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Mountain High Snowspo8t Club, PO Bo x 2182, Portland, OR 97208

Spring Skiing on our 50th Anniversary

This is our **Spring Skiing** issue. Read all about Spring Skiing at Mt. Hood Meadows and Timberline on pages 5 and 6.



Our **Mountain High Snowsport Club**, aka the merged **Plaza** and **EdgeSet** Ski Clubs., is celebrating its **50th anniversary**. As part of the celebration, we are putting together a **club history** document, and we need your help to flesh it out. Send us a picture or two and/or a story or two about your most memorable moments in the club. See page 2.

The club really needs your help. See bottom of page 2.

Lots of social activities are coming up in April and May, including a **Happy Hour**, a **Bowling Night**, and our regular **Highway Cleanup** day. See pages 3 and 4.

Read how **Vail ruined skiing**, and see a video about it on page 6.

And please, please, please, **RSVP** (short of "Respond pretty please" in French) before coming to any event. We need to know how many people to expect. If it's a ski event, we need to know whether to wait for you if you are late. If it's a social event, we need to know how many tables to reserve or how much food to prepare or order.

So, please don't come unannounced. Always contact the event organizer.

Congratulations to Kurt Wilke for being slected as our club's Volunteer of the Year.

Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2025 CALENDAR

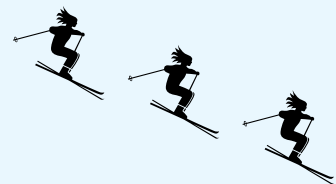
Blue: Mountain High events
Maroon: NWSCC / FWSA / Multi-club
Black: General interest events

APRIL 2025

- April 12 (Sat) Timberline Adventures
- April 15 (Tue) Happy Hour at McMenamins, 1504 NE Broadway, 4 pm - 7 pm
- April 19 (Sat) Timberline Adventures
- April 19 (Sat) History Happy Hour at the Mt. Hood Museum in Government Camp
- April 26 (Sat) Timberline Adventures
- April 26 (Sat) Bowling at Milwaukie Bowl, followed by pizza at Pietro's, 7pm. RSVP required.
- April 28 (Mon) Mt. High Board Meeting at the Round Table Pizza, Lake Oswego.

MAY 2025

- May 3 (Sat) Timberline Adventures
- May 10 (Sat) Timberline Adventures
- May 17 (Sat) Timberline Adventures
- May 17 (Sat) Highway Cleanup at Government Camp, 10 am - noon, with lunch at noon.
- May 21 (Wed) NWSCC Meeting online via Zoom Social 6:45; Meeting starts 7:00 pm. Guest spaeker / topic TBA
- May 26 (Mon) Mt. High Board Meeting at the Round Table Pizza, Lake Oswego.



Pole Flags



As of this winter, our club members will be able to find each other on the slopes more easily.

Pole flags with the club's name can help us identify other club members on the slopes. Attach the flag to your ski pole. They will be distributed to

everyone who wants them. If you didn't pick up your flag at the Kick-off Party in November, you can get one in any of the following ways:

- Contact Shelly Seger, sseger@comcast.net and she'll mail you one.
- Come to a social event and pick up a flag.
- Trip and activity leaders have flags for the trip participants. That includes Bill King, Linda McGavin, Shelly Seger, & Kurt Wilke.
- Kurt Wilke and Emilio Trampuz will have a few flags when skiing on Mt. Hood. Talk to them if you see them.

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Mountain High Club 50th Anniversary - Club History



Our club is celebrating its **50th anniversary** this year. 1975 - 2025.

What is your favorite memory of any of the club's activities, parties, trips, races, etc.? Do you have a memorable picture? Or a story? Send us something. It would be very helpful.

We are compiling a small booklet of our club's history. The first 15 pages are already posted on our website, on the [HISTORY page](#), under the sub-heading of **Mt. High Club History**. See

item #2, which is also titled: [Mt. High Club History](#). Item #1 is an introduction to our club as it is now. Or follow this link: <http://www.mthigh.org/History/Mt-High-Club-History.pdf>

Check it out and add to it. Help us to enlarge this document by adding your pictures and stories. Ideally, send us a picture and a short description or short story to go with it. Or send just a story.

It doesn't have to be very old stuff. What today seems new will soon be history. Just wait another 10 or 20 or 50 years. If a photo is just a printed copy and not digital, try scanning it in, or mail it to us, we'll scan it, and then return it to you.

Contact **Emilio Trampuz**, Emilio2000@earthlink.net, or mail Emilio, 4742 Liberty Rd. S., #296, Salem OR 97302.



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The Club Needs You

Yes, you! The club needs you. We are not just saying that. We really need you to contribute something to the club. We need more fresh energy and fresh ideas.

Also, some of us have been contributing to the club for decades, and we could use some help in various ways.

If you are interested in helping the club, it is probably best if you simply **start coming to our monthly Board meetings**. See how our club works, and see how you can best fit in. Then volunteer for something.



Here are a few things where you could help, and we can show you how.

1. Help edit this newsletter. Maybe just one page. A PACRAT racing page. Or a Social activities page.
2. Help maintain our website. Just one page at a time. Or one article at a time. We'll show you how.
3. Help edit, rename, crop and resize photos after various club events.
4. Help maintain and update our Dough Transmittal Form, approximately twice a year.
5. Help maintain our TRIPS pages, both online and in Lift Lines.
6. Welcome new members to the club, sending a welcoming email.
7. Organize an activity for the club, some hiking, pickleball, kayaking, a party, a walk in the park, ... etc.

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Happy Hour



April 15, 2025 (Tuesday) - 4 pm - 7 pm.

Come join your ski buddies at a Happy hour event at **McMenamins**. 1504 NE Broadway, Portland.

We'll be there from 4 to 7 pm. Come join us for a beverage or two and some yummy hors d'oeuvres. Spend the evening with friends, discussing finishing up the ski season and summer plans.

Please **RSVP** to Debbi at ijustwannarun1@comcast.net, or call: 503-314-7078.

History Happy Hour

April 19, 2025

(Saturday)

Doors open 6:00 pm.

Presentation starts at 7 pm.

Guest speaker: Chris Dawkins

Join us for an unforgettable evening with Chris Dawkins as he explores the rich history of **Oregon high school racing** and its deep connection to the White Stag.

Chris will take you on a journey through the formative years of the sport, sharing stories about the young men who left high school to join the **10th Mountain Division** and return to transform skiing in Oregon.

In addition to **anecdotes** from the first 50 years of Oregon high school racing, Chris will also dive into the evolution of the **state championship** – from a loosely organized event to how it's run in 2025. He'll give a quick recap of the **2025 OISRA Championship at Mt. Ashland**, and share some incredible short videos by Robin Cressy.

There will be **wine, beer and soft drinks** available for purchase. Enjoy your drink and then sit back and enjoy the presentation.

The presentation is free. Donation to the Museum are welcome. Suggested donation of \$5. For more information call the museum at 503-272-3301.

Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum

ph: 503-272-3301, info@mthoodmuseum.org
www.mthoodmuseum.org



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Bowling Night

April 26, 2025 (Saturday)

Starting at 7 pm

Ending around 9-ish.

We have reserved 5 lanes, with up to 5 people per lane. This means participation is limited to 25 people. See [Google Map](#) for the location.

Allen's Crosley Bowl
2400 E. Evergreen Blvd
Vancouver, WA

The cost will be \$15 p/person + \$5 for shoes.

Some of us plan to head over for some pizza nearby after the bowling. Please feel free to join us.

Please RSVP to Debbi to let her know if you plan to bowl with us. It's always been a lot of fun, and will continue to be!

Please **RSVP to: Debbi Kor**, at: ijustwannarun1@comcast.net or 503-314-7078.



Mt.High Mt. High Board Meeting

April 28, 2025. (Monday) and again on a Monday near the end of May, yet to be determined.

Meet for socializing at 6:00 pm.
Meeting starts at 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.

Meeting is open to all, especially to those who want to help the club.

Place: **Round Table Pizza,**
16444 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Grove,
Lake Oswego, OR. See Google map.

NWSCC Meeting - online, via Zoom

May 21, 2025 (Wednesday) - online.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

This NWSCC meeting will be held by Zoom.

Social 6:45.

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Special Guest Speaker: TBA



Join Zoom Meeting any time after 6:45 pm.

<https://zoom.us/j/99019265279?pwd=b0dqYTlOUFY4M3IKSHk4ZlQxcWhldz09>

Meeting ID: 990 1926 5279, Passcode: 346306

Mt.High**Highway Cleanup**

May 17, 2025 (Saturday), starting at 10 am.

Lunch at noon.

Our club has adopted a 2-mile section of Highway 26, mileposts 51-53. We'll meet in **Mt. Hood Skibowl's parking lot.** Then we'll earn some good karma cleaning up our two miles of the highway. Each person gets to clean up only about a quarter of a mile.

12:00 (noon) - approximately - The club will cover the cost of lunch in Government Camp, right after we are done with the cleanup. We'll go either to the Brew Pub or the Taco Shoppe. Let's replenish our energy and enjoy each other's company.

Note: We need just 8 volunteers for this. You must contact Debbi to get on the list.

Those who plan to help, need to go on-line with the State Highway Department, and just review the "rules of the road" so to speak. We used to have to watch a video, but that is no longer required. Now, you just need to read through the rules and instructions, and we can deal with the rest ourselves. Just go to:

http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_700/oar_734/734_029.html

and scroll down to the "Specific Requirements". The "Applicant" is our club, and the Participants are all who show up on the day of the event.

Debbi will have the waivers we all need to sign on the day of the event.

RSVP to Debbi Kor at: ijustwannarun1@comcast.net or call 503-314-7078.



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Spring Skiing at Mt. Hood Meadows

Spring 2025 - mostly mid-week.

There are currently 2 groups of mid-week skiers at Meadows. Let's call one of them "The Lodge group", since they meet inside the South Lodge, starting around 8 am.

The other meets outside by the flagpole area around 8:45, so we could call them "The Flagpole group."

1. **The Lodge group** meets in the South lodge area (the middle lodge), at the tables near the Schuss cafeteria, around 8:00 am. That's across from the "fishbowl" where lift tickets are sold, which is the 2nd floor from the parking lot level. They meet on practically any day of the week, when there is good powder or otherwise good projected ski conditions. You may find them any day of the week - just not in the rain!

2. **The Flagpole group** meets on Monday and Wednesday. The days do vary. In any case, if you join the Mid-Week Forum and post when you are going up and you are likely to get a response.

You can connect with the mid-week group by joining our online Midweek Forum page: <http://groups.google.com/group/MtHigh-midweek?hl=en> . Click on the "Join this group" link (on the upper right of the page) and follow the instructions.

Please choose to **receive all emails** from the group. That way, you will be notified when the group starts making plans to go skiing.

Once you join this Forum (which is actually a Google Group), you can post messages in the midweek forum whenever you want. Only your first message, or your first joining, needs to be approved by a group moderator.

Timberline Adventures

April and May, 2025. Meet at 9 am just outside the Day Lodge.

Let's ski some of the canyons west of Timberline. Or at least take a look at them and ski around them. This is a bit out of bounds, but it is well worth checking out, at least for the views. The scenery changes quite dramatically. Also, you can see where the Safety boundary is. The terrain is mostly intermediate. If the snow is good, anyone can do it. If the snow is bad - wet, heavy, or too icy - then we simply won't go there.

The snow has settled into a firm surface, quite easy to ski. But the warm temperatures do not allow the snow to freeze, so it is now constantly mushy. We should stay above the tree line. The snow is too sticky lower down.

Emilio is offering a free, just for fun, guided tour, whenever anyone is interested. Emilio plans to be just outside the Day Lodge at 9 am every Saturday **from April 12 to May 17**. This is not a club event. Just Emilio.

Right now, we can ski only in **Little Zig Zag canyon** and **Sand canyon**. To get to the big Zig Zag canyon, we need to wait until the Palmer chairlift opens, which usually happens around the middle of April.



The tour can be short, returning to the ski lifts. Or, we can make a longer tour that would take us all the way down to Government Camp, at the end of the Glade Trail, and near the Post office and Collins Lake Resort.



If you plan on skiing all the way to Government Camp, it is advisable to park your car near the Collins Lake Resort and take the Mt. Hood Express bus from there to Timberline. The buses don't run very frequently. The most convenient bus stops at a small passenger shelter near the entrance to Collins Lake Resort at **8:40 am** and arrives at Timberline at exactly **9 am**. The ride costs just **\$2**, but you must have the exact amount in cash. The bus driver doesn't have any change to give you.

If you are planning to come on any Saturday, or if you prefer a different day, contact Emilio at: 503-510-1477 or Emilio2000@earthlink.net.

Spring Skiing & Spring Passes

The best kept secret among ski areas, and the best deal for skiers!

Spring skiing is the best deal on the mountain. The days get warmer and sunnier, the crowds get thinner, the lift lines get shorter. And the ungroomed snow gets as easy to ski as the groomed trails.

Nobody normally mentions it before March, but at the beginning of March, both Timberline and Mt. Hood Meadows start offering a **Spring Pass**.

Timberline's Spring Pass costs \$234, the same price as two day tickets. And the Spring Pass is valid for unlimited skiing until May 26.

Mt. Hood Meadows' Spring Pass costs \$299 and is valid every day from March 10 until the end of the ski season, which is May 3, 2025. Also, after April 20, Meadows will be open only Fridays - Sundays.



Spring skiing inside Little Zig Zag canyon



View of Mississippi Head from a ridge between the 2 branches of big Zig Zag canyon

Vail Resorts Has an Epic Problem

Vail Resorts became the biggest name in skiing by snapping up mountain destinations and transforming the lift ticket into an all-access pass. Now the company that reinvented the sport is facing big problems.

For the first time, the company recently disclosed, it sold **fewer** season lift tickets, known as Epic Passes, than it did the year before. The Epic Pass, which costs around \$1,000 this season, offers unlimited access to 42 Vail properties around the world, from Stowe, Vt., to Whistler in Canada, to Andermatt in the Swiss Alps. The whole business model rests on the pass, and any diminished interest in it could spell trouble, compounding other issues the company has been grappling with. Chief among them: Growth in skiers has been muted for nearly 20 years.

Vail Resorts is a corporation that pays more attention to their shareholders' profits than it does to their employees and their customers. It's all about profit.

Unhappy employees at some Vail Resorts, such as Park City, Utah, recently went on strike. At many Vail Resorts, the Epic Pass has caused extremely long lift lines. Most of Colorado's ski areas have been split between two similar conglomerates: Vail Resorts (Epic Pass) and the Alterra Company (including Aspen/Snowmass and their Ikon Pass).. Prices of day lift tickets have been raised close or in some cases even above \$300 for a single day of skiing. This makes skiing almost out of reach for people who do not ski a lot, perhaps only a few times per season, and therefore do not want to purchase a season pass. Beginner skiers have the same problem.

Read more about the various issues involved in these two articles and a video:

1. **How the Ski Business Got Too Big for Its Boots:** <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2025/01/big-ski-snow-strike/681291/> .
2. **Epic Fail: How a corporate duopoly ruined skiing:** <https://slate.com/business/2023/12/epic-versus-ikon-ski-duopoly-cost.html> .
3. **VIDEO: How Vail Destroyed Skiing:** https://youtu.be/0bfd4NiiMfo?si=BnTjn-k_yQ2KF4kr

2025 Volunteer of the Year



Kurt Wilke has been selected as our club's Volunteer of the Year. He has participated in our Board meetings for years. He has been the administrator of our Facebook page and has monitored all new applications for membership in our Facebook group, keeping at bay those who want to join us just to sell us something. Kurt has also led several activities for the club, including a kayaking trip, a pickleball session, as well as leading multiple ski days at Timberline and Meadows.

Mountain High Board Meeting

Usually last Monday of the month.
April 28 (Mon.): and also in May.
 Open to all.
 Gather at **6:00 pm.** Start at **6:30 pm.**
Round Table Pizza, 16444 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Grove, Lake Oswego, OR. See [Google map.](#)

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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?
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30): Single (\$30); couple (\$50)	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain High Cookbook: 34 pages of recipes from our members \$10	\$ _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	\$ _____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	_____

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

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

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Checkmark all desired options.

NOTE: Ever since COVID hit us, we are not doing any bus trips and are not collecting any money for trips. Instead, everyone now arranges for their own lodging and transportation to our destination. We are getting a group discount on lodging.

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

Club membership = 159 Newsletter Distribution

The April-May 2025 issue is on our web site. Also:
161 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.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.

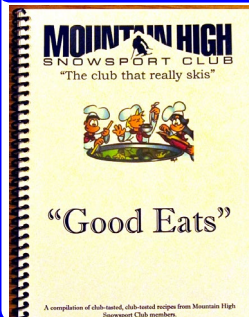
No need to have a PayPal account to make a payment by credit card. Just go to our new web page: "Signup & Pay" at: <http://www.mthigh.org/Signup-Pay.htm>

Videos from Mt. High Archives

Over the years, we have accumulated a lot of interesting videos. Check out some of these:

- * [Ski the Glade Trail Day on Mt. Hood](#)
- * [Sitzmark Ski Area in Washington](#)
- * [Brundage Mt. Snowcat Skiing](#)

Mt. High Cookbook

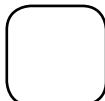


This 34 page cookbook is available for \$10. It has soups, salads, entrees, desserts, from our club members.
The cookbook includes recipes from the late Swiss chef Kurt Mezger. Contact Debbi Kor: ijustwannarun1@comcast.net , or call 503-314-7078.

Stories from Seniors Skiing

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

- * [Skiing After Both Knees Replaced](#)
- * [Biggest Fear - Getting Hit](#)
- * [2nd Career as Ski Patrol at age 72](#)



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