



# Lift Lines

= No. 251, November 2021 =

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



## Highlights

**Mt. High Lunch at McMenamins** on Saturday, October 23, was well attended, but a few people who were on the list did not show up, or canceled at the last minute. Please be aware that when you RSVP-ed, we reserved a spot for you at the table, and we had to pay for your lunch. Once we reached the full number, we had to turn away other people who were on the waiting list. If you didn't show up, you kept others from participating and you cost the club some money.

**Ski movies** shown in October were pretty good. See a review of Roots on page 2. More movies coming in November. Plus, see a free documentary about independent ski areas, "In Pursuit of Soul", on page 10.

**Schweitzer Mountain ski trip** in February still has room. See pages 6 - 7.

**The Whitefish, Montana trip** in March is now full, but there's a wait list. See page 8.

**Upcoming Events** on pages 3 - 4 include: Heritage Night at the Mt. Hood Museum, the annual Pray for Snow party, Snowvana, and the Mt. High Pizza Party.

**Mt. Bachelor's controversial Fast Tracks pass** is discussed on page 5.

**Far West Ski Association's Convention and Awards** are on page 9. Also, did you know that our club sponsors a young ski racer? Read about it on page 9.

See a couple of good reasons to join us on the **Schweitzer Mt. trip** on page 10.

## Blacktail Mountain

Blacktail Mt., an optional day trip during the Whitefish trip, has some good powder skiing and trees.



Note the color code.  
Our club is blue.

## 2021-2022 CALENDAR

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

### NOVEMBER

- Nov. 3 (Wed.) TGR film: Mountain Revelations at Aladdin Theater
- Nov. 6 (Sat.) Heritage Night at the Mt. Hood Museum annual auction.
- Nov. 13 (Sat.) Pray For Snow party & dance. All local clubs are invited.
- Nov. 17 (Wed.) NWSCC Zoom meeting. Open to everyone.
- Nov. 19 (Fri.) The Stomping Grounds Matchstick Productions ski film.
- Nov. 19-21 Snowvana / SkiFever Show The merged shows.
- Nov. 22 (Mon.) Mt. High Pizza Party at the Round Table Pizza, Barbur Blvd.
- Nov. 29 (Mon) Mt. High Board meeting

### FEBRUARY 2022

Feb. 13-17 Schweitzer Mt. ski trip

### MARCH 2022

Mar. 13-20 Whitefish Mt. ski trip

### JUNE 2022

June 9-12 FWSA Convention, Portland, Oregon

## One More Reason to Ski Schweitzer



Great views of  
Lake Pend Oreille

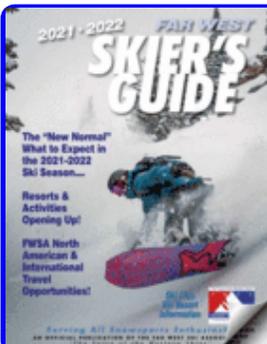
## FWSA Skier's Guide

Check out the latest issue of the Skier's Guide and be amazed. A slick magazine with embedded videos.

Also, see how ski areas respond to the legend of Bigfoot on page 44.

And see a report from the Northwest Ski Club Council on page 66. Just follow this link:

<https://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2021-22/>



## Learning Something New

### FACTION SKIS and ROOTS FILM

**October 14, 2021.** The screening of the “Roots” film, presented by the Faction Skis Collective at Cinema 21 in Portland was a lot of fun and a learning experience.



**Factions Skis** are not new. They have been around for several years, but mainly in Europe. Not many people in the US have heard of them. Factions Skis is a collective composed of athletes, ski designers, ski manufacturers, ski testers, etc., mainly in Switzerland, France, and Austria. The skis are manufactured in Austria.

The skis come in several series, each devoted to a slightly different goal. For example, the **Dictator** series is mainly for carving on groomed snow, the **Agent** series is for backcountry touring, the **Prodigy** series for freestyle, and the **Candide Thovex** series - all mountain skis for those who want to ski like Candide, considered by many to be the most accomplished skier in the world. See him in action at: <https://youtu.be/75uL12ZJTxc>.

Each of the Faction skis series is subdivided into 5 models, named 1.0 through 5.0. The 1.0 is always the narrowest and more suitable for groomed snow, while the 5.0 is the fattest ski best for floating in powder. We know all this because short videos about each ski series were shown before the featured movie. See more at: [factionskis.com](http://factionskis.com).

The featured “Roots” film was all about freeskiing (huge aerials, rails, and steep big-mountain skiing), performed by athletes from several countries, including the US. Most of it was filmed in the Alps, but two segments were from the US - Mt. Baker and the Wyoming backcountry.

Here’s what was different/better about “Roots” than your average ski film:

- **The music** is fantastic.
- **The scenery** incredibly beautiful.
- **Top notch skiers.** (All skiers, no snowboarders.)
- **Creative use of drones** to film the action from different angles and very close up, and following them through narrow chutes, better than from helicopters.

The theater was comfortably full but still allowing for enough spacing between people. Everyone had to show proof of vaccination, and everyone wore a mask.

## Snow on Mt. Hood

### Over 18 feet in Sand Canyon

When skiing outside of the groomed trails, we often ski over trees buried in the snow. On Mt. Hood, if the trees are smaller than about 15 feet (5 meters), we don’t even see them because they are buried under 15 - 20 feet of snow. Last winter, I tied a yellow ribbon to the top of this tree in Sand canyon. The ribbon was tied



at my chest level as I skied by the tree. The ribbon is next to my outstretched hand on the uppermost Emilio. This summer, I hiked there and took this picture. Three Emilios would fit under the Emilio who tied the ribbon. (Note: The bottom of the tree is on a mound of earth slightly above the bottom of the canyon.)

## Upcoming Ski Films

### TGR's film: Mountain Revelations

**November 3** (Wednesday) at 8:00 pm - at the Aladdin Theater.

Tickets: \$15 in advance (\$18 at the door).

The film follows three professional snowboarders on a human-powered 10-day mission in a remote corner of the Chugach Mountain Range in Alaska.

See details on our website: <http://www.mthigh.org/#TGR-Mountain-Revelations>



### Matchstick Productions The Stomping Grounds

**November 19** (Friday)

Location: Snowvana, Oregon Convention Center., Portland.

This action-packed feature explores the backyards and zones our pro skiers can frequent every day (sometimes with a little extra effort and ingenuity).



## Heritage Night at Mt. Hood Museum



**November 6, 2021** (Saturday)  
The Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp will hold its annual auction 6 pm - 10 pm. It will be both live, silent, and an online auction. It will be a fun filled night at the museum.

But also, many items will be available for bidding only online starting at noon, Monday, Nov. 1 through 9 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8.

Details will be posted at <https://mthoodmuseum.org/>, or call 503-272-3301, or email: [info@mthood.com](mailto:info@mthood.com).

## Pray For Snow Party

**Nov. 13, 2021.** (Saturday) 7 pm.

**Location: Sah-Hah-Lee Golf Course.** 17104 SE 130th Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015.

Come celebrate the upcoming winter. Live music, and door-prizes. All local skiers and riders are invited, regardless of which club they belong to.

There will be a live band, "The Hit Machine".

Given the various COVID restrictions, it will be under a large heated pavilion with soft sides and an opening to a deck, weather permitting.

Hit Machine will be playing, door prizes and lots of fun.

Beer/wine/soda/seltzer type beverages (no mixed drinks). Taco truck will be onsite for food. Tickets are \$25, available from your favorite SVSC member or contact Bob Brown 503-939-7567 or Bob Lawrence 503-939-6862 for tickets. Tickets are sold in advance (not at the door). Tickets always sell out completely before the event.



## Informative NWSCC Meeting



**Wednesday, November 10, 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.

Special Guest Speaker will be Larry Schick, the Powder PooBah and author of the Powder Alert emails.

The Zoom link to the meeting is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276275381?pwd=cjNkV1p6ZG84VXZrb1V3KzZ3TmtVUT09>

Meeting ID: 832 7627 5381 Passcode: SNOW

Everyone is invited. See more info at: <https://nwski.org/>.

If the above link doesn't work, go to the Mt. High or NWSCC website.

## Ski Shows

## Snowvana and SkiFever Show Merge

November 19 - 21, 2021 (Fri. - Sun.)

The Ski Fever and Snowboard Show is merging into Snowvana to create one massive pre-season, get-stoked festival! The ultimate celebration of Winter. The combined show will now take 3 days.



**Location:** The Oregon Convention Center , 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland, OR 97232

Friday 4 pm - 9 pm

Saturday 10 am - 8 pm

Sunday TBA - TBA

Up to 70% off at our huge gear sale and ski swap.

Top filmmakers including the latest releases from TGR

Live music from some of Portland's top musicians

10 Barrel seasonals on tap from the Beer Cat

Kids Zone: Sled Dog Rides, Learn to Ski Ramp presented by ReRack, Lumberyard Bike Park

Plus: Wendell's Halfpipe, 10 Barrel Athlete Lounge, White Claw Music Stage, Mt. Hood Film Festival presented by Crater Lake Spirits, Mountains Arts Gallery, Frozen T-Shirt Contests, Northlake Snow Rider Fitness Pavilion

Win Snowvana Passes – season passes to Meadows, Timberline, Bachelor and Skibowl – enter now!

Mt. Hood Resorts Job Fair

Volunteer opportunities – sign ups in the fall



Tickets on Sale in September! Admission prices TBA..

More info at Snowvana's website: <https://snowvana.com/>

Tickets on Snowvana's web site: <https://snowvana.com/tickets>

## Mt. High

## Mt. High Pizza Party

November 22, 2021. (Monday) -- The day after Snowvana closes. 6 - 9 pm.



Place: **Round Table Pizza**,  
10070 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland, Oregon.  
(near Capitol Hwy)

Pizza is on the club! Just buy your own drink.

Everybody is invited! Come meet other club members, check out what's new.

Included:

- \* Socialize, mingle with other club members.
- \* Free food (on the club), but buy your own drink.

Please RSVP if you are planning to come.

RSVP to Debbi Kor at: [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net) or call 503-314-7078.

See more details and driving directions on our website at: <http://www.mthigh.org/#Pizza-Party>

## New controversial Fast Tracks program at Mt. Bachelor

The **POWDR Corporation**, which owns and operates **Mt. Bachelor** has decided to introduce a new Fast Tracks program that allows people to skip the lift lines all day, if they are willing to pay \$49 per day in addition to the cost of the lift ticket, or more on peak days.

The corporation is going ahead with this, despite encountering a lot of opposition and criticism from practically everyone. Even Oregon Senator Ron Wyden wrote a letter of protest to POWDR Corp.

Skipping the line is never right. And especially not right if only the rich can afford it.

In some ways, the POWDR Corporation's actions are not surprising. They have never shown much concern for customer satisfaction. They are more concerned about making money, especially if at least some people are willing to pay more.

They are also bean counters. For example, on a mid-week day when there was literally not a single skier in the lift line, they wouldn't allow one skier to bypass the metal gates that count your runs. They made the skier walk up the hill and enter through the gate, so his run would be counted. That's how unconcerned they are about customer satisfaction.



## Manning Park joins the Indy Pass, now up to 80.

In addition to the ski areas mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Indy Pass has added 4 more ski areas. Some of them are in Iowa and Wisconsin. But the one most interesting to us in the West is **Manning Park**, British Columbia.

Manning Park was formerly known as Gibson Pass ski area, and the only sign to it on the nearby highway still says Gibson Pass. It is located east of the town of Hope. Lift tickets there are cheaper than at Sasquatch ski area (west of Hope).

See the [2019 Canada Ski Safari](#) video, comparing Sasquatch & Manning Park, as well as showing a number of other Canadian ski areas, at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3C6tItD--M>

## No More Season Passes Comparison

For the past several years, we have been publishing a chart comparing the various season passes as well as local ski areas daily lift ticket prices. But we will not do this any more. Why?

It just got too complicated. It became almost a full time job that never ends from Spring to Fall. Many ski areas provide incentives for you to purchase next season's pass even before the current season is over. They start selling next season's passes as early as April or May. Other ski areas, especially our local ones, don't start selling or promoting their passes until September or October. And some ski passes are constantly being updated during the Summer. For example, the Indy Pass kept growing, adding a few more ski areas almost every month this past summer. That meant that our comparison chart had to be continuously updated from April to October, and much of the information (especially for local ski areas) was outdated and unavailable until Fall.

The changes, updates, and delayed availability made it impossible to have a good, reliable, and complete comparison until the Fall. But by this time, it is too late to start comparing, because most people who want a season pass have already purchased one.

Also, we have run out of space to include all the ski areas included in the Indy pass.

On top of that, very few people, if any, are really interested in comparing all the passes. They might be interested only in one specific pass, or maybe might want to compare just two of them, like comparing the Indy Pass and the Powder Alliance pass. You will probably be able to do that more efficiently and get more up-to-date information by going to those season pass websites directly.

So, in future years, instead of trying to publish a complete comparison chart, we will simply provide you with links to each of the season passes, where you can find all the details about each one of them.

## Mt. High

## Schweitzer Mountain Trip



**February 13 - 16 or 17, 2021.**

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday. 2 or 3 days of skiing.

**Schweitzer Mt., Idaho.** offers 2,900 acres and 2,400 vertical feet, served by One high-speed six-pack; 3 high-speed quads; 2 triple chairlifts; 2 double chairlifts; 1 T-Bar. It is famous for its powder skiing.

**START DATE:** Sunday, Feb. 13 – Drive to Sandpoint & check in. This should be the start of the annual Schweitzer Winter Carnival (to be confirmed), so there should be all kinds of fun things to do in town!



Note that this trip (like the Mission Ridge trip last year) will be different from our usual ski trips - because of the virus pandemic:

1. Everyone will be driving their own car. We will NOT have a bus.
2. For lodging, you can select your own roommate (optional), or you simply have a room to yourself. Your choice. We will not be pairing you up with a stranger.
3. You are responsible for purchasing your own lift tickets, either day tickets or a season pass (Ikon). We are looking into group rates if we have a minimum of 15 people who do not have other passes.

**SKIING AT SCHWEITZER:** 2 or 3 days (your choice): Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, Feb. 14, 15, 16.

Schweitzer is on an exchange program with Mt. Hood Meadows all access passholders and Loveland Ski Area passholders, who can get 3 days free skiing midweek; or you can get 4-7 days with the Ikon Pass. Those are currently the only passes we know will work at Schweitzer, and this trip is not on blackout dates.

Like many ski areas these days, Schweitzer will sell tickets online in advance, at some kind of discount which is not known at this time. They have told us that the total number of skiers should not be an issue at Schweitzer on a mid-week day; there should be no crowds.

### KEEP OUR TRIP LEADER INFORMED

Everyone who signs up for this trip, please contact Linda McGavin and let her know the following:

- Did you make your hotel reservations? For how many nights - 2, 3 or more?
- Will you need a lift ticket, or do you have a season pass (Meadows All Access, Loveland, or Ikon)?

Remember that you are responsible for making your own hotel reservations and obtaining your own lift tickets (or a season pass), but let Linda know your plans, as we will be able to get group rates if we have 15 people or more.

**LIFT TICKETS:** While Schweitzer has not published their regular winter season ticket rates as of late September, they have told us the group prices for 15-19 people:

Adult: \$81.00 plus taxes/fees = \$88.87 (age 18–64) or  
College/Senior/Military: \$77.00 plus taxes/fees = \$84.48.

If we do this you will have to pay Linda for your lift tickets that she arranges, as only one person can pay for those tickets. We won't know whether we can do this until we know how many signups we have for the trip, so don't delay in signing up! (We will also check to make sure that it isn't cheaper to just buy your tickets online.)

**HOTEL:** Book your own room at the Hotel Ruby Sandpoint/Ponderay in Sandpoint, 477255 US-95, Ponderay, ID 83852; 208-263-5383. Book early to get rooms at the best rate. Do it online, not by phone.

Please book your hotel room early - there is no penalty for canceling up to 4:00 pm the night before your arrival.

**Good news: Group Rate** – The hotel has set up a special rate for our members who book rooms for ANY TIME between October 16 and March 31! You will book directly through the website, [hotelrubysandpoint.com](http://hotelrubysandpoint.com) using the promo code **SKI2022**.

NOTE: You need to enter the promo code SKI2022 **before** you pick a room so the rate will be applied.

For our dates, after the discount the rooms at the Hotel Ruby should have either:

- one single queen bed for \$84/night + tax = \$96.60; or
- two queen beds for \$92/night + tax = \$105.80.

This is one of the closest hotels to the ski area, located just 11 miles or 22 minutes away. The hotel is only 2 miles from the parking lot where Schweitzer runs a free shuttle bus between 7 am and 5:30 pm, every half hour.

<https://www.schweitzer.com/plan/shuttle-and-parking/>

See our TRIPS page: [www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm](http://www.mthigh.org/Trips.htm) Then click on the Schweitzer trip.

## Schweitzer Mt. - continued

Parking on the mountain may cost big bucks if you want to park in the premium parking, which is the closest. There is a secondary parking lot near the bottom of the Musical Chairs lift which serves beginner terrain. The only issue with that is that the Musical Chairs is a slow double chairlift.

The hotel offers free parking, wireless internet, premium bedding, non-smoking rooms, an indoor swimming pool and two hot tubs, and a ski room. Enjoy a daily, complimentary breakfast which includes waffles, cereal, mini bagels, English muffins, blueberry muffins, hard boiled eggs, oatmeal, orange juice, milk, coffee, apples, and oranges. The rooms have premium bedding, Wireless Internet, Mini Fridge, Microwave, Cable/Satellite TV, DVD Player, Free Toiletries, Hairdryer, Iron/Ironing board, Desk, and Alarm Clock. Note that there are no elevators – if you need a ground floor room please be sure to ask for it.

**NOTE:** The club is not collecting any money for this trip. We will pay the hotel individually and buy lift tickets individually. And for transportation, we'll drive our own cars.

**Trip leader:** Linda McGavin, [mcgavinski@gmail.com](mailto:mcgavinski@gmail.com)  
503-652-2840.

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

1. Make your hotel room reservation - online.
2. Contact Linda and let her know your situation. Do you need lift tickets? Do you have a season pass? When are you planning to arrive and how many days will you ski?

See Schweitzer video at: <https://youtu.be/cmyX-AzccrM>



### Getting to Schweitzer

Your own car is the best transportation for this trip.

The AMTRAK Empire Builder train leaves Portland at 4:45 pm and arrives in Sandpoint at 2:30 am, a very inconvenient time. You'll need a taxi to travel the 3 miles from the train station to the Ruby hotel, and another 2 miles the next day from the hotel to the Schweitzer shuttle station.

Another option is to fly to Spokane and rent a car there.

But having your own car is probably the best.



### FWSA Trips

**[FWSA Ski Week in Aspen,](#)**  
January 29 - Feb. 5, 2022.

**[Sölden, Austria](#)** Feb. 26-March 5, 2022. Extension to Black Forest, Mar 5-11.

**[Mini Ski Week at the Zermatt Resort & Spa in Utah.](#)** March 20-25, 2022.

**[Croatia Cruise.](#)** September 3-11, 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/>



### Whitefish Trip

Since we will be travelling to Montana in different ways and on different schedules, just to make sure there are no misunderstandings, please note:

**4, 5, or 7 nights. We are counting nights, not days.**

**All lodging starts on Sunday night, March 13, regardless of your length of stay. We'll all start together.**

**You can choose how many days of skiing you want at Whitefish. Just let our trip captain know how many lift tickets you will need.**

## Mt. High

## Whitefish Mtn. Resort Trip



**March 13 - 20, 2022. 4, 5, or 7 nights - by train, car, or plane.**

**Whitefish Mountain Resort** offers 3000 acres of skiing on all sides of Big Mountain. It has 11 chair lifts (3 express quads). It has 2,353 vertical feet and 105 named runs plus vast amounts of bowl and tree skiing.

This will be a flexible, arrange your own transportation trip. Amtrak runs overnight from Portland or Vancouver to Whitefish and return. Current prices



**This trip is now full.  
We have started a waitlist.**

start as low as \$79 per person each way reserved coach. There are a limited number of sleeper berths available. If you prefer to drive, it is a ten-hour drive, and you can stop to ski at other places along the way.

We will be staying at the **Kandahar Lodge**, a very nice on-mountain hotel with a Swiss or

Austrian feel. The lobby/great room has a huge fireplace, an award-winning restaurant open only for dinner, and a small separate bar. There is no elevator. All the rooms are on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

It has a free van that will take you where you want to go on the mountain (not into town, there's a free public snow bus for that). The van only runs during the day. At night it's less than a five-minute walk to the bars and restaurants in the upper village, or to catch the snow bus into town.

You can ski-in but would have to walk 50 yards across a parking lot to ski out to a lift. Or take the free van.

#### For those traveling by train:

- \* You will spend 2 nights on the train. The first and the last. You can sleep in the reclining seats, but it is highly recommended to ask for a sleeper car.
- \* The train leaves Portland at 4:45 pm the day before and travels through the night. You need to reserve a ticket for March 12.
- \* Train arrives in Whitefish early in the morning (at 7:41 am), and you can go skiing right away, after leaving your luggage in Kandahar lodge.
- \* The train leaves Whitefish late in the evening, at 8:56 pm. You can ski all day and still have time for dinner in town before boarding the train home.

#### Price includes:

Free European-style continental breakfast, après ski cookies, freshly made popcorn, hot chocolate, coffee, and tea. Heated boot rooms and ski rooms. Free Wi-Fi, laundry, 24-hour front desk, large outdoor jacuzzi, steam room, and fitness center. Massages are available by appointment. All rooms have at least a small refrigerator and microwave. Some rooms have small kitchens; those will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

We have reserved all rooms for 7 nights from March 13 - 20, 2022, but we will also be able to offer either 4- or 5-night stays.

Because we will receive the 7th night comped, 6-night pricing will be the same as 7-night. To make things manageable & simplify matching of roommates, All 4-night and 5-night stays must begin on March 13.

We will do our best to match you with a roommate who wants the same nights as you, but you are ultimately responsible for finding a roommate who wants the same nights as you to fill your room.

#### Pricing

**Lodging** (2 people per room)  
\$420/person for 6 or 7 nights (we get the 7th night free)

\$350 for 5 nights

\$280 for 4 nights.

For fewer than 6 nights, everyone in the room would need to have the same arrival and departure dates.

**All lodging starts Sunday, March 13.**

#### Lift Tickets

Adult 1-day	\$68
Adult 2+ days	\$63/day
65-69 1-day	\$59
65-69 2+ days	\$54/day
70+ (or 2+ days)	\$21 (\$20)

2+ days tickets have a 2-day grace period (2 of 4; 3 of 5; 4 of 6, etc.)

Holder of a full Mt. Hood Meadows season pass get 3 free days.

**Let our trip captain know how many lift tickets you need.**

#### Payment and cancellation details

**\$150 deposit due at signup.**

**½ of total minus deposit is due by October 15th.**

**Remaining balance is due by December 15th.**

**Final date to cancel with full refund is November 25th.**

We hope you join us for this exciting trip. Reserve your spot now with a **\$150 deposit.**

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

Trip leader:  
Bill King, [willie2k@ymail.com](mailto:willie2k@ymail.com) or  
360-977-7482.

## 2021 FWSA Convention in San Diego



The 88th Annual Far West Convention was held October 7-10, 2021 in San Diego, with San Diego Council of Ski Clubs hosting.

Special guests included: **Chris Anthony**, Keynote Speaker; **World War II 10th Mountain Division Veterans: Bruce Campbell and Howard Koch**, along with two other World War II Veterans, **Tom Rice** and **Gil Nadeau**. These gentlemen held a lively Public Affairs Panel Session on Saturday afternoon, leaving attendees truly enlightened about their experiences during the war.

On Friday evening, we held our 35th Annual Silent Auction, raising close to \$20,000 to support FWSA programs.

**Awards** were presented to many outstanding Far West members and special guests on Saturday evening, including: The Hans Georg Award to Nancy Ellis (Sierra Council); the J. Stanley Mullin award to Jim Nachbar (Arizona Council); Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood award to Chris Gill (San Diego Council), the Terry Smith Award to Debi Phelps (Bay Area Council); the President's Award to Debbie Stewart (Sierra Council); the Bill Mackey Award, to Kevin Bracken of Winter Park Resort; the Tommi Tyndall Award to Holiday Ski Tours; the Western Ski Heritage Award to John Lundin, author of "Skiing Sun Valley", the Far West Environment Award, posthumously, to Richard Lubin; the Bill Berry Hard News Award to Shawn Styles, Television Meteorologist and Lifestyle Reporter from San Diego; the Bill Berry Featured Article Award to Jimmy Petterson, author of "Skiing Around the World, Volume II"; the Warren Miller Modern Media Award, to Chris Anthony, producer of the movie "Mission Mt. Mangart", and two Snowsports Builder Awards to Shone Malliet, founder and CEO of Winter4Kids, and Candace Cable, 9-time Paralympian, and winner of 12 medals, including 8 gold medals. Congratulations to all!

In the Communications Awards, our Mountain High club won **1st place** for both the **Newsletter** and **Website**, both in the "Masters" category, meaning the clubs that have already participated and won in previous years.

Our club also entered into the Social Media Awards contest, with our **Facebook page**, but we did not win anything since our Facebook page is still relatively new and still has relatively light traffic.

**The 89th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention will be held June 9-12, 2022, in Portland Oregon, at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion on the River Hotel.**

## FWSA Athletic Scholarship

The Far West Ski Association operates a scholarship fund to help young racers of high school age, to cover their expenses for travel to major competitions, etc.



**Kestrel Sullivan**

Our Mountain High club contributes to that scholarship program and usually selects a specific local athlete to support.

Our scholarship recipient for the upcoming season is **Kestrel Sullivan** (love her name). Kestrel will be 18 in November, hails from Lake Oswego and skis for Sugar Bowl. She attends Sugar Bowl Academy with a 4.0 GPA last spring Her favorite subject: is Art.

She has competed in track and field most of her life but has put that on hold for now to focus on skiing. She is ranked #6 in Downhill and Slalom, and #4 in Super G for her age group in Far West Division of USSA. She had 3 podiums and 4 top 10 finishes last season.

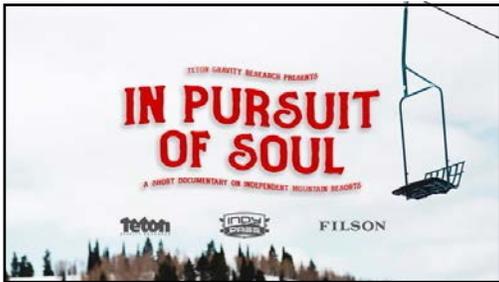
You can see Kestrel in a short, 20 second video clip from one of her GS races at: [youtu.be/qOSSm1Tuwl8](https://youtu.be/qOSSm1Tuwl8)

**The cost of lift tickets is skyrocketing.** Just a few years ago, it was astonishing to see a few ski areas starting to charge over \$100 per ticket. Now, it seems that all the big ones are charging close to \$100 or more, and many are charging double that. People's salaries don't change much from one year to another, but the cost of lift tickets jumps by \$5 or \$10 almost every year. It's not just keeping up with inflation (which is extremely low right now). It is mainly corporate greed.

Most of the largest ski areas are run by corporations, and many of the CEOs of these corporations don't even ski. They are just in it to make money.

Fortunately, there are still lots of **independent ski areas** that are owned and operated by skiers, not corporations. They are called independent ski areas because they don't depend on financiers and share-holders. They are run by families, by ski enthusiasts.

We need to support such ski areas, because they are fast becoming our only refuge from the rising cost of skiing.



**Teton Gravity Research (TGR)** in cooperation with the **Indy Pass** has made a short documentary about a dozen independent ski areas and the people who run them. The video is called "**In Pursuit of Soul**".

**Best of all, this film is free**, and you can watch it from your own home. No need to go to a theater for this one. It is part of what is called **TGR TV**. But, there is a concern that this documentary might not always be available. Maybe it's part of the current TV programming, but it might be replaced with other content. So, see it ASAP.

The video covers ski areas such as: **49 Degrees North (WA)**, **Brundage Mt. (ID)**, **Beaver Mt. (UT)**, **Lost Trail (MT)**, **Mission Ridge (WA)**, **Snow King (WY)**, and many more.

See it at: <https://tgrtv.tetongravity.com/apps/2645/108739/162037/32816199>

This link is also provided on the **VIDEOS** page of the Mountain High website.

After seeing the video, **go and ski some of these places**, .... and many others. It's quite simple to find out which ski areas are independent. There are two ways:

1. They are independent if they are part of the **Indy Pass**, which includes about 80 such ski areas.
2. It is independent if you have never heard the name before. Check out all the 193 western ski areas listed on the **SKI AREAS** page, and if you see any names you don't recognize there, these are almost definitely independent ski areas.

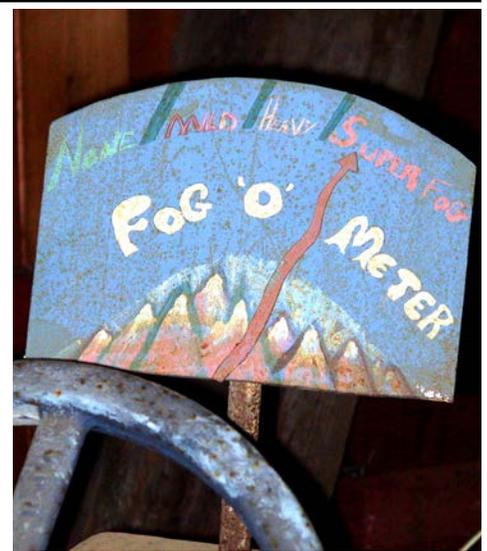
Watch the video. It's a good one. It's moving. It's meaningful. It's soulful.



### Two Good Reasons to Ski Schweitzer Mt.

1. Ski among snow ghosts. See photo on the left.
2. See the Fog-o-Meter invented by Phineas Schweitzer.

Plus: long cruisers, powder and tree skiing, and views of Lake Pend Oreille.



**2020/21 Man & 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**

**Nov. 29 (Mon.):** Open to all who want to get involved with the club. Starting at **6:30 pm**. See our [website](#).

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

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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

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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Whitefish Mt. lodging** (March 13 - 20, 2022) 4, 5, or 7-day trip. Deposit=\$150 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I intend to stay:  6 or 7 nights = \$420,  5 nights = \$350,  4 nights = \$280.
  - Whitefish Mt. Lift tickets** (March 13 - 20, 2022) I intend to ski \_\_\_\_\_ days. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Adult 1-day=\$68, Adult 2+ days = \$63 /day, Senior (65+)= \$59. Seniors 2+ days=\$54/day. 70+=\$20
  - Mountain High Cookbook:** 34 pages of recipes from our members \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 = 211 Newsletter Distribution

The November 2021 issue is posted on our web site. Also:  
**180** 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.

### Mt. High Credit Card Payments



We are now able to process your payments by **credit card**. We are doing it through PayPal.

No need to have a PayPal account to make a payment by credit card. Just go to our new web page: "**Signup & Pay**" at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Signup-Pay.htm>

### Count Your Ski Areas

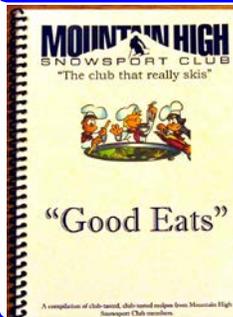
Set up your own counter of ski areas visited. Use a modified form of John and Jewel's spreadsheet with 3 added columns, for up to 3 more people. Make one of these your own. Enter a "1" for every ski area visited. See: <http://www.mthigh.org/Documents/North-American-Ski-Areas-2021-02-27.xls>

### Stories from Shred Hood

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

- \* [Melting Glaciers & Fumarole Risk](#)
- \* [3 Deaths on Mt. Hood, 2 in Heather Canyon](#)
- \* [A Govy to Timberline Gondola](#)

### Mt. High Cookbook



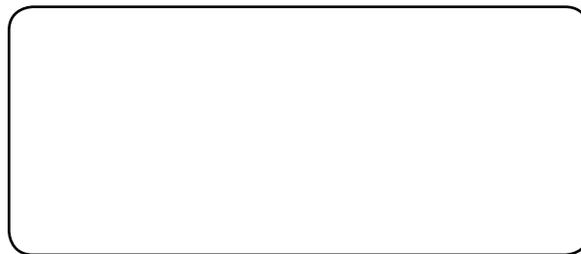
This 34 page cookbook is available for \$10. It has soups, salads, entrees, desserts, from our club members.

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:

- \* [Tips for buying skis, boots, poles](#)
- \* [Keep your Gear in Top Shape](#)
- \* [Secrets for your Best Season Ever](#)



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