



# Lift Lines

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



## Latest News

**Winter trips.** The Canada and Montana trips are full, but there's a waiting list. The Crystal Mt. trip is approximately 2/3 full. See pages 9 - 12.

**Racing.** We have a new Racing Director, **Alan Bean**, 503-849-8009 [Racing@mthigh.org](mailto:Racing@mthigh.org). See page 5.

**Skiing on Mt. Hood.** Many people ski by themselves or in small private groups, but we managed to bring together two small groups of skiers. One group has a **Meadows pass**, skis at Meadows, and communicates through the Mid-week Forum on our web site. The other group has a **Fusion Pass**, skis at both Timberline and Skibowl, and communicates through the All-club Forum. You are welcome to join either of these people. They don't bite. In fact, you are invited to join us for a **Mt. High ski day** at Timberline, **Saturday, January 16**.

## Let's ski together - this Saturday, Jan. 16



Emilio, Karen and Kurt W. at Timberline, Sunday, Dec. 25, 2015.

We've had 5 Mt. High ski days on Mt. Hood during December. See the **day trips list** on our **Trips** page. We usually meet in Sandy at 7:30 - 7:45 am. We'll continue to post such ski days any time we hear that a group of Mt. High people are going skiing and are open for some company.

Please feel free to announce your intentions to go skiing in our **Forum**. And join the Forum to be fully informed. To be in the loop, simply go to our web site, click on the **All-club Forum** or the **Mid-week Forum** and then click on "Join this group" in the upper right corner. You will be notified any time someone posts in the Forum.

## Not In This Issue?

Sometimes we run out of space in the newsletter and can't cover everything that is on the calendar.

If there is anything you can't find here, please go to our web site, [www.mthigh.org](http://www.mthigh.org) and you will find it there.



Note the color code.  
Our club is blue.

## 2015/2016 CALENDAR

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

### JANUARY 2016

**Jan. 2 (Sat.):** Winterhawks game  
**Jan. 3 (Sun.):** NASTAR Open Race - Skibowl  
**Jan. 10 (Sun.):** PACRAT Race 1 - Skibowl  
**Jan. 16 (Sat.):** Mt. High Ski day - Timberline  
**Jan. 24 (Sun.):** PACRAT Race 2 - Meadows  
**Jan. 24-30:** Canada trip - Silver Star, Sun Peaks

### FEBRUARY 2016

**Feb. 1 (Mon.):** Mt. High Board meeting  
**Feb. 13 (Sat.):** Chocolate Party  
**Feb. 13 (Sat.):** Cascade Lode - Crab Feed  
**Feb. 21 (Sun.):** PACRAT Race 3 - Skibowl  
**Feb. 21-27:** Montana trip Discovery, Lost Trail  
**Feb. 28 (Sun.):** PACRAT Race 4 - Meadows

### MARCH 2016

**Mar. 5-6 (Sat-Sun):** Masters Race - Skibowl  
**Mar. 10 (Thur.):** Quarterly Pizza Party  
**Mar. 13 (Sun.):** NASTAR Open Race - Skibowl  
**Mar. 18-20:** Crystal Mt. trip  
**Mar. 24 (Sun):** PACRAT Race 5 - Timberline

### APRIL 2016

**Apr. 3 (Sun.):** PACRAT Make-up race - Timberline. Only if a race gets canceled  
**Apr. 15 (Fri.):** PACRAT Rat Attack dinner

## Christmas Ships Parade

December 15, 2015 (Tuesday).

21 people gathered at Joe's Crab Shack in Vancouver to watch the Christmas Ships parade. Everyone had a good time at this relaxed social event.



## Early season skiing

December 2015.

There was lots of snow early this season, so everyone went skiing. Highways 26 and 35 were very busy, but the slopes were not too crowded.

We skied both on Christmas Day and on New Year's Day.

**George Yun** went to Whistler in early December and got lots of powder there.



Kurt W., Marie, and Emilio at Timberline, Dec. 13, 2015.



Emilio, Marie, Kurt, and Karen at Skibowl, Dec. 28, 2015.



George Yun at Whistler, first week of December, 2015.

See many more photos at [www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm).



**Mt. High Ski day at Timberline****January 16. (Saturday)**

We will try to do at least one formal Mountain High ski day at each of the 3 Mt. Hood ski areas this winter. This one will be at Timberline.

Let's get together for a day on the slopes. Get to know other club members. Have some fun. It won't be a crowd, but we have at least 4 or 5 members committed to this day.

Our tempo will be adjusted to suit the group. Nobody will be left behind. We'll ski as a group. If the group is large enough and there are enough of both advanced and intermediate skiers, we might split up into two separate groups.

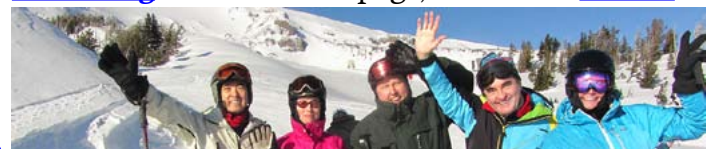
We'll check out the new **Phlox Point Cabin** warming hut. It's hidden in the forest, but with easy access.

**7:30 - 7:45 am.** We'll meet at **McDonald's** in **Sandy** (left at 3rd traffic light in Sandy) You might find us either in the parking lot, or inside McDonald's, getting a cup of coffee. From there, we can either carpool or caravan (follow each other's cars) to the ski area.

**Alternate ways to meet:** (if you miss us in Sandy)

1. **On the mountain**, meet us around 9:00 am just outside the day lodge, near the ski check ready ski.
2. **On a 2-way radio**, find us on **Channel 6-19**. Just ask for "Mountain High" people!

For more info, see our [All-Club Forum](#), or our [Week-end skiing](#) on the TRIPS page, or contact [Emilio](#).

**Mt. High Chocolate Party****DATE: Saturday, February 13.****TIME: 7:00 pm****PLACE: Lisa & Harry Scribner**

1915 NW 90th St.

Vancouver WA 98665

Phone: 360-576-8178



**WHAT:** Our annual sweet party. Come to sample the goodies, or enter the contest yourself by bringing your own chocolate dessert. Four prizes will be awarded for:

- a) The **most chocolaty (or decadent)** dessert.
- b) The **most creative (best looking)** dessert.
- c) The **lightest (healthiest)** dessert.

After the three un-corruptible and un-bribeable judges pronounce the winner, everyone will be able to taste ALL the desserts, or as many as you can handle!

**CONTACT:** Please **RSVP** to **Lisa Scribner:** 360-576-8178 or [LScribner98@yahoo.com](mailto:LScribner98@yahoo.com)

**\$10 Rotary Day at Mt. Hood Meadows****Jan. 18, 2015. (Monday) 2 pm - 9 pm.**

At this fundraiser organized by the Hood River Rotary Club, **Mt. Hood Meadows lift tickets** will be just **\$10**, or \$15 if purchased from the Mt. Hood Meadows ticket sales window.

This is Martin Luther King Day, a holiday.

On the day of the event, the Rotary tickets should be purchased from Rotarians who stand at the top of the breezeway stairs by the Coffee/deli. Also there is another Rotarian posted at the ramp corner across from the entrance to the ski clothing shop.

**Bring a Friend / Learn to Ski Month**

**January** is "Learn to Ski" months. Ski areas are supporting this by offering a challenge with rewards.

Introduce someone to skiing or snowboarding to sign up for the Bring a Friend Challenge!

When your novice friend signs up for lessons from a professional ski instructor, you'll be entered to win prizes, swag and trips by the Bring a Friend sponsors when you register online at:

<http://www.bringafriend.org/>

## From the Prez: Our New Racing Director



With the recent resignation of our PacRat Race Director, **Bruce Kuper**, I would like to introduce our newest member of the Mt. High Board of Directors, and new Race Director, **Alan Bean**.

Alan comes from a long lineage of snow enthusiasts' beginning with his grandfather and mother who owned one of the old forest service cabins in Government camp. Alan's father was involved in Racing at an early age, and went on to ski and teach with the University of Portland team in the late 50's early 60's. Alan's first opportunity to learn to ski was limited to joining the Jr. High ski club bus to Hoodoo, when living in Albany. Alan then moved to Crescent City, CA, and it wasn't until college at the University of Nevada (Reno) before he really learned to ski.

In 1985, some of Alan's fraternity brothers discovered that Henry Weinhard's had created a college cup ski racing circuit around Tahoe for various surrounding colleges, and they quickly formed a team to represent the University of Nevada.



Alan began PACRAT racing in 1997 when he raced with the Bergies for three years and then went on to other things before joining Mt High in 2011. Since then Alan has raced with a couple different Mt. High teams.

His interests lie with spreading the PACRAT spirit and

love for running gates and assisting all the Mt High teams with recruiting and retaining the largest group of racers this side of the Mississippi.

Welcome Alan!

I'd also like to thank Bruce Kuper for the all the hard work you've done over the past 2+ years for Mt. High and all of our racing members. I appreciate your efforts to keep Mt. High Racing one of the shining lights of our organization.

-- *Debbi*.

## Mt. High display at Mt. Hood Museum

Stop by the Mt. Hood Museum and Cultural Center in Government Camp and check out our display case. Here it is on the right, and the Skiyente Ski Club's case on the left. (Photographer: Bruce Kuper)



## Mt. High Cookbook



We are putting together a Mountain High cookbook!

Please contribute a recipe. Any recipe from our club members is welcome.

Even more welcome if it has some connection to the club, such as if you have ever prepared it for our Chocolate party,

our Picnic, Seafood party, brought it on a ski trip bus, or any other club event.

Desserts, main dishes, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, whatever!

Please send your contributions to  
Debbi Kor,

[ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net)



## PACRAT News

### Pacific NW Area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams



**Alan Bean**  
Mt. High Racing Director

You can still join a PACRAT team for this season. Recreational racing is fun, and it is also quite social. By joining a 10-person team you automatically get 9 ski buddies for the season. There are 5 races, but you can also participate in the two optional NASTAR races. After each PACRAT race, there is usually a party with free food and drinks.

A \$99 racing fee covers all 5 races and parties.

Bruce Kuper has resigned, so our new Racing Director is **Alan Bean**, 503-849-8009 or [Racing@mthigh.org](mailto:Racing@mthigh.org).

### Here are the race dates for 2015/16.

**Jan. 3 (Sun): NASTAR Open race - Skibowl**

**Jan. 10 (Sun): PACRAT race 1 - Skibowl**

**Jan. 24 (Sun): PACRAT race 2 - Meadows**

**Feb. 21 (Sun): PACRAT race 3 - Skibowl**

**Feb. 28 (Sun): PACRAT race 4 - Meadows**

**Mar. 5-6 (Sat-Sun): Masters races - Skibowl**

**Mar. 13 (Sun): NASTAR Open race - Skibowl**

**Mar. 20 (Sun): PACRAT race 5 - Timberline**

Mt. High racing page: <http://www.mthigh.org/Racing.htm>

PACRAT web site at: <http://www.pacrats.org/index.htm>

PACRAT Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PACRATRacing/>

## Mt. High Team captains

Team name	Team captain	Email address
Avalanche Express	Gary Gunderson	<a href="mailto:ktgpx@frontier.com">ktgpx@frontier.com</a>
Awesome tAles	Alan Bean	<a href="mailto:abean@nwgeotech.com">abean@nwgeotech.com</a>
Chilled Brewskis	Brenda Becerra	<a href="mailto:LetsPlayOnTheMt@hotmail.com">LetsPlayOnTheMt@hotmail.com</a>
Frosted Flakes	Bruce Kuper	<a href="mailto:bruku@comcast.net">bruku@comcast.net</a>
Mixed Nuts	Samy Fouts	<a href="mailto:samyfouts@comcast.net">samyfouts@comcast.net</a>
Moose on the Loose	Paul Lyshaug	<a href="mailto:shaugs@netzero.net">shaugs@netzero.net</a>
Mt. Hoodlums	Phil Mant	<a href="mailto:phil6666@aol.com">phil6666@aol.com</a>
Rattitudes	Chris Wiley	<a href="mailto:Chris2007@Yhuji.com">Chris2007@Yhuji.com</a>
Schussing Shysters	McCoy Smith	<a href="mailto:McCoySmith@comcast.net">McCoySmith@comcast.net</a>
The Ocho Plus	Mike Peck	<a href="mailto:Mike.Peck@TCMcorp.com">Mike.Peck@TCMcorp.com</a>
Vertigo Madness	Melinda Kai	<a href="mailto:Kaio13@frontier.com">Kaio13@frontier.com</a>

We have 11 teams of 10 people each. That's a total of 110 racers in the Mountain High club. There are another 6 teams from other clubs participating in PACRAT racing.

Anyone who isn't already on a team but would like to try running some gates, please contact our Racing Director, **Alan Bean**, 503-849-8009 or [Racing@mthigh.org](mailto:Racing@mthigh.org), or contact any of our team captains listed above.



Dueling racers

## PACRAT Racing Bibs



Your racing bib is your main ID as a racer. Please have it with you every time you race.

Some teams have a bib decorating party before the first race. If your team is not into decorating, then your team captain will give you your bib on the morning of the first race, which is Sunday, January 10 at Mt. Hood Skibowl. Please be there early.

## NASTAR Open Race



- 1) January 3 (Sunday) - Mt. Hood Skibowl
- 2) March 13 (Sunday) - Mt. Hood Skibowl

These races are open to all, not just PACRAT racers. It's an opportunity to run some gates and see how it feels.

It costs \$10 for 2 runs, or \$20 for an unlimited number of runs.

## Let's ski together!

Let's connect and ski together. Use the following tools.

a) **Forums.** These are actually Google Groups incorporated into our web site. Just go to [www.mthigh.org](http://www.mthigh.org) and click on either the All-club Forum or the Mid-Week Forum. Click on "Join this group" and participate.

b) **Emails.** Watch for announcements for days when at least some of us plan to go skiing / riding. Organize an outing yourself and announce it by emailing the club at [info@mthigh.org](mailto:info@mthigh.org). We'll pass the word on.

c) **Meet us in Sandy** on the days we pre-announce. If you miss us there, try to connect with us on the slopes by tuning your **2-way radio** to channel **6-19**.

## TRIPS web page

Yes, a **day trip** to Mt. Hood is also a trip, so check out the [TRIPS](#) page on our web site, and look for announcements about either **mid-week** or **weekend** trips to Mt. Hood. Then join us on the slopes on the pre-announced days.

## Mt. High Forum

You can use our club's Forums to:

- make announcements;
- ask questions;
- find buddies to ski with;
- discuss gear & other issues;
- post a photo.

Join in the fun. Check it out by going to [www.mthigh.org](http://www.mthigh.org) and clicking on the [Forum](#) button.

If you are new to the Forum, you can view all the messages, but if you want to post your own, please click on "**Join this Group**" in the upper right of the Forum page.

Note that we have a separate forum for mid-week skiers.

## 3 mistakes that will Kill the Forum!

Yes, you can kill the Forum, making it useless for yourself and to some extent less useful for others as well. Here are the 3 major mistakes.

### 1. Choosing the "No email" option.

When you first sign up, you are asked to select how you want to receive notices from the Forum: a) Receive every posting immediately, b) Receive ad daily summary, or c) Never receive any notices. If you choose the latter (as some people did), you can still occasionally check the online Forum, but you will miss out on a lot of things, because you will never be notified of new developments, answers to your questions, etc. Choosing the "No email" option defeats the purpose of the Forum, which is to communicate. You can change that option in "**My settings**" in the Forum, in the upper right corner.

### 2. Never starting a new Topic

You might check out the Forum same day and decide that there's nothing there for you because there are currently no active conversations. It's just old stuff. But keep in mind that there are **93** people in the All Club forum and **48** people in the Mid-week forum. Everybody is just waiting for somebody to post something. Don't be shy. Start a new topic. Ask a question. Or propose a time and place to go skiing. Or share a thought and ask others for feedback. Every time you post something, you breathe new life into the Forum.

### 3. Just lurking; Never replying

Don't just stand there. Reply to others. Even if you can't go skiing this Saturday, as someone proposed, reply and say so. Say something like: "I can't make it this weekend, but how about next weekend?" Whatever you do, just say something. Participate.

### 4. Not using your real name.

This one is a bonus on this list. It won't kill the Forum if you use an alias, but it does put a damper on things a bit, at least until people get to know you better. It's usually easier to respond to someone like Emilio, Karen, or Linda, because you can relate to them, you've heard about them, or you know them already. But, it's harder to relate to someone who identifies himself or herself as a "Pocket Rocket" or "Duckster" or "Juju skier". Is that a man or a woman? Who is this? Do I want to talk to this "avatar", this digital mask? If we are going to meet someone for skiing, it would be nice to know their real name.

## Facebook Page



Our club's **Facebook** page is another way for our members to communicate in addition to emails, our web site, Bulletin Board, and our two Forums.

See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1528330064067232/>

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

Unfortunately, not everyone is on Facebook, and even if they "friend" our club, they won't always receive news of every update. Our Forums are quicker ways to connect with others for a day on the slopes.



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 38. **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.

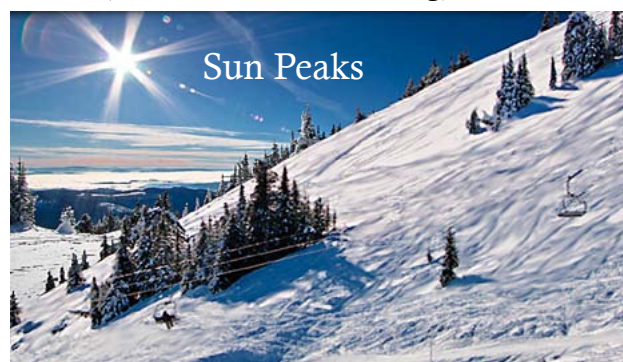
Print our **Dough Transmittal Form** and mail it in with your \$250 deposit check payable to Mountain High, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208. If you are sending just a deposit, please indicate on the form which of the 4 categories you are in. Are you a Senior (65+) and do you intend to purchase the Fusion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

#### Trip leaders:

Karen Michels, [skiklynn@gmail.com](mailto:skiklynn@gmail.com), 503-984-9210  
Emilio Trampuz, [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net), 503-378-0171.

More ski trips info at: [www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm](http://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.

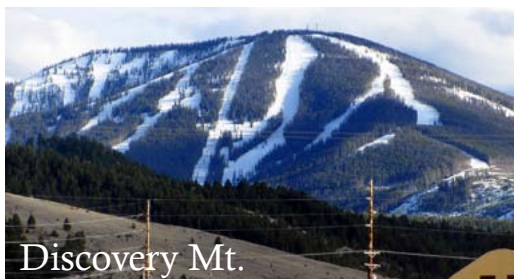
Discovery offers 2,400 vertical feet, 2,200 acres, served by 5 triples and 2 double chairs. Beginners and lower intermediates have their own hill. The best feature is: no crowds!

**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 is open to members of other NWSCC clubs as well. **This trip is now full! But we can put you on a waiting list.**

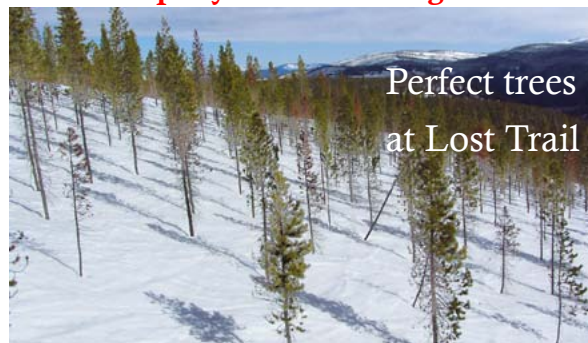
To reserve your spot: Please send in a deposit check of \$250 per person, preferably by November 15, 2015.

**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](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net), 503-378-0171.

More ski trips info at: [www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm).

Perfect trees  
at 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. **As of mid-January, this trip is approximately 2/3 full.**



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](mailto:Trips@mthigh.org).





FWSA

## Far West Ski Assoc. Trips



Click on underlined blue links or go to [www.FWSA.org](http://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](mailto:c2blondie@hotmail.com), 503-297-5351  
**Barbara Bousum**: [BBousum@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

### Cherry Peak, UT - Newest ski area in the US

A new ski area, named Cherry Peak, has opened in Utah, just 20 minutes from Logan. It offers 1265 vertical feet, served by 3 triple chair lifts and more to come.

Kurt Krueger and Emilio wanted to ski there last winter, when the ski area was originally scheduled to open. But, there were some construction delays, so Cherry Peak officially opened just this 2015/2016 season. And the first among our club members to ski it will be Linda and Bruce McGavin, who will be there this January.

### 2-for-1 Timberline lift tickets at Jacksons

Buy any THREE 20oz Pepsi products at a [Jacksons Food Stores location](#). Receive a voucher from the Jacksons sales attendant. Then grab a friend, grab your voucher, and head to Timberline any Monday-Friday until May 31, 2016. Redeem your voucher for two midweek adult lift tickets for the price of one. Save up to \$66! Valid for any mid-week day. No blackouts.

### Phlox Point Cabin at Timberline



Timberline has greatly expanded its food options in the Day lodge at the **Y-bar**. But, also, you can now stop at the newly remodeled former Boy Scouts hut that now offers tacos, beer, wine, hot chocolate, and a warm fireplace. It will be open 10 am - 3 pm, and also till 7 pm on Fridays and Saturdays for night skiing. The Phlox Point cabin is hidden in the forest, but with easy groomed trail access.

From West Leg road, turn left onto Walt's Baby and then left again toward the cabin.



## Let's try the Mt. Hood Express bus from Sandy



We will probably continue to meet up in Sandy and carpool from there. But let's also try the Mountain Express bus service from Sandy to Skibowl, Government Camp and/or Timberline for just one way fare is just **\$2**. That's less than you'd spend on gas!

**Catch the bus** at the Mt. Hood Forest Center Park & Ride, next to Hwy. 26, at a bus stop half way between Champion Way and 362nd (which is the Fred Meyer traffic light in Sandy). Turn into Champion Way to park at the Mt. Hood Forest Center.

See the map for the exact location.

The most convenient time for us is:

1. Leave Forest Center Park & Ride at **7:45 am**, arrive at Skibowl West at 8:32 am, arrive at Timberline at 9:00 am.
2. Depart from Timberline at **2:45 pm** or **4:45 pm**. arrive in Sandy at 3:58 or 5:58 pm.

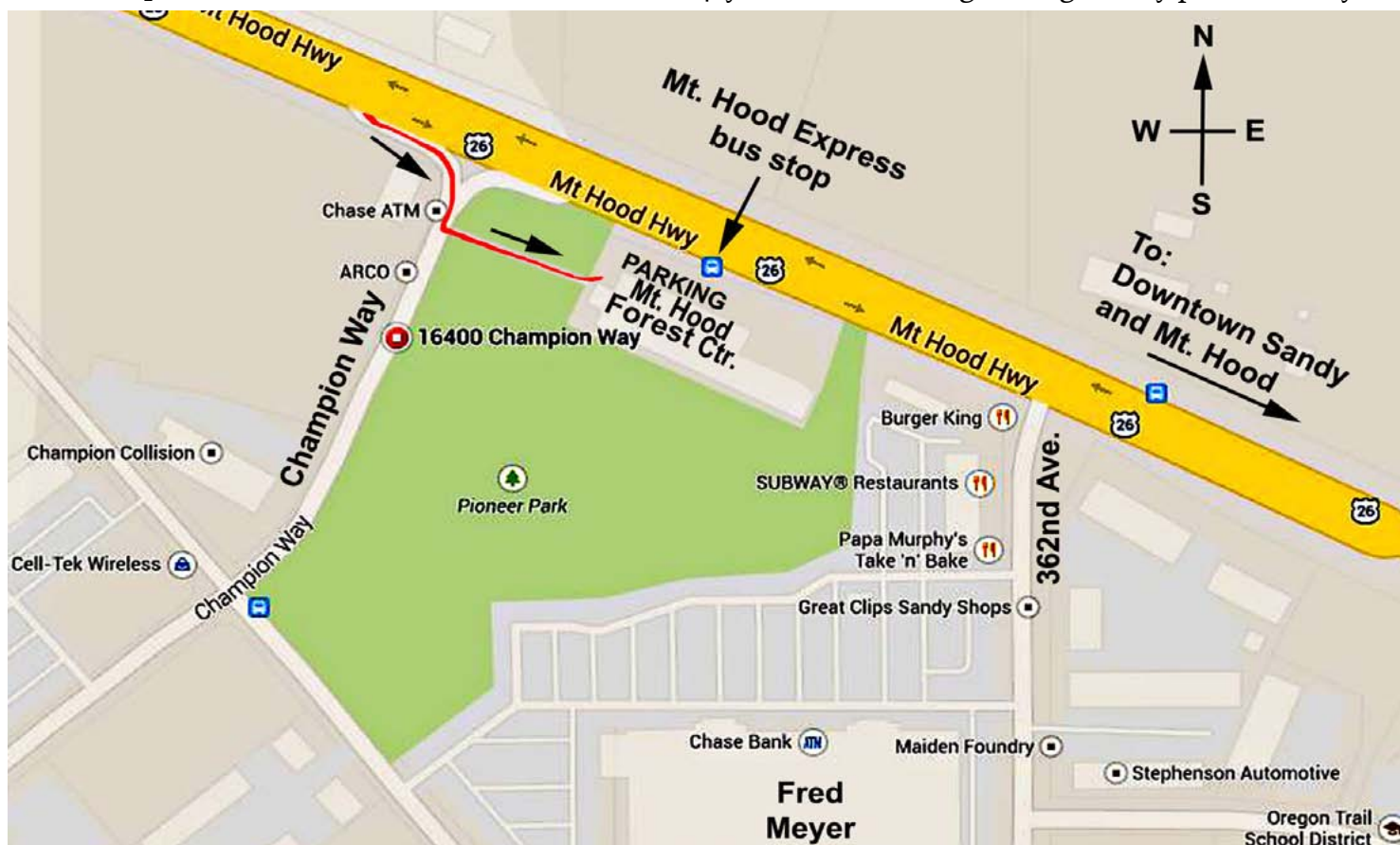
See the schedule on the Clackamas County Mountain Express website, [www.clackamas.us/socialservices/documents/MTX%20schedule%2010-2013.pdf](http://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/documents/MTX%20schedule%2010-2013.pdf)

The bus runs several times a day. It stops at two places in Government Camp, very near the end of the Glade trail and the Alpine trail, so we can use the bus for uphill transportation to Timberline whenever we chose to ski all the way down to Government Camp.

Instead of paying \$2 for each bus ride, you can buy an all day ticket for \$5.

On which days will this happen? We don't have any fixed dates. We'll post the dates on the [Mt. High TRIPS](#) web page (see [Weekend day trips](#)), and we'll also try to let everyone know via an email blast.

Also, you can communicate directly with other club members using our online [Forum](#). Feel free to announce your intentions to go skiing on any particular day.



The **NW Ski Club Council** has been rewarding skiers and snowboarders who visit lots of Northwest ski areas. One or more lucky winners each year have a chance to win a prize. The list of qualifying ski areas includes Alaska, Hawaii, British Columbia and Mammoth Mt., California. Only the ski areas shown on the map qualify, and that includes all of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, plus many ski areas in other States and Provinces.

**Ski or ride any 7 or more resorts shown on the map during the 2015-2016 ski season to be eligible to win a prize.** The more ski areas you visit, the greater your chance of winning. Just save your lift tickets or receipts, and qualify a prize! The winners of the drawing will be announced in the Fall of 2016.

To qualify for a prize, submit your lift tickets (or receipts) to: **NWSCC**, 5331 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 258, Box 438, Portland, OR 97239. More info on our Council's web site: [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org). Also, see the [Articles](#) page on the Mt. High web site for several articles documenting some of the previous Ski Challenges.



### Announcing the challenge winners

The winners will be announced in December at the NWSCC meeting.

The prizes consist of lift tickets and/or gift certificates to local ski shops.

You too can be a winner. Just save your lift tickets or your credit card receipts from each ski area you visit, and submit it to the NWSCC at the end of the season.

### New Challenge

The new challenge, for 2015-2016 starts now! Start saving your proof of purchase at every ski area you visit!



## Northwest Ski Club Council Ski & Ride Challenge

Qualify for a prize: ski or snowboard in a single season at least 7 ski areas shown here: in British Columbia, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, and Wyoming. Just save your lift tickets and/or receipts.



### Also included:

**COLORADO**  
Aspen/Snowmass

**IDAHO**  
Brundage Mt.  
Schweitzer Mt.  
Sun Valley

**MONTANA**  
Whitefish Mt.

**WYOMING**  
Grand Targhee  
Jackson Hole

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
Big White  
Sun Peaks  
Whitewater  
Kicking Horse  
Fernie  
Kimberley  
Nakiska





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

Each year, usually in March, our club honors a Man and Woman of the Year for their contribution to our club and to the sport in general. For a list of previous winners, see the Awards page on our web site.

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

**Mountain High Meeting**

Usually last Monday. This is an exception.

**Feb. 1 (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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**DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Mail check payable to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

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?**

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

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 = 237 Newsletter Distribution

The January 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.

## NW Snowsports Guide



The NW Skiers' Directory has changed its name to the NW Snowsports Guide. It is available online. You can flip pages by clicking in the lower right corner, or swiping if you have a touch sensitive screen. You can also zoom in and out by clicking anywhere else on the page. See it at: <http://www.nwskiers.org/SkiersDirectory/SkiersDirectory/#/1/>

You can also find free printed copies of this 60 page booklet at local ski shops. Our very own **Linda McGavin** is the editor of this annual publication.

## 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>

## Shred Hood



**Shred Hood**, a very informative online magazine, published by **Ben Jacklet**, covers everything related to Mt. Hood, including:

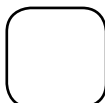
- \* [Big News and Deep Snow](#) on Mt. Hood
- \* [Kelsey Hewitt Dies at 25](#)
- \* [What Can Be Done to Fix Mt. Hood Traffic Mess](#)
- \* [Meadows Adapts to Power Outages & Fallen Trees](#)

This is just a very small sample of the wealth of information available on the Shred Hood site. Subscribe for free. Just enter your email address in the blue box on the right side of the page at [ShredHood.org](http://ShredHood.org)

## Sno-Park Permit



Remember to buy a sno-park permit. You can get it at the DMV and at local ski stores.



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