



Lift Lines

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



Mt.High Plan Your Winter

It's time to start planning your winter.

1. **Warren Miller movie and dinner.** Our annual tradition to get the season started. We'll buy tickets at a group discount, but only for those who send a check to Sandra by Sept. 25. See p. 12.

2. **Ski Passes.** Compare them on page 8. Note that the prices will increase soon, some in September, some in November.

3. **Winter trips.** Put down a deposit to reserve your spot on one or more of our 3 trips (Canada, Montana, Crystal Mt.). See pages 9 - 12.

4. **Recreational Racing.** Our racing teams are just starting to regroup. Contact your team captain. If you are new, contact our Racing Director, Bruce Kuper, at bruku@comcast.net.

You should act now to secure your spot in whatever you would like to do this winter, and to buy a pass before prices go up.

But, before Winter comes, let's enjoy Fall. Join us on a couple of **bike rides** and our annual **Seafood Party**. See pages 4 - 6.

Three Wise Men at Silver Star



Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2015 CALENDAR

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

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7 (Mon.): Mtn. Music Festival

Sept. 19: Bike Ride: Trillium Lake and Still Creek Road

Sept. 28 (Mon.): Mt. High Board meeting

OCTOBER

Oct. 2-3 (Fri-Sat): MHSP Ski Swap

Oct. 3 (Sat.): Mt. High Seafood Party

Oct. 4 (Sun.): Timothy Lake Bike Ride

Oct. 23 (Fri.): Warren Miller: Chasing Shadows, movie and dinner

NOVEMBER

Nov. 6-8 (Fri-Sun.): Ski Fever Show

Nov. 9 (Mon.): Ski Fair - NWSCC

Nov. 12 (Thur): Mt. High Kickoff Party

JANUARY 2016

Jan. 24-30: Canada trip -Silver Star, Sun Peaks

FEBRUARY 2016

Feb. 21-27: Montana trip Discovery, Lost Trail

March 2016

Jan. 18-20: Crystal Mt. trip

Mt.High

Fall Fun



Bike: Trillium / Still Creek (Sep. 19) Timothy Lake bike ride (Oct. 4)



Seafood Party (Oct. 3)



Warren Miller: dinner/movie (Oct. 23)

Remembering Dale Crockatt



Dale Crockatt died of cancer at the age of 57 on Sunday, July 19, 2015.

Dale was well known around Mt. Hood. He knew Mt. Hood better than almost anyone, having skied and climbed all of it. He worked as the Director of Ski Patrol at **Timberline** and Pro Patrol at **Meadows**. He assisted with numerous search and rescues with the Clackamas

County Sheriffs and the 304th Airborne Rescue. He was a member of the **Schnee Vogelis** and **Crag Rats**. He lived in Rhododendron with his life partner **Sandi Strader**. They jointly owned Oregon Realty in Welches.

Dale volunteered as a ski patroller during **Ski the Glade Trail Days**. He once broke his leg skiing in **White River** canyon. The story was published in **Lift Lines 102** in June 2009.

See more about Dale in the **Shred Hood** article at: <http://shredhood.org/news/mountain-characters/821-mt-hood-loses-a-good-man-as-dale-crockatt-dies-of-cancer>

Shred Hood



Shred Hood, a very informative online magazine, published by **Ben Jacklet**, is entering its third season.

This publication covers everything related to Mt. Hood and its surroundings, including topics as diverse as:

- * [Races, Rail Jams & Rescues](#) on Mt. Hood
- * [Just Keep Climbing](#) - by Asit Rathod, about climbing and skiing Mt. Hood
- * [Resorts push for new skiing statute](#), re. liability releases, terrain parks, etc.
- * [Golden Poles Chalet fire](#) in Govt. Camp)
- * [Preserve the old Mt. Hood highway as a trail](#), an article by Emilio Trampuz.

This is just a very small sample of the wealth of information y on the Shred Hood site.

If you want to be fully informed, you can subscribe or free to be notified of news when they are published. Just enter your email address in the blue box on the right side of the page at ShredHood.org

Mt. High Cookbook



Many years ago, the **Plaza ski club** (one of our parent clubs that in 2000 merged with the **Edgeset Club** to eventually be renamed **Mountain High**) published a cookbook that contained contributions from many of our club members. The cover of that cookbook is shown here.

Let's do it again!

Let's gather a bunch of recipes, including maybe some of those for the winning **chocolate desserts** in recent years. And maybe also a recipe for the **salmon** and other **seafood** presented at our Seafood parties.

Any other recipes from our club members are welcome! Please send your contributions to Debbi Kor, ijustwannarun1@comcast.net

Just to whet you appetite, here are a couple of recipes already submitted:

NOTE: A photo of your finished meal isn't required, but if you have one, send it in. It might help.

Also, just the fact that you are a club member is sufficient connection to the club. But if your recipe has some additional connection to the club, let us know.



Potato & Green bean soup

Enjoyed by Kurt Krueger and Emilio during their Steamboat, Colorado trip.



Flour-less Panama Torte

Won in the healthiest (lightest) category at our Chocolate Party in 2012

Picnic and Bike Ride

August 22, 2015 (Saturday).

Our club celebrated several milestones at a picnic on August 22, 2016 at Sellwood Park.

* 40 years since the Plaza ski club was formed in 1975.

* The Edgeset ski club was formed a bit earlier, in the early 1970s, but it's hard to pinpoint exactly when.

* 15 years ago, in 2000, the two clubs merged into one: Plaza/Edgeset ski club.

* 12 years ago, in 2003, the joint Plaza Edgeset club was renamed: Mountain High Snowsport Club.

* 10 years ago, in 2005, our first joint picnic and bike ride was held, and has become an annual tradition.

All former members were encouraged to come and enjoy a reunion! Several past presidents of both the Plaza and Edgeset clubs attended, including:

Edgeset past presidents: Dan Gomez, Walt Stanton, Terry White.

Plaza past presidents: Linda McGavin, Dick Foss, Blaise Dagilaitis.

Mountain High presidents: Kurt Krueger (former) Debbi Kor (current).

15 people participated in the pre-picnic bike ride, led by Larry Bennett (third from the left). Aproximately 45 people showed up at the picnic.



Debbi says: "Read my chest! A Plaza ski club logo pin and a moose - which was the club's mascot."



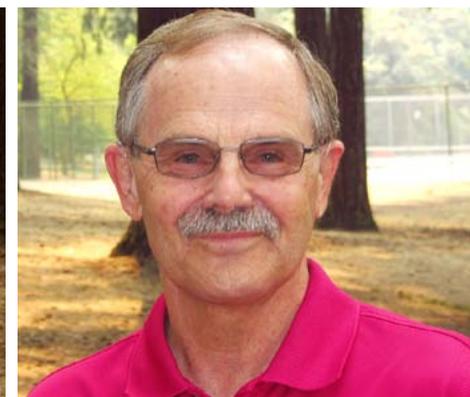
Greg Anderson, Debbi Kor, Alice Dagilaitis, Marv Wakefield, Blaise Dagilaitis



Dan Gomez and Walt Stanton, former EdgeSet ski club presidents



Linda McGavin, cofounder of Plaza ski club and of NWSCC



Dick Foss, former Plaza ski club president

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

Mt. High

Trillium Lake & Still Creek Road Bike Ride



September 19, 2015. (Saturday) 9:30 am in Rhododendron. Cost: Free.

Join us on a bike ride from Government Camp around Trillium Lake and then along Still Creek Road to Rhododendron, 18 miles, mostly downhill.

9:30 am: Meet at **Still Creek Inn** in **Rhododendron**. Park behind restaurant.

9:45 am: Leave for Govt. Camp. Leave some cars in Rhododendron and transport everyone and their bikes to Government Camp.

10:00 am: Start the ride from Govy. Nice long glide with very little uphill action. Perfect for beginner mountain bike riders. Only one short uphill when we leave Trillium Lake.

At the end of the ride, we'll have lunch at the **Still Creek Inn**. After that, the drivers of the cars that drove up to Government Camp should get a ride from those who left their cars in Rhododendron. The passengers in all cars can stay at the restaurant and enjoy a cup of coffee or dessert until everyone returns to Rhododendron.

Directions: The Still Creek Inn is on the left side of Hwy. 26 in the heart of Rhododendron. Meet us there at 9:30 am. If you are late, catch us just past the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp by 10 am.

Leaders:

1. John Davis, hikedance@gmail.com, 503-358-5900.
2. Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-510-1477.
3. Linda McGavin, Trips@mthigh.org, 503-652-2840.

THE ROUTE

The map shows only part of our ride, mainly to and around Trillium Lake.

1. Choose a narrow, rocky trail, or
2. Choose a small paved road to:
 - 2.5 Pioneer Cemetery at Summit Meadows. We'll regroup here.
3. Get off the Trillium Lake Road here and onto a bike/hike trail to the lake.
4. After circling the lake clockwise, take this crossover trail uphill to the nearby road.
5. Continue on Still Creek Road for another 14 miles to Rhododendron.



Mt. Hood Ski Patrol Ski Swap

Oct. 2 - 3, 2015 (Fri.-Sat.)

Friday: 4pm - 9pm.

Saturday: 9am - 6pm.

Support the **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol** at the Mt. Hood Snow Sport Swap at the

Washington County Fairgrounds
873 NE 34th Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124.

Consignment items will be accepted, and you could make money on your old ski gear. A portion of the swap proceeds benefit the Ski Patrol.

Thousands of new and demo equipment for sale.

Admission: Individuals: \$3, Families: \$6,
Kids under 12: Free.
Parking is free.

Look for discount admission coupons and a chance to win a season pass at the Mt. Hood Snow Sport Swap website, <http://www.mhsss.com/?src=mtnhigh>

More at: www.mthigh.org/#Mt_Hood_Snowsports_Swap

The Ski Patrol is looking for **volunteers** to work a shift. Contact Kurt at: 503-625-1492, telek2@frontier.com



Mt. High

Seafood Extravaganza



Oct. 3 (Sat.) 6:30 pm.

Greetings everyone!

It's time to get your taste buds set for the **Annual Mt. High Seafood Extravaganza** on Saturday, October 3rd. We will be serving up our standard fare of grilled salmon, halibut, maybe some steamer clams or mussels, oysters, sushi, and all else that's yummy.

Greg Anderson has generously offered up his beautiful home in Mt. Park, to hold our event. With that said, we will have to put a **50 person limit** on attendance. You will need to **RSVP me NO LATER THAN 9/25** to ijustwannarun1@comcast.net in order to get your name on the list. We will carry a "wait list" as well,

so if you are **NOT** going to show up, the considerate thing would be to contact me, so that I can take your name off the list, and add the next person(s).

The cost is just **\$5** per person this year. You may send your money into the club **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25TH**, or pay at the door, as you have previously. We really, really need to know that people intend to come, and just not do a "no show" that night. We need to know enough ahead of time, how many guests to expect, to order a sufficient amount of seafood for all.

Greg has suggested that people bring **folding chairs** for the patio/deck, and wherever else we may need them. You may want to bring a **salad, side dish, or dessert** to share (no assigned items this year), as well as whatever you'd like to **drink**. The club will furnish bottled water and coffee.

Appetizers will be served beginning at 6:30, with dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

The address is: 91 Garibaldi St., Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

Directions: From I-5, get on **Capitol Hwy.** heading south toward Lake Oswego. Capitol turns into SW 49th and then into Kerr Parkway. Different names, but same street. Turn left at the traffic light onto **Hidalgo St.**, then right on **Becket St.**, then left on **Nansen Summit**, and a final left onto **Garibaldi St.** House number 91.

Questions? Contact **Debbi Kor** ijustwannarun1@comcast.net or (503) 314-7078.

See you there! - **Debbi**

Mt. High

Timothy Lake Bike Ride



October 4, 2015. (Sun.) 10 am. Cost: Free.

Join us on a mountain bike ride around Timothy Lake. We'll meet at the Little Crater Lake, north of Timothy Lake. We will have 2 distances to choose from: 14 miles around the lake, or 7 miles halfway.

Car shuttles will take care of 7 miler participants. Early dinner will be on the way back at The Taco Shoppe in Government Camp.

This is a beginning mountain bike trail. Some parts are not suitable for a road bike. The trail is at water level in the trees with numerous views, twists, and turns.

Directions: From Sandy, go east on Hwy. 26 for about 40 miles to Skyline Road (Road 42). Turn right and go south for 4 miles. Turn right on Forest Road 58 (Abbot Rd.) and go 2 miles to Little Crater Lake campground. Allow at least 50 minutes from Sandy, or 20 minutes from Govy.

Leaders: John Davis, hikedance@gmail.com, 503-358-5900, and Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-510-1477.



NWSCC

Ski Fair at the Airport Holiday Inn

Nov. 9 (Monday) 6-10 pm Admission: FREE.

A one day event organized by skiers for skiers, at the **Conference Center** next to the **Airport Holiday Inn**, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd.

Meet local ski clubs and ski areas. participate in the **Silent Auction, Raffle**, and more! See what's new. As part of the auction, you can get great deals on lift tickets, lodging, ski trips, ski gear, and more.

For questions about the Ski Fair, contact **Mary Olhausen**, 503-880-7383, omary52@comcast.net

Visit our Mountain High club's booth, where you can **renew your club membership**, sign up for **trips**, or join a **racing team**. You can also enter a drawing for a free club membership.

To volunteer to help staff the Mt. High booth, contact **Karen Michels**, skiklynn@gmail.com, 503-984-9210.

Click on the flyer for a larger view. Then print it and post it somewhere.

Golf Scramble

The Golf scrambled planned for Sept. 12 (Saturday) 3 pm has been cancelled due to insufficient participation.

- Cal Eddy

Mountain Music Festival

September 7, 2015. 12:30 - 6:30 (Monday, Labor Day)

Annual Timberline Lodge Mountain Music Festival, held at the open air amphitheater next to the lodge.

Check out Timberline's web site for details.

12:30-1:30 JOHN LILLY plays original songs.

2:00-3:00 LIZ LONGLEY

3:30-4:30 DARLINGSIDE are an ensemble based in Massachusetts.

5:00-6:30 HEADLINER JONATHAN EDWARDS, warm as summer sunshine!

Ski Fever & Snowboard Show

Expo Center

Nov. 6-8 (Fri - Sun.)

Admission: \$14.

Big annual ski show at the Expo Center. Great deals on ski clothing and equipment. Many freebies.

For more info see: www.portland-skifever.com.

NOTE: The NW Ski Club Council will not have a booth at this Show this year. Instead, the NWSCC will participate in the **Ski Dazzle Show** in **Seattle** on the same weekend. Contact **Mary Olhausen**, 503-880-7383, omary52@comcast.net

Timberline's Short Season

This summer, Timberline had it's shortest Summer season ever. Normally, Palmer snowfield is open till Labor Day in September, but this summer the snow melted and ski season ended on Sunday, August 2nd, a month earlier than normal

Ski Challenge

If you have visited 7 or more resorts during the 2014-2015 ski season you are eligible to win a prize. Just **Mail your lift tickets** or receipts to the Northwest Ski Club Council, Ski Challenge, 5331 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 258, Box 438, Portland, OR 97239. Winners will be announced in December.

Taco Shoppe 20% discount



Kevin Bastin, the owner of the Taco Shoppe in Government Camp and also a Mountain High member, has offered us a **20% discount off of any item on the menu!** Thanks Kevin!

So, stop at **The Taco Shoppe** in Govy, right next to the Mt. Hood Museum, and get ready to experience something delicious. And say thanks to Kevin!

Lift tickets and Season Passes

Here is a comparison of various lift tickets and passes. Which pass is best for you depends on how much you'll ski. Will you ski enough times at the same ski area to justify a season pass? Note that PACRAT racers will be able to get discounted lift tickets on their race days. Remember that Meadows and Timberline will be offering **Spring Passes** valid for March, April and May, for about \$100 - \$130. Consider buying a 5 day or 10 day pass plus a Spring Pass, and they don't have to be at the same ski area. Also, note the following changes from last year:

1. The **Fusion Pass / Powder Alliance** has increased from 13 to 14 ski areas. Whitewater was just added.
2. **Mt. Bachelor** has discontinued the 12 free days at other ski areas. In it's place is the new M.A.X Pass.
3. The **Mountain Collective Pass** has added Ski Banff-Lake Louise and Sunshine, for a total of 14 ski areas.
4. **All prices will increase in November, Epic Pass increases Sept. 7, Mt. Bachelor prices increase at the end of September.**

Ski area / Name of Pass	1 Day	4 or 5 Day	10/12 Days	Season Pass	Senior Season	Season Pass description
<u>Mt. Bachelor</u> The M.A.X. Pass to 22 mountains for \$249 needs to be purchased in addition to the Season Pass. 11 ski areas in the West and 11 in the East.	\$79	4-pack 179 N/A after 9/30	12-day \$499	\$889	\$579	The previous 12 free days at other ski areas owned by Powdr Corp. (has been discontinued. Replaced by the M.A.X. Pass: 22 mountains, 5 days each, but must be purchased at \$249 on top of the Season Pass price. Multi-day and season prices will increase a lot after Sept. 30.
<u>M.A. X. Pass by itself</u> 22 mountains, 5 days each, 11 ski areas in the West and 11 in the East.				\$699	\$699	The 11 western ski areas are: Mt. Bachelor, Big Sky, Brighton UT, Copper Mt. CO, Crystal Mt. WA, Las Vegas NV, Steamboat CO, Summit at Snoqualmie WA, Winter Park CO, Cypress Mt. BC, Boreal CA.
<u>Mt. Hood Meadows</u> Includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker	\$74	5-days \$299	10-days \$399	\$509	\$389	Includes 5 free days at Mt. Baker (mid-week till end of Feb., then any day. Prices go up \$60 after Nov. 8.
<u>Mt. Hood Skibowl -Last year</u>	\$50	--	--	\$399	\$299	Prices increase Nov. 3, Nov. 17.
<u>Timberline - Last year's prices. New prices yet TBA.</u>	\$68	5-days \$225	10-days \$375	\$399	\$149	Multi-day and season prices will increase after Nov. 17.
<u>Fusion Pass/Powder Alliance</u> Timberline + Skibowl + 3 free tickets at each of: Stevens Pass, Schweitzer, Bridger Bowl, Snowbasin, Sierra-at-Tahoe, China Peak, Mountain High, Arizona Snowbowl, Angel Fire, Crested Butte, Silver Star, Whitewater.	--	--	--	\$499	\$249	Unlimited skiing at Timberline and Skibowl + 36 other free lift tickets, 3 tickets at each of 12 other ski areas. Not valid on Saturdays. Whitewater (B.C.) was added this year. Prices will increase by \$25 after Nov. 3.
<u>Mountain Collective Pass</u> 2 lift tickets at each: Taos, Thredbo Whistler/Blackcomb, Aspen/Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Alta/Snowbird, Mammoth Mt., Lake Louise, Sun Valley, Mammoth, Stowe, Squaw/Alpine Meadows.	--	--	22-time pass \$399	--	--	A 22-time pass, with a maximum of just 2 days at each destination, but additional days at each resort are \$50% off. No blackout dates. To make the most of it, visit as many ski areas as possible.
<u>Snowbomb Platinum Pass</u> 4 lift tickets total, 1 at each: Homewood, Bear Valley, China Peak, and Mt. Rose, all in CA.	--	4-pack \$79	--	--	--	Also included are 2 free nights of lodging, Sunday - Thursday at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV. Also discounts at some Tahoe areas.
<u>Epic Pass (Vail Resorts):</u> Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, Park City, Arapahoe B., Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton, Perisher.		4-day \$389	7-day \$579	season \$769	season \$769	Perisher resort in Australia has been added for the 2016 season. No blackout dates. Prices will increase after Sept. 7.

Click on the blue, underlined pass name for more detailed info and to purchase it.

Silver Star



Canada trip

Silver Star / Sun Peaks

January 24 - 30, 2016.

(5 ski days / 6 nights)

Silver Star has a mellow front side and a couple of really long cruisers on the back side, but it is famous for its steep and challenging powder runs on the back

side. Tree skiing. Powder. Best of all, a ski-in/ski-out village located not at the bottom but in the middle of the mountain. The village has a wild-west town look but in pastel colors! It is the locals' favorite mountain. And it is part of the Powder Alliance, which means that anyone with a Fusion Pass can ski there all 3 days for free!

Silver star has 128 named trails on 2,500' vertical, served by 12 lifts, 3 of which are hi-speed quads. Try to ski all the 5 distinct areas: the Front side (Vance Creek), the Back side (Putnam Creek), Silver Woods, Attridge, and Alder Point (advanced hike-to area). Silver Star also has 106 km of cross-country trails.

Sun Peaks is just 2.5 hours away, and we'll move there for the last 3 nights. Sun Peaks has a European village themed ski-in/ski-out village, with a pedestrian street lined with boutique stores and cafes. There are 3 separate peaks to ski: Mt. Tod, Sundance, and Mt. Morrisey. Lots of hidden nooks and crannies. Don't miss the "Sticks" and the "Back in Time" trail on Mt. Morrisey. Also, you have to try some of the steep trails on Mt. Morrisey with washing machine names, such as "Agitator", "Static Cling", "Spin Cycle", etc.

Sun Peaks is the 2nd largest ski area in Canada. It has 133 named trails (one of them 5 miles long), 2,894' vertical, served by 11 lifts, 3 of which are high speed quads.

This will be a bus trip. We'll pick up in Portland and in Vancouver, WA. We'll spend 3 days at Silver Star, and then an additional 2 days/3 nights at Sun Peaks.

Prices: Adult full price = \$1,095 Senior full price = \$1,033
Adults with Fusion Pass = \$888 Senior w. Fusion Pass = \$849

Price includes all bus transportation, lodging, and lift tickets. Two lunches (on the way up and on the return trip) are included. Depending on the number of people that sign up (the more the better) and the rate of exchange with the Canadian dollar, if we end up with any surplus, we will include some breakfasts and/or dinners too.

Space is limited to 32 people. This trip is now open to members of other clubs, since September 1, 2015, so please sign up early! To reserve your spot: Please send in a deposit check of \$250 per person.

Full payment due by November 15, 2015. No refunds after November 15 unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy.

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

Trip leaders:

Karen Michels, skiklynn@gmail.com, 503-984-9210

Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171.

Sun Peaks



Silver Star



More ski trips info at: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.



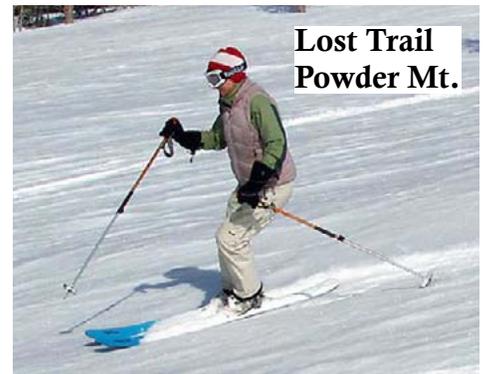
Discovery Mt.

Montana trip

Discovery Mt. / Lost Trail

February 21 - 27, 2016.
(5 ski days / 6 nights)

Something unique! Kurt Krueger and Emilio Trampuz did some scouting in February 2015 and discovered a couple of hidden gems in southwest Montana. We want to take you there.



Lost Trail Powder Mt.

Discovery ski area. This was quite a find! Last winter was a bad snow year in the West, but the day we arrived we got 4 inches of wonderful fresh powder here on top of a very good base. You want challenge? You'll find it here. Over a dozen double-black never groomed named runs in the back bowls! This is like skiing in the Chugach mountains, but without the need for a helicopter! Even the blue cruisers seem very long, with a consistent pitch. Discovery offers 2,400 vertical feet, 2,200 acres, served by 5 triples and 2 double chairs. Beginners and lower intermediates have their own hill. The best feature is: no crowds!

Lost Trail Powder Mountain. A great place, lots of powder, and no crowds. This place is open only Thursdays thru Sundays. Any snow that falls in the first half of the week will be untouched on Thursday. We will time our trip to arrive there on Thursday!

Lost Trail is located on the border between Montana and Idaho, and you can ski both sides. Yes, just like Look-out Pass, only bigger! It offers 1,800 vertical feet, served by 5 double chairlifts. The Montana side has several double-black runs. Best feature: No crowds, and an enormous field of perfectly spaced thin trees, where you can leave an unlimited number of fresh tracks while doing slalom laps through the trees.

Both Discovery Mt. and Lost Trail were featured in the 2014 Warren Miller ski film: "No Turning Back".

This will be a bus trip. We'll pick up in Portland and Troutdale. 2 days/2 nights in Philipsburg (Discovery ski area), and 2 days/3 nights in Hamilton (near the Lost Trail ski area). Bonus: we'll also hit the Montana Snowbowl, near Missoula, one day. This will be a very unique trip. Experience the pristine side of Montana!



Discovery Mt.

Price = \$825 per person.

Montana ski areas don't offer a senior discount. But we got a good deal on group tickets.

Price includes all bus transportation, lodging, and lift tickets. Two lunches (on the way up and on the return trip) are included. Also, a dinner in Philipsburg. Depending on the number of people that sign up (the more the better), if we end up with any surplus, we will include another dinner.

Space is limited to 32 people. We cannot include more because of lodging limitations. Also, this trip will be open to members of other clubs as well, so please sign up early!

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

Full payment due by January 15, 2016. No refunds after January 15, unless you can fill your spot. See our Trip Cancellation Policy.

Please use the **Dough Transmittal form** on the **Forms & Docs** page on our web site, or on the next to last page in our newsletter. Make check payable to **Mountain High Snowsport Club**, and mail it to: Mountain High, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.



Lost Trail

Trip leader: Emilio Trampuz, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171.

More ski trips info at: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

Mt. High

Crystal Mountain, WA



March 18-20, 2016 A weekend bus trip, 2 nights/2 days. We leave Friday around 5:00 pm. Lots of fun on the bus – this is the best way to get to know other club members! We'll return Sunday by 8:30 pm.

Crystal Mountain is the largest ski area in Washington with 3,100 vertical feet of skiing, with over 50 named runs. There's everything from gentle groomed cruising runs for beginners to challenging steeps - backcountry, glades, chutes and unbelievable black runs for the more adventurous. This is why SKIING Magazine voted Crystal Mountain the #7 top mountain in North America.



Linda McGavin
at Crystal Mt.



There is one 8-passenger gondola (included in all tickets as of this year), 2 six-pack hi-speed lifts, 2 hi-speed quads, 2 triples, and 3 doubles., serving 2,300 acres of lift served terrain, plus 500 acres of backcountry.

NEWS: Two lifts have been replaced by new ones :

1. **The High Campbell Chairlift**, for experts only, which was destroyed in an avalanche this past season, was replaced by a new fixed grip double chairlift made by SkyTrac, the only American ski lift manufacturer.
2. **The Quicksilver fixed-grip double chairlift**, serving intermediate terrain, was replaced by a fixed-grip quad lift.

Lodging: We'll stay in the town of Enumclaw, 45 minutes from the mountain. Most of us will be in queen beds, but the first 3 couples who sign up and request it will get a king bed. There is no breakfast in the hotel, but there's Charlie's Cafe, a breakfast place right across the parking lot that opens at 5 am.

Price = \$250. This includes all bus transportation, 2 nights' lodging, one dinner, and one lift ticket.

The reason for only one lift ticket is that on Sunday, March 20, Crystal Mountain is allowing all NWSCC club members to buy tickets at half price, but you have to go to the ticket window yourself and show your NWSCC card (i.e. your club membership card; you'll get it when you renew your club membership for this season).

Use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on the page before last (or on our FORMS web page) to send **\$100 deposit**, due by November 30. Full payment due by February 15, 2015. No refunds after February 15 unless you can fill your spot. Contact trip leader **Linda McGavin** at (503) 652-2840 or e-mail Trips@mthigh.org.



More ski trips info at: www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm.

FWSA Far West Ski Assoc. Trips ✈

Click on underlined blue links or go to www.FWSA.org.

FWSA SKI Week: Telluride, CO

January 30 - February 6, 2016. A week of skiing and racing. Price: \$1,210 - \$1,430 per person depending on the type of lodging. This includes 7 nights lodging, 5 lift tickets, banquet, council party, apres ski, races, & more. Air not included.

Mail checkto: NWSCC Whistler Trip, 5331 SW Macadam Ave. Suite 258, Box 438, Portland, OR 97239. Contact: **Chris Ciardi**, c2blondie@hotmail.com, 503-297-5351
Barbara Bousum: BBousum@gmail.com 503-224-3584

**FWSA European Ski Week: Cortina, Italy.**

March 5-12, 2016. Price for land package: TBA pp. Includes: 7 nights lodging, daily breakfast, welcome and farewell parties, 5 nights dinner (2 nights free to explore local restaurants). Air and lift tickets not included.

Optional post-trip to Florence and Rome.

Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA) for "FWSA 2015 Int'l Trip". Send to: Debbie Stewart, FWSA VP of Int'l Travel, 430 S. Church St., Visalia, CA 93277. FwsaIntlTrvl@prodigy.net

FWSA Mini Ski week: Crested Butte, CO.

March 21-26, 2016 (5 nights / 3 or 4 days of skiing). Price TBA.

Included: 5 nights lodging. Contact:

Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162. 530-414-8261 [C]

Mt. High**Warren Miller's "Chasing Shadows" - Dinner and a movie!**

Oct. 23, 2015. (Friday) - A great way to kick off the new season!

Dinner and/or drinks at 5:30 pm at location to be announced.

Movie at 7:30 pm at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 SW Broadway.

Everyone coming to see the movie will receive:

1. **Lift ticket to Mt. Bachelor**, valid Monday - Friday, either Dec. 1-18, 2015 or April 4 through closing day 2016.. Or use it as a 2-for-1 coupon valid Monday - Friday from Jan. 4 - February 12, 2016.
2. **2-for-1 lift tickets to Big White**, and **Sun Peaks** valid before December 18, 2015, or after March 21, 2016.
3. **Lift ticket at Steamboat, CO**, when you introduce a first-time skier/rider to the sport. To qualify, bring a friend to Steamboat any day during the 2015-16 season, excluding 12.26.15 through 1.03.16 and 2.13.16 through 2.21.15; the friend must purchase a discounted never-ever package for \$99, which includes a lift ticket, lesson and equipment rental. Comp ticket must be used on same day as the never-ever package.
4. **A free subscription to Ski Magazine**, if you fill out the contest entry form at the theater.

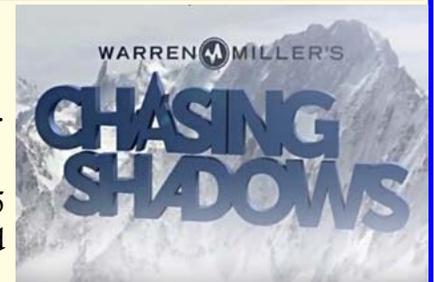
Details at www.mthigh.org. **To participate in our group purchase, you must send payment by Friday, Sept. 25.**

Please make your **\$19.50** check (per person) payable to **Sandra Smith**, and send it to:

Sandra Smith,
1500 SW 134th Ave.,
Beaverton, OR 97005.

You can also buy tickets on your own, through Tickets West, but it will cost you about \$9 more. We will purchase group tickets only for those who send their checks ahead of time.

Email: Sandra@pacifier.com Phone: 503-646-4591. Tell her if you are coming to dinner. Include your mailing address, so we can mail you the tickets, and your email address in case of last minute changes.



We have two competing long term forecasts for this winter. Which one will be correct? Or will it be something in between?

Science says:

Strong El Niño = Warmer, Drier NW

Most weather forecasters agree this is a strong El Niño year, which occurs every few years, but this one is stronger than usual. The El Niño effect is a product of warmer than normal temperatures of the Pacific Ocean water in a wide band across the equator, stretching from Papua New Guinea to Ecuador (South America).

An El Niño winter usually means that the jet stream is diverted further north into Canada, resulting in a warmer and drier winter in the Northwest (which also means less snow, or wetter snow), while California and the American Southwest (New Mexico, Arizona) tend to get wetter, with plenty of rain the valleys and snow in the mountains. Generally speaking this does not bode well for snow enthusiasts in Oregon.

The Blob

This year, for the first time, there is one more factor, with unknown consequences. A huge area of warm ocean water has developed in the Pacific off the coast of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Scientists have dubbed it "The Blob".

Will the Blob magnify the warming and drying effect of El Niño? Or will it somehow counteract and oppose El Niño? That remains to be seen.

Old Farmer's Almanac says:

Expect a Cold, Snowy Winter

The Old Farmer's Almanac offers a ray of hope. It says we'll have a very cold winter with snow even in the Pacific Northwest. In fact, the snowiest periods in the Northwest should be in mid-December, early to mid-January, and mid- to late February.

This sounds perfect, with snow arriving just before our Canada trip in January and our Montana trip in February.

"Just about everybody who gets snow will have a White Christmas," says editor Janice Stillman.

The weather predictions in the Old Farmer's Almanac are based on a secret formula that founder Robert B. Thomas designed using solar cycles, climatology and meteorology. Forecasts emphasize how much temperature and precipitation will deviate from 30-year averages compiled by government agencies.

The **Old Farmer's Almanac** is very popular. 3 million copies are printed each year, and it has 1 million fans on Facebook. Its web site is: www.almanac.com

A competing publication, the **Farmers' Almanac**, can be found at: <http://farmersalmanac.com/> It forecasts a similar winter to last winter. The Northwest should see milder than normal temperatures.

Who is right, remains to be seen.



Deer Valley, UT

Deer Valley, Utah, is one of the most expensive ski areas, with day lift tickets costing \$120. In the latest, September 2015, issue of Ski Magazine, Deer Valley has paid for 36 pages of ads. How can Deer Valley afford to pay for that much advertising? Oh, of course, it's from the inflated prices they charge their customers!

One thing they did not mention in any of those 36 pages is the fact that snowboarders and families with snowboarders are not welcome. They will not be allowed to use the slopes. Fortunately, both skiers and snowboarders have the largest resort in America just 2 miles away in Park City.

Park City & The Canyons, UT

Vail Resorts has purchased Park City for \$182.5 million last year (2014). This year, they combined Park City and the Canyons into a single resort named simply **Park City Mountain Resort**. This is now the largest ski resort in the United States with 7,300 acres, 17 peaks, 14 bowls, served by 38 lifts.

Although the signs say only "Park City," the Canyons name will be sticking around only in signage on that side of the mountain that will say, "Park City Canyons Village". Vail Resorts is spending \$50 million on upgrades, including a gondola connecting the resorts, two lifts and new restaurants - all ready for 2015-2016.

Purgatory is Purgatory Again

There are far too many ski areas called "Mountain Resorts" these days. It has become way too generic. A ski area need a distinctive name that will set it apart, rather than drown in a sea of generic names.

James Coleman, who purchased Durango Mountain resort last year, understood that and immediately reverted the resort's name back to it's original name: Purgatory. After all, it's fitting to have Purgatory and Telluride ("To Hell You Ride") located not far from each other. Purgatory is easy to remember. It's a unique name for a unique ski area.

For this season, Purgatory has added a new high-speed quad chairlift and opened three new trails.

Coleman also owns the Sipapu ski area in New Mexico and has also installed a new lift there too.

Powder Alliance is Growing

The Powder Alliance has grown from 13 to 14 ski areas. The most recent addition is Whitewater, B.C.

Mt. Hood Skibowl and Timberline are both members of the Alliance. So, anyone with a Fusion Pass to these 2 ski areas can have 3 free days at each of the other 12 ski areas. That's a total of 36 free ski days if you ski them all, plus unlimited skiing on Mt. Hood.

The other 12 ski areas are (alphabetically): Angel Fire, NM; Arizona Snowbowl; Bridger Bowl, MT; China Peak, CA; Crested Butte, CO; Mountain High, CA; Schweitzer Mt., ID; Sierra-at-Tahoe, CA; Silver Star, BC; Snowbasin, UT; Stevens Pass, WA; and Whitewater, BC.

Or club will spend 3 days at Silver Star, BC, on the upcoming Canada trip in January 2016.

Sun Peaks, 2nd in Canada and growing

British Columbia's Sun Peaks Resort will add two new trails and increased glading for the coming ski season. The two new runs on the west side of Mt. Morrisey will continue to build out the challenging "Laundromat" area, where all the trails are black or double-black and have names inspired by washing machines, such as: Spin Cycle, Static Cling, and Agitator. Eventually, a new chairlift is planned for the West Morrisey area.

The 2 new trails are: Tumble Dry and Lint Trap.

Sun Peaks is the 2nd largest ski area in Canada, with 4,270 acres, 2,900' vertical, served by 11 lifts, including 3 express quads (one on each of the 3 mountains).

Our club will spend 2 days at Sun Peaks, on our upcoming Canada trip in January 2016.

Guided Backcountry Tours at Sun Peaks

Sun Peaks will offer new private tours in challenging terrain. The **Gil's backcountry area** was incorporated to the official ski boundary last winter, but locals have been exploring their favourite nooks and crannies in the area for decades and will share their coveted lines in the tours.

Sun Peaks' top instructors will guide lucky guests to the best snow and aspects for the particular day's conditions while sharing local knowledge, allowing guests to discover advanced terrain in safety and comfort.

Man & Woman of the Year

Our club's Man and Woman of the Year for 2015 are: **Emilio Trampuz** and **Terry Swan**.

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



Mountain High Meeting

Usually last Monday
Sept. 28 (Mon.): Open to all who want to get involved with the club. Gather at **6 pm. Start at 6:30 pm.**

Location: Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd. (near Capitol Hwy.)

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DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY: New membership or Renewal

Name(s): _____ Birthday (MM/DD) _____

Address: _____

Phone (Hm): _____ Phone (Wk): _____

Email (Hm): _____ Email (Wk): _____

- Email Preferences:**
- Newsletter (once a month): yes, link only yes, complete file no
 - No changes (same as last year)
 - Club news & events (between newsletters): yes no
 - Other ski news (NWSCC, FWSA, ski areas, trips...): yes no
 - Is it OK to share your email address with other club members? Yes No

By joining the Mountain High Snowsport Club, I acknowledge that I am responsible for my own safety and conduct. I hereby agree to be bound by all Mountain High Snowsport Club bylaws and regulations, including the Trip Cancellation Policy. I hereby release Mountain High Snowsport Club, and any of their agents (officers, directors, trip captains, and any other Club representatives) from liability for personal injury, property damage, or any other liability of any kind connected with my participation in any club-related activity. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and hold the Club and any of their agents harmless from any and all liabilities of any kind which may be incurred or asserted against the Club or any of their agents in any way relating to my negligence or willful misconduct connected with my participation in the club's activities.

- Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff:
- | | Deposit? | Paid in full? |
|--|----------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership (Oct. 1, 2014 - Sept. 2015): Single (\$25); couple (\$40) | \$ _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PACRAT Racing (2015) \$99 for the whole season . Team: _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canada trip (Jan 24-30). Adult=\$1095, w/Fusion=\$888. Senior=\$1033, w/Fusion=\$849. Dep.=\$250 | \$ _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Montana trip (Feb 21-27). Total=\$825. Dep.=\$250 (Please circle your choice above) | \$ _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Mt. trip (March 18-20). Total=\$250. Dep.=\$100 | \$ _____ | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | \$ _____ | _____ |

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

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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See our Trips cancellation policy on our web site: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/Trip-Cancellation-Policy.pdf>

Checkmark all desired options.

Club membership = 304 Newsletter Distribution

The September 2015 issue is posted on our web site. Also:
277 copies sent via email (as PDF files)
18 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.
 Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs,
 the National Ski Club Newsletter, etc.

FWSA Diving Trip to Bonaire ✈**Sept. 26 - Oct. 3, 2015**

Diver Package Price: \$1115. Non-Diver Package: \$836.
 Single Supp. Add - \$372.00. Price includes:

- 7 nights at Plaza Beach Resort Bonaire in a Jr. Laguna Suite – based on Double Occupancy
- All meals daily & all drinks daily including alcohol
- Use of paddle boards, kayaks & catamarans
- 6 days of 2 tank boat dives & unlimited shore diving
- Unlimited Nitrox (32% for certified nitrox divers)
- Free WiFi
- Airport Transfers
- Bonaire Marine Park fee of \$25.00

Contact: Randy Lew, FWSA Dive Trip Leader, 7007
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Cell: 530/304-0802 e-mail: FWSA13Randy@telis.org

Info: <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Dive/dive.html>

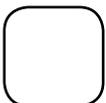
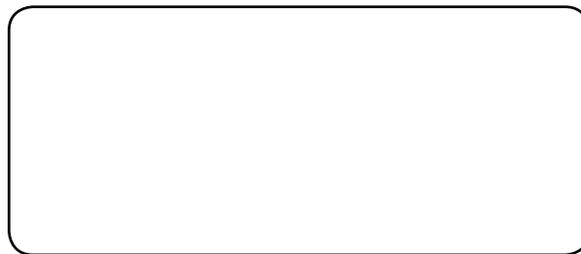
Count Your Ski Areas

Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2014-5-25.xls>

Mt. High Kickoff Party**Nov. 12 (Thursday) 6:30 pm.**

Our most well attended event of the year is our annual season Kickoff Party. This is where most people **renew their membership** and **sign up for trips**. It is also usually the last chance for new racers to **sign up for a PACRAT racing team**.

This year, it will also be your last chance to sign up for our **Canada** trip, for which we will have to make a substantial down payment just days after the party. The **Montana** trip is just a month later, so decide which one you want to sign up for. Life is short. Sign up for BOTH trips! Also, as usual, we'll have an informal mini ski swap, door prizes, food, and more! So, put this event on your calendar.



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