



## **BEND SKI CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018**

Welcome to the brand new shiny ski season **year!** Rather funky, hard to predict season on the mountain so far, especially after last year's 'snowpocalypse'! 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:** Admittedly have been a bit hit/miss so far this season, what with the variable snow conditions. Also, we are all patiently waiting for the Holiday crowds to give us back our mountain!  
Kudos to our meetup leaders who have stepped up to the plate so far (Rob, Marlene, and especially David) with several ski meetups. Other ski-together meetup leaders (Jim, Claudia, Eric, Rod) will join in on the fun, soon, we hope, including more intermediate level events. Keep checking the [www.meetup.com/bendskiclub](http://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 arrived! Those who have previously ordered your shirts, please contact Ken at [ker2@bendbroadband.com](mailto:ker2@bendbroadband.com) for delivery details and receiving your payment. We will begin accepting requests for a second production of shirts and order more, if there is sufficient interest. (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 out the 'Merchandise' page of the club website]

### → **RECENT EVENTS:**

-**BSC HOLIDAY Party** Mt. Bachelor Village, Conference Center, Bend  
**December 15<sup>th</sup>**, 5:00 P.M. This was gala affair with a full dinner buffet including several entree items, dessert, coffee/tea, a full no-host bar, ski videos, dancing and just a full-scale fun event celebrating the holiday and ski season. Beautiful venue, good food, entertaining ski videos, nice bar, great camaraderie made for a great evening; Thanks especially to PJ for all her hard work!

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

-**Mt. Everest Climb Presentation by John Gray, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, 6 PM, River Bend Brewery on Division St. in Bend. Please sign up on Meetup and if unable to attend, kindly remove your RSVP. We need an accurate count for the brewery. Come listen to Mr. Gray's fascinating tale of climbing the world's highest peak! Food/Beverages available for purchase.

-**Monthly Apres Ski Gathering, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 4 PM, Broken Top Bottle Shop, Bend.

-**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 hour following the talk.

-**Local author Peter Shelton Presentaion, March 7**, 6 PM, Location TBD, 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. 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](http://www.fwsa.org) and NWSCC [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org). Late January of last year, 10 members of the BSC participated in a FWSA ski week trip to Breckenridge Colorado. Fun times! 2019 there will be a FWSA trip planned to Steamboat Colorado!

And **DO** check out the BSC's very own ski trip:

-**Bend Ski Club's Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Adventure - March 23-25, 2018.** Join BSC for our first club ski trip! Mt. Hood Meadows is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Skiing begins Friday. After skiing we have a (hosted) dinner in Hood River. 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 roomn), \$170 (river view) PP/DO, with a single supplement option also available. Discounted group lift tickets are an additional cost. **Deadline for signing up is coming soon, please don't delay and reserve your spot now!**

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

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

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## **CONNECTIONS SKI PROGRAM announcement:**

The **BEND SKI CLUB** is establishing 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 apply 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** by 1/20/2018 to be included in the first list distribution.