the season, held at all 3 major ski areas on Mt. Hood. No experience necessary. It's all just for fun!

The only qualification is that you must be 18 years or older to join. Check out the official PACRAT racing website at www.pacrats.org

Ski Swap: Grant/Cleveland High

Nov. 14 - 15 (Sat./Sun.)

2015. A good selection of clothing and equipment at yard sale prices. All proceeds help support the high school racing programs at Grant and Cleveland. The



team's commission on goods sold is 30% (donated goods are especially cherished).

Drop off: Friday: 7:30 pm - 9 pm
Saturday: 10:30 - noon

Sale Hours: Saturday: Noon - 6 pm.
Sunday: 10 am - 3 pm.

Location: Portland Adventure Boot Camp
1606 NE 37th (Between Broadway and Sandy Blvd.)

There is an admission charge of \$2 per person or \$5 per family for the entire weekend. For that charge they are rewarded with free hot dogs/cider/popcorn and the chance to win some small door prizes. There will be both new and used equipment available for purchase.

Lift tickets and Season Passes

Here is a comparison of various lift tickets and passes. Which pass is best for you depends on how much you'll ski. Will you ski enough times at the same ski area to justify a season pass? Note that PACRAT racers will be able to get discounted lift tickets on their race days. Remember that Meadows and Timberline will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for March, April and May, for about \$100 - \$130. Consider buying a 5 day or 10 day pass plus a Spring Pass, and they don't have to be at the same ski area. Also, note the following changes from last year:

1. The **Fusion Pass / Powder Alliance** has increased from 13 to 14 ski areas. Whitewater was just added.
2. **Mt. Bachelor** has discontinued the 12 free days at other ski areas. In it's place is the new M.A.X Pass.
3. The **Mountain Collective Pass** has added Ski Banff-Lake Louise and Sunshine, for a total of 14 ski areas.
4. **Most prices will increase after November 8.**

Ski area / Name of Pass	1 Day	4 or 5 Day	10/12 Days	Season Pass	Senior Season	Season Pass description
<u>Mt. Bachelor</u> The M.A.X. Pass to 22 mountains for \$249 needs to be purchased in addition to the Season Pass. 11 ski areas in the West and 11 in the East.	\$79	4-pack 179 N/A after 9/30	12-day \$499	\$889	\$579	The previous 12 free days at other ski areas owned by Powdr Corp. (has been discontinued. Replaced by the M.A.X. Pass: 22 mountains, 5 days each, but must be purchased at \$249 on top of the Season Pass price. Multi-day and season prices will increase a lot after Sept. 30.
<u>M.A. X. Pass by itself</u> 22 mountains, 5 days each, 11 ski areas in the West and 11 in the East.				\$699	\$699	The 11 western ski areas are: Mt. Bachelor, Big Sky, Brighton UT, Copper Mt. CO, Crystal Mt. WA, Las Vegas NV, Steamboat CO, Summit at Snoqualmie WA, Winter Park CO, Cypress Mt. BC, Boreal CA.
<u>Mt. Hood Meadows</u> Includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker	\$74	5-days \$299	10-days \$399	\$509	\$389	Includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker (mid-week till end of Feb., then any day. Prices go up \$60 after Nov. 8.
<u>Mt. Hood Skibowl</u> -Last year	\$50	--	--	\$399	\$299	Prices increase Nov. 3, Nov. 17.
<u>Timberline</u>	\$66 - \$72	5-days \$225	10-days \$375	\$399	\$149	Multi-day and season prices will increase after Nov. 17.
<u>Fusion Pass/Powder Alliance</u> Timberline + Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each of: Stevens Pass, Schweitzer, Bridger Bowl, Snowbasin, Sierra-at-Tahoe, China Peak, Mountain High, Arizona Snowbowl, Angel Fire, Crested Butte, Silver Star, Whitewater.	--	--	--	\$499	\$249	Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Skibowl + 36 other free lift tickets, 3 tickets at each of 12 other ski areas. Not valid on Saturdays. Whitewater (B.C.) was added this year. Prices will increase by \$25 after Nov. 3.
<u>Mountain Collective Pass</u> 2 lift tickets at each: Taos, Thredbo Whistler/Blackcomb, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Alta/Snowbird, Mammoth Mt., Lake Louise, Sun Valley, Mammoth, Stowe, Squaw/Alpine Meadows.	--	--	22-time pass \$399	--	--	A 22-time pass, with a maximum of just 2 days at each destination, but additional days at each resort are \$50% off. No blackout dates. To make the most of it, visit as many ski areas as possible.
<u>Snowbomb Platinum Pass</u> 4 lift tickets total, 1 at each: Homewood, Bear Valley, China Peak, and Mt. Rose, all in CA.	--	4-pack \$79	--	--	--	Also included are 2 free nights of lodging, Sunday - Thursday at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV. Also discounts at some Tahoe areas.
<u>Epic Pass</u> (Vail Resorts): Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, Park City, Arapahoe B., Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton, Perisher.		4-day \$389	7-day \$579	season \$769	season \$769	Perisher resort in Australia has been added for the 2016 season. No blackout dates. Prices will increase after Sept. 7.

Click on the blue, underlined pass name for more detailed info and to purchase it.

Silver Star



Canada trip

Silver Star / Sun Peaks

January 24 - 30, 2016.

(5 ski days / 6 nights)

Silver Star has a mellow front side and a couple of really long cruisers on the back side, but it is famous for its steep and challenging powder runs on the back

side. Tree skiing. Powder. Best of all, a ski-in/ski-out village located not at the bottom but in the middle of the mountain. The village has a wild-west town look but in pastel colors! It is the locals' favorite mountain. And it is part of the Powder Alliance, which means that anyone with a Fusion Pass can ski there all 3 days for free!

Silver star has 128 named trails on 2,500' vertical, served by 12 lifts, 3 of which are hi-speed quads. Try to ski all the 5 distinct areas: the Front side (Vance Creek), the Back side (Putnam Creek), Silver Woods, Attridge, and Alder Point (advanced hike-to area). Silver Star also has 106 km of cross-country trails.

Sun Peaks is just 2.5 hours away, and we'll move there for the last 3 nights. Sun Peaks has a European village themed ski-in/ski-out village, with a pedestrian street lined with boutique stores and cafes. There are 3 separate peaks to ski: Mt. Tod, Sundance, and Mt. Morrissey. Lots of hidden nooks and crannies. Don't miss the "Sticks" and the "Back in Time" trail on Mt. Morrissey. Also, you have to try some of the steep trails on Mt. Morrissey with washing machine names, such as "Agitator", "Static Cling", "Spin Cycle", etc.

Sun Peaks is the 2nd largest ski area in Canada. It has 133 named trails (one of them 5 miles long), 2,894' vertical, served by 11 lifts, 3 of which are high speed quads.

This will be a bus trip. We'll pick up in Portland and in Vancouver, WA. We'll spend 3 days at Silver Star, and then an additional 2 days/3 nights at Sun Peaks.

Prices: Adult full price = \$1,095 Senior full price = \$1,033
Adults with Fusion Pass = \$888 Senior w. Fusion Pass = \$849

Price includes all bus transportation, lodging, and lift tickets. Two lunches (on the way up and on the return trip) are included. Depending on the number of people that sign up (the more the better) and the rate of exchange with the Canadian dollar, if we end up with any surplus, we will include some breakfasts and/or dinners too.

Space was limited to 32 people. We managed to squeeze in 35. **This trip is now FULL**, as of the end of October 2015. If you want to be on the waiting list, in case someone cancels, please contact **Karen Michels**.

Full payment due by November 15, 2015. No refunds after November 15 unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy on our TRIPS web page.

Print our **Dough Transmittal Form** and mail it in with your \$250 deposit check payable to Mountain High, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208. If you are sending just a deposit, please indicate on the form which of the 4 categories you are in. Are you a Senior (65+) and do you intend to purchase the Fusion Pass (with the Powder Alliance deal).

Trip leaders:

Karen Michels, skiklynn@gmail.com, 503-984-9210
Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171.

More ski trips info at: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

Sun Peaks



Silver Star





Discovery Mt.

Montana trip

Discovery Mt. / Lost Trail

February 21 - 27, 2016.
(5 ski days / 6 nights)

Something unique! Kurt Krueger and Emilio Trampuz did some scouting in February 2015 and discovered a couple of hidden gems in southwest Montana. We want to take you there.



Lost Trail Powder Mt.

Discovery ski area. This was quite a find! Last winter was a bad snow year in the West, but the day we arrived we got 4 inches of wonderful fresh powder here on top of a very good base. You want challenge? You'll find it here. Over a dozen double-black never groomed named runs in the back bowls! This is like skiing in the Chugach mountains, but without the need for a helicopter! Even the blue cruisers seem very long, with a consistent pitch.

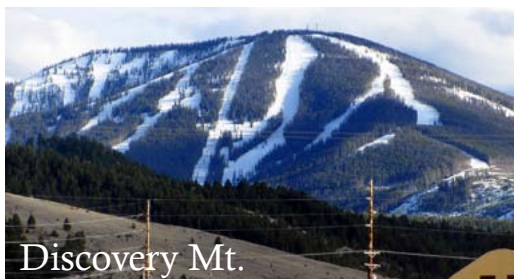
Discovery offers 2,400 vertical feet, 2,200 acres, served by 5 triples and 2 double chairs. Beginners and lower intermediates have their own hill. The best feature is: no crowds!

Lost Trail Powder Mountain. A great place, lots of powder, and no crowds. This place is open only Thursdays thru Sundays. Any snow that falls in the first half of the week will be untouched on Thursday. We will time our trip to arrive there on Thursday!

Lost Trail is located on the border between Montana and Idaho, and you can ski both sides. Yes, just like Look-out Pass, only bigger! It offers 1,800 vertical feet, served by 5 double chairlifts. The Montana side has several double-black runs. Best feature: No crowds, and an enormous field of perfectly spaced thin trees, where you can leave an unlimited number of fresh tracks while doing slalom laps through the trees.

Both Discovery Mt. and Lost Trail were featured in the 2014 Warren Miller ski film: "No Turning Back".

This will be a bus trip. We'll pick up in Portland and Troutdale. 2 days/2 nights in Philipsburg (Discovery ski area), and 2 days/3 nights in Hamilton (near the Lost Trail ski area). Bonus: we'll also hit the Montana Snow-bowl, near Missoula, one day. This will be a very unique trip. Experience the pristine side of Montana!



Discovery Mt.

Price = \$825 per person.

Montana ski areas don't offer a senior discount. But we got a good deal on group tickets.

Price includes all bus transportation, lodging, and lift tickets. Two lunches (on the way up and on the return trip) are included. Also, a dinner in Philipsburg. Depending on the number of people that sign up (the more the better), if we end up with any surplus, we will include another dinner.

Space is limited to 32 people. We cannot include more because of lodging limitations. Also, this trip will be open to members of other clubs as well, so please sign up early!

To reserve your spot: Please send in a deposit check of \$250 per person, preferably by November 15, 2015.

Full payment due by January 15, 2016. No refunds after January 15, unless you can fill your spot. See our Trip Cancellation Policy.

Please use the **Dough Transmittal form** on the **Forms & Docs** page on our web site, or on the next to last page in our newsletter. Make check payable to **Mountain High Snowsport Club**, and mail it to: Mountain High, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

Trip leader: Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171.

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Lost Trail

Mt. High

Crystal Mountain, WA



March 18-20, 2016 A weekend bus trip, 2 nights/2 days. We leave Friday around 5:00 pm. Lots of fun on the bus – this is the best way to get to know other club members! We'll return Sunday by 8:30 pm.

Crystal Mountain is the largest ski area in Washington with 3,100 vertical feet of skiing, with over 50 named runs. There's everything from gentle groomed cruising runs for beginners to challenging steeps - backcountry, glades, chutes and unbelievable black runs for the more adventurous. This is why SKIING Magazine voted Crystal Mountain the #7 top mountain in North America.



Linda McGavin
at Crystal Mt.



There is one 8-passenger gondola (included in all tickets as of this year), 2 six-pack hi-speed lifts, 2 hi-speed quads, 2 triples, and 3 doubles., serving 2,300 acres of lift served terrain, plus 500 acres of backcountry.

NEWS: Two lifts have been replaced by new ones :

1. **The High Campbell Chairlift**, for experts only, which was destroyed in an avalanche this past season, was replaced by a new fixed grip double chairlift made by SkyTrac, the only American ski lift manufacturer.
2. **The Quicksilver fixed-grip double chairlift**, serving intermediate terrain, was replaced by a fixed-grip quad lift.

Lodging: We'll stay in the town of Enumclaw, 45 minutes from the mountain. Most of us will be in queen beds, but the first 3 couples who sign up and request it will get a king bed. There is no breakfast in the hotel, but there's Charlie's Cafe, a breakfast place right across the parking lot that opens at 5 am.

Price = \$250. This includes all bus transportation, 2 nights' lodging, one dinner, and one lift ticket.

The reason for only one lift ticket is that on Sunday, March 20, Crystal Mountain is allowing all NWSCC club members to buy tickets at half price, but you have to go to the ticket window yourself and show your NWSCC card (i.e. your club membership card; you'll get it when you renew your club membership for this season).

Use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on the page before last (or on our FORMS web page) to send **\$100 deposit**, due by November 30. Full payment due by February 15, 2015. No refunds after February 15 unless you can fill your spot. Contact trip leader **Linda McGavin** at (503) 652-2840 or e-mail Trips@mthigh.org.



FWSA Far West Ski Assoc. Trips

Click on underlined blue links or go to www.FWSA.org.

FWSA SKI Week: Telluride, CO

January 30 - February 6, 2016. A week of skiing and racing. Price: \$1,210 - \$1,430 per person depending on the type of lodging. This includes 7 nights lodging, 5 lift tickets, banquet, council party, apres ski, races, & more. Air not included.

Mail check to: NWSCC Whistler Trip, 5331 SW Macadam Ave. Suite 258, Box 438, Portland, OR 97239. Contact: **Chris Ciardi**, c2blondie@hotmail.com, 503-297-5351
Barbara Bousum: BBousum@gmail.com 503-224-3584

**FWSA European Ski Week: Cortina, Italy.**

March 5-12, 2016. Price for land package: TBA pp. Includes: 7 nights lodging, daily breakfast, welcome and farewell

parties, 5 nights dinner (2 nights free to explore local restaurants). Air and lift tickets not included.

Optional post-trip to Florence and Rome.

Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA) for "FWSA 2015 Int'l Trip". Send to: Debbie Stewart, FWSA VP of Int'l Travel, 430 S. Church St., Visalia, CA 93277. FwsaIntlTrvl@prodigy.net

FWSA Mini Ski week: Crested Butte, CO.

March 21-26, 2016 (5 nights / 3 or 4 days of skiing). Price TBA.

Included: 5 nights lodging. Contact:

Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162. 530-414-8261 [C]

Ski Area News

The Largest Resort in the US

Vail Resorts has purchased Park City for \$182.5 million last year (2014). This year, they combined Park City and the Canyons into a single resort named simply **Park City Mountain Resort**. This is now the largest ski resort in the United States with 7,300 acres, 17 peaks, 14 bowls, served by 38 lifts. Vail Resorts is spending \$50 million on upgrades, including a gondola connecting the resorts, two lifts and new restaurants - all ready for 2015-2016.

The Newest Resort in the US

CHERRY PEAK OPENS IN UTAH

After a false start last winter, Utah's newest ski area, Cherry Peak Resort, is opening this season in Northern Utah. Located near the Idaho border just 15 miles from the city of Logan, the resort features three triple chairlifts, a comprehensive snowmaking infrastructure and a 1.25 mile-long run

Whistler is 50 Years Old

Originally opening for skiing in the winter of 1966, Whistler Blackcomb is kicking off their 50th anniversary season with 50 Years Of Going Beyond, a movie five decades in the making. Check out the Official Movie Trailer: <https://youtu.be/UiqSB4TLWI4>

Silver Star Expands Terrain

Silver Star ski resort in British Columbia, Canada will add over 100 acres of additional ski terrain, a new race center, and expanded winter sports options with gladed tree skiing at the intermediate and expert levels is being expanded by more than 90 acres.

2022 Winter Olympics Decision

The 2022 Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing, China. Skiing events will be held in Xiaohaituo Mountain area 56 miles northwest of Beijing. The area has almost no natural snow, so all competitions will be held on artificial, man-made snow.

Continuing our discussion of the upcoming winter predictions.
See part 1 on page 13 of our September 2015 issue (Lift Lines 177).

Winter Storms vs. El Niño

What can we expect from this winter? This is a very strong El Niño year, stronger than usual. This should bring a warmer and dryer than average winter in the Northwest while California, New Mexico, and Arizona should get wetter, with plenty of snow in the mountains. Generally speaking this does not bode well for snow enthusiasts in Oregon.

However, meteorologists also tell us that most of the annual snowpack usually comes from just 2 or 3 major storms. Storms are unpredictable. A big one could hit us even in an El Niño year.

El Niño sets the general trend, but individual storms can still happen.

Data from past years seems to confirm this. It shows that not all El Niño years were bad for Oregon and good for California.

For example, in California, El Niño produced wet years in 1983 and 1998, but also dry years in 1931 and 1988.

In Oregon, data from Mt. Hood Meadows shows that some very strong El Niño years, such as 1983, brought above average snow amounts to Mt. Hood. But other strong El Niño years such as 1998 brought below average snow amounts. Interestingly, even that below average year brought more snow than this past 2015 winter did.

Conclusions & Thoughts

First, let's acknowledge that weather is unpredictable, and climate change is a factor too. So, nobody knows. With that in mind, here are some additional thoughts.

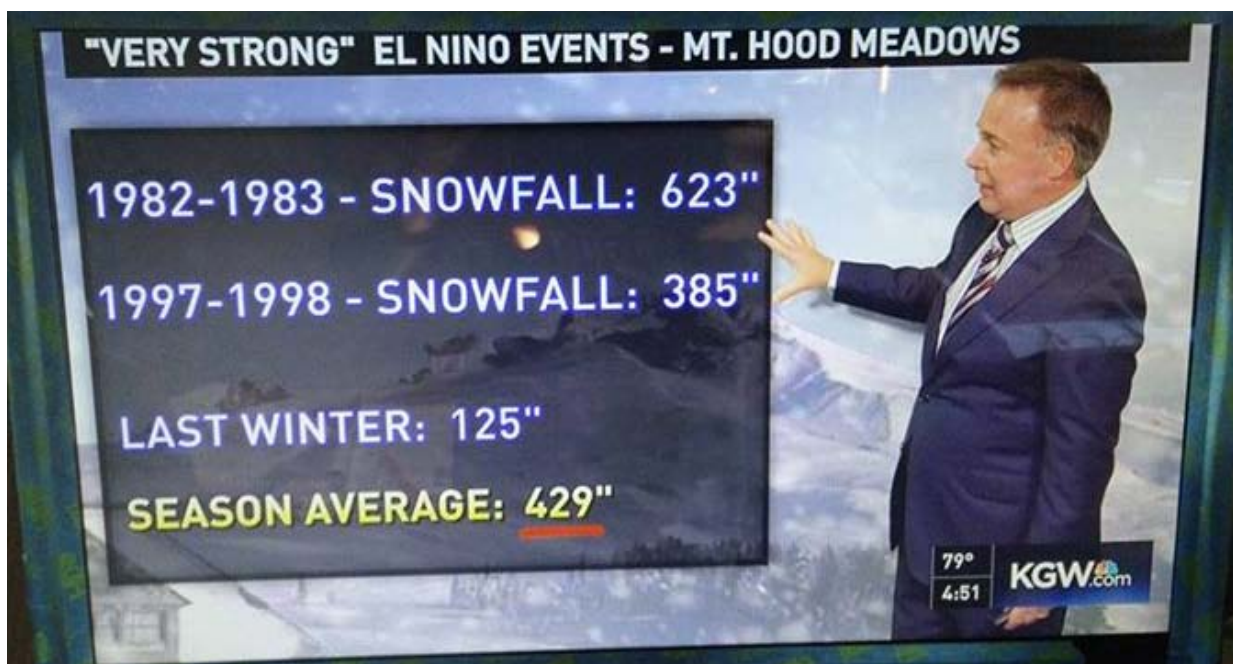
1. **WARMER?** Even if El Niño brings us warmer weather than average, we are talking only a few degrees warmer than average. On any give day, does it make a big difference if the temperature is 28°F instead of 24°F? The snow might be a bit wetter, that's all.

2. **DRYER?** Dryer conditions mean less precipitation. Less snow? OK, but nobody ever said there will be NO snow. Just less of it. Whether it's 10 or 20 feet of snow won't make a big difference to skiers. We can't really tell how much snow is under foot anyway.

3. **TRIPS.** In places like Montana and British Columbia, some of us have experienced very cold temperatures in past years. Minus 20°F in Montana is not unusual. In British Columbia, some of us have skied in minus 30°F. So, a bit warmer than that would be very welcome!

In conclusion, there WILL be snow this year. Regardless of whether it's a bit below or above average, we'll have fun on the mountain!

The only question is the quality of the snow. Will it be dry powder or wet cement? Hey, we are used to wet cement here in the Pacific Northwest! Bring it on!



Thanks to **Chris Wiley** for posting this photo on the PACRAT Facebook page.

In Memory of Henry Bendinelli

Aug. 12, 1924 - Oct. 27, 2015.



Henry Bendinelli was the founder and president of the Mt. Hood Ski Kats Club. He passed away peacefully, after a battle with cancer, on Tuesday, October 27.

He was born and raised in Portland, Oregon, but he always treasured his Italian ancestry. He served as an aerial navigator on B-29

bombers, both in World War 2 and in the Korean war.

He had a career as a stockbroker, but his heart was on the snowy slopes. He worked as a ski instructor at Timberline, so he could afford to take his four children skiing. Many of his clients became his friends and by the 1970s, they decided to form a ski club to stay in touch and to extend their skiing fun through trips to other ski areas. Some of his favorite were Sun Valley, Whitefish Mountain (Big Mountain), and Sun Peaks.

Henry often quoted the following two sayings, which he also embodied in his life: **"Skiing is not a sport; it's a way of life."** (*Otto Schneibs*), and **"Skiers live a long time"** (*Hjalmar Hvam*).

Henry certainly proved this true in his own life. Not only did he live live long, he skied even at the age of 91.

He came on at least one of our Mountain High bus trips to Anthony Lakes. On that trip he got the whole bus singing along with him. He always had a song or a poem or a funny story up his sleeve.

He was active till the very end. He skied at both Sun Valley and Timberline just this past winter. Then, just a month ago, on September 29, he sent out an email about his health and his concern about the Ski Kats club. He said: "Despite all of Henry's longevity, now 91 years old, the time will to come when he can no longer organize trips and events. It is time to find new leadership---so that good times such as this are to continue. Will address that tomorrow." Sadly, that "tomorrow" never came.



Henry seems to have had a wonderful life, full of excitement, doing the things he liked to do most: skiing, biking, and dancing with the ladies! And when the day arrived that he couldn't do it any more, ... well, what's the point of hanging around any longer, eh?!!!!

Henry is now "flying" on his heavenly skis somewhere, whooping, hollering, and yodeling all the way down the mountain! There's got to be skiing up there. It wouldn't be true paradise without some beautiful slopes covered in pure white!



Mt. High Season Overview

For an overview of our club's varied activities, check out the [Photos](#) page on our web site. It contains photos from 19 of this past season's events.

All the photos will soon be moved a layer deeper, to our photo archives, and the current photos page will be cleared within the next few weeks to make room for the upcoming year's events.

Mt. High Facebook Page



We now have a **Facebook** page. Thanks to **Bruce Kuper** for setting it up.

This is one more way for our members to communicate with each other, in addition to emails, our web site, Bulletin Board, and our two Forums

Check out the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Mt.High/>

Join this Facebook group and post your thoughts and your photos there!

PACRAT Facebook Page



PACRAT Racers have a **Facebook** page of their own.

This is a great way for racers to stay in touch, post their photos and/or videos, and chat with each other.

Check out the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PACRATRacing/>

If you are a racer, join this Facebook group and post your thoughts and your photos there!

MOUNTAIN HIGH**Contacts / Club info****SNOWSPORT CLUB****Man & Woman of the Year**

Our club's Man and Woman of the Year for 2015 are: **Emilio Trampuz** and **Terry Swan**.

Send in your nominations for 2016 to any member of our Board by the end of February.

**Mountain High Meeting**

Usually last Monday

Nov. 30 (Mon.): Open to all who want to get involved with the club. Gather at **6 pm. Start at 6:30 pm.**

Location: Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd. (near Capitol Hwy.)

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: ☐ New membership or ☐ Renewal

Name(s): _____ Birthday (MM/DD) _____

Address: _____

Phone (Hm): _____ Phone (Wk): _____

Email (Hm): _____ Email (Wk): _____

Email Preferences: - Newsletter (once a month): ☐ yes, link only ☐ yes, complete file ☐ no
☐ No changes - Club news & events (between newsletters): ☐ yes ☐ no
(same as last year) - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): ☐ yes ☐ no
- Is it OK to share your email address with other club members? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff: **Deposit?** **Paid in full?**

☐ **Annual Membership** (Oct. 1, 2014 - Sept. 2015): Single (\$25); couple (\$40) \$ _____
☐ **PACRAT Racing (2015)** \$99 for the whole season . Team: _____ \$ _____
☐ **Canada trip** (Jan 24-30). Adult=\$1095, w/Fusion=\$888. Senior=\$1033, w/Fusion=\$849. Dep.=\$250 \$ _____
☐ **Montana trip** (Feb 21-27). Total=\$825. Dep.=\$250 (Please circle your choice above) \$ _____
☐ **Crystal Mt. trip** (March 18-20). Total=\$250. Dep.=\$100 \$ _____
☐ **Other:** _____ \$ _____

Comments (For whom you are paying. Roommate requests,...): _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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See our Trips cancellation policy on our web site: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf>

Club membership = 304 Newsletter Distribution

The Oct.-Nov. 2015 issue is posted on our web site. Also:
277 copies sent via email (as PDF files)
18 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.
 Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs,
 the National Ski Club Newsletter, etc.

Count Your Ski Areas

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2014-5-25.xls>

NWSCC Man & Woman of the Year

This year, our Mt. High Board chose to honor **Emilio Trampuz** and **Terry Swan** as our club's Man and Woman of the Year. Many other local clubs also submitted their choices to the NW Ski Club Council. The NWSCC chose the following two among all the candidates. These are this year's NWSCC's Man and Woman of the Year:



Mary Olhausen
NWSCC Past President



Lloyd Musser
Curator, Mt. Hood Museum

Shred Hood



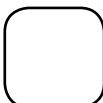
Shred Hood, a very informative online magazine, published by **Ben Jacklet**, is entering its third season.

This publication covers everything related to Mt. Hood and its surroundings, including:

- * [Races, Rail Jams & Rescues](#) on Mt. Hood
- * [Just Keep Climbing](#) - climbing and skiing Mt. Hood
- * [Resorts push for new skiing statute](#),
- * [Golden Poles Chalet fire](#) in Govt. Camp)
- * [Preserve the old Mt. Hood highway as a trail](#), an article by Emilio Trampuz.

This is just a very small sample of the wealth of information y on the Shred Hood site.

If you want to be fully informed, you can subscribe or free to be notified of news when they are published. Just enter your email address in the blue box on the right side of the page at ShredHood.org



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