

Hosts soothe skiers' tempers with smile



Linda Cockram

Skiing can be a frustrating experience for both beginner and advanced skier alike.

The frustration may begin for some skiers before they even get to the slopes, just fighting the traffic. Other skiers may lose their temper trying to haul their skis and poles from the car to the lodge while wearing those stiff ski boots.

For what ever reason that might have made the trip to the mountain less than enjoyable, the Ski Host is waiting at the lodge to help make the day on the slopes an enjoyable one.

Bob Tourtilot, Ski Host coordinator at Timberline tries to focus on the families, and get them off to a good start in the morning.

"One thing I try to do in the morning, when the parents are getting the whole family together and everybody is starting to get a little bit testy after dragging their equipment up here (from the parking lot to the lodge), is help 'mom' get into her skis while 'dad' is helping the kids into their skis, and let everybody know that there are Ski Hosts all over the hill to help the family have a good time and kind of jolly things up."

The Ski Hosts at Timberline focus in on what they call "high density areas," explained Linda Cockram, also a Ski Host coordinator.

"These are areas such as — in front of the lodge, the top of Pucci (a highly used ski lift), or on crowded slopes," said Cockram.

In addition to the Ski Hosts concern with "high density areas," they also try to be in a position of "high visibility."

"Our goal is to have everybody that skis here in a day encounter a Host at least twice."

The bottom line is that the ski hosts want the skiers to know that the area is doing something to help the skiers enjoy themselves.

"We don't want to just take the skiers money and run," said Bill Conerly, public relations coordinator at Timberline.

"We're saying, we are here to serve the skier and how can we serve them better," added Conerly.

On most days you'll find Cockram skiing along, helping with any one of the three ski schools that teach at Timberline, helping the instructors pick-up the kids after they've fallen.

"I like to wait for the little kids to fall, they're so cute, and fun to work with," said Cockram.

For Tourtilot, the real satisfaction comes with helping skiers progress with their skiing.

I like to talk to people about their skiing, and try to help them progress. I'm not an instructor, but what I'll do is try to take people on new slopes that will help their skiing.

While Tourtilot and Cockram both boast over 15 seasons of skiing, Conerly stresses the need for them not to show-off their skills, adding that intimidating a skier in need of assistance can be a obstacle.

"We don't want to intimidate a skier by skiing up to them and giving them a nice hockey stop and saying: 'Hey, let me help you.' Most skiers will say 'no-way.' They don't want somebody that can ski to watch them floundering around in the snow," explained Conerly.

Meanwhile, Conerly, a Ski Host for the past five years, noted that it's necessary for a Ski Host to be a strong intermediate skier.

"We're not in the business of looking good and skiing fast, however, we can't afford to teach our Hosts to ski," said Conerly.

In the future, the veteran Ski Host hopes to set-up selecting criteria for next seasons recruitment of volunteer Ski Hosts.

The chosen few who get to wear the distinctive blue jackets donated by White Stag will be entitled to several benefits, according to Conerly.

"Ski Hosts receive a day-night ticket to be used before, and after their half-a-day duty. I think the half-a-day duty works nicely, it allows are host to get some free time in on the slopes," said Conerly.

Conerly added that Ski Host receive a free ticket after working three days.

For volunteer Ski Host, David Gillespie, a business major at Portland State Univ., the benefit is more than just the free ticket.

"Because I work and go to school, Ski Hosting gives me the chance to get up to mountain and ski on the weekends. It also gives the opportunity to meet the people who work up here and ski here," said Gillespie.

Loggers take first at regional tourney

One of the Sandy recreation basketball teams, Schoppert's Loggers, went to the Oregon Parks and Recreation "B" Division regional playoffs last weekend in Woodburn and took first place. They will advance to the state tournament.

In men's play for the week of Feb. 11-15, the Inn Between downed Music Camp Ranch 96-86 in the B League. Konell Construction took an 83-68 victory over Sandy Market.

In the C League, Bowman's Sandy Thriftway won 71-57 over Accent Hair, but fell, 58-51, to The Movie Place. Accent Hair got a 66-61 victory over Carlson Chevrolet.

In the Over 30 League, Suburban Ford downed Dea's In & Out, 73-58. It took an overtime for Red's Auto Repair to get past Coast to Coast, 55-51. Boeing flew past Living Way Fellowship, 55-44.

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Schoppert's Loggers	3 1
Inn Between	3 1
Buckboard Pizza	3 1
Music Camp Ranch	2 2
Konell Construction	2 2

C League		Over 30 League	
Sandy Market	0 4	Accent Hair	3 1
		Bowman's Sandy Thriftway	2 2
		Carlson Chevrolet	2 3
		Mt. Hood Cleaners	0 4
The Movie Place	3 1	Suburban Ford	3 0
Mountain Video	3 1	Dea's In & Out	3 1
		Red's Auto Repair	2 2
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Softball sign-up set

Registration for the 1985 Sandy Area Softball Association has been set for Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Sandy Community Senior Center.

Frosh makes honor roll

Mike Sullivan, a freshman basketball player, was inadvertently left off the list of scholar-athletes that ran in a recent Sandy Post. Sullivan has a 4.0 grade point average.

Summer ball sign-up set

Youngsters wishing to sign up to play baseball or softball this summer will have that opportunity beginning Feb. 23.

Boys age 7-14 and girls age 8-18 may sign up at Griff's Longburger Restaurant between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Feb. 23, between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. Feb. 28, and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. March 3.

Call 668-7742 in the evening for more information.

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All team members who wish to participate this season must have a representative at the registration meeting. This will be the only time one can register for the upcoming season.

This season the executive board of the softball association will meet the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Buckboard Pizza. All members are welcome to attend.

Alumni tourney set April 17-20

The Sandy High School Alumni Tournament will be held April 17-18-19-20.

Anyone who has not been contacted regarding participation in the sixth year of this event should call Curtis Heath or Dan Brisbin at the school.

The phone number to call is 668-8011.

Kelso Knicks nab double wins

In Sandy recreation boys league play, Ted Aubin scored 12 points as the Kelso Knicks downed the Firwood G Team, 39-18. Warren Todd had 10 points and Shane Winchester scored nine in that game.

In other action, the Kelso Breakers downed the Firwood Mavericks 40-25. Billy Backus scored 14 for the Breakers, while Aaron Knotts put in 21 for the Mavericks to take high-point honors.

Vance Person scored 18 points to get the Cottrell Cougars past the Firwood F Team, 43-6.

Blue Bullets slate 34-23 victory

In Sandy recreation girls league play, the Blue Bullets downed the Purple Team 34-23. The Red Globetrotters downed the Pink Team, 34-17.