



Lift Lines



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PACRAT Racing new Web Site

Our club helped the PACRAT league start their own web site. Emilio and Jack Folliard worked on it together for a while, and our club actually hosted the PACRAT web site for a few days, after which a separate domain was registered. You can find the PACRAT web site at: www.pacrats.org.

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Club sponsored Race Training

April 9 (Saturday). Gordy and the Meadows crew will set up a race course at Meadows just for our club members to enjoy! You don't have to be a racer. Just come and try it. We can run it as many times as we want. We can challenge each other for a one-on-one race, ... or just challenge yourself.



Gather at the ticket office (the glass house), at 9:00 am, or 9:30 at the top of the Gemini trail.

PACRAT racers:

This training day will give you the boost you need. Improve your carving skill. Learn how to find the best path through the gates. We will have a regular PACRAT race on Sunday, April 10, ... so you can use the Saturday training as a warm up and practice event!

For info, contact **Gordon Lusk** at: 503-804-8363.

Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2005 CALENDAR

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

- Apr. 3. PACRAT race 5** at Meadows.
- Apr. 5 (Tue.) Mt. High Board meeting**
- Apr. 9 (Sat.) Mt. High race training**
- Apr. 10. PACRAT make up race** Meadows
- Apr. 7-10 Whistler trip** (S'no Joke)
- Apr. 17-23 Sunshine Village/Banff trip**
- Apr. 15 (Fri.) PACRAT Rat Attack**
- Apr. 30 (Sat.) Bowling night**

- May. 3 (Tue.) Mt. High Board meeting**
- May 7 (Sat.) Race & Ace at Bachelor**
- May 24 (Tue) Mt. High elections and pizza party!**

June 4 (Sat.) Golden Rose Ski Classic at Timberline

June 9-12 Far West Convention(San Diego, CA)

July 14-16 Rafting trip, on the Deschutes

The PACRAT phone number, 503-796-1112, has been discontinued.

Instead, before each PACRAT race, check the PACRAT web site:

www.pacrats.org

Monte Carlo Bowling !

April 30 (Sat.) A night of bowling has become an annual tradition in our club. Starting at 6:30 pm. Only \$12 per person, and you get several chances to win money prizes.



Location: **Milwaukie Elks** lodge, 13121 SE McLaughlin Blvd., Milwaukie.

This about a mile south pf downtown Milwaukie, and about 2 blocks north of the bomber plane.

We need at least 30 people to make this work financially, so, please RSVP by April 23 to Larry Bennett, at:

BENNETT896@aol.com

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Tamarack ski area, Idaho -- by Janet Siverts-Smith

*Janet in Idaho*

I can give an "Excellent" grade for Idaho skiing! Bergies had a trip to **Sun Valley**, **Tamarack**, and **Brundage** in mid February. We started in **Sun Valley** - sunny and COLD, so the snow held very well. We had our own charter bus to relocate to **McCall** as our base hotel. Our private bus took us to **Brundage** (sunny and warm); then to **Tamarack** (overcast, light snow, and colder); then back to Brundage (part sun, snow, and mild). We had a mix of downhillers, cross country, and snow shoers. Very good places to go for good skiing, good food, and good times with ski buddies! Here are some pix from a fellow traveler . . .

At **Tamarack**, the base buildings are large inflated tents! Sparse decor and limited facilities didn't add much luxury to what is advertised as "the next Sun Valley". All the employees were exceptionally helpful and were there to make your experience the best it could be under such limited facilities. I don't know when the building plan goes into action, but all the surrounding real estate is going fast at premium prices! The lift prices, food, and ski shop items were all pretty spendy. "Ski Check" was \$4!

I did like their lift pass. It is a hard plastic card, like a credit card, that you "flash" at an electric eye as you go through a turnstile. You can put it in a chest pocket without turning to face the "eye" and it will pick up and let you through. Very fast. No bother with the "ticket on a string" like Bachelor or "demented ticket police" standing with their "guns" at the ready to read your ticket like Hood Meadows. They even had low "eyes" for the kids to go through on their own!

*Janet with the Bergies at Tamarack*

so if you wanted to stay on the green it was hard to see where it went! They need more signage! The double black diamonds were ungroomed and heavy snow, so I didn't go on those.

The people who didn't like Sun Valley (because the runs were long and straight down), enjoyed Tamarack runs, because they undulated with pitches, turns, shoots, and open terrain - all in one run! The day we were there, the visibility was poor at the top (almost a white-out), going down into a more visible condition, then at the bottom there were sun breaks!

I didn't "ski my legs off" like I did at Sun Valley, but it was enjoyable in the variety. I hope to go back and see how it changes -- after they build the base lodge!

If you golf, there is a course right there, so you can go in the summer and check out the whole area. There is a camping area at lakeside on the way to Tamarack. They are developing this whole area as a "year round" resort.

Tamarack has 2,800 feet of vertical terrain, currently served by 2 main express lifts (not counting the beginner lifts). Two more lifts will be installed in time for the next season. More details at: www.tamarackidaho.com.

My skiing experience was delightful in the variety and layout of the runs. I skied on some green, mostly blue, and some black runs; all with adequate snow coverage. In some cases, the trails were hard to follow, because the trees were so sparse. You ski into an open area and there may be three trails converging with different designations,

*View from Tamarack*

Mt. Bachelor Weekend

March 18-20. At least 20 of our club members showed up at Mt. Bachelor and were rewarded with some fresh powder. Some took advantage of the \$10 lift tickets on Friday. That evening, we enjoyed a very pleasant gathering at the home of Beth Royce.

There was some fresh snow every day, especially on Saturday. Those looking for challenge, such as Ed, Rich, the two Dougs, Bruce & Linda McGavin, Bruce and Cindy Ellison, etc., enjoyed the Outback and Northwest side of the ski area, but there was also plenty of fresh powder to be found on the front side of the mountain as well.

Saturday's après-ski at Longhorn Louie's was well attended. Thanks to Mary Olhausen for organizing it!

On Sunday, many of us sought shelter from the wind in the somewhat more protected Sunrise area. Mike, Phil and Salah discovered a hidden corner that included ducking into the trees a couple of times, doing a jump over a stump, followed by a short section of an open trail and then more woods. They nicknamed it "Salah's run" and guided Emilio there to show him. We then videotaped Phil and Mike doing a couple of jumps over that stump.

Meanwhile, back in Bend, while the girls (Deirdre, Christi, Elaine) were out dancing the night away, Jack prepared a surprise for them in their hotel room, because they had adjoining rooms and had forgotten to close and lock the partition door between them. When the ladies returned to their room, they found all the light-bulbs unscrewed, a pair of skis in each bed, and all their ski poles arranged like flowers in the toilet bowl. Beware of Jack, the prankster!

Too bad we have no photos of that!



Jack

It is not entirely clear if Jack ever figured out why his bed sheet was so short the next night! Our three young ladies had fun making some minor adjustments to it! Sweet revenge!

Deirdre and Doug



Mike Hennessy



Phil Mant



Composite photo of Mike's jump

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Best Snow this year was in California - by Bob Gales

Wouldn't you know it, Gail and I head for California to find the snow and it starts up here in Oregon! But what a trip.

After leaving many of you at **Bachelor** on 3/18, Gail and I headed for **Mammoth**. We spent Saturday night 50 miles north in Bridgeport, awoke to a foot of snow and headed south to Mammoth. We spent Sunday in the bar with some new California friends playing games as we watched the storm rage.

Top of Mammoth

Monday morning we were greeted with 2' (yes two feet!) of fresh snow and sunshine. **Mammoth** is HUGE and we skied as much of it as we could. The upper slopes were not opened until close to noon as the patrol worked on avalanche prevention. Hundreds waited for the upper gondola as Gail and I ate lunch. There was plenty of untracked snow for us when we did make it up there.

It started snowing that night, and Tuesday morning had another foot of new snow. We slowly headed north

to the south shore of Lake Tahoe where we stayed with friends who had two timeshares at the top of Dagget Pass (Kingsbury Grade) near the Nevada lifts. It just would not stop snowing!

Wednesday we skied **Heavenly** in stormy weather, bad visibility but great powder.

Thursday we skied in sunshine and fresh snow at **Kirkwood**. Kirkwood is known for its steeps and we were not disappointed.

Friday we drove to **Squaw Valley** and skied in the sunshine. Still cold and the snow was very good.

Saturday found us back at **Heavenly**. Sunny most of the day but warming up. Late afternoon we could feel the snow becoming more spring like. On Wednesday we skied Gunbarrel (a long, steep run under the tram) in deep powder. Saturday it had VW sized bumps with ice in the troughs. We were exhausted!

*Bob & Gail at Heavenly*

While our group had to return home Sunday morning, Gail and I were able to enjoy a couple extra days of R and R. Sunday was Gail's 60th so we spent the day at **David Walley's**, a spa near the old town of **Genoa** (south of Carson City). A massage, soaking in the numerous hot springs and finally steak and lobster at the Chart House. What a great birthday for Gail.

Monday we chilled. Tuesday we drove through lots of new snow to get to Reno. We heard about snow in Oregon and the drive over Willamette Pass was absolutely beautiful. So white!

Just when we thought our ski days were over for the year we find out we have more races and more skiing on Mt. Hood!

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Idaho ski safari?

Would you like to ski at **Tamarack**, the newest ski area in the US? We could make it a ski safari next winter (either by bus or by plane) and visit **Brundage Mt.** as well. In addition, we'd spend a day at either **Bogus Basin** (if we fly to Boise), or at **Anthony Lakes** (if we take a bus from Portland).

Your editor has checked out all of the above and will report in the next issue. For now, see what Janet says about her recent trip to Tamarack (on page 2).



How about Alta?

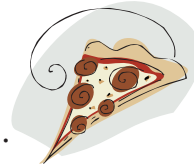
Another possible trip for next season is to **Alta**, near Salt Lake City, Utah. Right next door to Alta is **Snowbird**. **Rich Rizk** is looking into this one! Stay tuned!

Mt. High club meeting / elections / Pizza party

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

Time: 6:00 pm - social hour begins.

Good Eats: Free pizza, but buy your own drinks.



Election of Officers: A very important evening! Volunteer or nominate someone for a position on the Board. Nominations are needed now - no later than May 3rd, so the ballots can be made in time.

Sizzling Summer Suggestions: Got an idea for a summer/fall activity? Would you like to lead an activity? Contact a Board member. Biking, hiking, boating, camping, golf - golf - golf! Happy hours with favorite libation, dinner parties and BBQs have great consideration. Fairs and festivals make for fun times - so do theater, dancing and anything else that rhymes. Let us know, and let the good times roll.

Location: Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd. (near Capitol). Portland, OR 97034. Phone: 503-245-2211.

Contact: Jaxine Harris, 503-692-9719.

FWSA 2006 Ski Week - Telluride, CO

Dates: February 4 - 11, 2006.

Price: \$895 without air.

Price includes 7 nights lodging (dbl occ.), 5 days' lift tickets, Welcome party, Mountain Picnic, Racing, Farewell Party, and much, much more. Initial deposit of \$100 being accepted now.

Contact: Debbi Kor, 503-682-1563, or ijustwannarun@aol.com.



Mt. High Celebrity Sighting!

Patty Ignatowski

From "The Oregonian", Personal Style section, March 16, 2005.

Feb. 27, 2005. Most of us spend Oscar night splayed in front of the tube. But this Feb. 27, a few fortunate Portland-area women got their own taste of the limelight, walking the red carpet for "An Evening With Howard and Oscar" at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville. Guests rooted for "The Aviator" while seated just steps from Howard Hughes' legendary Spruce Goose, seen recently in the Oscar-nominated film. Joan Rivers was nowhere to be found, so we conducted a few red-carpet interviews of our own.

"We loved 'The Aviator,' so we wanted to be here for the big Oscar night," said **Patty Ignatowski**, who attended the event with her husband in a show-stopping black-and-white gown she bought in Palm Desert, Calif. Ignatowski accessorized with a glittering Judith Leiber-style handbag, diamonds and white gold. "I love the Oscars and all the outfits. I love all the sparkly bling-bling," she said with a smile.



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Golden Rose race at Timberline

June 4, 2005 (Saturday). Golden Rose Ski Classic, the longest continually run ski race in the world. Many past and future Olympic champions have participated in this traditional event! Teams of 8 skiers compete in dual giant slalom competition.



A series of social events at the Lodge round out a perfect day of skiing and fund raising for the Northwest Snowsports Foundation. For details, or to register your team, contact **Camille Greenslade** at:

cgreenslade@timberlinelodge.com or call 503-622-0750.

Gary Gunderson organizes several teams every year. If you want to be on 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>

NW Snowsport Advocates

Make your voice heard. Get involved. If we don't stand up for the ski areas, who will?

To find out who needs you help, what you can do about it, and who you can write to, go to:

<http://www.nwskiers.org/nwsa/index.htm>

Snow Grooming 101 (contributed by Violet Anderson)



During the past week Mt. Hood has received 5 to 6 feet of new snow at the 8,000 foot level on the Palmer Glacier. Timberline groomers Logan and Floodo have been busy making wind rows all winter to collect the snow. Here's how it works. The groomers make 6 foot high ridges 50 feet apart across the Glacier – about 40-50 total wind



rows. The combination of precipitation and wind makes one foot accumulate into 4 feet.



FREE \$KIING & BARGAINS



1. **Mt. Bachelor** offers "Flash for Cash". The \$6 discount, is valid only till April 10. Show the NWSCC card.
2. Half price lift tickets at **Crystal Mt.**, WA, Sat., April 9. Crystal Mt. has reopened and will remain open til April 10.
3. If you attended the **Ski Fever Show** in November, don't forget to use use the following free lift tickets:
Anthony Lakes: valid any time
Timberline: April 1 - 30, 2005.
4. If you attended the **Warren Miller Show** in October, don't forget to use use the following free lift tickets:
Schweitzer Mt.: 2-for-1 ticket any time after Feb. 1.
Mt. Hood Meadows: April 1 - 30, 2005.

MORE FREE \$KIING !

Fill up at any Shell station and get 1 FREE lift ticket with the purchase of an adult ticket. Essentially, 2 for 1.

Buy at least 10 gallons of gas, ask for a free ticket voucher, and have both the voucher and the gas receipt stamped at the gas station.

Offer ends April 15, 2005.

www.skiwashington.com/shell_2for1.php

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Man & Woman of the Year

The following members were nominated for Man & Woman of the Year. Our Board elected one among them.

MEN: Jack Folliard, Gordy Lusk, Terry White. **Vote for: Terry White.**

WOMEN: Debbi Kor, Linda McGavin, and Marsha Cosgrove. **Vote went to: Debbi Kor.**

Far West Convention



June 9 - 12. To be held in Long Beach, the Convention will be devoted to the History of Skiing, with many prominent skiers as guests. For details, see: <http://www.fwsa.org/page/page/689570.htm>.

Mountain High Meeting

First Tuesday of the month.

May 3 (Tue.): Our club's Board meeting, open to all who want to get more involved with the club. Gather at 6:30 pm. Start at 7:00 pm.

Location: **Round Table Pizza**, near corner of Capitol and Barbur Blvd. (behind McDonald's).

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Check to: **"Mountain High Snowsport Club"**, except Sunshine & Telluride, payable to **"NWSCC"**.
 Mail to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.
 For **Sunshine**, mail to: Linda McGavin, 1100 S.W. Sixth Avenue, Suite 1600, Portland, OR 97204.
 For **Telluride**, mail to: NWSCC, PO Box 1915, Portland, OR 97207.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone (Hm): _____ Phone (Wrk): _____

Email (Hm): _____ Email (Wrk): _____

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff: Details

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Dues (for 2004/2005): Single (\$25) couple (\$40)	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> PACRAT Racing Total: \$85 Team name: _____	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine Village/Banff (Apr. 17-23): Total: \$505 (Deposit: \$300)	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> FWSA Ski Week, Telluride (Feb. 4-11, 2006): Total: \$895 (Deposit: \$100)	\$ _____	_____

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

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32 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.

Some of these are sent to non-members (the NWSCC, FWSA, other clubs, etc.).

Please help us minimize the cost and labor involved in mailing out paper copies. **Let us know if you have an email address** Call Emilio at 1-503-378-0171 or email: info@mthigh.org.

Mt. High 2005 trips on DVD

Videos and slides from our **Crystal Mt.** bus trip and the **Big Mountain** train trip are available on DVD for \$5. Contact Emilio Trampuz to get your own copy.

General Club Meeting & Elections

May 24 (Tuesday) - 6:00 pm. Another pizza party!

Mark your calendar for yet another of our quarterly general meeting. We will have elections for club officers on that day.

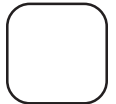
Club logo on fleece



You can now order a sueded finish **1/4 zip sweatsirt** with the club's logo on it, for only **\$26**. It is made of 80/20 cotton/poly 9 oz. fabric, with an open bottom hem, an inner rib knit collar and cuffs, set-in sleeves and an antique finish metal zipper. Available in Red, Yellow, Mediterranean Blue, Navy, or Athletic Heather (light gray). Sizes: Small to 4XL.

Also available: **T-shirt** (\$7.50), **Short sleeve polo** (\$13), **long-sleeve polo** (\$16), regular **sweatshirt** (\$20). Most of these are available in royal blue, red, navy, and black. Ask about other colors. To order, call Emilio at 1-503-378-0171 or email: info@mthigh.org.

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