

Desert Ski Club Tumbleweed News

February 2009

Happy Valentines Day

Volume 09 #02

General Membership Meeting

February 3, 2009

SHILO INN, RICHLAND

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

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

The February meeting will be held on Tuesday Feb 3rd, usual time/place. This is because a fair number of members will be on the Panorama trip on the 5th; we figured it made sense to hold the meeting early,

Attention Members,

We need at least 5 sign ups on the Mt Hood trip to make this a go. This'll be a great weekend, with excellent accommodation and plenty of choice of terrain at 3 ski hills. And the January doldrums seem to be over; it's snowing as I type.

For more on Mt. Hood: <http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=38>

The 49 Degrees North trip is confirmed, but there are still a few places left. They have a base up there of over 100 inches, and the snow is heading their way. Check out the snow report: <http://www.ski49n.com/report.asp> so avoid the Presidents Weekend crowds and head up with the DSC to a ski hill that has great terrain, a deep base and never has lift lines. If you'd like to sign up on these trips, contact the trip leaders -

For more trip details go here: <http://desertskiclub.org/?ID=39>

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

I hope you've all been getting in some turns over the last few weeks. There's some excellent snow around the local hills, with 100 inch bases at 49 Degrees North and at Mt Hood Meadows, the venues for our next two DSC trips. With a base like this and a few weeks more to accumulate some freshies, these trips should be a great time, so grab those last few places before or at the February meeting.

On the matter of the February meeting, we've decided to move it to Tuesday February 3rd, usual place/time. This is because quite a lot of members (including me) will be on the Panorama Hawk's Flock trip, so we thought it might make more sense to move the meeting forward a couple of days. I hope you can make it - the usual snacks will be available at 6.30pm for your enjoyment. And if you're interested, the DSC Board meeting will be held just before the main meeting on the 3rd.

Have fun out there

Ian Gorton
DSC President

Reminder: Elections are just around the corner and the club needs your support, please volunteer to become a Board member. The direction and legacy of the DSC depends on YOU! The Board needs a nominating committee for the April Election of Officers and Board Members. Please come to this Tuesday's General Meeting and show your support for the club, let us know early that you could volunteer. Nominations will be taken at the March general meeting with the elections held at the April meeting.

WAGONMASTER REPORT

The Brundage/Tamarack trip has also filled up, but Diane is keeping a waiting list. If you're interested in getting on that list, give her a call or come see her at the February 3, DSC meeting at the Shilo Inn in Richland. The 49 Degrees and Mt Hood trips still have openings, but this time of year these trips usually fill up fast, so don't delay if you're interested in going. Contact the trip leaders or come to the February meeting if you want to sign-up. Hope to see you soon, let's go blast through some powder!

Jamie Zeisloft
DSC Wagonmaster

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are up to 93 Members. Sign up as soon as possible so you are able to go on one of the fun trips the Desert ski club has to offer. Membership is \$25.00 payable to Desert Ski Club.

Amy Wilcox
DSC Membership

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.

SKI TRIPS

SILVER MOUNTAIN 2008-2009

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

The Brundage trip unfortunately was cancelled. Our accommodations disappeared in a flash – flash flood, that is; a sprinkler line froze and broke and flooded rooms scheduled for us...Several DSC club members arranged their own carpools and made the trip staying at other facilities. Oh well... There's always next year...

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

See the important note on Page 1. This trip needs a few more to be a go...

For the full trip 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

Steamboat after Action Report

Jan 14th, “0” dark thirty, 36 eager skiers clamored into our awaiting Delta airline for a flight to Steamboat. An uneventful flight with the arrival of our equipment was appreciated. We could see the Yampa Valley as never before and get a glimpse at the multitude of runs we were about to challenge as we got closer to town. That evening we were joined by 4 additional Hawk's Flock friends from distance places to celebrate our arrival with a “Partee”. The nutrients and spirits revved up our excitement for the challenge.

We skied far and hard, up and down Steamboat's 2,965 acres and 3,668' vertical on soft packed powder for 4 days. We rejoiced each day's turns with après ski sessions. Some partook in an awesome ski instruction session from Deb Armstrong and others sharpened their skills with those from one of the best ski schools in the USA. There is a lot to be said for “blue ski” skiing on manicured packed powder to revive your soul. The snow quality held, but some managed to climb a few yards out-of-bounds to grab some “freshies” too.

We culminated the trip at a dinner with the Olympic Gold Medalist guest-of-honor Deb Armstrong sharing her tales and skiing. Jan 19th mid-morning we boarded our vans for an uneventful flight home rejuvenated having seen “Ski Town USA” in the light of the Colorado Rockies as never before. We shall ski this jewel of a mountain again.

Gene Mares –

Hawk's Flock

PANORAMA, BC: Feb 5-8, 2009

Trip Status: One bus full with 42 waiting for the trip to start

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

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=3>

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

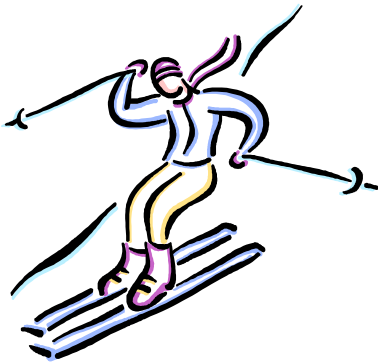
Membership No. _____

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"/> | Wine tours |
| <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 _____

Optional 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? _____

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-

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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.