



Lift Lines

= No. 192, December 2016 =

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



Let's Ski Together

Come ski with us! Many of us meet in Sandy at 7:30 - 7:45 am, or in the day lodge at the ski area, about 15 - 30 minutes before the lifts open. See the **day trips** list on our [Trips](#) page, which is short now, but we'll continue to add more such ski days any time we hear that a group of Mt. High people are going skiing and are open for some company.

Please feel free to announce your intentions to go skiing in our **Forum**. And join the Forum to be fully informed. To be in the loop, simply go to our web site, www.mthigh.org, click on the **All-club Forum** or the **Mid-week Forum** and then click on "Join this group" in the upper right corner. You will be notified any time someone posts in the Forum.

Prayer Flags on Mt. Hood

October 22, 2016 (Saturday). When it comes to guaranteeing a great ski season, one has to pull out all the stops...

So, **Walt Blomberg** and **Mike Ferrell** hiked up to the top of the Mt. Hood Express lift (at Mt. Hood Meadows) to hang Mike's Tibetan prayer flags. This is some real action.

Pray for Snow parties mostly boil down to drinking and dancing. That's nothing compared to the real contact with the mountain that Walt and Mike had.

So, when we get tons of snow this season, you'll know who to thank!!!



Photos: Walt Blomberg

To Do List

- * **Join us on the slopes.** We have regulars at both Timberline and Mt. Hood Meadows.
- * **Check our two Forums** (Google Groups) to connect with others.
- * **Try running some gates.** NASTAR and/or PACRAT races.
- * **Come to a Mt. High social:** Christmas Ships, Chocolate party

Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2016 CALENDAR

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

DECEMBER

Dec. 4 (Sun.): Mt. High Ski Day - Timberline
Dec. 10 (Sat.): Mt. High Ski Day - Timberline
Dec. 14 (Wed): NWSCC meeting and PACRAT bib pickup day
Dec. 15 (Thur.): Christmas Ships parade
Dec. 26 (Mon): Mt. High Board meeting

2017

JANUARY

Jan. 7-14: Big Sky trip - Cascade Prime Timers
Jan. 19-22: Mystery trip
Jan. 28 - Feb. 4: FWSA Ski Week - Breckenridge

FEBRUARY

Feb. ???: Chocolate Party
Feb. 12-18: Utah trip - Salt Lake City
Feb. 19 - 25: Whistler/Blackcomb trip
Feb. 25- Mar. 4: Powder Alliance trip - Whitewater, + Schweitzer Mt.

MARCH

Mar. 12-19: FWSA European ski week
Mar. 17-19: Leavenworth trip

From the Prez



Happy Holidays! I trust you all had a happy Thanksgiving. We can look toward Christmas, New Years, and all that comes with the many changes that will be taking place in 2017.

I want to thank all of our Board members for picking up the slack for me while I was in New York, and seeing that both the **Portland Ski Fever and Snowboard Show** and our annual **Membership Kick-Off Party** came off without a hitch. Thank you to all of our members who volunteered in the booth at Ski Fever and for those who assisted at the Membership Party with registering new and returning members, welcoming our guests, and all the other little chores that help a party run smoothly.

I was happy to hear that our special guests: **Jared Montague**, from *Brundage Mountain*, **Matt Hoffman**, from *Schweitzer Mountain*, and **Alyssa Cartmill** from *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation* were able to attend. I've spoken to each of them since then, and they all commented on how much fun they had. Thank you for welcoming them into our fold for the evening.

Also, I would like to thank you all for donating to our charity, **Sleep Train's Foster Kids Program**. I turned the items over to them a few days ago. You can imagine the "thanks" that we got for helping with their worthy cause. We collected 27 coats/jackets/sweatshirts, numerous pairs of gloves and winter sock, as well as hats and scarves. All will be appreciated!

We are planning some fun things in the new year, but first...our annual **Christmas Ships Parade** on **Thursday, December 15th** at Joe's Crab Shack. How about a **bowling night** in January, our annual **Chocolate Party** in February.....but we need a house (is someone is willing to host?).

I am also making my FINAL CALL here for recipes for the **Mountain High Cookbook**. I'd like to get started on it, but still need **MORE** recipes. Please email them to me.

Stay tuned to your Lift Lines for more event dates and to see what else is happening in the world of **Mountain High Snowsport Club**.

Debbi

New York City Marathon

Nov. 6 2016. (Sunday)

Debbi Kor was one of the 50,000 runners participating in the New York City Marathon. She completed the 26 mile course in 5 hours 28 minutes.

Congratulations, Debbi!



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

Ski Fever & Snowboard Show

November 4-6, 2016. Fri. - Sun.

The biggest ski show in Portland. In past years, only the NW Ski Club Council had a booth at this show, and all the clubs shared it, each being allowed just one or two flyers on the table. But this year, for the first time, each of the local clubs had a booth of their own.

We had 20 volunteers who staffed our booth for the entire 3 days of the event. Thanks to all of them for helping out.



Karen Michels and Terry Swan had one of the first shifts in our booth.



Mountain High 2016 Kickoff Party

November 7, 2016. Monday. 6:00 - 8:30 pm..

Our annual Kickoff Party (also referred to as our Membership party) was attended by about 80 -90 people. Sandwiches and cookies were served, as well as non-alcoholic beverages (as well as alcoholic drinks that people themselves brought. There were lots of door prizes too, some of which were donated by the 3 ski area representatives who were our guest speakers: **Alyssa Cartmill** from **Steamboat**, **Matt Hofmann** from **Schwietzer Mt.**, and **Jared Montague** from **Brundage Mountain**.

Steve Coxen introduced the guest speakers, and the rest of the evening, **Kurt Krueger** (our past president) acted as master of ceremonies, since our current president, **Debbi Kor**, was out of town, participating in the New York City marathon.

People renewed their club membership and signed up for trips and PACRAT racing. Our first two trips (Mystery trip in January and the Powder Alliance trip in February) are now completely full and overflowing (both with waiting lists). There is still some space on the March trip to Leavenworth (Mission Ridge and Stevens Pass).

We also drew a winner for one free year of club membership, and the winner is a newcomer to the club: **Dinah Davis**.

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

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Upcoming Events

SNOWSPORT CLUB

Mt. High Christmas Ships Parade



December 15, 2016
(Thursday) - 6:00 pm

We'll gather at **Joe's Crab Shack**, on the Columbia River (just across the Interstate Bridge, on the Vancouver side) to watch the Christmas Ships.

Location:

Joe's Crab Shack,
101 Columbia Way
Vancouver WA
Ph.: 360-693-9211.



We'll have some tables staked out, beginning around 6:00 p.m. The ships are due to arrive around 7:45, so come for drinks, stay for dinner and enjoy the evening with your fellow Mt. Highers.

Contact: **Debbi Kor**,
503-314-7078,
ijustwannarun1@comcast.net



Mt. High Cookbook

LAST CALL !!!

Please contribute a recipe to our upcoming Mountain High cookbook!

Contribute any recipe. Anything from our club members is welcome.

Even more welcome if it has some connection to the club, such as if you have ever prepared it for our Chocolate



party, our Picnic, Seafood party, brought it on a ski trip bus, or any other club event.

Desserts, main dishes, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, whatever!

Please send your contributions to
Debbi Kor,
ijustwannarun1@comcast.net

NWSCC

NWSCC Meeting + PACRAT Bib Pickup

PACRAT



NOTE: By being a Mt. High member, you are also automatically a member of the NWSCC.

The NW Ski Club Council holds meetings every 2 or 3 months. These meetings are open to everyone. The next meeting will be a combined NWSCC and PACRAT meeting.

December 14 (Wed.) 6 - 8 pm.

At the Columbia Sportswear Flagship Store,
911 Southwest Broadway Portland, OR, 97205.



See [Google map](#).

Included this evening:

1. Guest speaker presentation.
2. Safety issues.
3. PACRAT racing bib pickup - Team captains be there!
4. A silent auction - lift tickets and other goodies. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.
5. Discount shopping- up to 20%.
6. Ski & Ride Challenge winners,
7. Door prizes, ... and more!

For more information, see the NWSCC web site at: <http://www.nwskiers.org/>

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Weekend skiing

December 4, 2016 (Sunday) - Timberline

December 10, 2016 (Saturday) - Timberline

... and many other days yet to be announced!



Come ski with us. Just for fun. The weekend skiing group tends to be a bit more mellow than the hard charging mid-week group.

As of December 2, Timberline already has 3.5 feet of snow at the Lodge, and more snow is coming every day. A fresh soft carpet of 3 - 5 inches of fresh snow is expected on Saturday night. Perfect!

Let's connect at 7:30 - 7:45 am at McDonald's in Sandy. If you come early, walk inside and get yourself a cup of coffee or a breakfast sandwich. As usual, we can organize some carpooling on the spot, depending on who shows up.

If you miss us in Sandy, try connecting with us at Timberline, around 8:45 - 9:00 am at the day lodge or just outside, near the ski-check, ready to go skiing.

Or call us using a 2-way radio on channel **6-19**.

More info on the **TRIPS** page --Weekend skiing.

Best of all: Join our **All-club Forum** (which is actually a Google Group), where you can announce your plans, see what others are doing and communicate.

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Mid-week skiing

Thursdays - at Mt. Hood Meadows.

Walt Blomberg says: "If a new person wants to ski with our group, it's best to arrange it through the mid-week forum email which most of us read."

Kurt Krueger says: "The Thursday folks are an adventurous set of people. Warm ups on Elevator Shaft are not unheard of. But on typical days, a non stop run down Middle Fork is the warm up."

Mark Vibbard says: "For me, the biggest attraction is that I am pretty sure that I can get 1-2+ compatible people to ski with, and if it is a good ski day then it is likely that several others will be there also."

Kenny Brundidge says: "I always try to respond to new member inquiries and encourage people to use the Mid-week skiers forum. I don't have set days to go. I typically decide the night before. If I know a day or two ahead of time I will post a message and try to get people fired up."

Some carpool up from the Safeway in Sandy at 7 am, but your best bet to find the group is when they are **at the tables in the cafeteria area** about 20 - 30 minutes before the lifts open (which is at 9 am).

Kay Kinyon says: "I am usually in the cafeteria at Mt Hood Meadows from about 8:30 AM until the lifts open at 9:00 AM. I will ski with anybody that wants to meet there."

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Ski Hosting Another Club

Good karma!



February 8, 2017 (Wednesday). How would you like to be a ski host for a day? Or how about earning some good karma? Here's your chance!

Let's help the **Sanctuary Ski Club** from Chicago, IL. They will be visiting Oregon for 5 days, February 7 - 12. They could use our help on **Feb. 8**.

Their trip leader is our very own **Debbie Geiger**, who lived in Illinois for several years but is now back in Oregon. She wants to show her ski buddies what it's like to ski on Mt. Hood. They will ski Timberline, Meadows, and Skibowl. They'll be staying at the Best Western in Government Camp.

Let's go skiing with them on their first day in Oregon, at Timberline on **Wednesday, Feb. 8**, and maybe also at Skibowl on **Friday, Feb. 10**. Debbie would like us join them and show them our favorite spots.

Now, here's the good karma part. They are finding it difficult or impossible to find **transportation** from Govy to Timberline. So, if you are coming to ski with them, can you also stop in Govy to help transport them up?

Emilio is helping to organize the carpooling. Contact Emilio at Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171, or Debbie Geiger at: Debinhp@gmail.com, 971-716-9949. So far, we have 3 volunteers. We need 7 or 8.



Speed Racers Corner

Edited by Alan Bean
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PACRAT News

Pacific NW Area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams



Alan Bean
Mt. High Racing Director

Lets start the year off with one more kudos to those Shysters that stole the show last year and put Mt. High on top the standings once again with the winning team (and did it with much less than perfect attendance --- Awesome Sauce on the boards evidently).

See last season's final standings results in the right column here.

Now on to this year:

- 1). It may snow hard. Which will be much better than last year.
- 2). All you racers see the **"Forms and Docs"** tab for the **membership signup form (#2)** to mail with the check to the PO at the top of the form. (ya, you should've done it before black Friday ☺).
- 3). Work on getting your captain the three other **liability release forms** signed, and scanned or mailed versions submitted to them to deliver at the upcoming shin-dig at the **Columbia Store** downtown on December 14th (Come on Down!). *Northwest Ski Council TM*
- 4). Each team needs to send a representative/captain to the PACRAT Bib Pickup shindig on December 14. See info on page 4 or at: http://www.mthigh.org/index.htm#NWSCC_Meeting_December
- 5). It's Shaping up to be a major good snow year, so keep the race schedule handy. See the column on the right.
- 6). Go Speed Racer Go...

Please call or text with any questions or answers 503-849-8009, or e-mail Racing@mthigh.org. Ye come one come all.

Keyword: Recreational Alpine Racing, NASTAR

Go Speed Racer Go !! - Alan



2017 race dates

Jan. 8: NASTAR Open race #1 - Skibowl

Jan. 22: PACRAT Race 1 - Skibowl

Jan. 29: PACRAT Race 2 - Meadows

Feb. 19: PACRAT Race 3 - Skibowl

Feb. 26: NASTAR Open race #2 - Skibowl

Mar. 4-5: Masters races - Skibowl

Mar. 19: PACRAT Race 4 - Meadows

Mar. 26: PACRAT Race 5 - Timberline

Apr. 2: PACRAT Makeup race - Timberline

Apr. 9: PACRAT Alt. Makeup / Fun race - Timberline

Apr. 14: PACRAT Rat Attack awards dinner

More info on the PACRATS web site: www.pacrats.org, or our RACING EVENTS page: www.mthigh.org/Racing_Events.htm

Last Season's Team Standings

Team name, points, participation, club

- 1 Schussing Shysters 240, 78% Mt. High
- 2 Ruttin' Rats 236, 92% Schnee Vogeli
- 3 The Ocho Plus 221, 80% Mt. High
- 4 Oui Ski 214, 86% Skiyente
- 5 Ragnar's Two 200, 82% Cascade
- 6 Mixed Nuts 190, 98% Mt. High
- 7 Awesome tAles 186, 80% Mt. High
- 8 Moose on the ? 182, 86% Mt. High
- 8 Ragnar's Rangers 182, 90% Cascade
- 10 Rattitudes 161, 92% Mt. High
- 11 Avalanche Express 160, 82% Mt. High
- 12 Tasmanian Ski Devils 151, 80% Bergfreunde
- 13 Racy Brats 150, 80% Skiyente
- 13 Chix & Dix 136, 54% Schneyente
- 15 Mt. Hoodlums 129, 74% Mt. High
- 16 Chilled Brewskis 104, 72% Mt. High
- 17 Vertigo Madness 66, 44% Mt. High
- 18 Frosted Flakes 56, 60% Mt. High
- 19 Force One 25, 47% PACRAT

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A Trip to Oregon's Small Gems

We like to support small ski areas for a number of reasons:

1. These are the feeder and breeder places for new skiers. Several Olympians had their start at small ski areas.
2. Variety is the spice of life. Small ski area provide some new vistas and new experiences.
3. If we choose to ski only at the largest ski areas and let smaller ones die out, we will end up with no alternative but to pay \$149 or more for a day ticket, which is what several famous ski areas already charge.



If you want to be able to say that you've skied all of Oregon, you really must visit eastern Oregon and ski at: **Spout Springs**, **Ferguson Ridge**, and **Dixie Summit**. Bet you never heard of Dixie Summit before! It's east of John Day on highway 26. Thanks to John Andrew for discovering it. For the sake of variety, we might also include **Bluewood**, WA. We are planning an informal carpooling trip there some time this winter.

The only problem is that the 3 ski areas listed above are only open on weekends and holidays. The only way to visit them all on the same trip would be during a holiday period, when they might be open more than just 2 days in a row. Christmas might not work for most people, but we might do it around New Year,

or MLK day, or Presidents' Day weekend. We need to be flexible and jump at whatever opportunity presents itself when all these ski areas have enough snow and are planning to be open.

If you would like to join us on this expedition to eastern Oregon, contact **Emilio** at Emilio2000@earthlink.net, 503-378-0171.

The two largest ski areas in the US

Can you name the two largest ski areas in the United States? They are both in Utah. Due to recent expansions, they are:

1. **Park City / The Canyons**. Vail Resorts has purchased both Park City and The Canyons ski areas and linked them via the new Quicksilver gondola, thus creating the largest ski resort in the US. The skiable terrain is 6 miles wide.

Vertical - 3,200', Skiable terrain: 7,300 acres. There are 17 peaks, 14 bowls, served by 41 lifts.

2. **Powder Mountain**, near Ogden, UT, has installed two new lifts, expanding its terrain. They also plan to limit skier visits to just 2,000 per day, which means it will also be one of the least crowded resorts. The statistics are:

Vertical: Lift served = 2,200', Inbounds total = 2,500'.

Acres: Lift served = 7,954, Total = 8,464.

There are 167 named runs, served by 9 lifts.

Powder Mt. has more acreage, but fewer lifts and less vertical. Some of the skiing requires a shuttle bus back to the ski area.

Other ski area news

1. **Tamarack, Idaho**. Until very recently, this ski area's future seemed bleak. An auction had already been set for October 2016 to liquidate its assets. But, it was saved by the Homeowners Association, which paid off the debt and prevented the auction from taking place. The resort plans to operate as planned this winter.

2. **Whistler/Blackcomb**.

Vail Resorts Inc. has reached an agreement to buy Whistler Blackcomb Holdings, owner of Whistler Blackcomb ski resort. The Canadian \$1.4 billion deal is expected to result in Vail's marketing machine to attract greater numbers of international visitors to Whistler Blackcomb.

"We have felt for a long time that Whistler (Blackcomb) is really the best positioned North American resort to benefit from the growth that we expect in outbound Chinese ski visitation, especially as China starts to ramp up towards the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics," explained Vail CEO Rob Katz.

With Vail gobbling up Park City, The Canyons, and Whistler, as well as Heavenly Valley (much earlier), you can see the overall trend toward \$150 lift tickets.

Last call to Renew your membership



It's time to renew your club membership. Our membership year starts October 1st and runs till the end of September of the following year.

Annual membership is \$25 for individuals or \$40 per couple.

Please renew by mail:

Send your check and the Dough Transmittal form to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

Find the **Dough Transmittal Form** on our web site, www.mthigh.org, on the "FORMS & DOCS" page or "MEMBER BENEFITS" page.



If you plan on taking a ski trip to Canada, make sure your passport will still be valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of your visit. Renew it now if necessary.

See: www.mthigh.org/Articles/Passports.htm

Ways to connect and ski together!

Let's connect and ski together. Use the following tools.

- Forums.** These are actually Google Groups incorporated into our web site. Just go to www.mthigh.org and click on either the All-club Forum or the Mid-Week Forum. Click on "Join this group" and participate in the chat.
- Emails.** Watch for announcements for days when at least some of us plan to go skiing / riding. Organize an outing yourself and announce it by emailing the club at info@mthigh.org. We'll pass the word on.
- Meet us in Sandy** on the days we pre-announce. If you miss us there, try to connect with us on the slopes by tuning your **2-way radio** to channel **6-19**.

TRIPS web page

Yes, a **day trip** to Mt. Hood is also a trip, so check out the **TRIPS** page on our web site, and look for announcements about either mid-week or weekend trips to Mt. Hood. Then join us on the slopes on the pre-announced days.

Facebook Page



Our club's **Facebook** page is another way for our members to communicate with each other, in addition to emails, our web site, Bulletin Board, and our two Forums.

Check out the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1528330064067232/>

Join this Facebook group and post your thoughts and photos there!



Mt. High Forum(s)

Use our club's Forum to:

- Make announcements;
- Ask questions;
- Find buddies to ski with;
- Discuss gear & other issues.
- You can also post a photo!

Join in the fun. Check it out by going to www.mthigh.org, and clicking on the **Forum** button. Or, just click on the word **Forum** here.

If you are new to the Forum, you can view all the messages, but if you want to post your own, please click on "**Join this Group**" in the upper right of the Forum page.

Note that we have a separate forum for mid-week skiers.

Our Forums

Both our forums came to life in the last week or so, as we began skiing. When you first join the forum (Google Group) set it up to receive emails, so you can be immediately notified when someone responds to you. You can go to our web site and enter the Forum to see all the older messages and complete threads.

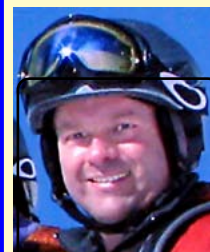


Mid-week skiers

Q How can I join the mid-week skiers?

A These are regular club members, just like you and me, who like to ski during the less crowded weekdays, especially when there is fresh powder.

The group was started by **Harry & Lisa Scribner**. Then **George Yun** took it over, and right now the man in charge is **Ken Brundige**, KenBrundidge@comcast.net



Ken Brundige
Mid-week skiing
coordinator

Email him your questions, but also join the **Mid-week Forum** and you will then receive email updates every time someone posts they are going skiing..

MOUNTAIN HIGH

Trips

SNOWSPORT CLUB

Cascade Prime Timers Big Sky trip

January 7-14, 2017. 7 nights lodging / 5 ski days, Breakfast included, plus 5 apres ski gatherings.

Cost= \$1,048 or \$1,023 for seniors 67+. There is also a cross-country package for \$763 - \$813 depending on age.

Lodging at the Huntley Lodge.

Transportation: Fly in or drive.

This trip is organized by the **Cascade Prime Timers club** (where you have to be 50 or older to join). They have a few spots open and are inviting us to join them.

Contact trip captain: **Ellie Betts** at 503-292-8236 or EllieBetts@earthlink.net

Whistler/Blackcomb trip

February 19-25, 2017. 6 nights lodging / 5 days, Breakfast lunch and dinner + lodging = \$350.

Cost= \$350 includes lodging, and daily breakfast, lunch and dinner. Everyone encouraged to cook a dinner and participate in cleanup.

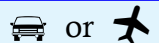
Lodging at the Beautiful Alpine Lodge at Whistler. Look it up. Take the tour.

Transportation: Carpooling to Whistler. This is a trip to Canada. **A passport is required.**

Skiing: Buy your own Lift Tickets. Look online. To get the best prices, lift tickets should be purchased by Nov. 15. (Too late now.)

There will be a pre-trip meeting in January at Bill Leeper's home. Contact **Bill Leeper**: 503-639-2603.

NWSCC

Salt Lake City, Utah trip

February 12 - 18, 2017 We will stay in Salt Lake City with free shuttles to all 4 nearby ski areas: Alta, Snowbird, Brighton, and Solitude.

This is kind of a do-it-yourself group trip, with unique flexibility. We have arranged for a special **\$106 per room/per night** rate (not per person) at the Crystal Inn in downtown Salt Lake City (breakfast included). You will

contact the hotel directly with our special code and book the room directly for the dates you want - providing them with your (and your roomie's) contact info, which they will forward to Bob Burns, Trip Captain.

The "official" trip is Sunday, February 12 to Saturday, February 18th, but the code is good for +/- 3 days from those dates. So, you can come in earlier, or later to hit the weekends. Stay for as little or as long as you want.

Downhill: The Ski City Super Pass is available for purchase at the hotel, from 3 to 10 days. It's good at Alta, Brighton, Snowbird or Solitude. The Pass covers transportation to and from the resorts on the UTA ski buses.

Cross-Country: The Solitude and Alta x-country areas are on the ski bus line. Fares vary from \$2.25 to \$4.50, depending on age. There are about 4 other areas, too. Special transportation from the hotel, or rental cars can be arranged, if needed.

Transportation: Chances are that most of us will fly in to Salt Lake and take the free hotel shuttle. If anyone decides to drive and needs a passenger, let Bob Burns know and he'll email blast it. Also, Bob will maintain a roommate wanted list. (Remember, the worst that happens is you have a single at \$106 per night.)

Pre-trip meeting: We'll have a pre-trip meeting in January to meet others on the trip, work out any problems and answer any questions you may have.

The hotel - Crystal Inn, 230 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84101. It is located in the center of dining and nightlife. It has an indoor pool and spa. To book your rooms at the Crystal Inn and Suites in downtown Salt Lake City, call 801-533-6221 and tell them you are with the NW Ski Club Council trip, Special Code: **NWS212**.

Rooms booked after January 12 are subject to availability.

Contact: Bob Burns, 503-524-5261, bob@inkjetman.com

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

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Trips

SNOWSPORT CLUB

Mt. High and Ski Kats

Mystery trip



January 19 - 22, 2017. (Thursday - Sunday)

3 nights / 3 days skiing. -- Our first 3-day mystery trip!

2 days at Mystery location 1. + 1 day at Mystery location 2.

We'll stay in the same hotel all 3 nights. The hotel has a hot tub and indoor swimming pool. It also has free Wi-Fi and free breakfast. This will be a unique trip, shrouded in mystery. Let us take you some place fun for 3 days and nights! Experience something new.

Price: 1. With downhill lift tickets for 3 days: **\$475** per person.
2. With no lift tickets = **\$370**



Price includes all bus transportation, 3 nights lodging, and 3 lift tickets. Two lunches and one dinner are included. 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.

See more details at: http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Mystery_trip

To reserve your spot: Please use the [Dough Transmittal form](#) on the Forms & Docs page on our web site and send in a deposit check of \$175 per person, preferably by November 15, 2016. Full payment due by December 15, 2016. No refunds after December 15. **As of the end of November 2016, this trip is full.** Contact trip leader: Emilio Trampuz, 503-378-0171, Emilio2000@earthlink.net

Mt. High, Ski Kats, & Bergfreunde

Powder Alliance trip



Schweitzer Mt.

February 25 - March 4, 2017 -- Saturday - Saturday.

We'll spend 3 days skiing at Whitewater (British Columbia), and then an additional 3 days at Schweitzer Mt., Idaho. Thanks to the [Powder Alliance](#) deal, anyone with a [Fusion Pass](#) (to Timberline/Skibowl) will ski for free on all 6 days.

Whitewater, BC is 15 minutes from the charming town of Nelson, where we will be staying. It gets an average annual snowfall of 40 feet. It has 2044 vertical feet, 1,200 acres, served by 3 lifts. There are also 15 km of groomed trails and 10 kilometers of snowshoe trails. **NOTE: Make sure your passport is valid at least 6 months beyond the date of the trip. If needed, renew it NOW.**

Schweitzer Mt., Idaho. offers 2,900 acres and 2,400 vertical feet, served by One high-speed six-pack; two high-speed quads; one triple chairlift; three double chairlifts; 1 T-Bar. It is famous for its powder skiing. This time we will stay in the nearby town of Sandpoint, at a Best Western hotel right next to Lake Pend Oreille.

Prices: 1. Adult full price = **\$1,133**

2. Senior full price (65 to 74) = **\$1,086**

3. Super-Senior full price (75-79) = **\$949**

4. Nordic full price (all ages) = **\$825**

5. Adults with Fusion Pass = **\$765** <== recommended

6. Seniors with Fusion Pass = **\$765** <== recommended

7. Base Price without any lift tickets = **\$765**

8. Free skiing is only for those 80 and over.

Price includes all bus transportation, 7 nights lodging, and 6 lift tickets, 2 lunches and a dinner.

As of the end of October, this trip is now full. Contact the trip leader to be added to wait list.

Full payment due by January 1, 2017. No refunds after January 1 unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High Trip Cancellation Policy Use our [Dough Transmittal Form](#) each time you make a payment.

More trip details at: http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm#Powder_Alliance_trip

Contact trip leader: Karen Michels, skiklynn@gmail.com, 503-984-9210

Mt. High

Leavenworth trip

**Mission Ridge + Stevens Pass**

March 17-19, 2017 - 2 days/ 2 nights. THIS TRIPS IS STILL OPEN

Maximum 50 people on the bus; inquire about driving options if bus is full, if you want to bring your family, or if you are coming from another city. The bus trips are usually our club's best and most fun events. We will leave Friday at 3 pm, and return Sunday night by 9:00 -9:30 pm. We'll visit:

1. **Mission Ridge**. 2,250' vertical. 1 Express Quad, 3 Doubles. You can ski by a World War II bomber that crashed on the mountain. Get a 15% dining discount by showing your group lift ticket.

2. **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. Note that if you buy a [Fusion Pass](#) this year, you will be able to use that pass for free skiing at Stevens Pass and your trip price will be reduced by \$37 (our very special group rate).

Lodging: 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! A very nice "expanded continental breakfast" is included for everyone. The Obertal has expanded their breakfast room and their already excellent menu, now including an egg dish every day. Most rooms have 2 queen beds, though there are a few king rooms available. Full disclosure: the Obertal has 3 stories with no elevator. In addition, we have booked three 2 bedroom/2-1/2 bath fully equipped townhomes directly across the street.

The townhomes have one king master suite, one queen bedroom with bath in the hall, and a sleeper sofa downstairs with a half bath (that person has to shower upstairs). We can put 5 people in a townhome with one person on a sleeper at no additional pp cost (\$20 price reduction for the person sleeping on the sofa bed); for more privacy, if you want 4 in a townhome add \$30 pp for 4 people.

All people staying in townhomes have to agree to stay together; we will not assign people who don't know each other into that setting. There is an additional 3 bedroom/2 bath townhome a block away. Breakfasts will not be included for the people staying there.

Two dinners included! The club will provide a Bavarian Banquet Dinner at the Andreas Keller Restaurant in Leavenworth on Saturday night (drinks, appetizers, and alcoholic beverages on your own).

You will also get a buffet dinner at Old Country Buffet in Bellevue on the bus trip back home on Sunday night.

Price: (per pers.) includes: bus, 2 nights lodging, 2 dinners, depends on your age and if you have a Fusion Pass.

Standard Adult, PP/DO with 2 lift tickets \$360

Standard Adult, PP/DO with Fusion Pass (Stevens Pass free) \$323

Super Senior, 70+, PP/DO with 2 lift tickets \$310

Super Senior, 70+, PP/DO with Fusion Pass (Stevens Pass free) \$295

Non-skier on the bus, including meals \$280

Four people in a townhome instead of five (all 4 must agree) add \$30 pp.

If you are interested in driving over (i.e. if the bus is full, you want to bring your family, or you are coming from another city) contact Linda McGavin for special pricing

To reserve your spot: Please send in a deposit check of \$150 per person.

Full payment due by February 20, 2017. No refunds after February 20, unless you can fill your spot. See our Mt. High 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

Contact: trip leader **Linda McGavin** (trip leader) at 503-652-2840, Trips@mthigh.org or **Emilio Trampuz** (co-captain), 503-378-0171, Emilio2000@earthlink.net



January 28 – February 4, 2017 Annual ski week organized by the Far West Ski Association.

Breckenridge has five interconnected peaks, which offer an amazing variety of skiing for all skill levels.

Lodging at the Mountain Thunder Lodge, an elegant stone-and-timber condominium lodge situated in a beautiful wooded area along a ski run. The lodging is ski-in, with only a short walk to the base gondola in town that goes to Peaks 7 & 8. See pictures of the lodging at: <http://www.breckresorts.com/lodging/mountain-thunder-lodge/overview.aspx?cmpid=PPC303950342>

Lodging and Amenities Package per person, double occupancy = **\$1025.**** This price does **not** include lift tickets or transportation. What is included is: 7 nights lodging (double occupancy), Welcome Party, Pub Crawl, Northwest Ski Club Council Night Dinner, Mountain Picnic, Après Ski Party, Activity Fee - Racing and Scavenger Hunt, Banquet with Dancing. ** For private bedroom add single supplement: **\$675.**

Anyone who buys an Epic Pass through Sports America Tours will receive a \$50 discount on the Basic Package price. See pass options: <https://www.sportsamerica.com/epic-fwsa>. Contact trip leader if you want this.

For most of us, significantly discounted group lift tickets are the best option for this trip and cost as follows:

5 of 6 day adult \$375, with the option of a 6th day for an additional \$35.

5 of 6 day senior (65 and over) \$332, with the option of a 6th day for an additional \$25.

Your multiple day lift ticket is good at all Vail Resorts (Breck, Keystone, Vail, and Beaver Creek) and at A-Basin. There is free Summit County bus service to Keystone and A-Basin. We'll have an optional mid-week chartered bus trip to Vail. See trip flyer: <http://www.mthigh.org/Trips/2017-FWSA-Ski-Week-Breckenridge-Flyer-01.pdf>

NOTE: This trip might be full by now. There might be space enough for one more person or perhaps a couple.

Questions? Contact **Rod Robinson** at rdrobinson@aol.com or 541-344-7170.

To sign up: Make your check payable to: **Northwest Ski Club Council**. Mail should be addressed to: NWSCC, Breckenridge Trip, Rod Robinson, 5230 Overbrook Ln., Eugene, OR 97405

Northwest Ski Club Council
Ski & Ride Challenge

Qualify for a prize: ski or snowboard in a single season at least 7 ski areas shown here: in British Columbia, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, and Wyoming. Just save your lift tickets and/or receipts.

Also included:

- COLORADO**
Breckenridge
- IDAHO**
Bogus Basin
Brundage Mt.
Sun Valley
- MONTANA**
Whitefish Mt.
- WYOMING**
Grand Targhee
Jackson Hole
- BRITISH COLUMBIA**
Big White
Silver Star
Sun Peaks
Whitewater
Kicking Horse
Fernie
Kimberley
Nakiska

Washington: Mt. Baker, North Cascade Heli-Skiing, Mt. Spokane, Cascade Powder Cats, Stevens Pass, Leavenworth Ski Hill, Mission Ridge, Summit at Snoqualmie, Crystal Mountain, White Pass, Ski Bluewood.

Oregon: Cooper Spur, Spout Springs, Timberline, Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood Ski Bowl, Hoodoo, Anthony Lakes, Mt. Bachelor, Willamette Pass, Mt. Ashland, Warner Canyon.

Entry Form and Rules are posted on the NWSCC website at www.nwskiers.org

Ski & Ride Challenge

The NW Ski Club Council wants to encourage you to see and ski more places, ... and don't forget the small ones!

Ski or ride any 7 or more resorts during the 2016-2017 ski season to be eligible to win a prize. Just save your lift tickets or receipts, and mail them in at the end of the season.

Ski areas that count are all those in **Oregon, Washington, Hawaii**, as well as our commercial member resorts in **British Columbia, Colorado, Idaho and Wyoming** - as shown on the flyer here.

Save your lift tickets or receipts! Then, at the end of the season, mail them to the Northwest Ski Club Council, Ski Challenge, 5331 SW Macadam Avenue, Suite 258, Box 438, Portland, OR 97239.

Winners will be announced at the start of the following winter season, most likely in December.

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

MOUNTAIN HIGH

Contacts / Club info

SNOWSPORT CLUB

Man & Woman of the Year



Karen Michels, our Membership director, has led a number of bike rides last summer and organized one of our best ski trips to Canada so far.



Steve Royce, our club Secretary, has been one of the pillars of our ski club and has served on several Board positions over the years.

Mountain High Meeting

Usually last Monday.

December 26 (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): _____

I certify that I am 21 years of age or more. 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.

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

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff: **Deposit?** **Paid in full?**

☐ **Annual Membership** (Oct. 1, 2016 - Sept. 2017): Single (\$25); couple (\$40) \$ _____
☐ **PACRAT Racing (2017)** \$110 for the whole season. Team: _____ \$ _____
☐ **Mystery trip** (Jan. 19-22, 2017). Deposit = \$175. Total cost = \$475. \$ _____
☐ **Powder Alliance trip** (Feb. 25 - March 4, 2017) Deposit = \$250. \$ _____
 Trip options: Age bracket (_____). Will you have a Fusion Pass? [Y / N]
☐ **Leavenworth trip** (March 17-19, 2017). Deposit = \$150. Total = \$360 or \$323. \$ _____
☐ **Other:** _____ \$ _____
Total: \$ _____

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

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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

Checkmark all desired options.

Club membership = 245 Newsletter Distribution

The December issue is posted on our web site. Also:

277 copies sent via email (as PDF files)

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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>

NWSCC Ski & Ride Challenge

Did you know you can win a prize just by skiing a lot of different ski areas?

The NW Ski Club Council wants to encourage you to ski more places. If you ski or ride any 7 or more Northwest resorts during the ski season, you are eligible to win a prize.

The more ski areas you visit, the greater your chance of winning. See the qualifying ski areas on page 12.

All you have to do is keep your lift tickets and/or ticket receipts during the season. At the end of the season, mail your lift tickets and/or receipts to the NWSCC.

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.

Good luck!

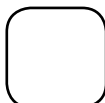
Shred Hood

Shred Hood, a very informative online magazine, published by **Ben Jacklet**, covers everything related to Mt. Hood, including:

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- * [The Mt. Hood Safety Project is Complete](#)
- * [Got Opinion about Mt. Hood Land Exchange?](#)
- * [22 places to Buy or Rent Gear](#)
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