



## **BEND SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2023**



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### **Hello Skiers and Boarders!**

We hope you are getting out to the slopes and enjoying our February Spring weather! Of course, we also hope for MORE SNOW. Dances please....



As a club, we have been quite busy with many meetups on the mountain, including many new members enjoying these outings. **Last count, our membership was at 228, an ALL TIME HIGH.** Speaking of meetups, IF you are on a Waitlist for a meetup, be SURE and check back often to see if you have been moved to the “Going” list. Many times, we are able to bring in

another leader to accommodate those on the waitlist.

We had a well-attended **Speaker Series event at Bridge 99** on Tuesday Feb. 7th. Our speaker, Steve Stenkamp, talked about Oregon's Lost Ski Areas. He was very entertaining and had done a LOT of research. At one time Oregon had 42 ski areas, including two in Bend (Pilot Butte and Overturf Park). Oregon now has 13, and they're all good, right!

**And a couple things to put on your calendar** – our next Monthly Speaker Series event (March 14<sup>th</sup>) and our Year-End Party (tentatively, May 3). More on these events later...

**IF you have an RV, travel trailer or van**, please come and join us on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, for an overnight adventure at West Village. On Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, we are planning a tailgate party around 1pm..... for the entire club. Please bring a dish to share. To book, go to the Mt. Bachelor website, then click on THE MOUNTAIN, then Services and finally Overnight RV parking. For a non-powered spot, it's around \$51 per night. HOPE you can join us for some fun fun Fuuuuuun!!!



And a reminder – **TO PROMOTE SAFETY** (and to prevent meetups from breaking up), when you sign up for a meetup, please read the meetup description carefully! For example, if you ski at a modest pace, please don't sign up for Fast Intermediate events. And if you enjoy a faster pace on the groomers, don't sign up for Mellow Intermediate events! **As individuals, one of the most important things we can do to promote safety on the mountain is to ski at a pace consistent with other event members.**

**Don't forget to check our website** ([www.Bendskiclub.net](http://www.Bendskiclub.net)) for info on the many events offered by the club's parent organizations, the Far West Ski Association and the Northwest Ski Club Council.

## **KEN ROBBINS SPOTLIGHT INTERVIEW**

By Becki Robinson

Ken has been a member of Bend Ski Club (BSC) for 11 years. Ken started skiing at age 12 at Whitefish Ski Resort, which was previously known as Big Mountain Resort. As a young boy he quickly learned he would have to get his parents involved in skiing if he wanted to ski often and have regular transportation to the mountain. Ken continued to ski throughout college. He subsequently moved to Atlanta, Georgia but continued to find ways to travel to the mountains to ski. Ken

knew of Mt. Bachelor when he decided to move to Bend and purchased his season pass even before he moved to Oregon. (This man knows his priorities!)

When Ken first joined BSC, he had difficulty connecting with other members. He finally went to the Sunrise Lodge at Mt. Bachelor and walked up to a couple skiers. He asked, “Have you ever heard of Bend Ski Club?” Luckily, the two skiers he approached were long time members and a couple of the original founders of BSC, Larry Barker and Alan Pierce. They saw the eagerness Ken had and soon got him involved in serving on the BSC board. Ken came to the board about the time the club was transitioning from a racing club to a social/recreational ski club. Between Ken and David Horn, they came up with many great new ideas for the club; including in-town restaurant après, BBQs on the mountain, chili cook-off and other fun activities.



Since the beginning Ken has had many club duties; including serving on the board as treasurer, newsletter editor, greeter, meetup leader, membership director, webmaster, and party planner extraordinaire. Ken now acts as “The Face of the Club” as the greeter for our monthly Après Events and monthly Speaker Series. Whether he knows it or not, Ken is an ambassador for our club and a person who when he sees a need, volunteers to help. Ken has demonstrated through his many actions how important and helpful it is for a club member to step forward to volunteer time to maintain a friendly, vibrant and fun ski club.

**All for now!** Hope to see you on the slopes!

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