



BEND SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Our Partner -
Receive a 10% Discount on
Equipment, Service, Rentals,
and Demos**

Bend Ski Club Partners with Skjersaa's Ski & Snowboard Shop

Skjersaa's, founded in 1958 by Olaf Skjersaa, is one of the oldest ski shops in Oregon. In 2019, Skjersaa's combined forces with Sagebrush Cycles to become your one stop shop for year-round fun in central Oregon!

Skjersaa's is offering BSC members a 10% discount on regular priced equipment, service, rentals and demos. Rentals and demos are available on their website: [Home - SBC \(skjersaas-bend.com\)](https://www.skjersaas-bend.com). For online purchases, use the discount code "bendskiclub". Check them out for your equipment, rental and demo needs, then show them your BSC membership card!

BSC Annual Kick-Off Meeting



The first big club event of the season was a great success with about 100 people attending. This was a fun event for both current and new members to meet and mingle before the start of the new ski season. A special thanks to all who helped organize this event and helped during the event.



Bend Ski Club Holiday Party

Come celebrate the holidays with your BSC friends. There will be heavy appetizers, a no host full bar and lots of good cheer. The event is open to BSC members and their +1s. Dress code is anything from black tie to blue jeans. A current 2022-23 Bend Ski Club membership is required to attend. Signup closes December 7. Signup and pay directly through BSC Meetup.

Where: Immersion Brewing (Barrel Room)

550 SW Industrial Way, Bend

When: December 13, 2022, 5:30 P.M.

Cost: \$25 per person

Attendance will be limited to the first 75 sign-ups.

More BSC Events

Bend Ski Club Après at Broken Top Bottle Shop

November 29, 4:30 - 6:30 P.M. at Broken Top Bottle Shop. This is a no host social event to mingle with old ski buddies and to make new friends. A great opportunity to catch up with your fellow club members! Huge selection of beverages and good food are available.

BSC Monthly Guest Speaker Series

We will kick off our speaker series on January 10th 5:30 P.M.- 7:30 P.M. at Bridge 99.

Our guest speaker will be Scott Elnes, meteorologist and snow sports enthusiast with Central Oregon Daily. This year will be a third straight La Nina year. For the Pacific Northwest, La Niña winters tend to be colder and wetter than average. Learn more about the La Nina season that is predicted this season. Grab a pint, order some food, mingle with your ski buddies and hear a great presentation. Signups for this event will be made available on Meetup as we get closer to this date. Be sure to watch your email for the Meetup notification to sign up for this event.

Bend Ski Club Membership Card

Use your membership card at Skjersaa's and for discounts through Northwest Ski Club Council (<https://nwskiers.org/>) and Far West Ski Association (www.fwsa.org). If you did not pick up your membership card at the kickoff meeting, pick it up at any future BSC off-mountain gathering. (See more info about FWSA and NWSCC on the last page.)

Bend Ski Club Merchandise



A new Bend Ski Club long sleeve shirt was introduced during the kickoff meeting and pre-orders were taken. The pre-ordered shirts have been ordered and should be ready to pick-up around the first week in December.

If you are interested in getting on the waiting list for a BSC shirt, here is the information you should know: All shirts are pre-shrunk and unisex, and come in various sizes. Small chest size 35-37", Medium 38-40", Large 41-43", XL 44-46", and 2XL 47-49". Shirts are \$20 each, except 2XL which is \$25. Marlene will keep a list of names of those interested in being on a waiting list for a possible next batch of shirts. Please email her at marbeenie@gmail.com with your name and size.

BSC Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your membership. Bend Ski Club's membership year starts with the new ski season and runs through November 30, 2023. Memberships this year remain \$40 for a single membership and \$60 for couples residing in the same household.

Please go to Bend Ski Club website at www.bendskiclub.net and click on the "JOIN US" tab at the top of the page. Follow the instructions to update your membership for the 2022-23 BSC Season. **Note: members who do not renew by Nov. 30, 2022 will be dropped from BSC Meetup and BSC Facebook Groups and will have to re-enroll if they renew later.**

Bend Ski Club Meetup and Staying Connected

We use meetup.com for event management. Join our meetup group here www.meetup.com/BendSkiClub to receive email notification of all BSC events. Only paid BSC members are eligible to join our meetup group.

If you haven't done so already, please consider joining us on Bend Ski Club's Facebook private group www.facebook.com/groups/BendSkiClub. This group is only for BSC members. Many fun and educational ski related posts and updates are made to this Facebook group. In addition, our BSC website <https://bendskiclub.net/> provides important club information.

BSC "Ski Connections" Update: We will soon distribute to BSC members a current membership roster that will include contact information and skier ability. Contact fellow members and create your own meetup!

BSC Annual Kick-Off Report

President Eric Hansen did a presentation that included a review of traditional club activities and announced our new partnership with Skjersaa's Ski and Snowboard Shop.

John McLeod-President/GM of Mt. Bachelor, was our special guest speaker. He discussed a number of topics, including the Skyliner chairlift and ski passes. A few highlights.

- Skyliner lift is repaired and will be ready for the ski season. Next year, the lift will be replaced with a new 6-pack chairlift. The length of the new Skyliner chair will remain the same, and Mt. Bachelor plans to expand the unloading area to improve traffic flow and address safety concerns.
- Mt. Bachelor has implemented new pricing for lift passes this season: a standard priced pass for those who agree to the standard liability waiver and a higher priced pass for those who don't. The change was made in response to a recent Oregon court ruling.
- Scapolo's Bistro will be returning this season.
- 5-6 more ski patrollers have been hired this season to do more safety related patrol work, especially in high traffic areas and near the terrain park. Ski patrol will potentially pull passes of those skiing/boarding out of control.



Member Spotlight – Larry Barker

Have you ever wondered how the Bend Ski Club got started? The club started in 1998 and will be celebrating 25 years next year! Larry Barker, present member, one of the founders, and last remaining original member helped start the club. Al Zemke, was the person with the idea to start Bend Ski Club with the help of Larry Barker, Albert Pierce, Ryan Gage, Joanne Barker and a few others. Bend Ski Club started out as a racing club when 22 ski race teams were encouraged

by Mt. Bachelor to start a club so they could race on the mountain. Eventually racing at Mt. Bachelor did not work out, but about 135 skiers decided to stay in the club and race at Hoodoo.

Over the years more recreational skiers joined the club and eventually the club became a recreational/social club. The club has gone through various changes over the years and Larry has always been there in the background supporting the club. He thinks of himself as one of the “spark plugs” and stayed on the board or assisted the board for 23 years. Through his club involvement he has met a lot of great people. Larry says that a ski club is only as good as its volunteers.

“Serving on the board made me a stronger person and I learned the importance of volunteering.”

Larry has many funny stories and a lot of historical knowledge of the club. Larry, thank you for all your contributions over the years.

Ski Tips

It's time to get our ski gear out and look it over to see what may need to be replaced. When it comes to safety equipment, look at your helmet. Check with your helmet manufacturer's website for recommendations of when you should change out your helmet. Most manufacturers state a helmet only fully protects your head for one significant crash or for 3-5 years of use. Have a good helmet with modern technology and replace it regularly.

Remember you only get one brain, protect it!

NWSCC / FWSA Ski Trips and Activities

Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) and Far West Ski Association (FWSA)

Bend Ski Club is part of NWSCC, a group of ski clubs from Oregon, Washington and Hawaii. BSC is also part of Far West Ski Association, a larger organization of ski clubs from throughout the western states. And part of National Ski Council Federation, which covers ski clubs throughout the United States. All their benefits are your benefits.

NWSCC Benefits: <https://nwskiers.org/programs> and <https://nwskiers.org/specialoffers>

FWSA Benefits: <https://tinyurl.com/3m2rynxd>

National Ski Council Federation: <https://skifederation.org/benefits/>

Also, as a NWSCC member, if another ski club from the Northwest has an opening on one of its advertised ski trips, you can often sign up for the trip if the club still has openings. For a list of possible trip openings go to <https://nwskiers.org/>

FWSA Ski and Adventure Trips

January 21 - 28, 2023 FWSA Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Week

Update! 3 spots available for possibly a couple and a single female. More information at <https://tinyurl.com/4ddame5f>

February 25 - March 4, 2023 FWSA International Ski & Snowboard Adventure

Zermatt, Switzerland, with an optional extension to Spain. Almost sold out. More information at <https://tinyurl.com/4s2k3zer>

February 25 - March 2, 2023 FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week Taos, NM.

Almost sold out. **Update:** Contact: Marilyn Sigler (503)504-3663 marski@teleport.com

September 16 – 23, 2023 FWSA 12th Annual Dive Trip. The 2023 Far West Dive Trip will be to the Turks & Caicos Islands. Contact Randy Lew: fwsa13randy@telis.net