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# Tumbleweed News

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*December 7th  
General Membership Informal Meeting  
Clover Island Inn  
6:30 P.M.*

**Board Meetings**  
December 5th  
Clover Island Inn  
7 p.m.

## DSC 2006-2007 SCHEDULE

E=Economy Trip M=Midrange Trip H=High Dollar Trip

|                                       |                                |         |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Learn to Ski Clinics                  | December 16 & 23               | E       |
| New Years Big Mt. Adventure           | December 28, 29, 30, 31, 1 & 2 | H       |
| <i>Open</i>                           | January 6 & 7                  |         |
| Brundage Mountain/<br>Tamarack Resort | January 12, 13, 14 & 15        | M<br>/H |
| Fun Day Weekend                       | January 20 (Saturday)          | E       |
| Silver Mt.                            | January 26, 27 & 28            | M       |
| Anthony Lakes (family trip)           | February 3 & 4                 | E       |
| UTAH                                  | February 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11      | H       |
| <i>Open</i>                           | February 16, 17, 18 & 19       |         |
| Bogus Basin                           | February 23, 24 & 25           | M       |
| Mt. Hood Meadows                      | March 2, 3 & 4                 | M       |
| Schweitzer                            | March 9, 10 & 11               | M<br>/H |
| Red Mt. or Apex                       | March 16, 17 & 18              | M       |
| <i>Open</i>                           | March 23, 24 & 25              |         |
| Mt Bachelor                           | March 30, 31 & April 1         | M       |
| Bluewood Bash                         | April 7                        | E       |

### 38<sup>th</sup> Annual DSC Swap

Its official we had a successful event. By cutting the operating budget by \$2,000., raising the consignment fee to 18% for Vendors and having hard working volunteers we grossed over \$60,000. The vendors were very pleased with their sales and said they'd be back for next year's event. The consensus from the public at cashiering, they were pleased to be getting such great deals. A large percent of sales went to families purchasing for the tots to teens. We are still about even in sales between cash/ checks and credit cards. We still have a way to go to bring our sales back up to where our operating cost provides for great trips and other DSC supported functions. The last couple of winters have provided the worst ski seasons in almost 30 years, first because of a lack of snowfall, then balmy temperatures and rain that washed way much of the snowpack. The effect has been severe on those who work at ski areas, businesses or simply ski clubs that live for carving up the slopes. The Desert Ski Club, in every respect, is supported by its members and we as a club will continue to provide the means for everyone to enjoy the sports they love.

In closing, I again, thank all the gracious volunteers that worked so hard this year and the banquet crew for the splendid display of food that filled our bellies.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!!

Rebecca Kranz, Vice President

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ:

Howdy skiers! Things are looking MAAAAHHHHVALOUS! The last couple of weather systems to move through the north-west, in addition to flooding on the west side and high winds locally here in the desert, have dumped tremendous amounts of white stuff in the mountains! My check of the websites of most area ski hills shows that most are planning to open this coming weekend (November 17 -18)! Let's hear a big Wool and a Hool!

Thanks to Rebecca and every one who showed up to help out with the Ski Swap! Preliminary reports are that it was a HUGE success! We had a lot of skiers and boarders come through and lots of lonely skis, boards, boots, etc, won't be languishing in the basement, garage, attic, back yard, crawl space, spare room, old school bus, leaning against the fence or where ever it is that unused ski gear goes to pout when not being used anymore. Unfortunately, my work schedule prevented me from being there but I saw the pictures of people standing on line to get in 2 hours before the doors opened! I also saw lots of smiling faces and satisfied looks. Thanks again to all and the next time you see Rebecca, give her a pat on the back and a thank you for being such a dedicated ski club member and hard worker.

Go to the website [www.desertskiclub.org](http://www.desertskiclub.org) and check out the schedule for the year. Some trips haven't been selling as well as we hoped early on and some tough decisions will have to be made if we can't get more sign ups. Let us know by phone or email if we aren't meeting your needs or expectations with our trips and we'll try to make corrections when possible. Remember, it is your club and you have a say in where we go and how the trips are organized. The members of the board are listed on the newsletter with phone numbers and email addresses and we all try to make as many meetings as possible to talk with you the membership and take your feed back.

Another thing to do is to talk to your family, friends and acquaintances about the club. When you tell people what ski trip you're planning to go on or just got back from don't forget to put in a plug for the club. One of the advantages I always mention when talking about the Ski Club is the varied abilities of the people who go on the trips. If I want to improve my skiing and challenge myself, there's always someone better than me to try to keep up with. If I want to kick back and cruise there's always someone to just hang with and enjoy the moment.

Last month (or was it the month before?) I was telling you to make sure you're doing something to get in shape for the coming season and I'm sure everyone took that advice to heart. Now I just want to say a word about being safe on the drive up to the ski hill. Make sure your vehicle is in shape for winter driving. It should have good tires for the conditions, all season or snow tires but make sure they have plenty of tread. Don't forget, 4 wheel drive is not going to be much help on a sharp curve or panic stop situation, so slow down! Have the battery and coolant checked to make sure they're ready for cold mountain conditions. Have a winter driving kit in the vehicle that includes chains (make sure they fit your wheel size and you know how to put them on), flares, blankets, extra warm clothing, food and water and a small first aid kit.

Before you leave, check the highway and pass reports at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/passes/> listen to the radio for weather and road conditions updates on the way. Expect black ice anytime! Leave plenty of time to get to the hill so you're not rushed and driving like a maniac on snowy and icy roads.

Have Fun Be Safe and I'll look for you on the hill!

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