

# Mt. Bachelor: February 10-17, 2001

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The 2001 TSC Winter Shootout began as 45 adventurous SCSCers made the long trek up to the Cascade Mountains of the Pacific Northwest & Oregon's Mt. Bachelor via a 4 1/2 hour direct flight to Portland, OR.

Upon arriving at the Portland airport, we discovered that **Brigitte Litz** was MIA. **Brigitte** was due to arrive from San

Francisco. Ultimately, the bus had to take off & begin our journey to the **Sunriver** resort without her.

During our 4-hour bus ride to the **Sunriver**



Resort, all passengers were treated to the fine cuisine of the "on bus" **Space City Deli** owned & operated by **Phillip Vice**, TC & **Lori Gilliland**, ATC.

The Deli menu included handmade sandwiches such as the Downhill Racer Special, the Crash & Burn Special and the Giant Slalom Special. A special treat for those who love a little spice in their food, was the famous Pepper Jack cheese, courtesy of a proud **Phillip Vice**. The Pepper Jack cheese was so popular that it sold out in no time. Sandwiches were made to order, led by Head Chef **Jane Orr** & her exceptional assembly staff of **Karin Schidlowski** & **Joe Bruccoliere**. As **Joe** called off the orders, **Jane** threw the assembly line into high gear, handing sandwiches off to **Karin** to garnish, while **Phillip** & **Lori** handed out drinks, chips, and cookies and delivered the lunches. While the extinct Volcano of Mt. Bachelor did not erupt during our visit, most of the Space City Deli's Diet Cokes did. Sorry to those of you who experienced this frozen Diet Coke explosion.

Upon arriving at the Sunriver Resort, the Sunriver staff faced some challenges delivering our luggage to our condos because another TSC bus due to arrive before the SCSC bus decided to take the "scenic" route causing both buses to arrive at the same time. The luggage delivery & shuttle systems were pushed to their limits that 1<sup>st</sup> day.

We all met at the Sunriver Lodge to picked up lift tickets, packets etc. Just as we were wrapping up for the evening, **Brigitte Litz** finally turned up after dealing with a cancelled flight from San Francisco.

Our first day of skiing was met with heavy snow & poor visibility as we all attempted to regain our "ski legs". This 1<sup>st</sup> day of poor conditions set the stage for a week of fabulous fresh powder & perfect weather including the clearest blue skies.

**Sandi Vela** got off to a rough start by suffering a knee injury while getting off her first lift of the trip. **Mark Vela** suspects **Sandi** planned this event so he would have to carry ALL of the luggage. Here's **Sandi's** perspective: "Just wanted to let you all know what it's like to get that infamous ski patrol

toboggan ride from the top of the mountain. It feels like one of those full-body massage chairs, especially when there's 9" of fresh powder. Everyone stops skiing & stares at you, I think to see if you're dead, by the look on their faces. So, near the end, I did my parade wave.

**Pam Smith**, **Diane McKenzie** & **Sue DeWitt** accidentally skied the out of bounds edge off the summit. 1<sup>st</sup> hours later, they finally saw civilization again, only after **Pam** launched herself off a rock.... With a scrape (rock), click (ski release), thud (knee against rock) & scream (self-explanatory).

**Charlene Fleming** led husband **Mike**, **Helmut** & **Martha Zenger**, **Karin Schidlowski** & **Brigitte Litz** into the woods, up & down through the trees trying to find the Flying Dutchman. Work, work, work, no sight of a run. **Helmut** & **Martha** tested 2 ft of new powder with a forward flip. After a lot of laughter, they finally made it back west to a groomed slope. It was a splendid adventure for this brave group. **Kurt Schidlowski** missed all the fun, because he knew where to find better snow on his own!

**Stacey** & **J.R. Ronczy** told **Lori Gilliland** & **Ron Ramin** about a run where they could do a lot of "little jumps". **Lori** & **Ron** searched & searched, until they finally found it. The snow ramps on this run were huge, but they figured this must be the place. **Lori** made it half way up a ramp, chickened out & pulled over to the side, looked around & saw **Ron** heading straight up the ramp, she figured he was "going for it", then suddenly **Ron** veered off to the right, but instead of stopping where **Lori** did, **Ron** just kept on going "right off the ledge" & **Lori** saw a "yard sale" first hand! They later learned that this was NOT the run recommended by **Stacey** & **J.R.**; this run called Snowpark was "For Experts Only"! Oops!

Condo mates **Steve** & **Judy Brown**, **Irma Rosendahl** & **Lila Davis** enjoyed a variety of Mt. Bachelor's offerings. **Steve** enjoyed the fresh powder & great alpine skiing. **Judy** caught up on some reading, crafts & shopping. **Irma** & **Lila** enjoyed cross-country skiing on 56 kilometers of groomed tracks & trails through the beautiful Deschutes National Forest.

Even great skiing can't keep great minds off of work. **John Stenson** was often found in the bathroom on his cell phone & **Ken Feaster** had to wrap up a presentation before he could fully enjoy the week of skiing, condo mate **Meynard Nussbaum**, helped **Ken** out so he could focus on more important things like "which run should we take now?"

SCSCers experienced a taste of **Little Italy** at the condo of **Phillip Vice**, **Jane Orr**, **Stacey** & **J.R. Ronczy**. Chief Saucetress **Jane Orr** whipped up a delicious batch of her homemade spaghetti sauce. Hard at work in the kitchen were **Jane Orr**, **Lori Gilliland** & **Phillip Vice** with added assistance from **Charlene Fleming** who helped keep an eye on all those boiling noodles. This wonderful spaghetti dinner was accompanied by crispy garlic bread, tossed green salad, beer, wine & soft drinks. **Lori** never imagined how 45 people could fit into that condo, but somehow they did & all had a great time. Many pots were needed to boil all that spaghetti, so **Lori** traveled condo-to-condo trying to borrow some spares. Somehow after cleaning up after the big



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evening, **Meynard Nussbaum's** pot didn't make it back to his condo right away. We all remember **Meynard** traveling condo to condo for several days trying to match the lid with the missing pot from condo #13.

The most talked about activity of this trip was the Snowmobile Tour enjoyed by **Don McGee, Ruth Ann Wright,**



**David George, Joe Walker, Mitch Gaspard, Sarah Brown, Randy Smith, Liz Kinne, Patti Maudslay and Lori Gilliland.** The snow conditions were per-fect, tons of untouched powder...it was like riding on a rollercoaster up to 60 mph on trails that twisted & turned through the trees & powder...the sky was crisp & clear...it was truly a "Winter Wonderland". We all started off the day riding together then after a great lunch out in the wilderness, we broke off into 2 groups, "High & Fast" and "Low & Slow". Our guides were awesome & the "High" group experienced the thrill of maximum speed while the "Low" group experienced the breathtaking scenery at a more moderate speed. Veteran snowmobile racer **Joe Walker** said this was the best snowmobiling experience we will ever have.

TSCers took a 15 mile bus ride into the town of Bend to enjoy a "Night in Bend". Groups of folks spread out across downtown, dining at several of Bend's great restaurants. **Don McGee, Ruth Ann Wright, Stan Broniak, Pam Smith, Mitch Gaspard, Lori Gilliland, Diane McKenzie, John Stenson, Gary Davis & Alex Bunch** strolled around downtown Bend until they found Toomies Thai Restaurant. Inside, they found fellow SCSCers, **Kurt & Karin Schidlowski, Helmut & Martha Zenger & Brigitte Litz** who had met up with some old friends. Toomies had some of the best Thai food any of us had eaten.....Very Spicy! Who would have thought that such great Thai food would be found in Oregon? **Alex Bunsch** provided some of the evening's entertainment us with one of his infamous magic tricks. **Phillip Vice** had made reservations for 10 SCSCers at the High Tides Restaurant. Corpus Christi was waiting ° hour for a table for 10 & **Phillip's** group got it before they did. Another group of SCSCers dined at the Pine Tavern Restaurant.

Wednesday was Valentine's Day & while most women hope to receive jewelry, flowers and candy on this special day, **Roberta Rambin** received a pinched nerve in her back while taking a lesson.

**Mike & Charlene Fleming, John Stenson, Liz Kinney, Mitch Gaspard, Jane Orr, Phillip Vice, Patti Maudslay & Lori Gilliland** went on a Snowshoe tour guided by Wanderlust Tours. Our guide Robert was great, he gave as an education in the history

of snowshoeing, geology, winter ecology & flora/fauna of the beautiful Cascade Mountains. Boy, snowshoeing was more of a workout than any of us would have expected, especially running up & down hill in deep powder. **Phillip** treated us to a full somersault assisted by the weight of his backpack, we all gave his performance a "10". **Patti, Charlene, Jane & Lori** all excelled in the "running leap off ledge" into deep powder.

**Ron & Roberta Rambin, Mark & Sandi Vela, Randy Smith & Sarah Brown** enjoyed Valentine's Day dinner at the Meadows at the Lodge. **Randy** had a rose delivered to **Sarah** at the table. The trouble was that the restaurant sent the rose to the wrong table & **Randy** had to retrieve it. They all felt sorry for the disappointed couple at the other table. **Joe Walker, Patti Maudslay, Liz Kinne, Mitch Gaspard, Lori Gilliland, John Stenson & Gary Davis** ate at El Pescador. **Don McGee & Ruth Ann Wright** were spotted dining at a corner table & they recommended the Enchiladas de Cangrejo (Dungeness crab enchiladas). This was the popular dish of the evening & it was delicious.

The TSC Valentines Day Dessert party was held at the Sunriver Resort's rustic & historic Great Hall. We all enjoyed delectable desserts & a fun evening of dancing.

Race Director **Joe Bruccoliere** did a great job organizing a winning team of racers. SCSC took the 1<sup>st</sup> Place Nastar Race Trophy. Individual race winners included: **Kayleen Kill** 1<sup>st</sup> - Senior Women, **Phillip Vice** 2nd - Senior Men & **Helmut Zenger** 1<sup>st</sup> - Super Senior Men. In the club races, Silver Medalists included: **Phillip Vice, Charlene Fleming, Kayleen Kill, Sue DeWitt, Kurt & Karen Schidlowski, Brigitte Litz, John Stenson, Helmut Zenger & Ron Rambin.** Bronze Medalists included: **Diane McKenzie, Sarah Brown, John Rice, Stan Broniak, Gary Davis, Mark Vela, Charles Butler, Joe Bruccoliere.** A great Texas Fajita Party followed the races.

On Thursday night, **John Rice, Kayleen Kill, Gary Butler, Charles Butler, Peggy Montgomery, Mark & Sandi Vela & 4 Flatlanders** enjoyed a great dinner at the Trout House. **Lori Gilliland & Patti Maudslay** recruited **Charlene & Mike Fleming, Helmut & Martha Zenger, Kurt & Karin Schidlowski, Brigitte Litz, Liz Kinne, Mitch Gaspard, Joe Walker & Gary Davis** for a shuttle ride to Axel's New Black Forest and Eclectic Bistro. We were seated in a nice, private banquet room. The food was great, most of us ordered the German Mixed Plate that included Sauerbraten, bratwurst, potato pancakes & red cabbage. Let's just say this was not low cal dish, but it was delicious!

The Awards Dinner at the Sunriver resort Great Hall was a memorable one as we dined on Salmon & Steak. We all danced the night away as we enjoyed our last night at Mt. Bachelor. Race awards were handed out as SCSC proudly received the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy & 1<sup>st</sup> time skiers, **Ruth Ann Wright & Randy Smith** received special recognition.

The return bus ride to Portland was interesting for **Sandy Brockhausen** as she got locked in the tiny bathroom on the bus. **Sandy** hoped she would get out before arriving at the airport, would husband **Ed** realize she was MIA?

The 2001 TSC Winter Shootout was a trip to remember, with great condos, food & skiing conditions!