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Valentine's Day Guide



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Snowboarding has been around since 1980, when the first commercially produced board appeared on the market, but in the past few years its popularity as a sport has exploded.

"I know a lot of people who used to ski, I don't know anyone who used to snowboard," said snowboard club member Mike Maxfield. "I think it's definitely going to keep getting bigger."

Newsweek magazine credited snowboarding with giving the ski resort industry a "shot in the arm." At Mount Hood Meadows, snowboarders account for an estimated 25 percent of 30 percent of all tickets sold.

"When I first started boarding, there weren't too many people doing it," said Maxfield, a seven-year snowboard veteran. "Now sometimes it seems like there are almost as many boarders as skiers."

More akin to surfing and skateboarding than skiing, snowboarding offers its own unique challenges and thrills.

"You can definitely do a lot of things with a snowboard that you can't with skis," Maxfield said. "There are all kinds of skateboard-type moves that you can do on a board, on the other hand, you can't go as fast on a snowboard, and since both your feet are strapped to it, you can get stuck in powder or on a flat spot."

One result of snowboarding's popularity has been the rise of intercollegiate teams and competition.

"When we first started the club three years ago, there were only one or two other teams on the West Coast," said club founder and coordinator Lea Waymire. "Now there are at least seven or eight and more every year."

Snowboard competitions generally consist of two events, the slalom and the half pipe. In the slalom, contestants race through



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Snowboarding's new popularity has been a "shot in the arm" to the ski resort industry and has given rise to a club sport snowboarding team.

gates and receive a score based on their time. In the half pipe, boarders try to impress judges by launching up the sides of a man-made ravine, or half pipe. Contestants are judged by the height, difficulty and number of their "airs."

"We've done pretty good in competitions, considering that we haven't been able to train as much as we should," Waymire said.

Problems getting qualified drivers to drive the club sports van to Willamette Pass have kept the club from holding any training sessions yet this year, but Waymire said they would be starting soon.

In addition to competing, the club offers the chance for snowboarders of all levels to hone their skills with coach Krist Anderson and to get into shape before the first snow falls.

"We have optional physical training sessions before the sea-

son" Waymire said. "We mountain bike or play ultimate frisbee, it's pretty fun."

To raise money to supplement, the club showed the Warren Miller movie, *Fear of a Flat Planet*, last month, and will likely show more in the future. In the past, they have raffled off a snowboard and other winter sports equipment.

The club will send riders to the Timberline Classic on Feb. 27-28 at Mount Hood's Timberline lodge. In addition, it will host the third annual Northwest Collegiate Snowboard competition at the Willamette Pass ski area on March 6-7.

Waymire said although the snowboarding season has already started, it is not too late to join the club. Anyone interested should attend the club meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room D or call Lea Waymire at 687-9578

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