



# Lift Lines

= No. 243, March 2021 =

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



## Fun was had, and More Fun coming

Our trip to **Mission Ridge** was a lot of fun. Great snow. Plus, **Steven Rice** proposed to **Debra Malin**. Both are our club members who met for the first time just a little over a year ago during our ski trip to Panorama, B.C. Congratulations! See more on page 2.

The virtual **Ski The Glade** event was also a lot of fun. For a whole week, people posted their photos and memories of the previous 17 Ski The Glade Trail days on the Mt. Hood Museum's Facebook page. You can still see the photos and a video there. See page 4.

Even more fun is coming up with **Spring Skiing**. Timberline is offering a Spring Pass valid for unlimited skiing from March 15 to May 31. That's 78 days for the cost of approximately 2 lift tickets, a total of \$175. See Timberline's website at <https://www.timberlinelodge.com/mountain/season-passes>. Meadows is NOT offering a Spring Pass this year. See page 5. Skibowl has a 3-pack day pass for \$149 Fri-Sat-Sun; or \$99 for a night pass.

The light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer and brighter in terms of the COVID pandemic. There is a steady stream of people being vaccinated across the United States. It is quite likely that almost everyone who wants a vaccine will get it by the end of this summer. So, it's time to start planning a bit farther into the future.

**We need your help in planning future club events**, such as bike rides, hikes, picnics, social events, ski trips, and more. And soon. We will have an all-club a virtual Zoom meeting on Thursday, April 22, to announce upcoming club activities, and to stay in touch - at least virtually for now. See page 8.

## Spring Deals

1. **Timberline** offers a Spring Pass valid from March 15 to May 31 for \$175.
2. **Mt. Hood Meadows** offers an affordable Midweek Pass valid Monday - Friday from March 3 to the end of the season. For adults aged 24-64 it costs \$239. For seniors 65-74 it costs \$219. For Juniors 7 - 24, it costs \$199.
3. **Mt. Hood Skibowl** offers a 3-pack that can be purchased for \$149 day pass Fri-Sat-Sun; or \$99 for a night pass for the same days, which makes it \$50 per day or \$33 per night for one person, for 3 days; or split between 3 people. This is an online only special.

Note the color code.  
Our club is blue.

## 2021 CALENDAR

**Blue:** Mountain High events  
**Maroon:** NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club  
**Black:** General interest events

### MARCH

**Mar. 5 (Fri.)** PACRAT weeknight Race 2 - Skibowl  
**Mar. 6 (Sat.)** Glade Trail Day VIRTUAL event  
**Mar. 12 (Fri.)** PACRAT weeknight Race 3 - Skibowl  
**Mar. 17 (Wed.)** NWSCC virtual meeting  
**Mar. 19 (Mon)** Makeup weekday Race 2 - Meadows  
**Mar. 26 (Fri.)** PACRAT weekday Race 3 - Meadows  
**Mar. 29 (Mon)** Mt. High Board meeting

### APRIL

**Apr. 22 (Thur.)** Mt. High ZOOM meeting at 6:30 pm.

### OCTOBER

**Oct 7- 10** FWSA Convention, San Diego This convention was moved from June to October.

### Mt. High

### Spring Fun



Recreational racing



Glade Trail Day - virtual (Mar. 6)



Spring Skiing at Timberline



Planning future activities



## Our Mission Ridge Ski Trip

**Feb. 21 -23, 2021** The recent Mission Ridge trip was pretty interesting in many ways, including the weather, the powder snow, and the unexpected marriage proposal between two people who had both joined the club in the recent 2 or 3 years and who have actually met through the club.

**Steven Rice** and **Debra Malin** met just a year ago during the ski trip to Panorama, BC. It was the "Powder Highway" trip. Now, about a year later, Steve proposed to Deb, and she said yes. The proposal happened at the site of the bomber wing at Mission Ridge. See a short video of it posted on our website, on the photos page containing photos from this trip.



**Kurt, Clary, and Scott at the bomber wing**

Wednesday was the best day. Total sunshine and blue sky.

People liked the new high-speed quad chairlift. Comfortable padded seats and an optional plastic bubble covering to protect us from the wind.



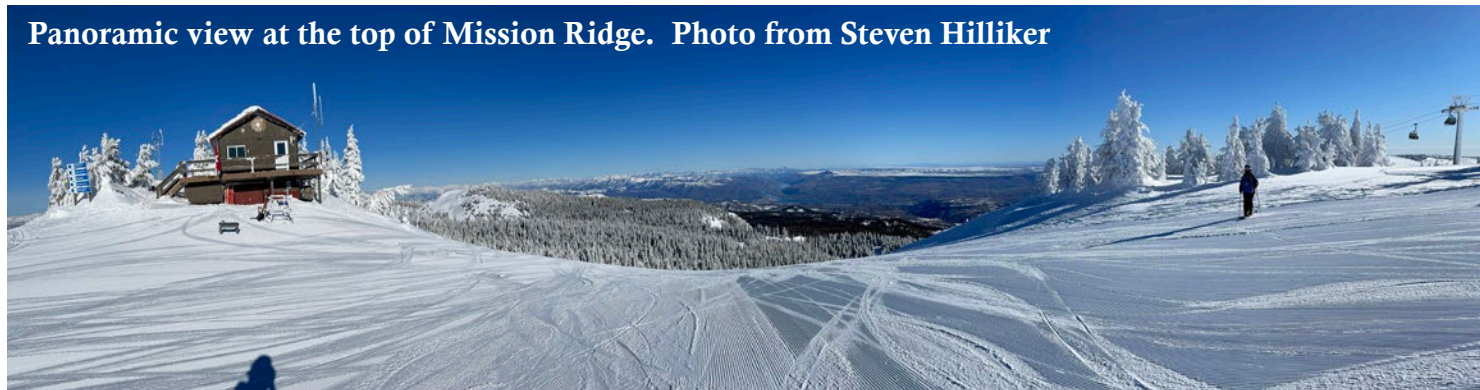
**Marie**

The weather was all over the place. On Monday, the first day of the trip, strong winds on the mountain closed down the whole ski area, so we didn't ski at all. Well, at least Linda McGavin warned us about it a couple of days earlier, so some of our members postponed their trip by a day. Other people chose to drive to Leavenworth and spend a few hours shopping, eating, drinking, and talking around this magical Bavarian-style little town that's lit up like Christmas all winter long.

Tuesday was a good day. Sun in the valley, the top of the mountain still in the clouds, but the wind had subsided and a lot of fine powdery snow was blown onto perfectly groomed slopes.

See many more Mission Ridge pictures on our website, on the PHOTOS page at <http://www.mthigh.org/Photos.htm#Mission-Ridge>.

**Panoramic view at the top of Mission Ridge. Photo from Steven Hilliker**





We spotted a yeti at Mission Ridge, first in the fog and then in sunshine:



Is that a yeti? Hard to tell in the fog. Both photos from Kurt Wilke. Kurt finally meets the yeti on a sunny day.



Steve Hilliker took this photo of some of the terrain under the new chair 2 high speed quad.

In past years, we have organized trips to Mission Ridge at least once every 4 or 5 years. We'll probably visit there again some time.



Shelly Seger sent us this photo of her and Felicia at Mission Ridge.

The masks cover their faces, but their eyes are happy.



## Ski The Glade Trail Day

This year would have been the 18th year of the Ski The Glade Trail Day, an annual event held on the first Saturday in March. It is a living history experience, skiing terrain between Timberline



and Government Camp, that people used to ski before there were any ski lifts on the mountain. It is also a fundraiser for the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum in Government Camp.

Due to the covid pandemic, the event could not be held physically this year, but it was held virtually. It was completely free and it consisted mainly of people posting their photos, videos, and their memories of the past 17 years of this event. Also, instead of just a single day, the event last a full week. A week of re-living our memories.

Another difference was that the average number of participants is normally about **75**, but this year, according to Facebook, **2300** people visited the Museum's Facebook page at least once during the event. Not too many commented but many posts were viewed by 500+ people. The event is over but people are still viewing and commenting on the postings.

To see all the posts, you need to check out 2 of the Museum's Facebook pages:

1. **The Home page** shows posts by the Museum itself as well as a few photos that were emailed to the Museum. Also, the one video is posted on this page at: [https://www.facebook.com/MtHoodMuseum/?ref=page internal](https://www.facebook.com/MtHoodMuseum/?ref=page_internal).



2. **The Community page** shows all the photos that people themselves posted. See it at: [https://www.facebook.com/MtHoodMuseum/community/?ref=page internal](https://www.facebook.com/MtHoodMuseum/community/?ref=page_internal).



Lloyd  
Musser

**Lloyd Musser**, curator at the Museum, wrote: "I want to Thank **Meredith Frigaard** for planning this event. We thank everyone who posted photos. We are awarding prizes (STG 2021 poster) to **Lisa Miller**, **Emilio Trampuz** and **Bill Davidson** for posting Ski the Glade photos. **Debi Vann** and **Marti Montgomery** win a collectible poster for submitting scenic Mount Hood photos."

Plan now to attend the 2022 Ski the Glade on **March 5 2022**.

See a video about the Glade Trail Day on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/3A1jucFz4Yo>



## Spring Skiing

Some of the best skiing is coming right now, in the Spring, during March, April and May. There are fewer crowds, the weather is better, there is more sunshine, visibility is better, and the ungroomed snow gradually settles down and after several freeze and thaw cycles becomes firm and smooth and as easy to ski as if it was groomed.

Normally, we could add that the lift ticket prices are much more affordable if you buy a Spring Pass, but this year only Timberline has announced a Spring Pass for \$175. Meadows and Skibowl will not offer one this year.



Lisa Miller on the  
Alpine Trail to Govy

Spring is usually a good time to try something new. If you always ski at one ski area, try a different one, at least for a day. If you always ski the same trails, try finding a trail you haven't skied yet, at least not in a while.

Spring is also the best time to go on out-of-bounds adventures. For example, at Timberline, you can try skiing all the way down to Government Camp, along either the Alpine, Blossom, or Glade trails. Do this soon, while there is still plenty of snow at lower elevations.

Later in Spring, whenever the Magic Mile and Palmer lifts are open, you can ski into some of the canyons west of Timberline. Technically, it is relatively easy skiing, but the danger lies in going too far down, getting lost, and not being able to return to the ski lifts. If you follow the fall line, that will take you farther away from both the lifts and from Government Camp. It is important to know where to turn left and start traversing back to safety.

To make this safer, Emilio Trampuz has been working with the Forest Service to establish and mark two safety boundaries. The YELLOW boundary is your last chance to get back to the ski lifts at Timberline. The RED boundary is your last chance to turn left and get back to the Glade Trail and from there to Government Camp.



Sandra, Alex, and Tim  
at Mississippi Head  
near Zig Zag canyon.

These signs are not easy to spot in the trees, and if you do see them, it means you have gone as far as it is safe to go. Also, keep in mind that there are still huge gaps between the signs. The boundary lines are still not completely marked. For this reason, it is highly recommended that your first excursion there be with someone who knows the terrain well. Any time you see Emilio at Timberline, just ask him and he will gladly show you this terrain and the boundaries, if the snow is good. Contact Emilio at: [Emilio2000@earthlink.net](mailto:Emilio2000@earthlink.net) or 503-510-1477.

See more info and a map about this at: [www.mthigh.org/Safety/Safety-boundary-signs-on-Mt-Hood.pdf](http://www.mthigh.org/Safety/Safety-boundary-signs-on-Mt-Hood.pdf)



Emilio skiing in Little Zig Zag canyon with  
a view of Mt. Hood Skibowl in the distance.

## Skiing on Mt. Hood

Connect with other club members for skiing locally on Mt. Hood. Many of us have the Fusion Pass and ski at Timberline and Skibowl. Even more have a Meadows pass.

The best way to connect with others is to communicate via our **Forums** and our club's **Facebook** page. Facebook posts are public. The Forums are more private, just for club members.

Both are easily accessible from our website, [www.mthigh.org](http://www.mthigh.org). Both have their own buttons in the main menu.

We have two Forums (Google Groups). One for the whole club and the other for mid-week skiers.

Each forum is separate and if you want to participate in both, it is best to sign up for both by clicking on the "Join this Group" text in the upper right of the window.



## FWSA Trips

**Solden, Austria** Feb. 19-27, 2021  
Postponed till 2022.

**Zermatt, Utah**, Mar. 21-26, 2021  
Postponed till 2022.

**Alaska Cruise**, June 19-30, 2021  
Postponed till 2022.

**Dive trip to Roatan**, Honduras,  
October 9-16, 2021.

**FWSA Ski Week in Aspen**,  
January 29 - Feb. 5, 2022.

More details on our club's TRIPS page, or click on the above trip names or see the FWSA TRAVEL page at: <https://fwsa.org/>

Mt. High

## Mt. High Wants You

Mt. High



**Your club wants you! We know you have something to contribute.**

Just take your favorite activity (biking, swimming, playing cards, movies, theater... whatever), and invite other club members to join you.

Organize a **TGIF** gathering, a **hike**, a **bike ride**, a **picnic**, a **party**, a day of **bowling** or **golf**, etc.

If you would like to organize some social activity, just let any of our Board members know, so we can put it on the calendar. Better yet, come to our monthly planning meetings, on the last Monday of the month.

## Informative NWSCC Meeting



**March 17, 2021. (Wednesday) 6:45 - 8 pm.**

Everyone is invited to the next NW Ski Club Council meeting via ZOOM!! This meeting is open to members of all local ski clubs. Don't hesitate to attend.

Guest speakers: **Mt. Hood Ski Patrol, Washington Department of Transportation.**

The Zoom link to the meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81003754078?pwd=OGdDbjBldXpyNWtoT2NVS2t3dGVHQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 0375 4078 Passcode: 544525

## Want to Ski Japan - Early 2022 ?



A few of us are looking to see who is interested in a January or February 2022 trip to **Hokkaido, Japan.**

We are looking to join a Japanese tour operator for one week of excellent powder skiing. A good

budget estimate is \$3000 per week. This includes lodging, breakfasts, maybe a dinner or two, lift tickets, transportation to resorts and guided tours.

**Optional post-trip.** Afterwards some of us may do a week of touring on the main island.

**Right now we need an estimate of those interested to get better pricing.** Club members need to know that this is not a club trip and hence some things may be left to the members.

This will be a "bucket list" trip. The odds are high that this will be the best pow trip ever!

If you are interested, contact **Tom Rodrigues** at: [trcreek@me.com](mailto:trcreek@me.com).



## New Lift at 49° North

49 Degrees North ski area in Washington has announced the installation of a brand new Doppelmayr High Speed Quad that will replace Chair 1 - Bonanza. The new lift will be installed this summer (2021). With a ride time of just six and half minutes, the new lift will cut transport time to less than half of what it is currently.

This 900 HP lift will be the longest in Washington State at 6,644 feet, over a mile and a quarter in length and is planned to be ready by the start of the 2021/22 ski season.

Doppelmayr is the largest supplier and installer of chairlifts worldwide and operates production plants as well as sales and service centers in 50 countries. They have built more than 15,100 installations in 96 nations.



## Two New Lifts at Sundance, Utah

Sundance Resort was sold by Robert Redford just a few months ago, and the new owners are wasting no time in making renovations to the historic resort.

The new ownership group released an improvement plan for the '21-'22 season that includes: two new chairlifts, 125 - 150 more parking spots, enhanced snowmaking, and Creekside building renovations.

A new Doppelmayr detachable high-speed quad will replace Rays lift, and will ferry skiers to the Mandan Summit in just 7 minutes. There will also be a new fixed-grip quad return lift on the backside of Mandan. Mandan is the mid-mountain peak, before an even higher climb to the top of the ski area.



## Indy Pass adds new ski areas

The Indy Pass unites numerous independent ski areas across the West, East, and Midwest of the United States and Canada. The pass gives you 2 free ski days at all of the participating 63 resorts. And it keeps growing.

19 new ski areas have joined the alliance for 2020-21. Some of the latest additions include: Jay Peak, Swain Resort, Snow Ridge, Soldier Mountain, and Pomerelle. These last 2 are in Idaho.

Also included are Sasquatch Mountain, B.C., Apex, B.C., Castle Mt. (Alberta),

Closer to home, there's 49° North, White Pass, Mission Ridge, Hoodoo, Mt. Shasta, Silver Mt., Brundage Mt., Tamarack, Lost Trail, and others.

For a complete list, see the Indy Pass website at: <https://www.indyskipass.com/resorts/>.



## Planning Ahead

It's time to start planning ahead for our club activities for this summer and the following winter season.

Many of us have already received at least the first dose of the covid vaccine and it seems most likely now that everyone will be vaccinated by some time this summer.

So, let's put our heads together and start planning our next club activities.

If you have any ideas, plans, or desires, let us know. Contact any of our club's leaders. See a list at the end of this newsletter and/or on our Contact page on our website, <http://www.mthigh.org/Contacts.htm>.

For summer, we should be looking for some hikes, some bike rides, a picnic, and anything else that you might like to do. Would you like to lead an event or an activity? Let us know.



For winter, we need to start planning our next ski trips. Any ideas or preferences? Those of us who have been with the club for 10 or more years have probably already skied almost everything within driving distance. Can we find something new that we haven't skied yet? Short trips? Or week-long trips? Let us know.

We are hoping that we'll have some activities and trips starting to form within the next month or so.

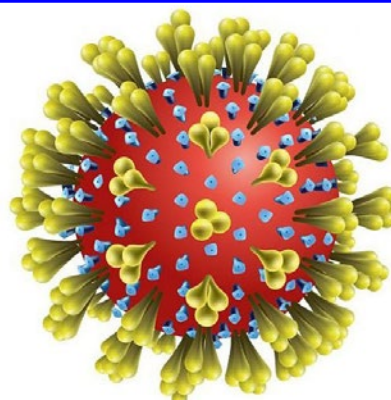
We will then have an online Zoom meeting open to all our club members on **Thursday, April 22**, starting at 6:30 pm.

The meeting will have three main purposes:

1. To see each other and socialize a bit virtually.
2. To make some trip and activity announcements.
3. To share any other news we might have at that time.

But first, let's start thinking about what we might do, start communicating about it, and start making some initial plans, picking dates, and so on.

## COVID Vaccines



Some people are luckier than others in securing an appointment to get vaccinated. It can be frustrating to check the "My Chart" website every day only to get the same answer that there are no spots available.

New spots seem to appear in batches, but when does that happen? Some people think that new spots are made available at midnight, or at 9 am. Wrong.

It seems that new spots open up at noon. Try going to the "My Chart" website within minutes after noon. Maybe it doesn't happen every day. Someone said that it happens on Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Bachelor Blast cancelled



Yet another victim of the covid pandemic, the annual Bachelor Blast in April has been cancelled.

But it will be held next year, in April 2022.

## Far West Convention moved to October

**October 7 - 10, 2021.**

The Far West Ski Association Convention that was originally scheduled for June 2021 has been postponed till October 2021.



It will be hosted by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs and will be held at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego, CA.



See details on our website at: [http://www.mthigh.org/index.htm#Far\\_West\\_Convention\\_2021](http://www.mthigh.org/index.htm#Far_West_Convention_2021).



## MOUNTAIN HIGH

## Contacts / Club info

## SNOWSPORT CLUB

## 2020 Man &amp; Woman of the Year



**Linda McGavin** is our Trips Director and trip leader, and one of the founders of our club and of the NWSCC. She is the NWSCC Communications Director.



**Bill King** is our club's Vice-President and a ski trip leader. He is also the Treasurer for the NW Ski Club Council.

**Update:** Bill is also the NWSCC man of the year.

## Mountain High Board Meeting

**Mar. 29 (Mon.):** Open to all who want to get involved with the club. Starting at 6:30 pm.

**These Board meetings will be held on-line as long as COVID is still a threat.**

## Mountain High snowsport club contacts:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email (Hm): \_\_\_\_\_ Email (Wk): \_\_\_\_\_

**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

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.

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

☐ **Annual Membership** (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30): Single (\$30); couple (\$50) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **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>

### Club membership = 180      Newsletter Distribution

The March, 2021 issue is posted on our web site. Also:

153 copies sent via email (as PDF file)

3 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.

Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs, the National Ski Club Newsletter, etc.

### 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-2021-02-27.xls>

### Mt. High Free stuff on our Bulletin Board



There are a few interesting things on our Bulletin Board, including:

1. **Cable Chains.** Totally FREE. IF they fit your tires, grab them.

2. **Slalom Race Skis.** Almost new. Perfectly tuned. Bargain price of \$450 includes bindings.

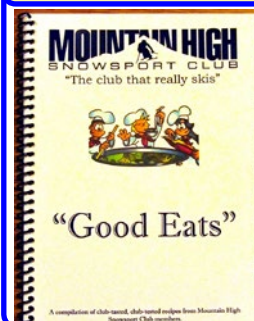
Our Bulletin Board: [www.mthigh.org/BulletinBoard.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/BulletinBoard.htm)

### Stories from Shred Hood

The website <https://shredhood.com/> is all about Mt. Hood. Several new articles for this season:

- \* [Snow Safety for the Steep and Deep](#)
- \* [A Year of Mountain Extremes](#)
- \* [A Fluke Crash & Determined Recovery](#)

### Mt. High Cookbook



This 34 page cookbook is available for \$10. It has soups, salads, entrees, desserts, from our club members.

The cookbook includes recipes from the late Swiss chef Kurt Mezger. Contact Debbi Kor: [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net), or call 503-314-7078.

### Stories from Seniors Skiing

A good resource for skiers and riders of all ages. Check out: [SeniorsSkiing.com](http://SeniorsSkiing.com). Subscribe to weekly or monthly emails from them. Click on the Community tab and select "Subscribe". Examples:

- \* [The Skiing Tuneup Pack](#)
- \* [A Week of Powder in Japan at Appi Kogen](#)
- \* [How to Deal with Foggy Goggles](#)



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