



# Lift Lines

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



## From the Editor

### Spring. What Spring?

Very unusual Spring. Almost no Spring at all. Within just a few days in the first half of May, the weather has jumped from stormy and wintry to a hot Summer, with temperatures in the 80s and 90s in Portland and in the 60s on Mt. Hood.

The Palmer chairlift, which normally opens mid-April has still not opened in mid-May. It was ready to open this past weekend, May 13-14, 2023, but it did not open because of high winds. Even the Magic Mile has been closed this weekend. Update: Palmer finally opened on Monday, May 15.

The snow level at Timberline has dropped rapidly from a high of about 182 inches to just 117 inches by May 15. That's a drop of 65" within just a tad over two weeks.

### Trip photos

Please send us some of your best photos from our ski trips during this past Winter. We'd like to document these trips on our club's PHOTOS page. Just 1, 2, or 3 photos would be great. Preferably with a short description of the trip as a whole and a few words about who or what is in the picture. Email your photos to Emilio at [newsletter@mthigh.org](mailto:newsletter@mthigh.org).

Enjoy a video or two of ski areas you will probably never see. See p. 6.

Join us on a bike ride, a Happy Hour, and a House party with BBQ. See pages 2 - 5.



Unique platter lift at Blizzard Mtn. (p.6)

Note the color code.  
Our club is blue.

## 2022/2023 CALENDAR

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

### MAY 2023

- May 13 (Sat.) Trolley Trail Tour - SOUTH**  
Milwaukie to Oregon City
- May 18 (Thu) Trolley Trail Tour - NORTH**  
Milwaukie to Portland
- May 22 (Mon) Mt. High Board Zoom meeting**
- May 24 (Wed) Kelley Point Bike Ride**  
Kenton Park to Kelly Point
- May 24 (Wed.) Informative NWSCC meeting**  
Via Zoom. Starting at 6:45 pm.
- May 28 (Sun.) Burnt Bridge Trail Ride**  
Vancouver greenway.
- May 31 (Wed) Mt. High Happy Hour 3:30 pm**  
Margarita Factory in Gresham.

### JUNE 2023

- June 3 (Sat) Trolley Trail Tour - NORTH**  
Milwaukie to Portland
- June 15 - 18 Far West Ski Association Convention, Boise, Idaho**
- June 17 (Sat) History Happy Hour: Seismology**  
of Mt. Hood, at Mt. Hood Museum
- June 25 (Sun) BBQ with Raj & Tanika - 4 pm**

## Let's Have Some Fun!



Bicycle rides: 5 in May/June  
(See pages 2 - 3)



Find out what's new at Meadows  
(May 24. See page 4)



Join us for a Happy Hour  
(May 31. See page 4)



Join us for a BBQ with Tanika & Raj  
(June 25. See page 5)

**Mt. High Trolley Trail NORTH bike ride - Milwaukie to Tilikum bridge**

**May 18 (Thursday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp. [Trolley Trail NORTH map](#). The tour is about 15 miles.**

**Start & Finish Location:** SE Park Ave. Parking Garage near  
2704 SE Park Ave., Milwaukie, Oregon

Relatively flat ride, but not a race. From the Max Park and Ride to Tilikum bridge and back is about 15 miles via the Trolley Trail.

We will return to the Park and Ride via the same route except that we will ride along the opposite side of the Willamette River

to Sellwood bridge. The tour is about 95% paved bike paths. The rest is quiet neighborhoods streets. There will be a few restroom stops along the way.

There is another smaller food cart lot with a beer garden about a mile from the Park and Ride for those who want to do an after tour celebration. It's located at 21st and Main in Milwaukie.

**Please RSVP in advance. We need to be able to notify you of any changes. Give us a call:**

Harry & Lisa , [scribs3@comcast.net](mailto:scribs3@comcast.net) or 360-904-1402.

**NOTE:** Make sure your bike is roadworthy before the ride. All bike riders need to carry a patch kit, a spare inner-tube and tools to make any necessary repairs and to fix your bike if it breaks down during the ride.

**NOTE 2:** The bike ride will be held weather permitting. We will cancel it if it's raining, or temperatures near 100°F, or very windy.

**NOTE 3:** We will be stopping for a lunch break so you will need to bring your own bike lock.

**Mt. High****North Portland Loop - Kelley Point - bike ride**

**May 24 (Wednesday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp. [Kelley Point bike ride map](#).**

**Start & Finish Location:** North-East corner of Kenton Park (upper right on a map). Kenton Park doesn't have a parking lot, so park anywhere on the street, get your bike ready, and let's meet in the NE corner of the park. Corner of Brandon and Argyle.

**NOTE:** There are many different possible routes to and from Kelley Point. Harry has explored the best route, and we will all follow Harry. Last time, people got dispersed on different routes.

If anyone has ideas about alternate routes, they should organize their own bike ride to Kelley Point.

From Kelley Point park we will go to Cathedral City Park below the Cathedral Bridge in St. Johns. Then we'll have a lunch break at the **Urban German Wursthau restaurant** (Sausage House) next to the Cathedral Bridge on Baltimore Ave.

We will then return to Kenton Park via Willamette Blvd. and Delaware Ave. We can socialize at **Casa Maya** at Denver Ave. and McClellan St. after the ride. It's just down the street from Kenton Park. Please RSVP in advance. We need to be able to notify you of any changes. Give us a call:

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**Burnt Bridge Greenway bike ride**

**May 28 (Sunday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp.**  
[Map of Meadows Home Park on East 18th Street, Vancouver.](#)

**Start & Finish Location:** Meadows Home Park on East 18th and General Anderson Ave., in Vancouver, WA.

The trail is 8 miles long in one direction, or 16 miles round trip. It passes through several parks and connects a variety of trails.

We'll start the ride from Meadows Home Park, part of the way into the trail, and then we'll ride both West from there (5.2 miles one way) and ride East (2.6 miles one way).

There is a public bathroom on the trail about half a mile east of our starting point. Also, there is a bathroom at the west end of the trail, and one more somewhere in between.

We can socialize at the Domino's Pizza, or a Subway, or some Food Carts nearby after the ride.

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**Trolley Trail SOUTH bike ride**

**June 3 (Saturday). Meet at 9:30 am. Leave at 10 am sharp.**  
[Trolley Trail Tour map.](#) The tour is about 3 hours.

**Start & Finish Location:** SE Park Ave. Parking Garage near  
 2704 SE Park Ave., Milwaukie, Oregon

Relatively flat ride, but not a race. From the Max Park and Ride to Oregon City and back is about 15 miles via the Trolley Trail.

There is a large food cart lot on 14th street in Oregon City for lunch. After a lunch break, we will proceed a bit further to the top of the hill and then ride to the park at the end of Bluff Street in Oregon City, with a great view of Willamette Falls. Those with e-bikes can easily climb that hill. Those without the electric assist can take an elevator up.

We will return to the Park and Ride via the same route we took to get to Oregon City. The tour is about 95% paved bike paths. The rest is quiet neighborhoods streets. There will be a few restroom stops along the way.

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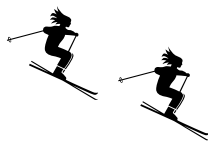
**NOTE 3:** We will be stopping for a lunch break so you will need to bring your own bike lock.

### Mt.High Mt. High Board Meeting

May 22, 2023, (Monday) - 6:30 pm.

This is an organizational and planning meeting, attended mainly by Board members, trip leaders, activity organizers etc., but it is open to all. Anyone wanting to get more involved with the club is welcome.

Location: Zoom Online. Join us from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just follow a link which will be posted on our website announcement at: [http://www.mthigh.org/#Mountain\\_High\\_board\\_mtg](http://www.mthigh.org/#Mountain_High_board_mtg)



### NWSCC Meeting - via Zoom

May 24, 2023, (Wednesday) - 7 pm.



Please join the meeting at 6:45 pm. Starts at 7:00 pm.

This meeting is attended by members of several ski clubs.

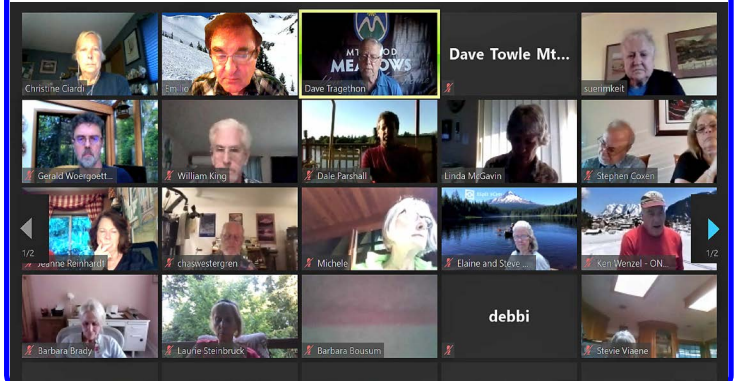
Guest speaker: Dave Tragethon of Mt. Hood Meadows.

Learn about what's happening at Mt. Hood Meadows, summer activities at the mountain, and the construction of the new 6-person lift replacing the Mt. Hood Express chairlift!

Also, find out what else is going on in the Northwest skiing community. Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85761120685?pwd=ZnB6Tm5YUy93YkVuV3FxNGIyUUVQQT09>

Meeting ID: 857 6112 0685. Passcode: 365974



### Mt.High

### Happy Hour

May 31, 2023, (Wednesday)  
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Come join your ski buddies at a Happy hour event at the **Margarita Factory** in Gresham, located at: 77 NE 4th St, Gresham, OR 97030

Join us from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

Happy Hour pricing is from 2 to 5 pm.

### RSVP

Please RSVP **Karen** by email to: [Skiklynn@gmail.com](mailto:Skiklynn@gmail.com)



**Mt. High Mt. High BBQ & House Party**

**June 25, 2023.**  
**Sunday - 4 pm.**

House party & BBQ at the home of Raj Savara and Tanika Barsegian.

A Mexican theme is planned. Mexican BBQ.

This is a potluck. Bring something to share. A side dish, a salad, or some dessert.

Please let Tanika know in advance what you are planning to bring, so we can plan the dishes better.-

Location: Raj's place

15311 SE River Forest Dr  
 Portland, 97267

Hosted by Tanika Barsegian, (503) 473-4444.

See more details and please RSVP at:  
<http://evite.me/WdB2qMnJAB>

**Crystal Mt. News**

Crystal Mountain (Washington) has great plans for renovation and expansion.

The first on the list is building a new 25,000 square foot day lodge, which is already being built in order to be ready by the start of the next 2023/24 winter season.

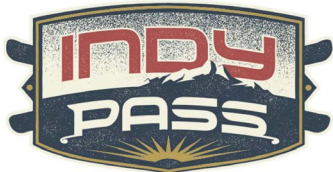


The new owner, Alterra Mountain Company (IKON Pass) is pouring about \$500 million dollars into this development.

Next on the agenda is building more slopeside lodging. Then adding more lifts and opening more terrain.

Some people like it. Some are worried that if Crystal becomes more of a destination resort, it might get more crowded.

Thanks to Ron Reichardt for giving us this information.

**Mt. High Indy Pass & Our Trips**

The Indy Pass has grown to well over 120 independent ski areas around the US, over 30 of them in the West. And it is continuing to grow.

Brundage Mountain has decided to drop out of all other passes and stay only on the Indy Pass.

Our club is planning to organize next season's ski trips to visit a number of Indy Pass ski areas, where skiing is free for 2 days at each of them.

Linda McGavin says: "I'll try to find something that includes both Mt. Hood Meadows passholders and the Indy Pass."

Many of us who have had the Indy Pass last season received a special discounted if we purchased next season's pass in March. So, many of us did.

The Indy Pass has been on sale throughout April and May for **\$319** (with some blackout dates) or **\$419** without blackout dates.

Mt. Hood Meadows Pass holders can buy the Indy Pass as an add-on for just **\$239**.

**But sale has now paused, and you can now only get on a waiting list.** Do so at: [buy your Indy Pass](#).

**FWSA Convention**

**June 15 - 18, 2023.** The 90th annual Far West Ski Association Convention will be held in Boise, Idaho.

This is a great opportunity to interact with other skiers, ski area representatives, and ski celebrities who are invited as guests.

It is also a time for ski clubs, ski councils, and individuals to get some recognition through a variety of awards.

There is also an educational programs with a series of lectures on various topics of interest to skiers.

And there are also fun activities during the first 2 days (Wednesday evening thru Friday), including:

1. Dinner at a Basque Restaurant (Wed.)
2. Greenbelt Bike Tour (Bike included or bring your own)
3. River Rafting on the Payette. Half day on Thursday
4. Pub Crawl (Thursday evening)
5. Top Golf - a unique experience (Friday)
6. A Day on the Mountain at Bogus Basin (Friday).

Registration is now \$189 for the full package including all meals and all meetings, seminars, etc. until May 20th. After that, it's \$199. This does not include lodging. Let [Debbi Kor](#) know if you are coming.

Our club will provide a partial sponsorship to all those who want to attend as our full delegates.

## Mt. High

## What we did this past Winter

What did we do this past winter? Where did we ski? Let's document it, as we did in previous year. We had

1. A trip to Canada (Whitewater and Red Mountain),
2. A trip to McCall, Idaho (Brundage Mountain and Tamarack). Did anyone visit the nearby Hot Springs during that trip?
3. A trip to Ashland (Skiing Mt. Shasta and Mt. Ashland).
4. The Bachelor Blast

This year, Emilio participated only in the Ashland/Shasta trip, so we don't have pictures from the other trips to add to our club's website, on the PHOTOS page. Please send at least one or two of your best pictures from all of these trips and we'll post them on the website.

Did you know that the PHOTOS page contains pictures from almost all the trips we did during the past 20 years or so? We've been posting them there ever since our club got a web site. Just click on a desired year, and you will see almost everything we did that year.

## Idaho Ski Safari to Less Well Known Places

So, what did Emilio do this past Winter? He went on two fairly long road trips, aka "ski safaris", each over a week long. One trip was to the far north of Canada, where he visited 7 ski areas. This was around Christmas. At the end of that trip, he managed to total his car during the final drive home, but survived the accident unscathed. He hasn't had time yet to process and organize all of his pictures and videos from that trip.



Later, in February, he went on a 10 or 11 day trip to ski all of the Idaho ski areas that he had not visited before. Why? Because he is on a mission to ski all the ski areas west of Denver - including both the U.S. and Canada. There are a total of approximately 240 ski areas in the West, so it's quite a lot of driving and skiing to accomplish this goal. But, hey, at least Idaho is now all done! And this trip is now fully documented in a fairly long but comprehensive video that you can find on YouTube, or in a series of short videos, documenting one ski area at a time.

These are ski areas that most people will never see. They are smaller than the big and famous ones, but they offer a lot, including: no crowds, no lift lines, very affordable prices sometimes 10 times cheaper than the big resorts (\$15 or \$20 lift tickets as compared to over \$200 tickets at the big resorts). Also, the cafeteria prices are often 3 or 4 times lower than at the big resorts. **One ski area was free. Another runs on donations!**

**Idaho Ski Safari to Less Well Known Places:** <https://youtu.be/zkfSXX-7bSo> - The complete video. 42 mins.

1. Bald Mountain (2 mins 38 secs): <https://youtu.be/dgW-zwRy6ss> <== Good powder, Friendly people.
2. Cottonwood Butte (3:56): <https://youtu.be/w1chTUMFpCY> <== Escape here from prison!
3. Snowhaven (4:06): <https://youtu.be/JuDPOqagedM> <== Wide bowl, feels bigger than it is.
4. Little Ski Hill (3:24): <https://youtu.be/LmQre0gMrAQ> <== Steeper than expected.
5. Dollar Mountain (5:37): [https://youtu.be/QAK\\_ta\\_5kPE](https://youtu.be/QAK_ta_5kPE) <== The only expensive one.
6. Rotarun ski area (2:44): [https://youtu.be/o-y\\_xOIItZw](https://youtu.be/o-y_xOIItZw) <== \$15, or free on Wednesdays!
7. Magic Mountain (6:56): <https://youtu.be/5-uckoRHOpE> <== Fantastic powder!
8. Kelly Canyon (7:54): <https://youtu.be/2ZMusrzYqak> <== Chairlifts and powder!
9. Blizzard Mountain (4:20): <https://youtu.be/pjyxUbZZIx8> <== Unique, runs on donations!  
And nobody knows about it. Blizzard Mountain doesn't appear on any lists of Idaho ski areas. Thanks to John & Jewel Andrew, who discovered this place and told us about it.

**2023 Volunteer of the Year**



**Linda McGavin has been selected as our club's Volunteer of the Year.** She will next be considered a candidate for Volunteer of the Year by the NW Ski Club Council, where she stands an excellent chance of winning since she has also been nominated by another local ski club as well - the Interlachen Ski Club.

The Far West Ski Association has discontinued the Man & Woman of the Year competition and replaced it with the Volunteer of the Year.

**Mountain High Board Meeting**

Usually last Monday of the month.

**May 22 (Mon.):** Open to all who want to get involved with the club.

Gather at **6:15 pm.** Start at **6:30 pm.**  
**This will be an online meeting via Zoom.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 (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

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) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 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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Checkmark all desired options.

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

### Club membership = 175 Newsletter Distribution

The May 2023 issue is posted on our web site. Also:  
204 copies sent via email (as PDF file)  
0 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.  
Copies are also sent to potential members, other clubs, the Mount Hood Museum, 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-2022-03-03.xls>

### Mt. High Credit Card Payments



You can pay your membership fee and your trip payments by **credit card**. We are processing 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>

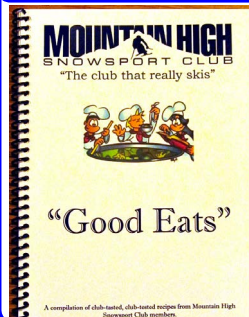
### Shred Hood



**Shred Hood**, a very informative online magazine, published by **Ben Jackett**, covers everything related to Mt. Hood. See: [ShredHood.com](http://ShredHood.com)

- \* [Who's Afraid of Change in the Cascade Range?](#)
- \* [Fluke Crash at Meadows and Determined Comeback](#)
- \* [Mt. Hood Gets New Volcano Monitoring Station](#)

### Mt. High Cookbook

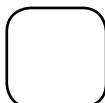


This 34 page cookbook is available for \$10. It has soups, salads, entrees, desserts, from our club members.  
The cookbook includes recipes from the late Swiss chef Kurt Mezger. Contact Debbi Kor: [ijustwannarun1@comcast.net](mailto:ijustwannarun1@comcast.net) , or call 503-314-7078.

### 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:

- \* [When Errol Flynn Skied At Alta](#)
- \* [NASTAR Racing for Seniors](#)
- \* [5 Tips from a Senior Skier](#)



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