

"The club that really skis"



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Mt. High Newsletter Lift Lines is no more



At the latest Mountain high Board meeting, on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025, it was decided to discontinue our monthly newsletter "Lift Lines", and to use these colorful Benchmark Emails instead to keep everyone informed.

There are several reasons for that:

1. **There was a lot of duplication and triplication**, with the same info appearing on our website, in the newsletter, and in emails.
2. **The newsletter requires desktop publishing software**, such as Adobe InDesign, which cannot be purchased any more and has to be rented or subscribed to, which means a continuous stream of never ending payments.
3. **On the receiving end, people have to click on a link to get the newsletter**, and everyone knows that there are **at least 10 - 12 pages in it**, so many people are reluctant to open it because they don't have the time to read 10 - 12 pages right away.
4. **Also, our newsletter editor, Emilio Trampuz is overworked and stretched out thin**, having produced **298** newsletters over a period of **25 years**, and no one else has volunteered to help out.

But, don't worry, we will still keep you well informed through a mix of announcements on our website and in these Benchmark emails.

Emilio will continue to edit and send out these informative emails. On top of that, you will also occasionally receive a similar Benchmark email from some of our club leaders, board members, or activity leaders (trip leaders, bike ride leaders, etc.)

PACRAT Racing Registration Deadline

December 31, 2025 (Wednesday)

This is the Last Call for PACRAT registration - online registration runs through tonight, December 31st.

To register, follow this link:

https://www.pacrats.org/main_pages/register.htm

If you haven't registered yet, please do so today so we can start finalizing team assignments and get ready for our Bib Pickup Party next week at the pFriem Milwaukie Tasting Room.

Our Local Ski Shops

The number of local ski shops in Portland has steadily decreased over the years. The few remaining ones have changed their location or their ownership recently, but they are still going strong. Here are 3 of them.

Hillcrest Ski & Sports, 2424 SE Burnside Rd, Gresham, OR 97080. Some 2 or 2 years ago, they moved just across the parking lot to a different building. They have recently added a program where you can trade in your old skis for credit toward the purchase of new skis.

The Mountain Shop, 1205 NE 33rd Ave, Portland, OR 97232/ They have moved a couple of times in recent years. Their latest location is on 33rd Avenue, off of I-84, or off of Sandy Blvd.

Next Adventure, 426 SE Grand Ave, Portland, OR 97214/ Deek and Beyan have sold this store to new owners. The new owners are continuing the same tradition. They will continue with a bargain basement selection of inexpensive gear, as well as the new gear selection on the upper floors.

Mt. High Happy Hour

January 14, 2026 (Wednesday)

Starting at 4 - 7 pm.

Come join your ski buddies at a Happy hour event at:

Clackamas Claim Jumper

9085 SE Sunnyside Rd

Clackamas, OR 97015

We'll be there from 4 pm. Come join us for a beverage and/or some food. Spend the afternoon with friends,

RSVP Debbi at ijustwannarun1@comcast.net or 503-314-7078 so we can ensure we have enough spots saved.



Mt. High annual Chocolate Party

February 28, 2026 (Saturday) - Starting at 7 pm.



Join your fellow club members at the annual Chocolate party. Bring your favorite chocolate dessert and enter it in the contest for:

- a) the Most Chocolaty or Most Decadent;
- b) the Most Creative, and/or

Entering the competition is optional. We also need people to taste test and judge the entries. Everyone will be a judge!

Everyone will taste all the desserts and write down their own selections and put them in a box. We will then count them out, rather than having judges.

At the home of Debbi Kor

8513 NE 149th Avenue
Vancouver WA 98662

DIRECTIONS:

From **I-205**, follow **Padden Hwy.** toward the east.
Turn **LEFT** onto NE 152nd Ave.
Turn **LEFT** onto NE 86th Street
Turn **LEFT** onto 149th Avenue

RSVP to Debbi Kor: ijustwannarun1@comcast.net

**Mt. High ski trip to
McCall, Idaho
Skiing at Brundage Mt. and Tamarack
(Both are on the INDY Pass)**

February 8 - 14. 2026 (Saturday)

Up to 4 days skiing February 9-14 (Sunday-Friday) Your choice, depending upon your free lift tickets and how many days you want to ski

HOTEL - Book your own room under our **group rate** at the **Best Western Plus in McCall**, 211 S. 3rd Street, McCall, ID; **208-634-2230**.

DEADLINE: To get the group discount on lodging, please reserve your room by January 15, 2026.

PHONE THEM: Don't book online. Instead, call the hotel and tell them you are with Mountain High. You will get a better rate than any on;line reservation.

This is a driving trip like the past few years.

1. For lodging, you can select your own roommate (optional), or simply have a room to yourself. Your choice. We will not assign roommates.
2. This trip is designed to use the **Indy Pass** (2 free days at each ski area). If you do not have a pass we suggest you buy lift tickets online in advance to get the best price. We will not have enough people to get group lift tickets.

See all the trip details on our website, on the TRIPS page at:
<https://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Brundage-Tamarack>

So far, we have 26 of our club members signed up. And we will be joined by 3 people from the Longvie Ski Club, plu 8 people from the

Bogus Basin Ski Club.

Trip leader:

Linda McGavin, trips@mthigh.org , 503-652-2840.

To sign up for this trip, simply do two things:

1. **Make your hotel room reservation** - by phone!.
2. **Contact Linda and let her know your situation.** Did you make your hotel reservations, and for how many nights? Where do you expect to ski, and do you have an Indy Pass? How many days will you ski?

You can do 2 ski trips in a row

At least **7** of our club members are planning to connect these two trips, by driving straight from McCall, Idaho to Revelstoke, B.C.

Afer the McCall trip, there is a gap of 2 days, till the Revelstok trip. Enough time to comforatably drive tyo Canada, and maybe also stop for a fay of skiing somewhere along the way.

Note that transportation for both trips is on your own. Driving your own car, or carpooling with others might be the best option.

Driving time from Portland to Revelstoke is about 10 hours and 11 minutes.

Driving time from McCall to Revelstoke is about 11 hours, via Lewiston / Clarkson and Spokane.

NW Ski Club Council trip to Revelstoke, B.C., Canada

February 15– 22, 2026. Sunday - Sunday.. 6 nights, 2 - 5 days of skiing

Our Mountain High Snowsport Club is part of the NW Ski Club Council. So, this trip is open to all our club members.

Revelstoke has the largest vertical in North America, at 5,600 vertical feet.

We will stay at the affordable **Sandman Hotel Revelstoke**, with spacious rooms. Travel options will include air/bus or self drive choices (on your own).

Group lift ticket rates are available, though Revelstoke is on the **Ikon Pass**, which includes 5 days of skiing!

Pricing for a 6 night/7 day stay is only **\$410** per person, with double occupancy (2 people per room). Or double that if you want a room to yourself.

Note that transportation is on your own. Airfare is not included. Details of this trip can be found on the NWSCC's website at: <https://nwskiers.org/>

Or, go directly to the [trip reservations page](https://nw-ski-club-council.wetravel.com/trips/revelstoke-mountain-adventure-feb-2026-nw-ski-club-council-94971580) at: <https://nw-ski-club-council.wetravel.com/trips/revelstoke-mountain-adventure-feb-2026-nw-ski-club-council-94971580>

Club History booklet

Our club history booklet is practically done. It has grown to 39 pages. Check it out. It is full of pictures and memories.

You can find it on the HISTORY page on our website. Or go directly to: <http://www.mthigh.org/History/Mt-High-Club-History.pdf>

If you would like to add to it, send your stories and photos to Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net.

Ski Trips

A number of ski trips have been announced. Among them are:

1. Mountain High club trip to McCall, Idaho - Brundage & Tamarack
2. NW Ski Club Council trips (NWSCC), and
3. Far West Ski Association trips (FWSA)

Note that we are all members of all 3 organizations.

See the list of trips on our [TRIPS page](#).

Mountain High Snowsport Club

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