

Business, snow good at Mt. Hood ski resorts

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The skiing's good, and so is business, report representatives of the area's ski resorts.

"We're keeping really busy seven days a week," said George Brady, catering director at Timberline Lodge.

At Mt. Hood Meadows over 60,000 skiers were accommodated from November through December, keeping 336 employees busy.

"We're in the top 30 percent of

where we've been in the past, in all years," said Michael Clark, director of marketing and sales at Mt. Hood Meadows.

They had 146 inches of packed snow at the end of last week, with all runs groomed and ready for use.

Clark said that they've been busy since the weekend before Christmas. He said the crowds have been consistent, not terribly large.

"The lift lines are very short," he said, because all the slopes are open and well maintained.

Still, Clark recommends mid-week ski packages because of shorter lines and less traffic, and said that Sandy-area residents may want to call 297-8011, Gresham, to get the details on group trips.

Mt. Hood Meadows is one of the first ski areas to show video tape of the day's skiing. They have three in-lodge video systems.

Keith Petrie, manager at Multitorpor-Ski Bowl, said that the snow is the best it's been since 1945. The 18,500 skiers in December kept

175 employees busy.

This is the best start in five years for Multitorpor-Ski Bowl, Petrie said, adding that business in December was up about 20 percent.

The snow was about 120 inches at the top of the bowl, and all the slopes were open at the end of last week.

Dick Kohnstamm, manager at Timberline Lodge, said that they had their best December ever, with business being about 20 percent better than in '79-80.

"We're having a good season," Kohnstamm said. The snow was

measured at 190 inches at the top of Phlo Point, west of the Lodge, which is reportedly a record.

"We're not a huge ski area," Kohnstamm pointed out, adding that they have had "nice, steady growth."

He said, "I'd put the growth factor at 10 percent. We're about where we ought to be."

Recreation spots do notoriously well in bad times, he said.

When asked about the number of people employed at Timberline, which is about 135 including the Lodge and Wy'East, Kohnstamm said, "Somebody needs to wake up

Salem about tourism. We're keeping these people employed. Tourism is not a dirty word."

George Brady recommended getting reservations for meals at the Cascade Dining Room in Timberline Lodge. He said that food services all together are probably doing twice the business of an average year, if one can figure out what an average year is.

Brady was enthusiastic about the snow, saying it's cold and consistent, "a squeaky kind of snow."

He said, "It's beautiful stuff. God, I just can't believe it."

Ski rental problems convinced Fox to get into the business

For awhile it seemed like the good snow just wasn't going to fall for Barbara Fox, owner of the Winter Fox, a cross country ski and snowshoe rental shop.

But after six years, that may be changing.

Fox, who owns Summit House rentals at Government Camp as well as the Winter Fox in Sandy, feels the area is due for a few good winters.

And of course this season is off to a good start.

Saturday all the cross country skis

had been rented except for some of the children's sizes.

Fox, in 1976, found herself in a job where the funding was being cut off.

"I knew, from being a skier, that there was a problem in finding good cross country ski rentals," she said about her decision to get into business for herself.

And, most of the rental shops she knew about were in the city, and were closed on Sunday.

So, one would have to drive into

Portland on Friday and pick up the skis, and then drive back on Monday and drop them off.

One could rent skis on the mountain, but there was always the risk the place would be out.

In fact, that could be one reason the Winter Fox does twice the business the Summit House does.

It's fairly obvious that Fox's location on Highway 26 is a good one. She opens at 8 a.m., and closes at 7 p.m., seven days a week. Therefore it's handy for about anyone who uses the

highway regularly.

Another goal is top-of-the-line equipment, which fits and performs better.

"That's what I was aiming for and that's what I've done. And I'm still in business six years later," she said with a laugh.

Fox said that she has a lot of return business, and that people keep telling friends about the Winter Fox.

When the season is over, she goes to work for the Forest Service. She has a general science degree from Oregon State University, and works as a botanist looking for threatened or endangered plants in timber sales.

That starts up about the end of April, and finishes up about the end of September.

"So, it makes for a nice year," she

said.

She spends a lot of time in the winter training employees and maintaining equipment, so it's usually March or April before she starts skiing regularly. But that seems to be okay with her.

"I think that's one of the best times to ski," she said.

Fox recommends that people with no experience take a few lessons, but adds, "There are even people who come in here and they've got no idea what the sport is like, but they've decided they're going to do it. They come in and ask us what they'll need to do it."

Fox, and employees Joyce Gonzalez and Kim Young, laugh, perhaps thinking about beginning skiers falling down a lot, which "they'll do with

or without lessons.

A lot of people learn from their friends, Gonzalez pointed out.

Maps are sold at the Winter Fox, but can also be obtained through the Zigzag Ranger Station.

Adults can rent skis for \$7 a day, or \$10 for the weekend. Reservations should be made at least a day in advance.

Rentals may be picked up on Friday evenings, and need not be dropped off until Monday mornings.

Snowshoes can also be rented at the Winter Fox, with Mirror Lake and Ramona Falls being a couple of the more popular areas to snowshoe in.

Fox said, "I really like to push the idea of kids, of family skiing. This is an excellent sport for families."

Sandy girls win novice ski meet

The Sandy girls won a novice ski meet at Timberline last weekend, with freshman Marcy Huff and junior Ingrid Peterson winning the giant slalom.

Coach Robert Karsten was pleased with all the novice skiers, saying they did very well.

Huff and Peterson ran the course in 38.1. Freshman Nicole Schouten tied for 16th with a time of 43.5, and freshman Jody Heacock was 22nd with a time of 45.0.

The boys finished second to Lincoln. Freshman Brian Silvey was fifth with a time of 37.7. Other finishes include freshman Erik Marter, 10th, 38.6; freshman Jeff Day, 12th, 39.1; junior Tyson Cummins, 16th, 39.4; freshman Peter Valian, 19th, 39.6; junior Peter Kallen, 22nd, 39.8; sophomore Steve Benny, 32nd, 42.3; freshman Josh Berger, 33rd, 42.4; freshman Billy Van Lanen, 36th, 43.0; freshman

Jack Harris, 45th, 45.5; and sophomore Rod Edwards, 47th, 46.4.

"I was quite satisfied," Karsten said. "We did real well."

He added that he has a "great freshman group."

Karsten, in his third year as SUHS ski coach, guided the girls to a state title last year. The boys had a bad meet, finishing 10th.

Karsten did not lose a skier off the girls team through graduation.

Returning starters include junior Anne Sarich, who was third in the slalom and first in the giant slalom at state last year. Also returning is Anne's twin sister, Sue, a consistent point winner, as is Ulla Pearson, a sophomore.

"She can win races any time she puts her mind to it," Karsten said about Pearson. "She's a brilliant skier."

The three of them compete more

against each other than against skiers from other teams, Karsten said.

Another good skier returning to the varsity is sophomore Charr Bridge, who also placed well at the state meet last year.

Senior Kristen Van Steenis will be battling with Huff and Peterson for the fifth and sixth spots on the team.

The boys team is young and competitive, according to Karsten.

Karsten said that freshman Steve Sarich is the best skier, technically, he's ever worked with.

Senior Robert Spradling has been a good, strong racer for Sandy, and has a lot of experience.

Junior Chris Welch also has varsity experience, and has improved greatly, Karsten said.

"I expect a lot out of him," Karsten said.

Junior Mike Wall "has the aggressive attitude that it takes to be a winner."

A number of the skiers who participated in the novice meet are expected to be battling for the remaining two varsity positions.

About 35 teams in Oregon participate in skiing. Sandy is in the Valley League, along with Lake Oswego, Lakeridge, OES, Lincoln and Wilson.



Barbara Fox, Kim Young and Joyce Gonzalez

SUHS boys win in overtime

The Sandy boys basketball team opened league play Tuesday with an overtime win at West Linn.

"That game was extremely important for our program," Coach Dan Brisbin said, explaining that he's been telling the players all along they're capable of beating anyone on any given night.

To win a close game against a school like that has got to give them confidence, he said.

The Pioneers found themselves down 6-0 at the start, but it was a five-point game for the rest of the evening.

Sandy had a five-point lead with a minute and a half to go in regulation play, but made a couple of fouls and were unable to grab a couple of key rebounds.

They played the overtime, and about the last minute of regulation time, without Bob Nippert, who fouled out.

The three-minute overtime went Sandy's way, however, with the Pioneers winning 68-61.

It's a tribute to the kids that they played so well in the overtime without Nippert, Brisbin said, as he's

obviously a key player.

"We couldn't have won the game without some of the people that went in off the bench," he said, adding that Robert Brader, Stu Hoffman, Marv Schaffer and Gordon Brinsler provided that needed lift.

Mitch Paola "played a tremendous game again," scoring 20 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

Troy Wolf played well second half, Brisbin said. Wolf scored 13 points, including three straight from the top of the key at the start of the fourth quarter, which got the Pioneers back in the game.

Nippert, who missed about a four-minute stretch in the second half because of foul trouble, scored 18 points and nabbed eight rebounds.

Considering the lack of practice time, and the fact that they hadn't played a game since Dec. 19, Brisbin thought it was a tremendous effort.

"They did a fine job," he said. He seemed most pleased about the fact that the players seemed sure they were going to win the game.

"The game's half mental," Brisbin said. "You've got to believe in yourself."

Blue Marlins do more than participate

About 85 swimmers from six clubs participated in the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club's B-C Invitational last weekend.

Peggy Hodge, tournament director, said that participation is stressed more than winning. However, there was still plenty of winning going on, with every Blue Marlin receiving a ribbon.

Some "A" division swimmers (those with certain qualifying times) participated in this meet. However, ribbons were only given to swimmers competing in the classes in which they belonged.

Individual results
200 freestyle relay, 10 and under boys: Marty Sheppard, Gaylord Miller, Gabriel Black and Ben

King, 1st, 2:46.63.
13 and over boys 100 free, C: Julie Crampton, 2nd, 1:29.49.
13 and over girls 200 free, B: Terri Hanson, 1st, 2:25.34.
13 and over boys 200 free, B: Dean Haines, 1st, 2:27.85; Jon Tuttle, 3rd, 2:30.75; Martin Haugan, 4th, 2:32.39; C: Aaron George, 3rd, 2:41.78.
8 and under girls 25 free, C: Nikki Hanson, 1st, 26.62.
10 and under girls 50 free, C: Robyn Hayball, 3rd, 45.70; Christy Crampton, 4th, 50.45.
10 and under boys 50 free, B: Ben King, 1st, 38.45; C: Gaylord Miller, 2nd, 41.69; Gabriel Black, 3rd, 41.81; Marty Sheppard, 5th, 43.90; Richard Montgomery, 6th, 45.11.
11-12 girls 50 free, C: Julie Crampton, 1st, 38.96.
13 and over girls 100 free, B: Terri Hanson, 2nd, 1:06.78.
13 and over Boys 100 free, B: Jon Tuttle, 2nd,

1:06.78; Dean Haines, 3rd, 1:07.07; Martin Haugan, 4th, 1:07.29; Aaron George, 5th, 1:09.09.
C: Bill Christman, 1st, 1:26.15.
8 and under girls 25 breast, C: Nikki Hanson, 1st, 32.79.
10 and under girls 50 breast, C: Robyn Hayball, 2nd, 1:01.71; Christy Crampton, 5th, 1:06.68.
10 and under boys 50 breast, C: Marty Sheppard, 3rd, 1:03.97; Ben King, 4th, 1:04.27; Richard Montgomery, 6th, 1:14.74.
11-12 girls 50 breast, B: Julie Crampton, 1st, 43.06.
13 and over girls 100 breast, B: Terri Hanson, 1st, 1:25.90.
13 and over boys 100 breast, B: Jon Tuttle, 1st, 1:19.18; Aaron George, 3rd, 1:28.4; C: Bill Christman, 1st, 1:43.39.
8 and under girls 25 back, C: Nikki Hanson, 5th, 34.74.
10 and under girls 50 back, C: Robyn Hayball, 4th, 56.95; Christy Crampton, 6th, 1:02.38.
10 and under boys 50 back, B: Marty Sheppard, 3rd, 47.77; C: Gaylord Miller, 1st, 50.06; Ben King,

2nd, 52.03; Richard Montgomery, 5th, 56.55.
11-12 girls 50 back, C: Julie Crampton, 1st, 45.44.
13 and over girls 100 back, B: Terri Hanson, 2nd, 1:19.86.
13 and over boys 100 back, B: Jon Tuttle, 2nd, 1:22.19; Dean Haines, 3rd, 1:23.37; C: Martin Haugan, 1st, 1:29.19; Aaron George, 2nd, 1:33.32; Bill Christman, 3rd, 2:00.55.
8 and under girls 25 fly, C: Nikki Hanson, 3rd, 42.38.
10 and under girls 50 fly, B: Michelle Crane, 1st, 43.52; C: Robyn Hayball, 3rd, 55.96; Christy Crampton, 6th, 1:09.55.
10 and under boys 50 fly, C: Ben King, 2nd, 57.26; Marty Sheppard, 3rd, 58.21; Gaylord Miller, 4th, 59.72; Richard Montgomery, 6th, 1:30.51.
11-12 girls 50 fly, C: Julie Crampton, 1st, 44.04.
13 and over boys 100 fly, B: Dean Haines, 2nd, 1:15.03.
8 and under girls 100 IM, C: Nikki Hanson, 1st, 2:42.06.
10 and under boys 200 IM, C: Ben King, 1st, 3:43.98; Gaylord Miller, 2nd, 3:56.20; Marty Sheppard, 4th, 4:27.08.
13 and over girls 200 IM, B: Terri Hanson, 1st, 2:44.25.
13 and over boys 200 IM, B: Dean Haines, 2nd, 2:50.03; Jon Tuttle, 3rd, 2:50.92; C: Martin Haugan, 1st, 3:00.28; Aaron George, 3rd, 3:12.54.
Also swimming at this meet was Becky Hewgley, 12, who swam exhibition in the 13 and over girls group and achieved very competitive times. Michelle Crane achieved "A" times in her freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and IM.
At another meet in Gresham, BMAC's "A" swimmers made a good showing. Doug Crane, 13, placed 2nd in the 100 fly, 58.57; 2nd in 100 free, 54.13; 2nd in 200 free, 2:00.61; 2nd in 200 fly, 2:18.20; 3rd in 400 IM, 4:57.33; 3rd in 200 IM, 2:16.84. All these times qualify Crane to swim in 1982 regional competition. Crane also was 3rd in the 1650 free, 19:27.77.
Michelle Crane, 9, placed 4th in the 100 breast, 1:39.50; and also achieved a personal best in the 100 backstroke, 1:28.90.
Ian Hodge, 10, was 7th in 100 freestyle, 1:15 (personal best); and also achieved a personal best in the 100 breaststroke, 1:50.14.
Damon Hodge, 8, took three first places, setting three meet records: 39.49 in 50 fly; 23.28 in 50 free; and 45.06 in 50 breast.
Local merchants sponsoring the meet include Camp's Lumber & Building Supply, Buxton's Lee Meat, Independent Bank of Sandy, Sandy Rexall, Williams Thriftway, Hal's Mobil of Gresham, Jim Patrick, Al Russell Tire, Yearger Logging, Taco Time, Mt. Hood Dairy Queen, Joe's Donuts, Mt. Hood Body Shop, Carlson Chevrolet, Clackamas County Bank, Your Auto & Truck Parts, Sandy Lumber, Sandy Coast to Coast, Eugene Madison, Earl's Gun Shack, Sandy Lions Club and Sandy Chamber of Commerce.



The Blue Marlin Aquatics Club. Back row, from left to right: Terri Hanson, Becky Hewgley, Aaron George, Martin Haugan, Jon Tuttle and Bill Christman. Middle row, from left to right: Dean Haines, Gaylord Miller, Gabriel Black, Richard Montgomery, Damon Hodge, Michelle Crane and Coach Carl Neuenfeldt. Front row, from left to right: Marty Sheppard, Nikki Hanson, Ben King, Christy Crampton, Robyn Hayball and Julie Crampton.



Above, Nikki Haines during the Blue Marlin Aquatic Club's Invitational. Pictured below is Dean Haines.

