



Lift Lines

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Mt. High

10th Anniversary

It has been 10 years since the Plaza and EdgeSet ski clubs merged into one. We have had 120 issues of "Lift Lines" since then, and it was distributed electronically to everyone with an email address from the start. We were among the first ski clubs to offer an electronic (PDF file) newsletter.

Initially, it was a bit of a struggle. Many people were not yet familiar with PDF files, and some were unable to open the file. Many people did not have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on their computers yet. But, that is all a distant memory now. All new computers these days come with Adobe Reader already pre-installed, and PDF files are the most common way to share documents that combine text and pictures.

A rough chronology of our club's history is:

1970s (first half): EdgeSet ski club formed in Portland, OR

1975: Plaza ski club formed in Portland, OR.

2000: Plaza and Edgeset merge to form Plaza/Edgeset ski & snowboard club

2003: Plaza/Edgeset renamed to Mountain High Snowsport Club

2004: Mountain High gets a web site, www.mthigh.org.

2010: Our club is still going strong, with over 300 members. But, we also need some urgent help from our club members. We need a place to leave our cars when we go on weekend bus trips. We also need more volunteers to organize events and trips. Also, by the end of this winter season, we may need a new club President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

If you wish to get more involved, contact any of our Board members and come to our monthly Board meetings (open to everyone). See page 11.

Our buses are filling up fast.



Sign up for a trip before it is full.

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

2010 CALENDAR

Blue: Mountain High events

Red: NWSCC / FWSA events

Black: General events

Jan. 2 (Sun.): NASTAR race Meadows

Jan. 7-9: Mt. Bachelor - with Altair

Jan. 9 (Sun.): PACRAT Race 1 Timber.

Jan. 22-29: Sun Valley FWSA Week

Jan. 23 (Sun.): PACRAT Race 2 Mead.

Jan. 24 (Mon): Mt. High planning meeting

Jan. 27-30: Leavenworth bus trip

Feb. 6 (Sun.): PACRAT Race 3 Skibowl

Feb. 12 (Sat.): Mt. High Chocolate Party
at Terry & Brad Swan's place.

Feb. 13 (Sun.): Mt. High Training Day
at Mt. Hood Meadows

Feb. 26-Mar. 7: FWSA International
Ski Week Interlaken Switzerland

Feb. 27-Mar. 5: Bergfreunde Lake
Tahoe Sampler trip

Feb. 27 (Sun.): PACRAT Race 4 Timber.

Mar. 6-7: Oregon Cancer Ski Out

Mar. 11-12: Hope on the Slopes

Mar. 13 (Sun.): PACRAT Race 5 Mead.

Mar. 19: Mt. High Day at Meadows

Mar. 25-27: Crystal Mt. trip

Apr. 1 - 3: Far West Championships
Alpine Meadows, Lake Tahoe.

Apr. 8-10: Bachelor Blast (all clubs)

Mt. High

Let's Have Some Fun



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Mt. Bachelor: Jan. 8-10 (p. 8)



Leavenworth trip: Jan. 27-30



Sun Valley ski week: Jan. 22-29

Wine Tour 2010

by Debbi Kor

November 27, 2010 (Saturday). A small group of six Mt. Higher's showed up for our 9th annual sojourn through the Oregon Wine Country this past Thanksgiving. In spite of the cold weather and snowy conditions that we met, we did our best to try some of the local wineries in Hood River. The participants were: Steve and Edie Royce, Jonathan and Susan Sweeney, Bill Johnson and Debbi Kor.

We began at Cathedral Ridge Winery, sampling some truly wonderful wines. From there, we made our way to Pheasant Valley, tasting superb wines and then local cheeses and other Italian tidbits offered up by our hosts at Marchesi Vineyards.

We made our way along the snowy roads to Phelps Creek, where we picnicked in front of a roaring fire, on a fine white wine from Phelps Creek, and a variety of goodies we each brought.

Lastly, we headed into Hood River Proper to "Get Naked" at the Naked Winery, tasting some yummy reds and whites, make a few purchases, and put the end on a wonderful day. Thanks to those who came along, and I invite those who didn't, to join us next year. -- Debbi Kor



Ski Films - Editorial by Emilio Trampuz

Oct. 23 (Friday). Teton Gravity Reserch: "Light the Wick"

Nov. 5 (Friday). Warren Miller's: "Wintervention".

About 35 of us went to see "Light the Wick", hoping it would be somewhat different from the usual Warren Miller fare. About 65 of us went to see "Wintervention", hoping it would be better than previous years.

Most of us had a good time, but everyone was also disappointed in some way. The two ski films had more in common than there were differences. For example:

1. **SAME OLD STUNTS.** Both movies focused on the same old life-threatening stunts on impossibly steep terrain.

2. **HUMOR.** Both movies could have used more humor, like the much earlier Warren Miller movies had. Wintervention gave it a stab, with Jonny Mosely acting as a sort of radio-host shrink offering advice on how to turn your blues around with the help of a "wintervention".

3. **MUSIC.** A couple of the songs were fantastic. But many of the others (in both films) used super-low-pitched humming, rumbling, growling sounds that hit you more in the gut than in your ears or heart. Also, overall way too loud.

4. **THE TOOLS OF THE SPORT.** Surprisingly, there wasn't a single snowboarder in "Light the Wick". Instead, everyone skied on fat (made for powder), twin-tip skis. Warren Miller had a few snowboarders.



5. **THE FREEBIES** were both disappointing. TGR offered Stevens Pass tickets, but only for night skiing, plus a 2-for-1 coupon for Mt. Bachelor. Warren Miller offered only 2-for-1 vouchers instead of the totally free tickets as in past years.

6. **MAGAZINES.** Everyone at Warren Miller's show received a one year subscription to Ski Magazine. Everyone at TGR's movie received a copy of Powder magazine.

Overall, it was more of the same: loud music and throwing pianos over the cliff and calling it piano-playing. The stunts they do, dodging avalanches, cliffs and rocks, simply doesn't represent what most skiers experience on the slopes.

TGR's show was especially irritating in that it was designed to start half an hour later than announced, and was then delayed for yet another half hour due to the long food line. At least one person said: "I will never go again."

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

Canada Ski Safari

Nov. 11, 2010. (Thursday) This was the 8th annual Ski Safari to Canada. Nine of us carpooled in 4 cars and skied 5 or 6 ski areas in as many days. It cost us between \$480 - \$600 for lodging, lift tickets and transportation. We skied at **Big White, Silver Star, Revelstoke, and Sun Peaks**, plus different people picked among **Stevens Pass, Mission Ridge, and/or Mt. Baker** on the way to and from Canada.

We had plenty of snow everywhere, and the farther we went, the better the snow got. Almost a foot of fresh snow at Silver Star, then another couple of inches of really light and dry powder at Sun Peaks.

At **Big White**, we jointly rented a condo that could sleep 10 people, and we stayed there for 2 nights. It was Blackbear II condos, unit number 4. We shared two dinners there: an Italian pasta and salad dinner the first night (prepared by Tom Arnold), and a Swiss fondue dinner prepared by Kurt Mezger on the second night.

At **Mission Ridge**, we were offered a guide to show us around, and a friendly ski patroller showed us the remains of the World War II bomber wing. He also gave us quite a detailed description of how the plane slammed into the mountain. See video at www.mthigh.org/Videos.htm.

At **Silver Star**, the guided tour was not quite as successful. One of their friendly ski hosts told us that this tour will be customized for us, and we should let our guide know what we want. But, when we attempted to tell the guide about our expectations, the guide cut us off and said: "This is MY tour. I am the boss here," thus contradicting what the other ski host had told us. He then took us all into fairly thick and deep powder, without regard to the fact that at least one person in our group specifically had requested to stay on groomed trails. This ski host obviously wanted to ski the powder himself, and on powder days there are no friends, not even if they are guests from another country. So, beware of taking a tour on a powder day. You might not end up where you want.

Still, all 9 of us had a good time: Kurt Mezger, Ron Rones, Kurt Krueger, Tom Rodrigues, Kay Kinyon, Randy Lew, Humaira Falkenberg, Tom Arnold, & Emilio Trampuz. See photos at www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm.



Emilio at the top of Revelstoke, with the Columbia River under those clouds below, and a vertical mile of skiable terrain.



Let's go skiing!

Many of our club members don't go on our ski trips, and they don't sign up for PACRAT racing either. They just want someone to ski with on Mt. Hood. Here's how to connect with others for that purpose.

1. **USE OUR FORUMS.** On our web site, you will find two forums, one for general use, and one just for mid-week skiers to connect with each other. Sign up for one or both of these. The first time you go to one of these forums, click on the "Join this Group" link in the upper right of the screen. Provide a name and email address, and then you can freely post messages and talk to other club members. If you pose a question, you will be notified by email if someone responds.

2. **CARPOOL WITH US.** No, we don't pick up anyone at their homes. You need to get yourself to the town of Sandy, where we gather at McDonald's at 7 am and can organize spontaneous, on the spot carpools. Even if you don't carpool with anyone, at least you can connect with other club members here, get to know some of us, and start feeling like you belong.

Only problem is that relatively few people stop to connect here. Some days nobody shows up. So, let's do it only when it is specifically pre-announced. Most of



the dates are already posted on our TRIPS page (Hey, day-trips are also trips!).

The recommended dates are those when we know that dozens or even hundreds of our members will go skiing, and those happen to be our PACRAT race dates. It's the only time we can guarantee that at least someone will stop at McDonald's in Sandy around 7:00 - 7:15 am. You don't have to be a racer. Just show up and ask for Mountain High members.

3. **CALL US ON 2-WAY RADIO.** It's hard to find anyone on the slopes, but many of us carry 2-way radios tuned to channel **6-19**. When you arrive at a ski area, try that channel and call for other Mountain High members.

Here are the dates when we can meet:

Jan. 2 (Sunday): Mt. Hood Meadows (NASTAR race)

Jan. 9 (Sunday): Timberline (1st PACRAT race)

Jan. 23 (Sunday): Mt. Hood Meadows (2nd race)

Feb. 6 (Sunday) Mt. Hood Skibowl (3rd race)

Feb. 13 (Sunday): Mt. High free training at Meadows

Feb. 27 (Sunday): Timberline (4th race)

March 13 (Sunday): Mt. Hood Meadows (5th race)

March 19 (Saturday): Mt. High day at Meadows

NASTAR Race at Meadows

January 2 (Sunday). You are invited to join us this Sunday for our NASTAR Ski and Snowboard Race!!! The Race will be at Mount Hood Meadows on Stadium (yellow chair).

AJ Kitt (former US Ski Team Member and World Cup Racer) will be on hand to paceset the event with our Pacrat NASTAR pacesetters.

This race is open to everyone! Skiers, Snowboarders, Friends and Families! Anyone from veteran racers to those who want to try it for the first time!

The Race will be a NASTAR dual course event- head to head racing fun! Here's what is included:

1) Specially Discounted Meadows Racer Lift Tick-

ets for the day for \$45 available with your NASTAR entry-regular prices are \$69. (Tickets available upon presentation of your NASTAR bib #'s at the Ticket Kiosk in front of the lodge).

2) Entry Fee for the race is \$10 for 2 runs. Any additional runs will be \$5 per run.

3) Win NASTAR Medals! Challenge your friends!

4) Compare your race time with the times from one of the best skiers who've ever suited up for the US Ski Team - AJ Kitt!!!

5) Compare your race results nationally at: NASTAR.com



AJ Kitt as NASTAR pacesetter

Pre Race Registration and Sign ups will be in the Cantina at 8 - 9 am.

RACING STARTS at 10 am!

See article above for optional carpooling.

PACRAT News

Pacific NW Area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams

PACRAT Racing is the most social activity and one of the best deals on the mountain. When you join a 10-person team, you instantly get 9 ski buddies for the whole season. And there's a party after each race.

You can bring guests to the party too. Guests will be asked to pay a nominal fee of \$10 to cover the cost of food and drinks at the party.

Want to try it?

You can still sign up. All the deadlines have now passed, but it's still not too late to sign up if you wish. The last chance to sign up for a season of PACRAT racing is Sunday, January 2nd, 2011. At the NASTAR race, we will have all the needed PACRAT signup forms.

Come to the NASTAR race this Sunday, January 2. It costs just \$10. Bring a friend who might want to try running some gates. Give him/her an opportunity to try it. See details on page 4.

PACRAT Bylaws Changes

The PACRAT Board has recently modified the Bylaws to some extent. Perhaps the two most significant changes are the following:

1. Board meetings less open

Wording has been removed that stated explicitly that all PACRAT Board meetings are open to everyone. The current wording leaves that a bit vague. Meetings are now called at the discretion of the PACRAT Chairperson. That means if you are invited to a meeting, you are welcome; otherwise, the meetings are not so open any more.

2. New Rule Affecting only Mountain High club

Electing the PACRAT Board now follows new rules. Up till this year, the PACRAT Board was elected by club representatives to the NWSCC, with each club having one vote. That simply didn't make sense any more, because many of the 30 NWSCC clubs don't even participate in racing.

A proposal was made to give all PACRAT team captains the vote to elect the PACRAT Board. This seems

2011 PACRAT Race Dates

Date	Location
January 9	Race 1: Timberline
January 23	Race 2: Mt. Hood Meadows
February 6	Race 3: Mt. Hood Skibowl
February 27	Race 4: Timberline
March 13	Race 5: Mt. Hood Meadows
March 20	Make up race; only if a race is canceled
April 1-3	FWRA Championships, Alpine Meadows
April 15 (Fri.)	Rat Attack Awards Party (TENTATIVE)



only logical, but this was opposed by some clubs that believe this would give Mountain High too much influence over PACRAT racing, since Mountain High has the largest number of teams.

In the end, a sort of compromise was reached, with a new rule that really only affects the Mountain High club.

According to the new rule, each PACRAT team has one vote, except for clubs that have a lot of teams, such as Mountain High. A formula was set up. No club can have more than a quarter of the total votes.

If the total number of PACRAT teams is 20, a quarter of the votes is 5. That means a maximum of 5 team captains from any one club can vote. This doesn't affect any of the other clubs, who have at most 2 or 3 teams, so they will all get a vote.

But, Mountain High has 15 teams, and yet only 5 of them can have a say in electing the next PACRAT Board. That means that only one third of our PACRAT teams has a vote.

This poses a significant question. **How will we decide which 5 of our 15 team captains will get a vote?** Any suggestions? We have until next summer to decide.

The complete text of the new PACRAT Bylaws is available online at:

www.pacrats.org/files/Rules_and_Scoring/PACRAT-BYLAWS-CLEAN-COPY-2010.pdf

Altair

Mt. Bachelor trip



Jan. 7 - 9. This joint trip with the Altair Ski Club in Eugene **is now closed to further signups.** Few people signed up in time, which is a pity.

Membership Cards



FWSA
2005-2006
Membership Card
Expires September 30, 2006
www.fwsa.org

Name Fun Skier
Club MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB
Member ID _____

The bearer of this card is a member of Far West Ski Association and entitled to all the benefits associated with membership in FWSA. This card is non-transferable. Photo ID is required.

You need this card to claim several membership benefits, especially the Mt. Bachelor Club Card. See page 10.

In future, please try to renew your membership in person or at least pick up your membership card at one of our November events, such as the Ski Fair and the Mt. High Kickoff Party.

If you need your card mailed to you, contact **Elaine Bock** 503-245-7009, SeawitchPdx@aol.com

Remember, all Mt. High members are automatically members of the **NW Ski Club Council** (NWSCC) and the **Far West Ski Assoc.** (FWSA).

Mt.High

Chocolate Party



Feb. 12. (Sat). Our annual Chocolate Party will be hosted by **Terry and Brad Swan**, at 7225 SE Barbara Welch Rd., Portland, OR 97236. There will be the usual competition for

the most decadent, the most creative, and the most chocolatey dessert. Bring your own creation, or just come sample the goodies! Contact Terry at: swans761@juno.com.

Mt.High

Mt. High Training Day



Feb. 13. (Sun). As a benefit to all our club members, each year we offer some free training. It's based on runing gates, but it is not just for racers. Come improve your turns, your

carving ability, your control. At Mt. Hood Meadows. Contact Gordy at: GordyLusk@hotmail.com.

FWSA

Far West Trips

Click on the underlined blue links for more info.

* FWSA is joining [Holidaze Ski Tours](#) for an [Antarctica Adventure & Celebration of New Years Eve](#) in Buenos Aires. You will leave Dec 29, 2010—January 12, 2011 for a 15 day cruise with three nights in Buenos Aires for New Years Eve. We will be joining other ski clubs & councils across the U.S. for this trip. Contact Norm Azevedo at fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net for more information.

* [2011 FWSA Ski Week](#) will be in **Sun Valley, Idaho** January 22—29, 2011. \$875-\$1325. See article below.

* [FWSA International Ski Week Engleberg/Interlaken](#) Feb 26— Mar 7, 2011; \$1725/person for 8 nights; Extensions to Bulgaria Mar 7-12 and Bucharest and Romania Mar 12—16, 2011. Contact Norm Azevedo at fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net for more information.

FWSA

Ski Week at Sun Valley



Sun Valley



Jan. 22-29, 2011.

This is the biggest trip of the season, attended by dozens of ski clubs.

Price: \$875-\$1325, depending of the type of lodging you select. This includes lodging, lift tickets, banquet, council party, apres ski parties, races, and more.

A deposit of \$100 per person is being accepted now, to reserve your spot.

Mail check to: **NWSCC**, P.O. Box 1915 Portland, OR 97207-1915. Mark the envelope: "Sun Valley".

Please use the official Signup sheet at: [www.nwskiers.org/Trips/FWSA/2010-2011/Sun%20Valley/2011 Sun Valley Sign up sheet.pdf](http://www.nwskiers.org/Trips/FWSA/2010-2011/Sun%20Valley/2011%20Sun%20Valley%20Sign%20up%20sheet.pdf).

Contact **Barbara Bousum**, travel@nwskiers.org

See more info at: www.nwskiers.org/#SunValley

Mt. High

Snoqualmie, Alpentel, Mission Ridge & Stevens Pass + Leavenworth!



January 27-30, 2011 45 people signed up already! Maximum 50. There's room for one more couple, or a couple of singles. Last chance to sign up!!!

3 days/ 3 nights. The bus trips are usually our club's best and most fun events. We will leave Thursday around 5 pm, and return Sunday night. We'll visit:

1. **The Summit at Snoqualmie.** For this trip, we are taking one extra "work" day off in order to ski Snoqualmie, which is the closest area to Seattle and gets slammed on weekends. The club has never had a trip to this area before. There are 4 separate base areas, Snoqualmie East, West, Central, plus Alpentel - which is for advanced skiers. A total of 33 lifts, including 2 that are new for this year. Be among the first in our club to ski here!

2. **Mission Ridge.** 2,250' vertical. 1 Express Quad, 3 Doubles. Ski by a World War II bomber that crashed there!

3. **Stevens Pass,** lots of tree skiing, front and back + lots of cruisers! 1,800' vertical on 3 sides of 2 different mountains, served by 3 Quads, 4 Triples, 3 Doubles.

Lodging: The first night we will cut our driving time short and stay at the I-90 Inn in Ellensburg, only 45 minutes from Snoqualmie. The next 2 nights we'll stay in the charming town of Leavenworth. We have booked almost the entire Obertal Inn, right in the middle of Leavenworth, just for us! Most rooms have 2 queen beds, some have 1 king bed. There are also 2 Fireplace Suites and 2 Jacuzzi Suites. If a couple wants to book one of those suites, each **person** would pay an extra \$25 for a Fireplace Suite or a Jacuzzi Suite. First come, first served. Reserve yours soon! An "expanded continental breakfast" is included.

A banquet dinner on Saturday night will also be offered, at a very special (low) price.

Price: \$375 for transportation, 3 nights' lodging, continental breakfasts, and 3 days lift tickets. **Seniors (ages 62 - 69)** pay \$345 (a savings of \$30). **Super-duper seniors (ages 70+)** pay \$300 (a savings of \$75).

Contact: [Linda McGavin](#) (trip leader) or [Emilio Trampuz](#) (co-captain). Use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on page 13 (or on our FORMS web page) to send \$100 deposit, due now. **Full payment due by December 31.** No refunds after December 31 unless you can fill your spot.

Remember to specify if you want one of the special rooms. **NOTE: Only 44 spots available at the standard rate. After those 44 spots get filled, you'll only be able to sign up for the more expensive rooms (double occupancy only).**



Bergfreunde Lake Tahoe Sampler Trip 

February 27 (Sun.) – March 5 (Sat.), 2011

Cost: \$297 (ppdo) (\$150 down, balance by January) Single room: add \$143.20. Guests (non-members) pay: \$356.

More bang for your buck! \$67 less than last year's trip!

Contacts: Bob Burns (Trip Captain) 503-524-5261 (phone/fax), bob@inkjetman.com, and **Tom Hiller** (Co-Captain) (H) 503-643-0659 (W) 503-620-666. Both Bob and Tom are Mt. High members, and they've been doing this trip for 20 years.

Send payments to: Bob Burns, 9980 SW Citation Place, Beaverton, OR 97008.

Lodging: at the Bluelake Inn again this year, within a

few blocks of the casinos and the Heavenly gondola. Each room has a refrigerator and microwave.

Downhill: We'll be playing it by ear and taking advantage of any lift ticket deals that are offered by the 16 different ski areas. We'll discuss it at the pre-trip meeting and perhaps collect money to pre-buy tickets.

Cross country: Seven areas: Royal Gorge; Tahoe Donner; Northstar; Diamond Peak; Spooner Lake, etc.

Transportation: On this trip, air is not included. We carpool down. However, flying to Reno and grabbing a shuttle to South Lake Tahoe is another easy option.

The trip package includes: 6 nights lodging, Group dinner on Tuesday and Thursday, Hospitality room on Sunday, Monday and Friday; Wed. night dinner dance cruise on the M.S. Dixie II paddle wheeler.

23rd Oregon Cancer Ski Out

March 6-7 (Sunday-Monday): Register your 5-person team for this fun fundraiser for Cancer Research and hospice care.

The event consists of 2 races at Meadows in which speed is not a factor, but consistency is. The winner is the team whose total time in race 1 most closely matches the time in race 2.

Two races are held, and only consistency counts; not speed. Earrly team registration for 5 people is \$900. After Dec. 30, it's \$1000. Contact:

Russ Stanton, russki2day@yahoo.com or **Dick Woolley** at rgwoolley@verizon.net.

Lots more information on our web site: [www.mthigh.org/Events.htm#Oregon Cancer Ski Out](http://www.mthigh.org/Events.htm#Oregon%20Cancer%20Ski%20Out) or at: www.cancerskiout.org

3rd annual Hope on the Slopes

March 11-12: (Fri.-Sat.) at **Ski Bowl**. 1 pm - 1 pm.

This is a 24-hour vertical challenge. Earn points for both dollars raised and the total vertical feet skied. Teams can consist of between 5 and 15 people. You can also compete individually.



It will be 24 hours of fun, including **live music**, **barbeque**, a ceremony honoring cancer survivors, and a **torchlight parade**, on Friday at 8 pm. Contact **Emilio** to be a torchbearer (only abt. 30 spots).

Each participant gets a personal web page to customize with own message or photo.

Registration is \$35 for individual or \$150 per team. A team can have up to 15 members, Each participant is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$150 to participate in the vertical challenge.

Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Sign up online, or come to an organizing meeting **Wednesday, Jan. 5, at 6 pm, at the American Cancer Society, 330 SW Curry St, Portland.**

Funds raised go to cancer research, education, advocacy, and service. OHSU is a beneficiary. More info at: www.oregonhopeontheslopes.org

Mt. High

Crystal Mountain, WA

**March 25-27, 2011 (This trip is over half full, but there's room for more!)**

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 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 steps - 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.



There are 2 six-pack hi-speed lifts, 2 hi-speed quads, 2 triples, and 4 doubles. Also, NEW since our last trip to Crystal Mountain in 2009 is the Mt. Rainier Gondola. With travel time of less than 10 minutes (half the time of the current two chairlifts) and a vertical rise of nearly 2,500 feet, the gondola will provide year-round lift access to Crystal Mountain's summit. In addition to providing warm, dry uphill transport, the gondola also serves as backup when the Rainier Express is not able to serve the summit elevations due to high winds.

There are now 2,300 acres of lift served terrain, plus 500 acres of backcountry.

We'll stay at the Park Center Hotel in downtown Enumclaw, 45 minutes from the mountain, with easy access to a variety of restaurants and bars. Breakfast is provided for hotel guests, and there is an indoor hot tub.

The price is only **\$199** for the bus trip, 2 nights' lodging, 2 breakfasts, and one lift ticket.

Seniors (65 and over) can deduct \$30, for a total cost of: **\$169**.

The reason for only one lift ticket is that on Sunday, March 27, 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 2010-2011).

Use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on page 13 (or on our FORMS web page) to send **\$100 deposit**, due by November 30. Full payment due by February 25, 2011. No refunds after February 25 unless you can fill your spot.

Contact **Linda McGavin** at (503)652-2840 or e-mail Trips@mthigh.org.

You can also contact [Emilio Trampuz](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net) (co-captain), 503-378-0171, Emilio2000@earthlink.net.

Linda McGavin
at Crystal Mt.Mt. Rainier and
Crystal Mt.

Free Mt. Bachelor Club Card



Thanks to **Linda McGavin**, who is currently working on the next **NW Skiers' Directory**, we found the great deal from **Mt. Bachelor** offered to all NW ski clubs, through the NW Ski Club Council will continue. It's a free "**Club Card**".

1. **For the general public:** Up until the lifts open for the year Mt. Bachelor offers a "club card" picture pass for \$29 to the public that will let them buy \$50 non-holiday lift tickets.

2. **For NWSCC club members** (That's all of us!) - We can go to the Sports Desk at Bachelor up through January 31 and get that same card for FREE by showing our NWSCC membership card and picture ID. (Note: Your club membership card doubles as an NWSCC card. Just flip it over.)

3. **On the day we pick up the Club Card**, we can "load" it with our credit card with multiples of \$50. In the future we can load it up any time **online**, before arriving at the mountain. When we get to the mountain, we can go directly to the lifts and, as we pass through, \$50 will be deducted from our balance on the Club Card, which is a Radio Frequency ID. It's all automatic and very high tech.

Note that we can load the card in person at the Sports Desk **only the first time**. After that, we'll need to do it **online**, using a credit card.

Here's a recommendation for which pass to purchase, depending on how much you will ski at Mt. Bachelor:

- a) **2 - 10 days or 13 - 20 days: Get the Club Card.**
- b) **11 - 12 days : Get a 12-times pass.** for \$550.
- c) **More than 20 times: Get a Season Pass.** for \$999.

Other Prices, just for comparison

Season passes for juniors & seniors at Mt. Bachelor:

Youth (6-12)	\$189	Seniors (65-69)	\$539
Teens (13-18)	\$319	Seniors (70+)	\$319
Young adults (19-21)	\$439		

Single Day Adult Ticket Rates will be \$70, \$60 or \$50 depending on the amount of lift serviced terrain and daily weather factors.

Schweitzer Mt. discount

Schweitzer Mt.



Schweitzer Mt., Idaho, has offered our club members a group discount, even if we purchase the tickets individually, one at a time.

On daily tickets, you'll save \$10 on each ticket. Instead of \$65, you will pay **\$55**.

On a 3-day pass, you save \$39. Instead of \$195, you pay only **\$156**. The 3 day pass is valid on any 3 days in a season. They don't have to be consecutive days.

To get this discount, you must purchase and print the tickets through a **Schweitzer Mt. web page** that has been specifically customized for our **Mt. High club**. Click here: <https://tickets.schweitzer.com/affiliate.asp?ID=17D3854F-9D13-4D87-9805-3837BA537DE5>.

You will need the following password: **MtHigh-tix**

You must enter the password exactly like that, with the two capital letters, and a dash. Check it out!



Q & A about Mt. Bachelor

Q: Can I loan my Club Card to my friend?

A: No, the Club Card will have your photo on it.

Q: Can I use my Club Card at the ticket window?

A: No. Club Card savings are for advance online ticket purchases. They ensure the lowest daily rate. \$50 non-holiday.

Q: Can I buy a Club Card for someone as a gift?

A: Yes. You will enter their customer info, and then just pay for it with your credit card.

Q: Will I need to go to the ticket window to use my Club Card?

A: No. You can go straight to the lift. Club Card must be pre-loaded with the lift ticket in advance via www.mtbachelor.com.

Q: Should I be concerned with the **daily** pricing plan if I am going to have a Season Pass, 12-Day Pass, Club Card or Multi-day ticket?

A: No. It is irrelevant to you.

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Mt. High Mountain High Needs You!

The Mountain High Board members are all only human, and they do their work as volunteers, in their

spare time. After years of helping the club to thrive and grow, everyone needs a bit of a rest, and others need to jump in and do their



part. Specifically, we need more leaders of all kinds, including trip leaders, event organizers, helpers, ... and yes, at the next elections in May, we will be looking for a new club President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

So, we need you. Start by coming to our monthly meetings, to see how our club operates.

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Please check our web site,
www.mthigh.org
for updates.

Mt. High Help! Parking needed!



Urgent! The club needs your help!
Do you know of a good, secure place where we could leave our cars (usually about a dozen cars), during

our weekend bus trips? Contact Linda McGavin.

We used to leave our cars at AMCO Distributing, thanks to Chuck Westergren, but Chuck just informed us that AMCO has been sold, so no more parking there.

NWSCC Bachelor Blast



Mt. Bachelor

April. 8-10, 2011.
Join in a celebration of Spring skiing at Mt. Bachelor. 2 or 3 nights at Sunriver. Details at: www.nwskiers.org.

Price is only \$180, and get your third night free! 2 days of lift tickets included. Third day ticket = \$45.

Send payment in full by Feb. 10, 2011 to: NWSCC
P.O. Box 1915 Portland, OR 97207-1915.

For info, contact **Linda McGavin, Trips@mthigh.org**

