



BEND SKI CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018



Greetings club members, 118 strong!! Guess we all agree a bit more snow on the mountains is in order, yet skiing remains surprisingly good on certain days. The club continues planning fun events for your skiing and socializing pleasure, as per usual, however. Here's your latest 'need to know' on club doings (**DO** check out the new 'Connections Ski Program' described at the end of this newsletter!):

- **On the Mountain Meetups:** Still trying to play catch-up with scheduling ski together meetups on the mountain, but given conditions, our fearless leaders (David, Rob, Marlene, Claudia, Eric, Rod, Jim, Don) will continue to schedule them as much as possible. Keep checking the www.meetup.com/bendskiclub website for future gatherings and to sign up.

- **New Club Logo SkiWear:** Our first production of the new BSC Sport-Tek Stretch Pullover Ski/Sport shirts have been distributed. We will soon display pictures of the final product on the club website (www.bendskiclub.net/merchandise), in anticipation of a second run. Of COURSE you will want one too, after seeing your fellow club members modeling their spiffy, new & totally unique ski garments on the slopes!!
[Also, there are a few BSC hats and long sleeved cotton shirts left for sale---check the website]

→ **RECENT EVENTS:**

-Mt. Everest Climb Presentation by John Gray, January 9th, 6 PM, River Bend Brewery on Division St. in Bend. Mr. Gray gave a fascinating tale of climbing the world's highest peak! Also, the new venue for club social gatherings was well received and will be the site of some future club off-mountain events.

→ **FUTURE EVENTS (sign up at meetup.com/bendskiclub):**

-Ski Equipment and Innovations Presentation, February 7, 6 PM, REI, Old Mill, Bend. Expert REI staff will inform us of the latest & greatest ski-related equipment and clothing available. We will meet afterward (~90 minute presentation), next door at Level 2 restaurant for an informal social/cocktail hour following the talk.

-Monthly Apres Ski Gathering, February 27th, 4 PM, Broken Top Bottle Shop, Bend.

-Local author Peter Shelton Presentation, March 7, 6 PM, Location: River, Bend Bend Brewery, on Division in Bend.

Bend. Peter is the author of "Tracks in the Snow" and several other outdoor related books about a life spent skiing and writing about skiing. He has written extensively for SKI, POWDER, and many other national ski-related magazines. Dynamic local speaker and author!

→ **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:** Don't forget, beyond the many social activities, presentations, and mountain ski-together events available to dues paying members, there are various merchandise and ski travel opportunities available as a BSC member through our parent organizations: FWSA www.fwsa.org and NWSCC www.nwskiers.org. Late January of last year, 10 members of the BSC participated in a FWSA ski week trip to Breckenridge Colorado. Good times! 2019 there will be a FWSA trip planned to Steamboat Colorado!

AND---

Last Chance to sign up for the Bend Ski Club's Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Adventure - March 23-25, 2018. Deadline for signing up and receipt of payment in full is February 17th.

Skiing begins Friday, March 23. After skiing we have a (hosted) après event at the Mt Hood Cultural Center & Museum followed by a (no-host) dinner in Hood River where we will be staying for two nights. On Saturday, skiing and an on-mountain Brews Fest with live music at Mt. Hood Meadows. Saturday evening there is an optional (no-host) dinner at the Riverside Grill at our hotel. Sunday, hit the mountain or just relax around the Columbia Gorge.

Trip Price: \$150 (Non-river view room), \$170 (river view room) PP/DO, with a single supplement option also available.

Friday Lift Tickets available online at a discount at <https://www.skihood.com/the-mountain/lift-tickets>
Discounted tickets for Saturday/Sunday will be available for purchase from the hotel.

Flyer, registration form and waiver at <http://www.bendskiclub.net/trips.html> Questions? Contact Trip Leaders: Rod Robinson rdobinsonskier@gmail.com (541)344-7170 and Becki Robinson oregonskibunny@gmail.com (541)514-4911

And finally, it is with sadness we report the passing of a past, long-time member of the club, Merle Ross. Merle was an avid skier and club participant (including being a former club Secretary), who, unfortunately due to health conditions, was unable to do much on the slopes the past couple of seasons. She will be missed. Memorial services will be February 17th, at Juniper Lodge in Redmond, 2-4 P.M.

See everyone at the upcoming socials & keep on THINKING SNOW!

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CONNECTIONS SKI PROGRAM announcement:

The **BEND SKI CLUB** has established a **CONNECTIONS SKI PROGRAM** to help **dues-paid** Club members connect with other skiers of comparable ski ability. Please sign up if you are interested. A list of participating skiers will be sent to all sign-ups by email. The list will be updated periodically.

Neither the Ski Club board nor the Ski-Together leaders have verified any “self-evaluated ski ability” claims. Each individual participating in this program is responsible for deciding the safety of skiing with other sign-ups. **This program is open only to dues-paid Club members.** The liability waivers you signed upon joining the Club applies to the **CONNECTIONS SKI PROGRAM**.

Ski Ability Guidelines: (Use Only **ONE**)

Beginner: Primarily green runs; slow speed.

Easy Intermediate: Mostly blue runs; groomed only; slow pace.

Intermediate: All blue groomed runs & some easy black; moderate pace.

Advanced Intermediate: All groomers & some off-piste; quicker pace.

Advanced: All groomed & ungroomed runs & off-piste; fast pace.

Advanced-Plus: Anything goes; aggressive pace.

List - in this order - your name, contact information [cell phone (if you choose), email] and your “self-evaluated ski ability” designation, using the guidelines above. Return this information to **David Horn at DHoneski@gmail.com**