



Lift Lines



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Mountain High snowsport club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208

Mt. High Happy Hour

Date: June 24 (Friday).

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: The newest McCormick and Schmick's at the new Bridgeport shopping center in Tualatin / Durham.

Details: The Mt. High "moosepack" will gather for libations and good eats. Happy Hour prices from 4:00 to 6:00 or 6:30 pm.

M & S Grill is the place to socialize, serving classic, hand built cocktails in a spirited and lively atmosphere. A pub crawl may follow!

Location: M&S Grill, Bridgeport Village, 17015 SW 72nd Ave., Tigard, Oregon, (503) 684-5490.

Directions: Take the Durham exit off of I-5. (See map on page 3.)

- Go west on Lower Boones Ferry Rd., just to the first traffic light.
- Turn right onto 72nd Avenue (toward Borders Books).
- Bridgeport Village shopping center will be on your left.

NOTE: Parking garage is on the other end, closer to REI.



Happy Mt. High members at the "Bones & Brew" a couple of years ago

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Note the color code.
Our club is blue.

2005 CALENDAR

Blue: Mountain High events

Red: NWSCC / FWSA events

Black: General events

June 4 (Sat.) Golden Rose Ski Classic
at Timberline

June 7 (Tue) Mt. High Board meeting

June 9-12 Far West Convention
(San Diego, CA)

June 24 (Fri.) Mt. High Happy Hour
at McCormick and Schmidt in
Tualatin (starting at 5 pm)

July 12 (Tue) Mt. High Board meeting

July 15-16 Rafting trip, on the
Deschutes River

July 24 (Sun.) Clubs 4 Play Golf
Tournament, at Lone Oak, \$49.

Aug. 13 (Sat.) Mt. High Picnic +
bike ride, at Sellwood Park

2005/2006 TRIPS

Nov. 24-27 Warren Miller Ski Safari

Dec. 8-13 Breckenridge & Keystone

Jan. 12-15 Somewhere (maybe Utah?)

Feb. 4-11 FWSA Ski Week (Telluride)

Feb 12-18 Whistler bunk-bed cabin

Feb. 17-20 Idaho bus trip (Tamarack)

Mar. 3-12 French Alps (Val d'Isère)

Mar. 17-19 Mt. Bachelor

Apr. 7-9 Whistler/Blackcomb

Sign up now!

Mt. High Rafting

Payment due now!

Date: July 15-16 (Fri./Sat.)

We'll raft the Deschutes river on both Friday and Saturday. Saturday dinner is included.

We'll gather in Maupin City park by 11:30 am, Friday, and raft from Harpham Flats to Sandy Beach (lunch break at Maupin park abt. 1:30-2 pm).

Saturday, is the main rafting day, starting at the park and doing the second half twice. We'll also hike up to the natural water slides on the White river. Tell Gordy if you prefer a boat with paddles. **Send in payment now! See page 7.**

Most people will set up tents, some will bring an RV. Motel rooms are available for \$75 a night next to the park at Imperial River Co., www.deschutesriver.com/lodging.html, phone: 1-800-395-3903.

Bring some food and drinks for breakfast and lunch. **Info on page 3.**

Gordy steering through the rapids



MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Club Election Results - reported by Terry White

Forty-one members voted at the General meeting. Of those, 39 endorsed the current slate of officers. One had a write-in for Steve Coxen for President.

One other member thought we need a complete new slate of candidates. They had a write-in for each of the offices. We should probably contact these possible candidates and get them more involved in the club. They would then be prepared to take on an office. The write-in's were:

- Mickey Mouse** - President;
- Donald Duck** - Vice President;
- Yogi Bear** - Treasurer and
- Road Runner** for Secretary.

Terry White
President in Charge of Vice

Note: The identity of this prankster, like "Deep Throat", will not be known for the next 30 years!



"Move over Gary! Only someone with real Mickey Mouse skis should be President"



"Man, if I didn't talk so funny, I would give Terry White a run for his money. I can handle Vice too."



"Hello folks! Trust me with your money. I only steal food from campers; never money."



"I would be a great secretary. I can type a gazillion words per minute. Beep-beep!"

Mt. High General Meeting / Pizza Party / Elections

May 24 (Tuesday). Over 60 people, including some new faces showed up for our pizza party and club elections. We had good pizza and a good time. We heard about lots of upcoming activities.

Gary was the master of ceremonies, and also told us about summer golfing plans.



Steve told us about the December trip to Keystone.

Jack spoke about PACRAT racing and gave us the dates for next season.

Emilio showed a video about PACRAT racing (this time with sound!)



Gary Stevenson (the Prez)

Doug showed a slides of the recent Sunshine Village trip, with some amazing scenery.

We also heard about the Alps trip! Only Steve and Emilio raised their hands to sign up, but several other interested people were not present.



Linda McGavin (Idaho trip)

Gordy gave us the details on the rafting trip in July. Fun in the sun!

Linda spoke about the Idaho trip. Over 20 people are ready to sign up!

Bill told us about the cabin at Whistler. What a great deal!



Gordon Lusk (Rafting trip)



Steve Coxen (Keystone trip)



Jack Folliard (PACRAT)

TGIF 

Summer Activities



Mid-week golf anyone?

Anyone interested in getting together for mid week golfing call **Gary Stevenson** at 503 257-6368. He will schedule a tee time on Tuesday evenings somewhere. Call to reserve a spot. A Mt. High Golf tournament is also in the works!

Mountain High Deschutes River Raft Weekend !!!

Trip leaders: **Gordon Lusk, Louis Kovacs**

July 15 - 16, 2005. Come join us for a rafting/camping adventure! The trip includes:

* Rafting (row, paddle, or just ride) Friday and Saturday.

* Campsite Thursday, Friday and Saturday night in Maupin City Park.

* Saturday night BBQ dinner in the park by "Lous Q".



Violet and Alice take a dip

Let us know if you prefer a boat with **paddles** or **oars**.

Payment due by July 1st. Fill out the Dough Transmittal Form (p.7) and make check payable to Mt. High snowsport club. **Payment due now!**

Camp, raft, dinner = \$80 (Non-members \$90)
Raft and dinner = \$60 (Non-members \$70)
RV Spaces at \$20.- a night extra.

Camping & dinner only (no rafting): \$27.

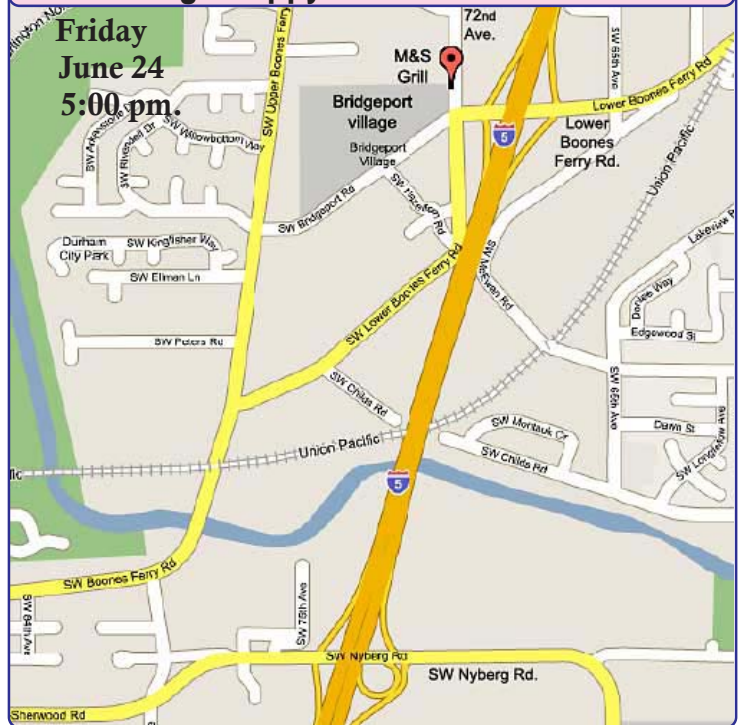
For more info, contact the trip leaders:

Gordon Lusk @ 503-804-8363
email GordySki@comcast.net

NOTE: This is not a professionally guided trip. It is a club function for fun, and we are all personally responsible for our own actions. Rafting can be dangerous. By registering for this event, you and your guests will relinquish any and all claim of responsibility and claims of liability on all parties participating in this event, including Mountain High Snowsport Club.

Mt. High Happy Hour @ McCormick's

Friday
June 24
5:00 pm.



"Clubs 4-Play" Golf Tournament

July 24 (Sunday). Annual inter-club event. 4-person, 18 holes scramble. Oregon City Golf Course at Lone Oak (Bevercreek Rd.). Tournament, food, and prizes: \$49 per person.

Specify names and phone numbers. Check to **NWSCC**, mailed to **Marilyn Sigler**, 2100 NE 77th Ave., Vancouver WA 98664. Info at: 360-883-6937 or Marski@teleport.com.

Mt. High Sizzling Summer Family Picnic

Date: Saturday - August 13

Time: 9:00 am - whenever!

Place: Sellwood Park

Details: Lots of fun activities, such as:

- * **Bike ride** at 9:00 am (abt. 1 hour)
- * **Softball games:** 12(noon) - 1pm; 3 - 4 pm
- * **Potluck** - Everyone bring a favorite dish (BBQ grills available at the park)
- * **BYOB** - Mt.High provides soft drinks
- * **BBQ** - Mt.High will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Eat around **1:30 pm**.

What to bring: Food & drink, lawn chair, blanket, softball, catcher gloves, badminton game, horseshoes, tennis racket, swim suit, ...

Contact: Gary Stevenson, 503-257-6368.



MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Can people find us on the web? Google among the worst

If you can't remember the exact address of our web site, you can always use a search engine (like Google), type in the words: "**Mountain High snowsport club**", and you will find us on any search engine except MSN.

But, what about people who don't know our club's name? What if someone simply wants to search for any ski club in the Portland area? They would probably type in the following search words: "**Portland ski club**". Would they find our club?



It depends on which search engine they use, and the results are surprising. Google is among the worst. Each search usually results in hundreds of "finds". It's no good if we are buried under hundreds of other similar "finds". Here's how our club was ranked by the various search engines (from best to worst):

| SEARCH | WEB ADDRESS | Our club's Rank | COMMENT |
|-------------|--|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Yahoo Y!Q | yq.search.yahoo.com | 4 | Membership page found |
| Lycos | search.lycos.com | 5-6 | Membership & home page |
| Yahoo | search.yahoo.com | 6-14 | Membership + Racing |
| AltaVista | www.altavista.com | 7 | Membership page found |
| Vivisimo | vivisimo.com | 8 | Membership page found |
| SearchSight | searchsight.com | 10 | Home page found + visual |
| A9 | A9.com | Pict. | Our photos shown as links! |
| Google | www.google.com | 109 | Membership page found |
| AOL | search.aol.com | X | Not found within top 150. |
| MSN | search.msn.com | X | Not found within top 150. |

At A9 search, we are not among the top 100 listings, but several of our photos are shown on every page. If you click on one of these photos, it will take you to our web site. Also, if you type in the full name of the club, and watch as a whole bunch of our photos show up! I love this visual search, a combination of text and images, all on one page.

Google puts us way down, in position 109. Few would search that far.

AOL and MSN don't find us at all. But, AOL will at least find us if you type in the full name of the club. MSN can't find us even with a complete club name typed in! We did submit our web site to MSN months ago!

The only way anyone can find us with a Portland search on Google, MSN or AOL, is indirectly, by looking into some of the other things that pop up, such as the NWSCC web site, or SkiSite.com.

Did you notice there are two Yahoos? The newer **Yahoo Y!Q** is better.

Web site visits increase

The Mt. High web site was started in June 2004, and during the first few months, was visited about 100 - 250 times per month.

This number does not tell how many people visited the web site. It only counts how many times the web site was visited, and it may have been by the same people. Ten people visiting the site 10 times each would result in 100 visits.

Since then, the number of visits has steadily increased until the end of the season, with only a minor dip in May:

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|-----------|------|
| November: | 517 |
| December: | 579 |
| January: | 949 |
| February: | 878 |
| March: | 1001 |
| April: | 1564 |
| May: | 959 |

The web site is obviously being used, and is fulfilling its purpose as a source of information for all our members, as well as an invitation for new members to find out about our club.

Mis-spelling can help

If you Google the phrase "McCormick and Schmidt, Tualatin" you will find that our club is having a TGIF there! We are prominently ranked 2nd!

The reason: We mis-spelled the name on our own web site. It should be Schmick, not Schmidt. Also, it is not really in Tualatin, but in Tigard. So, in this mis-spelled search, we don't have as much competition!!!

The correct spelling, however, won't find us! Bummer!



2005/2006 Winter Trips

A quick overview of upcoming trips. Prices have been updated since last month. More details will follow. But, mark your calendar now!

Somewhere in January?

January is still relatively open for a possible ski trip. We'll think about possibilities.

FWSA 2006 Ski Week

Telluride, CO

February 4 - 11, 2006.

Price: \$895 without air.

Price includes 7 nights lodging (dbl occ.), 5 days' lift tickets, Welcome party, Mountain Picnic, Racing, Farewell Party, and much, much more. Initial deposit of \$100 being accepted now.

Contact:

Debbi Kor, 503-682-1563, or ijustwannarun@aol.com.



Mt. High

French Alps ! - The famous "Killy Space"!



March 3-12, 2006. The combined areas of **Val d'Isère** and **Tignes** offer 25,000 acres, 100 ski lifts, 187 miles of downhill trails. Price \$2,025 includes air, lodging, lifts! Start saving now! See where Jean-Claude Killy got his start! Contact **Salah Khan**, by phoning 503-231-6431, or email Salah.Khan@directory.reed.edu.



Warren Miller safari

Nov. 24-27, 2005. All those who go see the new Warren Miller movie (in October) usually get some free lift tickets. Last year, we got 4 tickets to Canadian ski areas. We carpooled there in early December, but Thanksgiving may be a good time too. Destination? Wherever Warren Miller takes us!!!

This is one of our least expensive trips! 4 days for about **\$200 - \$275** (for lodging and gas). The skiing is free. We might stay in one place for more than a day.

Whistler cabin

Feb. 12-18, 2006. Whistler on the cheap, sleeping in bunk beds in a large house, max. 18-21 people, 2 miles north of the village.

6 nights & 5 days for only **\$225** (including lodging and 3 meals a day) Lift tickets are additional, but only Canadian **\$57**. Carpool or drive on your own. Note: No shoes allowed in the house; only slippers.

Contact: **Bill Leeper** at 503-639-2603.

Note: Bill has personally invited us all to join him in this informal trip.

Breckenridge/Keystone

Dec. 8-13, 2005. A season-opener trip to Colorado has become an annual tradition. Last year was Beaver Creek, and before that Vail.

5 night and 5 days for **\$750** (including airfare, lodging and 3 days of lift tickets; addtl. tickets \$31). Deposit \$100. Check to NWSCC.

This is a multi-club trip organized by the **NWSCC**.

For info and to sign up, contact **Steve Coxen**, phone 503-679-9022 or email: sacoxen@aol.com.

Mt. High Idaho bus trip

Feb. 17- 20, 2006. We'll use President's Day weekend to extend our usual 2-day bus trip to 3 days, to ski:

1. **Tamarack**, the newest resort in the U.S.
2. **Brundage Mt.**, well established, sunnier than Sun Valley!
3. **Anthony Lakes**, a convenient stop on the way home.

All three have a variety of terrain, from easy cruisers to some **great tree skiing!**

On the way back, we'll break the journey at A-Lakes, but on the way there, we'll need a whole day of travel.

Price: Approx. **\$250** for lodging and transportation, plus a total of **\$109** for lift tickets if you ski all 3 days. This is based on about 30 people.

The price will go down by about \$3 for each additional 2 people above 30! Contact: **Linda McGavin** or **Emilio Trampuz**.

MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Snapfish photos rated best

As you know, most of our club photos from the past 2 years are posted on the **Snapfish** web site, where you can order your own prints. Best place to start is on our own Photo Albums web page: www.mthigh.org/PhotoAlbums.htm.

The latest issue of PC Magazine (dated June 28, 2005, page 63) reviewed several ways of printing your digital photos. It rated **Snapfish** as giving the best quality as well as the lowest price (at 19 cents per print). On top of that, Snapfish has just lowered its prices to **12 cents** a print!

NWSCC Newsletter

Linda McGavin (one of the original founders of the Plaza ski club) edits a very wonderful newsletter for the NW Ski Council. It is chock-full of useful information. The newsletter is sent to all the local clubs.

Your "Lift Lines" editor does his best to include most relevant articles in our own newsletter. But, our space is limited, and some things get left out.

So, from now on, the NWSCC newsletter will be forwarded complete to all those who have an email address. You'll find it useful in the long run.

Subaru cars deal

Remember all our members have access to SPECIAL FLEET PRICES on **Subaru, Chevrolet, or Suzuki** vehicles at **Carr Auto Group!** Fleet pricing on used cars too!

Go to the Carr fleet website www.carrautofleet.com, where you will access a drop-down menu to select "NorthWest Ski Club Council" pricing. The login is "**skiclub**" and the password is "**downhill.**" Select the car you want, and you'll get a price quote, with no obligations. You will deal directly with **Nanda Kishore**, who has been to our Council meetings and knows some of us in person.

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to our new members (some of which actually joined us 2 or 3 months ago):

Kim Smith

Heidi Ablanalp

Janice Jessen

Marvin Wakefield

Chris Wiley



Our total number of active members is now **158**.



Mt. High DVDs

The following videos and/or slide shows are available on DVD.

1. **"Our Club in a Nutshell"** - slide presentation, a great overview and introduction to our club. Requires Microsoft Office (PowerPoint).
2. **Mt. High 2005 trips video**, including: **Crystal Mt.** bus trip and the **Big Mountain** train trip.
3. **PACRAT racing** video and slides from the 2004/05 season.

To order: send \$5 per DVD to Emilio Trampuz, 4742 Liberty Rd. S., Salem OR 97302.

Club logo on fleece, polos, T-shirts



You can now order a sueded finish 1/4 zip sweatshirt with the club's logo on it, for only \$26. It is made of 80/20 cotton/poly 9 oz. fabric, with an open bottom hem, an inner rib knit collar and cuffs, set-in sleeves and an antique finish metal zipper. Available in Red, Yellow, Mediterranean Blue, Navy, or Athletic Heather (light gray). Sizes: Small to 3XL.

Also available:

T-shirt (\$7.50), **Short sleeve polo** (\$13), **long-sleeve polo** (\$16), **regular sweatshirt** (\$20).

Most of these are available in royal blue, red, navy, and black. Ask about other colors. Choice of pocket-sized logo, or full-chest size.

To order, call Emilio at 1-503-378-0171 or email: info@mthigh.org.

MOUNTAIN HIGH SNOWSPORT CLUB

Man & Woman of the Year

Our club nominated **Terry White** and **Debbi Kor** for Man & Woman of the Year 2005. Nominations were also sent to the NWSCC from other clubs.

In the second round, the NWSCC selected **Steve Coxen** and **Debbi Kor** as the Northwest Man and Woman of the Year. Congratulations to both!

Steve and Debbi now go to the final round at the FWSA Convention.

2006 PACRAT Race Dates

Tentative dates. Ski areas yet to be determined.

- Jan. 8
- Jan. 29
- Mar. 5
- Mar. 19
- Mar. 26 (make-up race)
- Apr. 2
- Apr. 7 Rat Attack party



Mountain High Meeting

First Tuesday of the month.
Exception this month: 2nd Tuesday!

July 12 (Tue.): Our club's Board meeting, open to all who want to get more involved with the club. Gather at 6:30 pm. Start at 7:00 pm.

Location: **Round Table Pizza**, near corner of Capitol Hwy. and Barbur Blvd. (behind McDonald's).

Mountain High snowsport club contacts:

General information: info@MtHigh.org

- President:** Gary Stevenson, H: 503-257-6368,
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Linda McGavin, H: 503-652-2840, W: 503-412-353 Trips3x@mthigh.org
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DOUGH TRANSMITTAL FORM

Make check payable to: "Mountain High Snowsport Club"

Mail to: Mountain High Snowsport Club, PO Box 2182, Portland, OR 97208.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone (Hm): _____ Phone (Wrk): _____

Email (Hm): _____ Email (Wrk): _____

Please take my money, and apply it toward the following Ski Club fun stuff:

Details
Deposit?Paidinfull?

- Membership Dues (for 2005/2006):** Single (\$25) couple (\$40) \$ _____
- PACRAT Racing** Total: \$85 Team name: _____ \$ _____
- Rafting** (July 15-16): With camping: \$80 No camping: \$60 _____ \$ _____
- Rafting +RV** (July 15-16): Additional (optional) RV fee \$20 per night \$ _____
- Rafting for non-members:** Additional \$10 _____ \$ _____

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

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The June 2005 issue of "Lift Lines" is posted on our web site, and also being distributed as follows:

158 copies electronically, via email (152 as HTML, 6 as plain text, but both have the PDF file attached)

35 paper printed copies sent via US Mail.

Some of these are sent to non-members (the NWSCC, FWSA, other clubs, etc.).

Please help us minimize the cost and labor involved in mailing out paper copies. **Let us know if you have an email address**

Call Emilio at 1-503-378-0171 or email: info@mthigh.org.

Mt. High Wedding!

Debbi Kor and **Randy Lew** got married May 7, 2005.

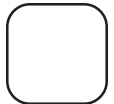
Congratulations and lots of happiness to both!

Debbi has been a pillar of our club for many years. Randy joined us a year ago. He has been an active member of the Faw West Ski Association for years. In fact, both Debbi and Randy are FWSA officers at this time!

Our very own **Gary Stevenson** performed the wedding ceremony.



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NOTE: Please let us know if you have an email address! Lots of info is sent via email in between newsletters.

