

Desert Ski Club Tumbleweed News

December 2008

Happy Holidays

Volume 08 #12

General Membership Meeting

December 4, 2008

SHILO INN, RICHLAND

6:30 Social - Meeting 7:00 p.m.

General Membership Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month and are held at the Shilo Inn, Richland. DSC Board meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month and are held in the Shilo Inn Board room. ALL DSC BOARD MEETINGS ARE "OPEN," AND PARTICIPATION BY CLUB MEMBERS IS ENCOURAGED!

Raffle Winners

Congratulations on winning our November raffles prizes

DSC sold 121 tickets for the raffle which made us \$605.00, the winners of the raffle is Kathy Rightor-gift cert. Emily Rauch- lift tickets. Melanie Odom- the free trip

Combined DSC - Hawk's Flock Schedule

Trip	Days	Nights	Dates	Price	Comments
Silver Mountain	2	2	Dec 30- Jan 1	\$190	DSC New Years Eve trip: \$315 condo lodging option
Steamboat Springs	4	5	Jan 14- Jan 19	\$1075	Hawk's Flock trip: Trip is full 41 attending. 4-6/condo
Panorama	3	3	Feb 5- Feb 8	\$460	Hawk's Flock trip: Trip status 1 bus full at 42 attending 3-5/slopeside condo
49 Degrees North	2	2	Feb 13- Feb 15	\$219	DSC family trip: Lodging in Colville
Mt. Hood	3*	2*	Feb 20- Feb 22	\$345	DSC trip: Ski combination of Ski Bowl, Timberline and/or Mt. Hood Meadows. Lodging in Government Camp. *Leave Friday morning to ski Friday
Brundage Tamarack	3	3	Mar 5- Mar 8	\$485	DSC trip: Ski 2 days at Brundage, 1 day at Tamarack
Mt. Bachelor	2-3	2-3	Apr 16- Apr 19	Low	Hawk's Flock & DSC trip: Carpool

THE PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE

Hopefully by the time you read this some of you will have had your first turns of the season. The temperatures are heading down now, and as soon as the moisture appears, the season will no doubt be in full swing. I can't wait.

Congratulations to Kathy Rightor, Emily Rauch and Melanie Odom on winning our November raffles prizes. And big thanks to everyone who bought tickets and helped support the club. With memberships coming in steadily and the funds we earned from helping with the Swap, our finances are pretty respectable right now. Of course we'd love to build our membership up more, so if you're considering joining or re-joining, please come along to our meeting and see what the Club is about. It's going to be a fun year.

Our trip sales are also going pretty well. We have around a dozen spaces open for the Silver Mountain trip at New Year, so if you're considering this, please sign up at the December meeting, or get in touch with our trip leader, Jim, and reserve your spot ASAP. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone up there at New Year - Silver is one of our local gems, and with all the developments up there, it seems to get better every year.

There are open spaces on all the other 3 DSC trips. Tamarack/Brundage is filling up fast though, so talk to Diane about that if you're interested. The 49 Degrees North and Mt Hood trips are about half full, so there's plenty of a space on those for everyone to be able to enjoy at least one bus trip this season.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ski season is here. Do not forget membership sign ups. Membership is \$25.00 payable to Desert Ski Club. Currently there are 78 members.

Amy Wilcox
Membership

THE SWAP THAT WASN'T – BUT THEN AGAIN WAS

As most of you know, the DSC decided to no longer host it's annual ski swap. It came to our attention that the Sports & Fitness Outlet of Wenatchee was planning to conduct a swap of their own on about the same weekend we originally planned. Sports & Fitness Outlet offered to "hire" DSC volunteers to assist with their swap. Accordingly, several DSC members contributed 64 hours to help Sports & Fitness Outlet hold their first ski swap. Because of their efforts the club received \$640. Also, Kathy Nye sorted and marked ski equipment that belonged to the club sold it at the swap for \$120. Finally, we were able to sell the ski, snowboard, and clothing racks for an additional \$500. Desert Ski Club received from this year's Ski Swap \$1260.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered his or her time to make this possible. It was a great financial boost to the club. Thank you.

Greg Crawford
Vice President

Refund Policy

The intent of the Desert Ski Club is to provide skiing to its members at a fair price. Trip deposits are required to reserve your place on any ski trip which requires accommodation deposits and transportation costs in response to your sign-up. Refunds will be made for cancellations, provide your place on a trip is filled by a fully paid individual – first by the trip leader from any waiting list and then by an individual provided by you who is, or becomes, a Ski Club member. Individual cancellations which are not filled are subject to cancellation penalty charges and costs which are incurred by the Ski Club in your behalf. Penalties will be deducted from your trip payment prior to refund. Full refunds will be provided for a ski trip which is cancelled by the Ski Club. Your place on a ski trip is confirmed in order of final payment which meets the due dates. Refunds are made to the person who paid the Ski Club for the trip.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANCELLATION AND A POSSIBLE ADDITION

The Hawk's Flock Trip to Lake Tahoe – El Norte has been cancelled

Here's Hawk:

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family.

I am canceling the Hawk's Flock trip to Reno Feb 18-22, 2009. I was unable to get the sign ups needed to meet the contractual requirements and make it a success.

Thanks for your support and may be we can make this one a "Go" in the future.

HOWEVER:

The Panorama trip from Feb 5-8, 2009, may still have some vacancies.

If 12 additional people to express their intent by Dec 1st I may be able to make a second bus possible.. Please let me know by then.

Today, many resorts are opening on their best man made snow or in combination with the natural sliding material. The season is upon us. Keep doing those "bends 'n thrusts", the pay off is to be found soon.

Hawk Sends

SKI TRIPS

SILVER MOUNTAIN 2008-2009

Everyone's favorite trip, this time on New Year's Eve!

It's just a short walk from your room to the gondola to access some of the best skiing in the northwest. The next best thing to ski-in-ski-out!

Once again we'll be staying at the Baymont Inn, but you can also upgrade to the Morning Star condos at the base of the gondola. This option includes passes to the newly opened indoor water park.

The bus will depart at 5:30 pm Tuesday December 30 and we should be back in the Tri-Cities by 10 pm Thursday January 1.

2 nights lodging, 2 days skiing

Baymont 187.00 ppdo

Morning Star 315.00 ppdo

For the full writeup, go to:

<http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=32>

Call me at 946-7165 with any questions.

Jim Quackenbush

DSC Family Trip

49 DEGREES NORTH

February 13-15, 2009

\$219, with Lodging in Colville at Benny's Colville Inn

The bus ride, 2 nights lodging and 2 day lift ticket are all included in the package, at a price of \$219 per person. If you're interested in going or want more information, please contact one of our two trip leaders,

For the full writeup, go to:

<http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=39>

Tami Froelich at 509-783-5265 or Kathy Rightor at 509-628-2508.

MOUNT HOOD - TOPSIDE
A Mix of Something Old and Something New
3 Days of Skiing at 3 Ski Areas
Lodging on the Mountain in Government Camp, Oregon
February 20-22, 2009
\$345

For the full writeup, go to:
<http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=38>

Jamie Zeisloft (Trip Leader)
8915 W Deschutes Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336
509-528-2020

Hawk's Flock

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS: Jan 14-19, 2009

Status: Trip is full with 41 attending. Standby personnel are welcome to sign up at the contact information below.

See writeup at:
<http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=42>

Contact: Gene Mares, 509-627-4067 or genomares@yahoo.com

Hawk's Flock

PANORAMA, BC: Feb 5-8, 2009

Trip Status: One bus full with 42 and looking for personnel to send a second bus. Please see the below to express your commitment and enter the contest by Dec 1st to make it a "Go".

See writeup at:
<http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=41>

Contact: Gene Mares, 509-627-4067 or genomares@yahoo.com

BRUNDAGE/TAMARACK

March 5-8, 2009

PRICE: \$485

Trip Leaders

Diane Nicholson, Randy Smith & Greg Crawford

Hey, are you ready for the Best Snow in Idaho?

Up here in the central Idaho mountains, both Brundage and Tamarack set the standards for *what-you-want-you-got-it* skiing... Don't miss it. We'll be skiing at both areas.

For full trip writeup, go to:

<http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=37>

**Mail Trip Deposits to: DSC, 300 Greenbrook Pl., Richland, WA 99352
628-8832, 531-1000**

MT. BACHELOR

April 16-19, 2009

This carpool trip to Mt. Bachelor will be further described later.

Must be 21 years of age

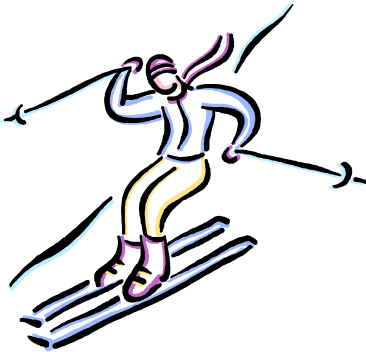
Membership No. _____

THE DESERT SKI CLUB

www.desertskiclub.org

Oct 1, 2008 – Sep 30, 2009

Desert Ski Club
Membership Application
PO Box 623
Richland, WA 99352



- Renewal
- New Member
- Address Change

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Birth date: _____ Sex: M F Marital Status: Single Married

*** Membership Due - \$25.00 per year. Please make checks payable to "DSC" and mail to the above address.**

Do you want your name in the membership directory? Please check desired boxes (Unless you specify otherwise, **BOTH** numbers and **E-Mail** will be published.)

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| Yes | No | | Yes | No | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Home Phone | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Work Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | E-Mail | | | |

When and IF available, would you like to receive the newsletter by e-mail instead of U.S. mail? Yes No

Activity Interest - Please indicate if you are interested in...

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| Yes | No | | Yes | No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Help as a trip leader | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attend/Help-July Hydros | Other | _____ |

Release:

In consideration of the acceptance of this membership application and being allowed to participate in the activities of the Desert Ski Club, I hereby give up, waive, release, and assume all risks including ordinary negligence in connection with the activities of the Desert Ski Club. DSC provides many services to its members including but not limited to acquiring transportation, lodging, hosting refreshments (which may include alcoholic beverages), and arranging special travel packages. I further agree to hold harmless the Desert Ski Club, its officers and activity leaders from any claim including ordinary negligence by me, my spouse, legal representative, heirs or assigns.

I acknowledge that these activities are inherently dangerous, and I am aware of the risks.

Signature _____ Date _____

Additional Information:

Do you have ski passes? _____ If yes, where? _____

Areas that interest you for ski trips: _____

What do you prefer to do on the slopes? (i.e., ski or board or both) _____

Is there anything you would like to see the club do? _____

Would you be willing to help with the ski swap in the fall? _____

What suggestions do you have to help us make the ski club work better? _____

**THE DESERT SKI CLUB
P O BOX 623
RICHLAND, WA 99352**

Want to know what's going on?

Club Website: <http://www.desertskiclub.org>

For corresponding with club members: <http://groups.google.com/group/3cities-snowtrips>

Note: Articles are due by the 15th of the month to be published in the DSC Newsletter. Send articles to: rkranz02@hotmail.com

2008/2009 Board & Other Volunteers

Board Officers-

President – Ian Gorton 946-1510 gortonator@hotmail.com

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<http://www.desertskiclub.org>

To access the members' only area from the website you must be a DSC member,

Username = FirstnameLastname(all run together, no spaces, capitalization DOES MATTER)

Password = FirstnameLastname(all run together, no spaces, capitalization DOES MATTER) –up to the first 10 characters.

Example – JohnSnowboarder would be user name.

JohnSnowbo would be password.

When you first log in as a member, you will see there is the opportunity for you to change your user name, password, mailing address, phone numbers and email address by clicking on “Edit Your Profile”. If you have an email address listed, you can request the system to send you your username and password in the future, and should you forget what it is.