

# Hang your stocking in Hawaii

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A Hawaiian vacation for the holidays -- to go to the islands of white sandy beaches and warm blue water away from the cold Oregon weather. Sounds heavenly, doesn't it?

My sister living in Minnesota joins the family every Christmas for the holidays. Oregon's weather is not the most comfortable this time of year. However, compared to the five feet of snow and 50-degree wind chill of Minnesota, this is quite pleasant. Through the years the same old trip from the midwest to Oregon became boring.

Rather than spend another Christmas holiday with my parents and family for the two weeks of vacation, my sister decided to spend Christmas here, then fly to the Hawaiian Islands for New Years. Thinking of the idea, a few of the members of the family, (including myself) decided a week in 90-degree heat would not be such a bad place to go.

The decision had been made. Three of the family would take the trip. But how to go about it? Our telephone book wasn't any help, and living in the suburbs of Portland we haven't received a Portland phone book and yellow pages since 1975. Most of the travel agents' numbers no longer existed and yet others had become peoples homes and rent-a-car places.

The next thing was to look in the entertainment section of the newspaper. There were quite a few ads for taking a trip to the islands but mostly to Honolulu and Waikiki which weren't the places we wanted to go.

But through all of the trials and

tribulations, we found the Paulson-Wicklund Travel Company.

I called the company and told them where we would like to go and if it was possible.

"Well, we have nothing available at the moment but we'll try and find something," said one of the agents. "The best time to get reservations is in January for the holiday season."

"In other words we should have started last January," I asked.

"Yes," she replied, "But there may be some cancellations."

How the great hopes for Hawaii were slowly diminishing, but there was a chance.

The whole state of Hawaii couldn't be booked for the holiday's. Someone has to decide not to go. It seemed like there was little hope, but a little is better than none.

The next day the travel agency called with a trip package, which was not where or when we wanted to go. The company said they'd keep on trying. The following day we received another call from the company with almost the right type of plan for us. For \$444 we could be in Hawaii for eight days and seven nights. The first three we would spend in Waikiki and the rest of the time would be spent on the Kona Coast on the island of Hawaii and Hilo with a rent-a-car for those five days.

After making all the arrangements, I decided to call the better business bureau on the travel agency to make sure they were on the straight and narrow, which the company is.

Every one have a nice Christmas and New Years. I'm almost positive I will.



## Oregon's resorts offer varied winter activities

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This winter, thousands of Oregonians will flock to the numerous winter resorts located throughout Oregon. These resorts offer a variety of activities for the winter devotee as well as for the more sedentary winter individual.

With the winter weather conditions of ice and snow, many people will be unable to go to work and should consider taking advantage of some of Oregon's winter resorts. One can get by relatively cheap by only visiting for the day and, depending on the resort, reasonable accommodations can be obtained for weekenders and those desiring more lengthy vacations.

For the avid snow enthusiasts there are several winter resorts located in Oregon.

Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood is one of the most famous winter resorts in Oregon. It offers lodging facilities, several ski lifts and rental ski equipment to all its visitors. Lodging rates vary with the type of room desired, but the rates are reasonable compared to many other ski resorts.

Timberline is mainly for the skiers, but they cordially invite

all who would just like to rest and relax in a pleasant atmosphere to take advantage of their facilities.

Another pleasant winter resort is Sunriver Lodge, located in Sunriver, Ore., south of Bend. It offers golf, horseback riding, polo, tennis, swimming, an airport, and nearby mountains for skiing.

Contrary to Timberline, Sun-

river Lodge offers lodge condominiums and resort homes. However, the rates are comparable.

In central Oregon, a year round resort--The Inn at the Seventh Mountain--offers a variety of activities to the vacationer.

The Inn is located about seven miles west of Bend and the vacationer may ski the slopes of Mt. Bachelor or ice skate in the Inn's

magnificent 6,000 square foot ice rink.

Mainly, though, the Inn is a great place to relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery. It is situated in a natural setting of pines and shrubbery. In the winter, a blanket of snow covers the landscape, while in the summer it is bathed in sunshine.

For vacationers retreating from the snow scene, numerous coastal resorts offer their rest and relaxation facilities year round.

Two outstanding coastal resorts, reasonably close to each other, are the Salishan Lodge and The Inn at Otter Crest.

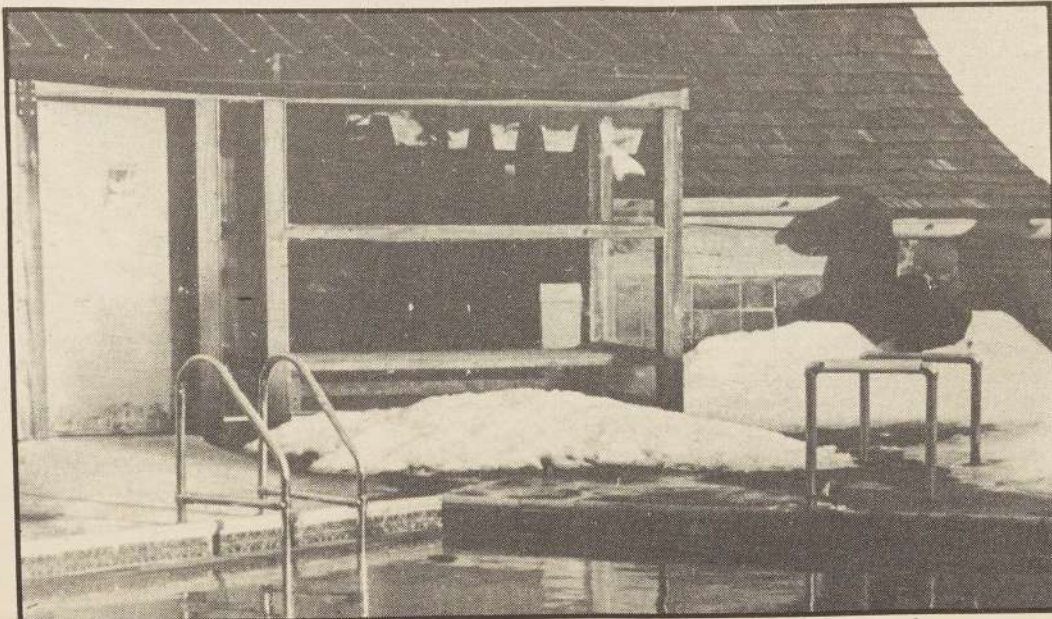
Salishan Lodge offers 150 individual rooms which are dotted on a mountainside overlooking Siletz Bay. Besides offering a semi-private 18-hole golf course, Salishan sports a new year-round indoor tennis facility for its guests.

Guests at Salishan will also enjoy a beauty salon, art gallery, gift shop, children's playground, billiard room, nature trails, swimming pool and one of the Pacific Coast's finest dining rooms.

A luxury resort, Salishan's lodging and dining rates reflect its atmosphere and are quite high compared to other coastal resorts.

The Inn at Otter Crest offers basically the same activities as Salishan but at a somewhat more modest price.

Overall, there are a variety of winter resorts for every kind of leisure enthusiast. Oregon's most popular winter resorts are accessible by car sparing the vacationer the premium expenses associated with air travel.



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