



Lift Lines



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Mountain High snowsport club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208

Hi folks!

This is such an exciting year, with lots of options! Remember the \$350 worth of free lift tickets from Warren Miller! Use them!

Also, there is the Ski Oregon Challenge. How many Oregon ski areas can you ski in a season? All eleven?

This year, the snow gods have blessed the mountains with plenty of white powder! So, come join us, at least for day outings to Mt.Hood, since it may be too late to sign up for any more trips now, with the exception of the Mt. Bachelor and Whistler trips.

Remember to check our web site regularly, for frequent updates. See www.mthigh.org/Events.htm.

Bus trips are fun!



Lively scene on our bus to Crystal Mountain last year, Jan. 2005.

This year, we are off to Idaho, on a slightly longer bus trip than usual.

Also, don't forget to come to our annual Chocolate Party. See details on the page 3. *Emilio*

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*Note the color code.
Our club is blue.*

2006 CALENDAR

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

- Feb. 7 (Tue) Mt. High Board mtg.
- Feb. 4 -11 FWSA Ski Week -Telluride
- Feb 12-18 Whistler cabin trip
- Feb. 17-20 Idaho bus trip -Tamarack
- Feb. 22 -26 Family trip to Big White
- Feb. 25 (Sat) Chocolate Party!
- Mar. 3-12 French Alps (Val d'Isère)
- Mar. 4 (Sat) Ski the Glade Trail Day
- Mar. 5 (Sun) PACRAT race -Meadows
- Mar. 5-6. Oregon Cancer Ski Out
- Mar. 13 (Tue) Mt. High Board mtg.
- Mar. 15-25 Andorra & Spain
- Mar. 18 (Sat) Mt.High Ski Clinic Mdws
- Mar. 19 (Sun) PACRAT race -Ski Bowl
- Mar. 17-19 Mt. Bachelor
- Mar. 17-19 FWRA Championships
- Mar. 21 (Tue) Mt. High Pizza Party!
- Mar. 26 (Sun) PACRAT make-up race
- Apr. 1 (Sat) Mt. High free race clinic!
- Apr. 2 (Sun) PACRAT race -Meadows
- Apr. 6 - 9 Whistler/Blackcomb
- Apr. 7 (Sun) PACRAT Rat Attack Party
- Apr. 8 - 9 Spring Fling, Govt.Camp
- May. 6 (Sat) Race & Ace (Mt. Bachelor)

Mt. High

Chocolate Party

Mt. High



Feb. 25 (Sat.) - at Debbi and Randy's place. The sweetest party of the year! It's a belated Valentine's Day celebration. Bring a sweet treat, or just come and enjoy! Details on page 3.

Mt. High

Come ski Ski Bowl with us

Mt. High

March 19 (Sun.) - **Ski Bowl**. Come ski with us. Join us at McDonald's in Sandy (turn left at the 3rd light in Sandy) at **7:00 - 7:15** am. We may arrange some carpools on the spot. On the slopes, tune your 2-way radio to channel **6-19**.

Mt. High

Pizza Party!

Mt. High



March 21 (Tue.) - 6:30 - 10:00 pm. Join us for one of our famous quartely pizza parties. The club pays for the pizza. Buy your own drink. Stark Street Pizza, 92nd & SE Stark St., near I-205.

Younger kids choose skis over boards!



According to a recent study by the National Ski Areas Association, the interest in snowboarding is waning among kids under 18. Snowboarding remains popular among those in the 18-35 age group. 69 US ski areas were studied. See: www.nsaa.org/nsaa/press/2005/demo-05.asp



MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Man and Woman of the Year

The Man and Woman of the Year is an annual event, meant to recognize individuals who have contributed to our clubs, our local ski councils, and skiing in general. It's a multi-stage process:

1. Our club members can nominate whoever they wish, by March 13. **Send your nominations to any member of the Board** (see all the contact names listed at the tail end of each copy of "Lift Lines", or see the "Contacts" page on our web site: www.mthigh.org/Contacts.htm)

2. At one of the upcoming monthly Board meetings we'll select one man and one woman among all the nominees. These will be our club's man and woman of the year. There is no formal award. The nomination is a public recognition, and a reward in itself.

3. Next, the man and woman of the year from each our local clubs will be referred to the **Northwest Ski Club Council** (which represents about 30 clubs in the Northwest). The Council will then select just one pair to be the Council's man and woman of the year.

4. Next, the two individuals selected to be the NWSCC's man and woman of the year will be referred to the **Far West Ski Association** (representing several ski club councils from Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico). California has several Councils, so there is a grand total of about 7 or 8 Councils, and thus about 7 or 8 pairs of nominees. These final nominees are asked to come to the Far West Convention, usually held in May. During the convention, they will be interviewed by a panel of "judges" (volunteers from various Councils), and a final pair will then be selected as the Man and Woman of the Year for the whole Far West region.

Our club's selection process is quite informal. At the NW Council level, there is a more formalized process. A committee is usually appointed to review the clubs' nominees. Sometimes there is a written questionnaire. Other times they are asked to say a few words about themselves at the Council meeting.

The Far West Ski Association has the most formalized procedure, consisting of formal interviews by a whole panel of judges.

Two years ago, in 2004, **Emilio Trampuz** became the Far West Man of the Year. **Marge Fons**, from Arizona, was the Woman of the Year.

Last year, 2005, **Debbi Kor** and **Steve Coxen** were nominated by our Council. Steve Coxen went on to become the Far West Man of the Year. The Woman of the Year was **Barbara Bryant** (Sierra Council).

The only other winner from the Northwest was **Diane Hicks** (a Skiyente ski club member), who became Woman of the Year in 1999.

There are no prizes at the club level, other than the formal recognition.

Those who get nominated by the Councils, i.e. those 7 or 8 pairs of finalists, are rewarded with a 2-day vacation at Big White.

The two final winners, the Far West Man and Woman of the Year, are rewarded with a 5-day vacation for two at Big White/Silver Star, the sponsors of this competition.



Mt. High Letters

Question: When is the trip to Big Mountain? I know you go there, but I don't see it on the calendar. Isn't this an annual event?

Answer: Sorry, we went there last year. Our club is just not big enough to support repeated trips to the same place every year. People who went with us to Big Mountain last winter want to do something a bit different this year. So, for the sake of variety, we try to organize a different kind of trip every year. We are blessed to live within a day's driving distance of about 60 ski areas, and there are dozens more within a couple of hours by plane. Big Mountain, Montana is a great place, and we'll probably go back there again in a few years.

Question: What is Linda McGavin's email address? I need to contact her about the Idaho trip.

Answer: Always check the web site and newsletter first! There are phone numbers & email addresses for trip leaders, club officers, racing director, and more, in the **Contacts** list on one of the last pages of each newsletter, as well as on our web site. On the "**Contacts**" web page, or if you are reading this newsletter on-screen, you can simply **click** on the address you need. **If you try to write it by hand, it's too easy to make a typographical error.** Besides, on the web site, you can also see everyone's smiling mugs!

More info, and photos, on the Far West Ski Association's web site:

<http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/689643.htm>

For a more local perspective, and a list of past NW Council winners, see our Council's web site:

<http://www.nwskiers.org/article/personofyear/index.htm>

MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Mt. High

Chocolate Party

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Feb. 25 (Sat.) 6:30 pm. Valentine's Day is in February, and most everyone gets chocolate, so you must come to our annual Mountain High Chocolate Party!

If you've never experienced one of our decadent, delicious, Chocolate Parties, you just don't know what you've missed! Everyone (well, most) invited brings a chocolate creation of some kind. It can be in the form of cookies, cakes, pies, drinks, or any other heavenly chocolate concoction. The more chocolate-y, the better. As a matter of fact, we give prizes for the most decadent chocolate dessert, the most chocolatey, and the most creative!



Bring a dessert if you wish to participate in the contest. Oh, bring a dessert anyway! Or just show up to taste and sample. Please RSVP to: **Debbi Kor**. Call: 503-682-1563, or email ijustwannarun@aol.com.

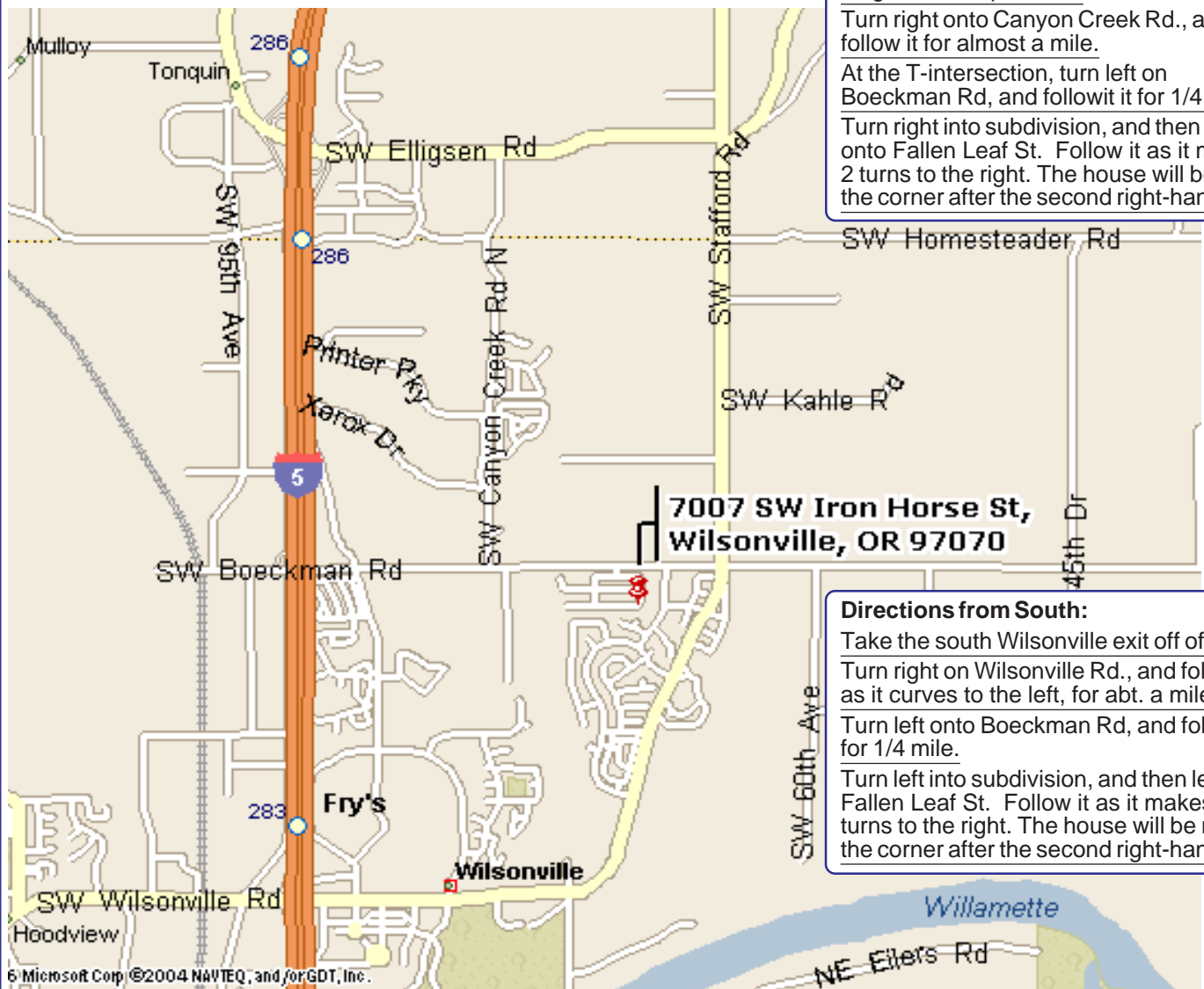
Location: Debbi Kor and Randy Lew
7007 SW Iron Horse St.
Wilsonville, OR 97070. Ph.: 503-682-1563.

Directions from North:

Take the north Wilsonville exit off of I-5.
Cross over the freeway, and head east on Elligsen Rd., up the hill.
Turn right onto Canyon Creek Rd., and follow it for almost a mile.
At the T-intersection, turn left on Boeckman Rd, and follow it for 1/4 mile.
Turn right into subdivision, and then left onto Fallen Leaf St. Follow it as it makes 2 turns to the right. The house will be near the corner after the second right-hand turn.

Directions from South:

Take the south Wilsonville exit off of I-5.
Turn right on Wilsonville Rd., and follow it as it curves to the left, for abt. a mile.
Turn left onto Boeckman Rd, and follow it for 1/4 mile.
Turn left into subdivision, and then left onto Fallen Leaf St. Follow it as it makes 2 turns to the right. The house will be near the corner after the second right-hand turn.



Red Mountain trip

by Gordy Lusk



RED MT., Rossland, B.C.

January 27,28,29, 2006

Tom Templeton announced this trip a couple of months ago for the **Schnee Vogeli ski club** (SVSC) and it sounded like a great way to celebrate my 62nd birthday with friends doing what I like to do best.

Red Mt. is only an 8-hour drive from Portland, north of Spokane and 20 min. north of the US border. The condos (Tom owns one) were beautiful. Only a couple of years old built slope side with hot tubs outside of each back door. All of the accommodations were within an easy walk from each other and the hill. Kim (my daughter) & Jim, Joe and Tracy along with Robert (our token knuckle dragger) shared a 4-bedroom condo with Sandi and I. Rick and Mell stayed with Tom while Billie Claire stayed with Shellie Hummel across the hall. All others were close by.

I can't say enough about this sleepy little town. The first night Tom had a welcoming party and then most of us went downtown to The Shovel. As we entered the bar a masked crazy Canadian man was running around the bar buck-necked so we immediately had to get our drinking under way to try to understand what we just experienced. Ask Tracy about it, she got a close look.



Red Mt.

Most of us skied Red Mt. Thursday while others arrived. Didn't have to get up too early as the lift was close and there are no crowds. It was a bit overcast and foggy but the snow, grooming and terrain was great. There are 4 fixed-grip chairs accessing over 2,500 vertical ft. and more skiable area than Meadows. I think even Billie Clair had

enough because he came in before they closed the chairs at 3:00. The terrain is varied from a 5-mile cruiser to probably the best tree skiing I've ever done.

Thursday night Tom organized a dinner for all 20 of us at The Rock Brewery for Beer, Wine and great chicken wings. The food and company was wonderful. It is always fun to see old friends like Jeff Dulcich, Danny & Jeanie, Charlie & Julie Dobson.

Ski Oregon Challenge: Warner Canyon

by Emilio Trampuz

February 3, 2006. The best powder experience of the year for me, so far, was at **Warner Canyon**. I drove there on a Friday. The area is closed Monday - Thursday, so nobody had touched the fresh powder all week. I arrived an hour and a half late, expecting to see it all carved up already. Instead, there was only a single track on the mountain's face. I immediately drew figure 8s on top of that track, and then proceeded to cut more fresh tracks everywhere. There were a dozen skiers there, and only 4 or 5 of them were powder skiers! What fun! Over a thousand vertical feet of pure pow! All mine!

Oregon's Best Kept Secret



Warner Canyon at noon!

More photos in the Ski Oregon Challenge diary at: www.mthigh.org/Articles/Ski-Oregon-Challenge-diary.pdf

Friday, 11 of us went 20 miles east to join Red-Mt.-Cats for a day of powder skiing. Again, I was overwhelmed with the organization of the cat operation and friends to enjoy this beautiful day with. We skied around 14,000 vertical ft. of fresh powder in and out of the trees. Each run was around 1,300 ft. John B., Joe, Tracy, Kim & Jim, Jim Martin, Greg Blumbgrin, Rick, Shellie, Robert and I all rode hard and had a great safe time. The legs were really tired but we couldn't wipe the smile off of our faces. Back around 5:30, the beer & hot tub were welcome.

It started snowing Friday evening so we all had around a foot of fresh Saturday. Saturday night there was a nice fireworks display on the mtn. along with a torch light ski run. It was like going back 20 years. The lack of crowds, skiing with great friends was to more fun than anyone should have. What a great birthday weekend.

Thanks Tom for a great weekend of skiing and friendship. We are defiantly "IN" for next year.



PACRAT Racing

*We have 83 racers this year.
That's almost half the club!*

Race results

Race results are being distributed through the team captains. Dale Parshall, the official PACRAT time-keeper, sends out the results to the team captains, usually within a week after each race.

The team captains then distribute the results to their team-mates. This works best via email. The captains receive the results in the form of an emailed file, so it is easy to forward that email to their team. Make sure your team captain has your email address.

You can also find the results at www.pacrats.org.



Kurt and Diane, getting ready to race at Timberline.

Did you know? Of a total of 16 PACRAT teams, 8 of them are teams from the Mountain High club!

Mt. High



FREE Ski Improvement Clinic!

Mar. 18 (Sat.) - Our Mountain High club is sponsoring another free ski improvement clinic - for all our members - at Mt. Hood Meadows.

You don't have to be a racer. The practice will improve your skiing, your edging control, your stance, your confidence.

All you have to do is show up at the "Gemini" trail, 9:30 am.

There will be another such clinic just before our last race, on Saturday, April 1.

Both clinics will be held at **Mt. Hood Meadows** (regardless of where the actual race may be held the following day).

For info, contact Gordy, 503-804-8363, or gordyski@comcast.net.

These clinics are free to all our club members. Try running some gates just for fun!



FREE



Race & Ace



May 6 (Sat.) Mt. Bachelor, Sunriver (Oregon).

Ski and golf in the same day! Combine your two favorite sports. Start the day off with a **dual giant slalom** race at Mt. Bachelor, then head down to Sunriver Resort for **18 holes of golf** at Sunriver Resort's Meadows course.

Three competitive divisions include Elite Individual, Two Person Teams and Four Person Teams. Lowest combined score wins each division.

This popular, annual event has now grown and expanded into Idaho (Tamarack Resort) and Washington (Snoqualmie Pass & Newcastle Golf's Coal Creek Course).

Early season pricing (\$229 per person) offered to those who register a month in advance. Info and registration at:

<http://raceandace.com/info.php>



MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Winter Trips

Almost half the Winter is already gone! Make use of February & March. Join us on the slopes, either on one of these trips, or on a day-trip to Mt. Hood. For more info, see: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

FWSA Ski Week: Telluride

February 4 - 11, 2006. ✈

Price: \$1320, includes 7 nights lodging, 5 days lift tickets, Welcome party, Mountain Picnic, Racing, Farewell Party, and more. This is the biggest trip of the year. Oregon has filled its quota, but ask Debbi if she could still squeeze you in.

Checks payable to **NWSCC**. Mail to: NWSCC, PO Box 1915, Portland, OR 97207.

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

Mt. High Whistler cabin



Feb. 12-18, 2006. Sleeping in bunk beds in large house, 18-21 people maximum. 4 spaces left!

6 nights & 5 days for only \$225 (including lodging and 3 meals a day) Lift tickets are additional, but only Canadian \$57. Carpool or drive on your own.

Info: Bill Leeper, 503-639-2603.

Idaho Adventure bus trip

Feb. 17- 20, 2006. A 4-day trip, with 3 nights/3 days skiing. Friday - Monday. We'll stay 2 nights in McCall, and ski at:

1. Tamarack,
2. Brundage Mt.
3. Anthony Lakes



On the way back, we'll stay a night in Baker City and ski at Anthony Lakes.

Click here to see trip [flyer](#) on our web site.

Price: \$250 for lodging and transportation, plus a total of \$102 for lift tickets for all 3 days.

Contact: Linda McGavin
LindaM@mcewengisvold.com
or Emilio Trampuz
Emilio2000@earthlink.net.

Full payment due now, made out to "Mountain High". Use the "Dough Transmittal Form", on the last page of each newsletter, or on our web site under "Forms" www.mthigh.org/Forms.htm.

Family Trip to Big White

Feb. 22 - 26. Ideal for anyone with kids: 4 nights ski-in/ski-out lodging, 3 days lift tickets, round-trip bus, welcome party, Pizza party, a Fun race, goodie bag. Adults: \$496 pp (double occupancy, 6-8 people per condo). Kids 13-18: \$239. Kids 6-12: \$179. Kids 2-6: \$119.

Organized by the **Skiyente** ski club, and open to all clubs. Make checks payable to **Skiyente Ski Club**, and mail to: Skiyente Ski Club (Attn.: Kids & Canada), PO Box 56342, Portland, OR 97238.

Contact **Sheri Parshall**, 503-245-3782 or cougskier@aol.com.

French Alps ! - "Killy Space"!

March 3-12. ✈

Price: \$2,125 includes air, lodging, and 6-day lift pass, plus a free pass to one more ski area. 7 days of skiing.

Val d'Isère and **Tignes** offer 25,000 acres, 100 ski lifts, 187 miles of downhill trails.

Airline tickets have been purchased. This trip is now full. Contact **Salah Khan**, 503-231-6431, or email salah@techforpeople.net.

Andorra & Spain ✈

March 15-25, 2006. Russ & Walt Stanton invite us to join them on a trip to Spain. Round trip air from LAX, 5 nights in Andorra and 4 nights in Barcelona, continental breakfast in Spain, all meals in Andorra, included for \$1,399.

Optional post trip to Valencia, March 25-28: \$399, includes transportation to Valencia, guides, and hotel and breakfast.

See [trip flyer](#) on our web site. Info: **Russ Stanton** 503-760-8457, russki2day@yahoo.com.



MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

NWSCC Bogus Basin - cancelled ✈



Feb. 8 - 12, 2006. 4 days and 4 nights. Lodging at the Pioneer Condos on the mountain.

The Bogus Basin Ski Club has recently joined the NWSCC, and is inviting all our clubs to join them on this trip.

Unfortunately, they cancelled the trip!

Far West Championships (Kirkwood, CA)



March 17-19. Two days of racing, organized by the Far West Racing Association. This year, it is at **Kirkwood, CA.**

This is a chance to experience a true slalom and a true GS. Everyone (including non-racers) is welcome to come ski at Kirkwood. But, if you wish to race, you must pre-qualify. All PACRAT racers qualify automatically, since their handicap is known. In addition to PACRAT races, there are a few other qualifying opportunities.

For more info, ask Dale Parshall,

dale.parshall@usbank.com

or Jack Folliard, JFolliard@comcast.net.

NWSCC Mt. Bachelor 🚗



March 17-19, 2006. An informal gathering of Portland area clubs at Mt. Bachelor. All clubs are encouraged to participate (but many PACRAT racers will be at Ski Bowl).

Arrange your own transportation and lodging. Many will be staying at the **Marriott Fairfield Inn**, 1626 NW Wall St., Bend, OR. Phone 1-541-318-1747. It offers continental breakfast, big pool & hot tub, all for \$59 per night! Call before **Feb. 15** and mention the "NWSCC room block".

We can arrange to meet on the slopes, in the day lodge at the bottom of the Pine Marten chair. Our club usually tries to coordinate and bring our members together, both on the slopes and maybe also on Friday evening.

Whistler / Blackcomb 🚗



April 6 - 9, 2006.

Hey Folks,

What would you say to a great 3 days of sunshine, great snow, good friends and fun in the beautiful setting of Whistler, BC?

Northwest Ski Club Council is planning a 3 day get-away, April 6th-9th to do just that. For a mere \$435, you can enjoy 3 nights' lodging at the Delta Village Suites, 3 days skiing, a welcome party on Friday night, Fresh Tracks privileges and breakfast on Saturday morning, and a group buffet on Saturday night.

Sound good? Contact Debbi Kor-Lew at (503)682-1563, or email at: ijustwannarun@aol.com.

This is a car pool trip, so let me know as soon as possible by sending your deposit of \$150, payable to **Northwest Ski Club Council** by February 1st. Balance will be due March 1st.

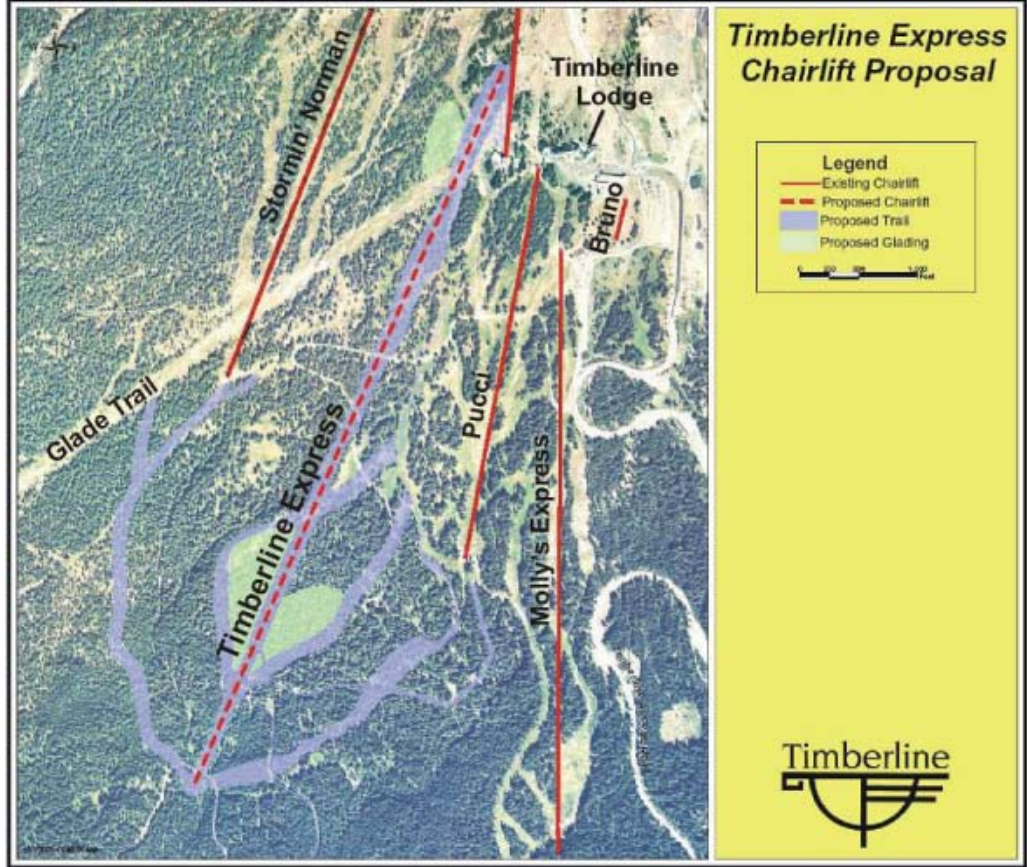
Click here for trip details at: <http://www.nwskiers.org/event/Whistler%202006/index.htm>

New Lift at Timberline Approved

Good news! **Timberline's** proposal to build the new chairlift and trails was accepted and it has now (as of January 23) made it through the appeal period with NO appeals. That means Timberline finally has the green light! Timberline is now planning to clear the trails this summer.

This will be quite an improvement, and will give Oregon skiers the first totally new chairlift and associated set of new trails since Bachelor's expansion in the mid 80's. Very exciting.

The new express lift will be located between the existing Pucci and Stormin' Norman lifts. It's base will be almost as low as the bottom of Molly's Express, while the top station will be higher than the bottom of the Magic Mile Express.



Safety

Vision of Skiing in the 21st Century: Tree Thinning!

Safety

Building up on the idea of a new vision for skiing in the 21st century, started in the July/August 2005 issue of "Lift Lines", resorts could make the slopes **safer** by providing more opportunities for us to practice **controlled turning**, by simply setting up a variety of **fun obstacles** on the slopes. This would not only make the slopes more **fun**, but would also **slow traffic down**, make the slopes **safer**, and lift lines **shorter**.

Urge ski areas to implement this idea, in any of a number of ways. Here's just one of them:



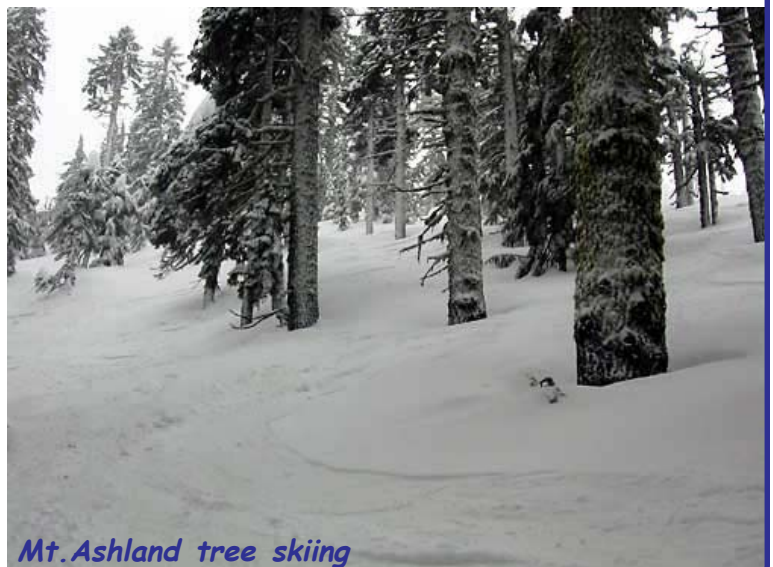
Thin the forest in places!

This is the flip side of planting new trees, but the end result is the same: giving us some obstacles to play slalom in.

Thinning of the forest in places where it is now too thick to be skiable is an idea recently proposed by **Dave Riley**, Mt. Hood Meadows manager. See Dave's blog at www.skihood.com.

Thinning can be good for the forest, preventing forest fires, and making the forest healthier. It's also good for skiers.

For more ideas, and the whole vision, see our web site at: www.mthigh.org/Vision.htm.



Mt. Ashland tree skiing

MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Sno-Park Permits

*An interview with Beth Royce
member of the
Sno-park advisory committee
and also a Mountain High club member*



Many ski areas in Oregon require a sno-park permit. You can get a ticket if you don't have one. A one-day permit costs \$3, or you can pay \$15 for the whole season. Did you know that our very own Beth Royce is on an advisory committee that helps the program function? She agreed to tell us more about it.

Q.: Who exactly is on the Sno-park committee?

A: Officially, the committee is "Winter Recreation Advisory Committee". We advise ODOT on the Sno-Park fund. Note the word is "advisory". We have no real power but we are definitely listened to. The 7 voting members of the committee are required to be as follows: 2 persons from ski areas, 1 from Oregon Nordic Club, 1 from Pacific Northwest Ski Association (currently myself), 1 from Oregon Snowmobile Assoc., and 2 from the general public.

The WRAC advises ODOT on priorities for plowing Sno-Parks, establishing fees for the parking permits, and the level of enforcement of the permit requirement. The committee meets four times a year, generally in Salem. Members serve on a volunteer basis.



Q: Is it true that Mt. Hood ski areas like the permits, because it frees them from the responsibility of plowing their own parking lots?

A: Not accurate. Mt. Hood ski areas plow their sno-parks and get **reimbursed** from the state Sno-Park fund for doing the plowing. In general, the state is trying to get users to pay for whatever they use. In this case, those who play in the snow pay to have their parking area cleared. The plowing is done by the state (ODOT) or by private contractors (ski areas) who have an agreement with ODOT to participate in the Sno-Park program. Sno-Parks must be designated. There is an application process to be part of the Sno-Park system or to expand an existing park. A list of all the Sno-Parks is available at DMV offices and the brochure includes lots of info.

Q: Are the ski areas on Mt. Hood the only ones requiring sno-park permits? What about others?

A: There are 3 ski areas which do NOT participate in the program: Mt. Bachelor, Hoodoo, and Willamette

Pass. Willamette Pass this year has new owners who decided to drop out of the program. Do not yet know why. These areas who do not participate do all their own plowing and get no Sno-Park funds to help pay for it. Originally, Mt. Bachelor was the only area who did not participate and I believe the reason was that they (as a "destination" resort) did not want their patrons to pay for a lift ticket and then also have to pay for a Sno-Park permit, especially since many of their clients would be here for multiple days and need the season permit.

Q: The multi-State agreement statement on the back of the sno-park permits about them being valid, by mutual agreement, in Idaho, Washington, and California, seems to apply mainly to cross-country skiers, snowshoers, or snowmobilers, who want to park at road-side parking lots. For alpine skiers, skiing at lift-served ski areas, it seems the above statement is meaningless, because none of the ski areas outside of Oregon require sno-park permits.

A: This may be true. I do not know if alpine areas in other states require the permit. Each state program is organized a little differently. (I am usually on the bus!)

Q: How is the money collected from sno-park permits used? Does it all go toward snow-plowing? Is it used in other ways as well? How much of it goes to administrative costs? Any published reports?

A: The Sno-Park program is funded completely and only from the sale of the permits. If the fund runs out of money in a bad snow year there will be no clearing of snow in the parks. There is no other source of funding. The money in the fund can only be used for snow removal and enforcement. IF there is money remaining in the fund it MAY be used for maintenance and development of Sno-Parks or carried over for use in the following year. The committee feels that there is a minimum amount of money that we need to keep in the fund in order to plan for a heavy snow year. There has been no money allocated for maintenance or development for about 7 years. At the present time, we are greatly concerned about maintenance because many of the parks are in need and it will be increasingly more costly to plow them if they are not maintained. The committee has information about costs, rates, enforcement fees. We consider ourselves to be the "watch dogs" for the fund. No published reports.

MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Q: Would the lift-ticket prices really go up if the Mt. Hood ski areas had to pay for their own parking lot maintenance? Currently, there is only \$1 difference in the lift ticket prices between Mt Hood Meadows and Mt. Bachelor (which is not in the program).

A: Yes, it would seem reasonable for the lift ticket prices to go up because MHM would not receive any reimbursement from the Sno-Park fund. I cannot comment on how any ski area determines their prices.

Q: Do sno-park permits leave a negative impression on tourists? Generally, at ski areas, there are no visibly posted signs warning people about the need for snow-park permits. So, visitors to Mt. Hood are sometimes slapped with a parking ticket for not having a snow-park permit that they didn't even know existed. Imagine how we would feel if we drove up to a Lake Tahoe ski areas and got a parking ticket there (if they had a similar program).

A: As far as I know, there are signs at every Sno-Park. Other western states also have a permit system: WA, CA, ID. Users also must pay for summer usage (Forest Service Pass, Campground fees, etc.). This seems to be the trend (users pay). The committee realizes that we need to sell permits to sustain the program so we want it to be easy for outdoor winter recreationalists to do so. We have to work through DMV, however, and this is not a priority for them. We want DMV to have a booth at the ski show each year and last fall they said that they would do this. At the last minute they decided they did not have the staffing required. The permits are available at DMV offices, GI Joe's, ski shops, ski areas, convenience stores (in Sandy), etc.

Q: How did you get involved with the program?

A: The NW Ski Club Council has always had a representative. We were designated by Pacific Northwest Ski Association to provide the alpine representative. I took over the job from **Rita Furnanz** in 1996. She had been our rep for about 8 years. The Sno-Park system started in 1977. **Pat Fuller** of Cascade Ski Club (who was also active in Pacific Northwest Ski Assoc.) was our first representative. Presently, I am the committee Chair. My term on the committee runs through 6/09 and my term as Chair through 12/07.

Q: What would happen if the sno-park permits were abolished, or if they were to apply only to undeveloped, road-side parking (and not apply to organized ski areas any more)?

A: The goal of the committee is to see that ALL Sno-Parks remain open for use at all times for all types of

winter recreationalists. We feel that the smallest parks are just as important as the largest. About 8 years ago, the fund balance was \$0.00. We barely made it through that winter. We do not want that to happen again. The committee is adamant that we do not ever want to have to decide which parks get plowed and which do not because of a lack of money.

Your thoughts, comments, and other questions will be appreciated. Hope this information is helpful. The next committee meeting is at the Oregon Dept. of Transportation, 800 Airport Rd., Salem, April 19 at 10:00 am.

Oregon Cancer Ski-Out

March 5 - 6, 2006. (Sunday + Monday).

8:30 am - 10:00 am - Team check-in, the Finish Line bar.

10:30am - 1:30 pm - Racing

6:30 pm - Dinner at the Best Western Hood River Inn.



Five-member teams will have 2 races at **Mt. Hood Meadows**. Instead of speed, only consistency matters. Wearing of costumes is encouraged. **Volunteers are also needed** to help with the event.

There may still be spots on **Randy Lew's** team the "FWSA Germs". Or ask **Russ Stanton** 503-760-8457.

Registration after December 16 is \$1000 per team (\$200 per person), but **new teams** can still register at the early-bird price of \$850 per team (\$170 pp.). Included are: lift tickets, breakfast, lunch and dinner, a silent auction, prizes, smiles, dancing, etc. Info at: www.cancerskiout.org/index.htm.

Mt. High

Spring Fling

Mt. High

April 8 - 9 (Sat., Sun). One last fling on the mountain! The club will cover your lodging in a cabin at Governemnt Camp on Saturday night, so you can ski both Saturday and Sunday. But, space is limited to about 16 people, so reserve your spot soon.

Bring your own: drinks, and a sleeping bag, and pay for your own lift tickets.

The club will provide:

- Lodging at the "Trail Mix" cabin.
- Dinner on Saturday;
- Breakfast on Sunday.



We'll ski all day Saturday, and gather at the cabin any time after 3:30 pm.

RSVP to Marsha Cosgrove at 503-646-5292.

MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

NWSCC monthly meeting

Third Wednesday of the month.
Feb. 15 (Wed.), Open to all Northwest ski club members. We plan future events, but there are often interesting guest speakers. Social hour: 6:00 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.
 Location: **Round Table Pizza**, 1007 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland, near Capitol Hwy. (behind McDonald's).

Ski the Glade Trail Day



Mar. 4 (Sat.) An all-day event enabling you to legally ski the Glade Trail from Timberline to Government Camp. Proceeds benefit the Mt. Hood Museum. See www.mthoodmuseum.org.
 End the day at the **King Winter Dance** at Charlie's in Govt. Camp, held by the Skiyente club.

Mountain High Meeting

Normally: First Tuesday of the month.
Mar. 13 (Mon.): Open to all who want to get more involved with the club. This is an organizational meeting to plan future events. Gather at 6:30 pm. Start at 7 pm.
 Location: **Sue Bennett**, 3026 SE 62nd, Portland, OR 97206. Phone: 503-774-8747.

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DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM

*For all Mt. High trips, make check payable to: "Mountain High Snowsport Club"
 (For most trips, please mail the form to the trip captain.)*

For **Membership/Racing**, mail to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.
 For **Idaho trip**, mail to: Linda McGavin, 1100 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 1600, Portland, OR 97204.
 For **French Alps trip**, mail to: Salah Khan, 4311 SE 29th, Portland, OR 97202.

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
Deposit? Paid in full?

- Membership Dues (for 2005/2006):** Single (\$25) couple (\$40) \$ _____
- PACRAT Racing** Total: \$85 Team name: _____ \$ _____
- Idaho bus trip** (Feb. 17-20, 2006) Total: \$250 Deposit: \$100 _____ \$ _____
- Alps trip** - Val d'Isere, Mar. 3-12, 2006: Total: \$2125 Deposit: \$1,250 \$ _____
- Other:** _____ \$ _____

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

Current club membership = 196

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The February 2006 issue of "Lift Lines" is posted on our web site, and also being distributed as follows:

215 copies via email (211 as HTML, 4 as plain text, but both with PDF file attached). This includes Potential members.

34 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.

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

Shall we email you if there is free skiing on Mt. Hood?

As you know, you can now limit the amount of club email you receive.

Email your choice to info@mthigh.org

So far, we have the following choices:

1. Newsletter only = 11 people.
2. Newsletter + club email = 12
3. All ski related email = 39
4. No preference (will receive all) = 102

Note that groups 1 and 2 are actually asking us to **filter** their email, and we will respect that.

So, what shall we do if a few days after this newsletter we hear there is free skiing on a particular day on Mt. Hood?

Those who opted for **no email** other

than the monthly newsletter will not be notified, because we'll respect your desire to receive only one email per month.

We would have to think very hard to figure out if we should send a notice to those who want only **club-related email**, because the free skiing is offered by a ski area (not by the club). Since it is not club-related, most likely we would not email you about it.

If you think this is not a likely scenario, keep in mind that Mt. Hood Meadows did offer \$3 lift tickets on a particular day about a month ago. Also, Mt. Bachelor has an annual "ski-free" day.

Membership Card

Have you received your Membership Card yet? Most of you picked yours up at the Membership Party. Some were sent out by mail. If you fell through the cracks, we apologize. If you still don't have your card, please contact Sue, at 503-774-8747, or email her at:

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NOTE: Check the club's web site for updates. See www.mthigh.org.