

# 'So-so' snow draws skiers

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of the Post

Despite a somewhat erratic snowfall this past winter, skiers were out in full force in the higher elevations of Mt. Hood making up for a poor showing last season, according to operators at two resorts.

Mt. Hood Meadows (lodge elevation 5,350 feet) and Timberline (6,000) both reported sizable increases in ski activities on their slopes for the season with adequate snow packs luring skiers from all over the Northwest. The snow came early in the season at the two resorts and was enough to carry them

through a relatively dry period which lasted from mid-February through early April. The snow has again started falling and base depths are back up to where they were in the best part of the season.

"We had a fantastic year," said Barb Kockovich at Mt. Hood Meadows. "After last

year's lack of snow we weren't sure how the interest would be this winter. But the skiers were out this year." Snowfall on the mountain was significantly below the average accumulations of the past 10 years but was still greater than the pitifully small amount which fell last year.

Mt. Hood Meadows, which has a base of over 200 inches during peak-season in an average winter, reported only a maximum depth of 129 inches on Feb. 9. However, by contrast, the resort was closed on that same date last year due to an absence of the good white flakes.

Timberline had a maximum depth of 99 inches in mid-February and reached that depth again this past weekend with a heavy snowfall. The snow depth has been moderately greater than last year but is still well below the peak depth of 310 inches recorded by Timberline in the winter of 1973-74.

"We had our best year ever in terms of the number of skiers and total revenue at

the resort," said Timberline general manager Richard Kohnstamm. "We've seen more snow here in other years but there's been enough this winter to keep the skiers coming."

But at Multitorpor-Ski Bowl near Government Camp where the lodge elevation is 3,600 feet, the snow was not as plentiful and manager Keith Petrie reports only a "fair" season.

"The snow level was a little above us," Petrie said. "There was plenty of it in the upper bowl but we only had around 12 inches at the lodge."

Multitorpor closed operations at the end of last month. Since that time, a good deal of snow has fallen on the slopes but for the resort it's been too little too late.

Timberline, which is open seven days a week, will remain in operation until early July. Mt. Hood Meadows recently closed its weekday operation but will remain open weekends through June. The hours will depend on skier interest, Kockovich said.

## Initiative asks five for Clackamas board

An initiative petition seeking to enlarge the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners to five members was filed Tuesday with the county clerk.

The issue was brought before the Legislature last session by Sen. Walt Brown, D-Lake Oswego, but died before reaching full vote.

Brown said he does not anticipate any problems getting the 2,500 signatures necessary to put the initiative on the November general election ballot.

Both Commissioners Robert Schumacher and Ralph Groener have reservations about the board expansion, while Commissioner Stan Skoko supported the idea.

Brown said county growth has created more work than the three-member board can handle and cited polls which show two-thirds of county residents supporting the idea.

Schumacher said the county does not have the space nor the money for two

more commissioners. He maintains it would cost another \$200,000 to set up for the additional positions.

Skoko, who often has been at odds with Schumacher and Groener, said the five-member panel would render decisions based on facts rather than personalities.

In addition to the increase in the size of the board, commissioners also would be elected from districts, rather than the current at-large races.

Schumacher said districting would lead to divisiveness in county government and voting based on what's politically expedient to getting re-elected from a district rather than what's best for the county.

The initiative petition filed was signed by Wilbur Sultzbeck of Sandy, Herb Steiner of Beavercreek and Nancy Thornton of Milwaukie.

## Voters' pamphlets being delivered

Approximately 100,000 copies of the Official 1978 Primary Voters' Pamphlet are now being delivered to every household in Clackamas County by U.S. Postal Service employees, according to Secretary of State Norma Paulus.

The post office has until May 8 to complete deliveries. Residents not receiving copies by that date should call local post office stations where extra copies will be available. Additional copies will also be placed at the Clackamas County courthouse.

"Traditionally the Clackamas County pamphlet is the second largest of the 25 issued throughout the state," Mrs. Paulus noted. This year it contains 120 pages and includes candidates for

Clackamas County and City of Portland positions as well as state offices.

The printing of Ballot Measure 6, which reorganizes the Metropolitan Service District and abolishes CRAG, takes 16 additional pamphlet pages in the Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas County pamphlets.

Mrs. Paulus also announced modest changes were made in the pamphlet design to facilitate its utility and readability in hopes of encouraging greater voter attention and participation.

For the first time this year the pamphlet has been organized into four sections, one each for measures and Republican, Democratic and nonpartisan candidates.



THE SKIERS have kept flocking to Mt. Hood this year, despite a poor skiing season last year.

## Boring man killed in crash

A 20-year-old Boring man was killed late Saturday night when the vehicle he was traveling in collided with another car at 223rd Avenue and Glisan Street.

Dead was Mark Christian, 1927 SE Sunnyside Road. He was passenger in a car northbound on 223rd driven

by Mitchell T. Reader, 20, of 14342 SE Rustway, according to Multnomah County Sheriff's deputies.

Reader was arrested and charged with manslaughter in connection with the incident. He also was treated and released from Gresham Community Hospital.

Driver of the other car, headed west on Glisan, was Anthony Carlson, 13900 SE 142nd Ave. He was uninjured.

Investigation is continuing. Christian was a 1976 graduate of Sam Barlow High School and had been a standout for the Bruin wrestling team.

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