



The Ancient Skier

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CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN HITS THE HALF-CENTURY MARK

Remember Pacific Northwest skiing as the 1960s began?

There were terrific mountains (mostly unused by skiers) and abundant snowfalls (most of the time). Good lifts were scarce. Rope tow slopes often were challenging, but they were short. And the alternative of Sun Valley always was there, albeit via a 16-hour drive on mostly two-lane roads.

Then came assurance of the development of Crystal Mountain near Mt. Rainier. A minimum of 2,400 feet of vertical. Extensive terrain. Sweeping views. Multiple lifts and tows

But getting to that point wasn't simply a story of quick recognition of a great mountain and a snap decision that "This is the place!"

Corral Pass targeted first

The search began shortly after World War II at Corral Pass, several miles north of Crystal. And long before Mary Lea Griggs led the effort there, Mt. Rainier National Park had been considered for ski development. But practicality and changing priorities eventually ended those thoughts.

In 1950, Mrs. Griggs and her group submitted a Corral Pass proposal to the U.S. Forest Service, where it earned favorable reception. However, the Korean War and an ensuing steel shortage pushed that aside until the mid-1950s.

The hiatus was providential, for it gave more time to consider Corral Pass's shortcomings: Mrs. Griggs' plan stipulated that the first chairlift would start close to U.S. Highway 410 at a miserly altitude of 2,700 feet. Skiers would ride three chairlifts, with the first one enclosed, to reach the top. Only mild alpine terrain was available at the summit, with heavily timbered slopes below. And ample snow cover was questionable. Even so, serious consideration of Corral was revived in the mid-1950s with the new leadership of Reverend Leo Gaffney and with incorporation of the development group. However, it was only 18 months later that Corral Pass Inc. became Crystal Mountain Inc. in recognition of Corral's negative factors and of promising terrain to the south in Silver Creek basin that was spotted during a break in a corn snow ski run at Corral.

Long treks earned untracked slopes

Many long winter treks into the Silver Creek area began, with skiers like Duke Watson, Tedrowe Watkins, Bill Black,

Warren Spickard, Mel Borgersen and Walt Little entering the basin from the north, or, sometimes, climbing the steep slopes that rise from Highway 410 and dropping in over the top. (Then and now, many past and present Ancient Skiers have played a part at Crystal, ranging from the founders and board members to occasional lift ticket purchasers.)

That early exploration gave way to more serious surveying and planning, and an already strong corporation board added more heft in 1958.



From rope tows to gondola in 50 years.



Crystal base area and daylodge in mid-1960s, with Chair 1 and Silver Queen rising directly above.

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Dave Gossard presents plaques to Hall of Fame inductees Kjell Bakke, Walt Taulbee and Yosh Nakagawa

ANCIENT SKIERS HALL OF FAME BANQUET

On October 7, 2012, approximately 125 Ancient Skiers and friends gathered at the Nile Golf and Country Club to induct Kjell Bakke, Walt Taulbee and Yosh Nakagawa into the Northwest Skiers Hall of Fame. After a social hour which seemed too short to greet all the old friends there, the president of the Northwest Ski Museum and Hall of Fame, Dave Gossard, presented each inductee with a plaque naming him to the Hall of Fame. Each inductee spoke emotionally, almost to the point of tears, as to how honored they were to be receiving this award. Biographies of the inductees were on the dining tables so those present could review the accomplishments of these three outstanding individuals.

The following former inductees into the Northwest Skiers Hall of Fame were present to welcome the new members into their group: Jeanette Burr Johnson, Gus Raaum, John Woodward, Bob Cram, Randy Garretson, Delight Mahalko, and John Hansen.

New developments in the ski museum scene were presented. Georgia Bakke told how the Northwest Ski Museum and Hall of Fame in Leavenworth has received a grant to preserve artifacts while a space for display is being established. Dave Moffett gave a presentation for the newly formed Washington Ski and Snowboard Museum to be located in a restaurant which will be part of a townhouse development at Snoqualmie Pass across from the Summit Inn at Summit West.

Marlys Gerber presented a brief report of the plans for the 30th Sun Valley Reunion. The best part is that there will be no increase in fees!

Gus Raaum wound up the evening with an update on Ole' and Lena, telling how they had gotten married and gone to Everett for their honeymoon night. Lena sez to Ole, "Now dat ve're married, you can go a leettle farder." So they put their clothes back on and drove to Bellingham! And there were many more! Thanks, Gus.

Kudos to those who made this event possible: Carolyn and Dave Gossard, Joan and Dick Merritt, Ed and Carole Taylor, Solveig Thomson, and Allegra Atkinson.



Gus Raaum relating Ole and Lena stories Lee Rosenlund photos



Nanette Stocks, Rick Stocks, Earl Warner, Jim Carpenter



Mary and Dick Knight, Walt Taulbee, Gwen Heuer



Dollie Armstrong, Doris Schwinkdorf, Hugh Armstrong, Wayne Johnson

ANCIENT SKIERS 2013 - 30th ANNUAL SUN VALLEY REUNION

The Sun Valley week will start with registration Saturday, January 19, 2013, 3 to 6 p.m., in the Sun Valley Inn Continental Room. Get your packet with name tags, reunion event schedule, information of ticket exchange privileges, and a coupon for a free drink. If you're still thirsty, there will be a no-host bar. Sheets for sign-up for other events will be available to find something to do every day during the reunion. Come early too, and as Irv Pratt would put it, "Mingle and Mangle" with old buddies and new members.

The Monday dinner will be our Western night, so bring your Western garb (leave your horse home). Friday's wind-up banquet will be a dinner-dance, so bring those shoes "to trip the light fantastic."

With this Newsletter are two forms: "REGISTRATION FORM" and "RETAIN THIS COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS." Fill out the Registration Form, total the event charges, and mail the completed form with your check (no e-mail), **made out to Ancient Skiers, to Ancient Skiers, P.O. Box 1295, Sun Valley, ID 83353**, postmarked no later than November 29, 2012. Copy the information from the Registration Form on the Retain This Copy for Your Records Form and bring it to the Saturday registration to resolve any discrepancies. Those who did not book a combined package of lodging and lifts with the Sun Valley Company may purchase discounted lift tickets at the inside ticket counter at River Run Lodge.

Questions? Call Marlys Gerber, Chair, 206-271-1575
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BOB CRAM RECIPIENT OF 2011 ISHA AWARD



At International Skiing History Association's annual awards ceremony and dinner, April 2012, Bob Cram (right), celebrated Seattle ski cartoon artist, received a Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented by ISHA's president, John Fry. Cram's art in SKI and Skiing magazines defined the sport's humorous side for more than 30 years before 1990. His work is still featured in Skiing Heritage.

Reprinted from Skiing Heritage May-June 2012 issue with their permission. Skiing Heritage is the bimonthly journal of the International Skiing History Association. A \$49 annual membership in ISHA includes six issues of Skiing Heritage, a one-year subscription to SKI magazine or Transworld Snowboarding, membership in the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, and \$50 off the Skiing Heritage Week registration fee. Skiing Heritage Week will be held in Vail from April 8-15, 2013. To join ISHA and promote the history of our sport, go to www.skiinghistory.org

MISSING MEMBERS

Newsletters mailed to the following members were returned as being unable to forward, probably due to the U.S. Postal Service rule that mail forwarding notices expire after six months. If anyone knows the new addresses of these members, please e-mail the Roster Chair, Carole Taylor, at tayloriskiers@comcast.net

Bud Brady	Ruth Merryfield
James and Catherine Chilton	Reta Murray
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Sandi Fisher	Bob & Greta Sorenson
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YOU KNOW YOU'RE AN ANCIENT SKIER IF . . .

your ski lift ticket for a week skiing on Baldy in Sun Valley was a 2" x 3" cloth strip with the expiration date stamped on it and with a wire to attach it to your clothing or ski pole.

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The same year brought U. S. Forest Service approval of a temporary three-year permit for the Crystal project to move ahead. During that period a name change came, too. What maps once called Round Mountain became Crystal Mountain. What was once called Crystal Mountain became Silver Queen. And the Round Mountain name vanished altogether.

With the federal permit in hand, the sale of stock with lift privileges and a bond offering were begun quickly. And, by July 1959, 824 families had gobbled up the stock at \$50 a share, and the bond sale had gone equally well.

One BIG problem remained: Corporate use of the restricted stock sale proceeds could not take place until the go-ahead was given for a Highway 410-to-Crystal access road that met Forest Service standards.

Crystal's budget did not include that.

The tough solution was two years in the making, with federal, state and county officials, plus Crystal's private developers, all in the mix. Most notably, it was the state's two powerful U.S. senators, Warren G. Magnuson and Henry M. Jackson, and Washington Governor Albert D. Rosellini who did the heavy work necessary to obtain federal dollars for the project.

It was just three weeks before ski operations were to begin that Gov. Rosellini officially opened the new road. And, even then, only the first four miles were paved for the inaugural season, with gravel and dirt covering the upper stretch.

That gets us to 50 years ago – when the Seattle World's Fair had just closed, when Vail was about to open, when older baby boomers were taking to the slopes, and when the fun began at Crystal.

Viewed from the current millennium, the initial setup seems small. But it was big in comparison with anything else in the region: one daylodge, two double chairlifts, one T-bar, a handful of rope tows, and a wide variety of slopes.

Selected, after a long vetting process, to guide the resident ski school and ski shop and the Crystal Mountain Athletic Club (CMAC) racing program was former U.S. Olympic team member and national champion Jack Nagel, certainly the most recognizable member of the Crystal family on opening day (photo above).



First-year excitement was high, but skiers had to make the most of the skimpiest snow cover in four decades. And deliberations were mixed as to what was needed next. Should there be access to more slopes with reliable snow cover; more available terrain for better skiers; and/or more attention paid to less-advanced skiers? Initially, the former won out with the opening of the top-of-the-mountain Green Valley double chair in the second season. An intermediate Quicksilver double came along two years later.

A second stock issue at \$55 per share provided the necessary lift-expansion funds and also brought in more shareholders who gained lift privileges.

As those additions occurred, the first condominium to be built in Washington state was opened at Crystal, and other lodgings, plus restaurants, followed. The legendary Silver Skis downhill race was shifted from Mt. Rainier; national and international competitions were booked for Crystal; and

the resort's skiers and terrain began appearing on the covers and pages of such national publications as Sports Illustrated, Holiday and Skiing.

If there were storied ski-racing years at Crystal, they fell within a short time span – 1965 to 1972 – when there was a chance to see most of the world's best. They

included Jean-Claude Killy, Karl Schranz, Nancy Greene, Annemarie Moser-Proell, Bernhard Russi, Gustavo Thoeni, Billy Kidd and Jimmie Heuga; locally honed competitors such as Cathy and Judy Nagel, Ann Black, and Susie Corrock; and gold-medal-winner-turned-race-camp-director Stein Eriksen.

Within Crystal's first decade came two national championship meets; an NCAA national-title week; two major international events, including a 1972 World Cup extravaganza with four downhill races (and one rained-out, blown-out slalom); several Silver Skis competitions; and a pair of summer race camps.

While today's emphasis at Crystal is on exceptional recreational skiing, racing still gets attention, particularly with the Alan Lauba-directed CMAC and the records of its recent U.S. team members Tatum Skoglund, Scott Macartney, Libby Ludlow, and Paul McDonald.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves here.

Crystal's other first-decade growth was incremental:

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the Summit House restaurant, night skiing on Quicksilver, a two-seater chair into Campbell Basin, new ski club buildings, a chapel that doubled as an activity center, and daylodge expansion. (Crystal, mid-60s, at right)

Then came two decades of checkered history that can be easily forgotten by most Crystal skiers if set against personal remembrances of deep-powder plunges down Sunnyside or Northway, of making tracks through ripe corn atop Green Valley or backcountry slopes, or of eating a spring lunch atop Crystal in full view of Mt. Rainier and watching Mt. St. Helens belch and puff in preparation for really letting go in mid-April 1980.

The first growth move in decades #2 and #3 came with the 1974 installation of the Bullion Basin triple chair on the east side of the valley, opposite the main mountain. Nine years later, that not-so-busy chair was moved to Gold Hills, replacing the original T-bar. More lasting was the new High Campbell Basin double chair that began operating in the 1979-80 season – opening up Silver Queen and easing access into the South Backcountry. Also on the plus side, more chairlift improvements were made in the mid-1980s.

But the other side of the ledger showed one general manager after another on the payroll and the launching of outside buyouts and takeover bids as the resort began showing early-aging wrinkles.

Even so, Crystal's third stock sale, a 1987 offering, made possible a spurt of new lift construction, notably The Rainier Express ("REX"), the state's first high-speed quad, which spelled the end for the original C-2 double lift on the upper half of the mountain, and a new quad which provided a higher-capacity link from the base area.

Then came the big change.

If you were just an occasional day skier at Crystal, the arrival of the 1990s may have seemed much the same as before. But, if you were paying attention behind the scenes, you would have



glimpsed a much different picture. For several years, Canadian real estate and ski industry giant Intrawest was a possible candidate for acquisition of Crystal. When that connection died, in stepped other suitors, most significantly John Kircher and Boyne USA.

By March 1997, Crystal Mountain, Inc. was a subsidiary of Boyne USA -- yet with the original Crystal shareholder lift privileges preserved under the umbrella of the new Crystal Mountain Founders Club.

The terms of the sale also stipulated that over time Boyne was to invest \$15 million in Crystal – a goal that was exceeded in only five years.

At age 50, Crystal has these shiny new parts, thanks to quick fulfillment of that first Boyne obligation and more:

- Several new or replacement high-speed, multi-person chairlifts are at work all winter, and Northway on the edge of the North Backcountry has a conventional double chair of its own.
- The bottom-to-top Mount Rainier Gondola (photo on left), which first fired up on Jan. 1, 2011, provides new ways for skiers to attack the mountain and, already, has shown its promise as a drawing card for accelerated summer activities at Crystal.
- The handsome Campbell Basin Lodge (photo below) gives a fresh look to lunch or a rest break on the mountain.
- Trail and slope clearing and restoration enhance Crystal's already extensive ski terrain.

• Facilities improvements – some seen and some behind the scene – in many parts of Crystal add to positive visitor experiences, both summer and winter.

Happy Birthday Crystal!



Thanks to the Crystal Mountain Founders Club and Crystal Mountain, Inc., a limited quantity of hard cover coffee table history books will be available sometime in December at the Right Angle Sports Shop at Crystal Mountain.

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MILWAUKEE SKI BOWL HISTORY, 1938-1950: REVOLUTION IN LOCAL SKIING

Editor's note: This Ski Bowl history written by John W. Lundin and Stephen J. Lundin for HistoryLink.org is based largely on their research in the digital archives of The Seattle Times, which sponsored ski lessons at the Milwaukee Ski Bowl and provided extensive coverage of the local ski scene. The Lundins' history continues from the Fall 2012 Newsletter. Photo credits Johanson Studio, Seattle, Washington.

For 1939, the Milwaukee Road improved its resort, including scraping the hills and gullies "smooth as the skin you love to touch" so skiers could ski soon after the first snow. The lodge was doubled in size, and the covered concourse from the train platform to the lodge was lengthened from 100 to 400 feet. The ski lift had been speeded up and the bugs taken out of the mechanism. With the new addition, the top floor of the lodge was used for lounging, dancing, and viewing "the entire panorama of ski action on the five slopes fanning away from the lodge" through large windows. Railroad ads promoted skiing at the Bowl, saying "Double-Size Lodge, new ski runs, improved facilities." The railroad had a three-year plan and promised to keep expanding the Bowl's facilities.

Two 14-car trains brought skiers to the "big opening" on January 7, 1939. Activities included a girls' style show with a \$50 prize for the girl who was "the most attractively



"The best thing about this trip to the Bowl; you not only have the fun learning to ski, but you have fun on the train too!" (a quote from a student on the train)

and intelligently costumed for skiing," a yodeling contest, and a giant slalom race. The Night Ski Train left Milwaukee Station at 5:30 p.m., returning at 11:00 p.m. The business college band was on board, and there was a wiener roast in the snow.

A Queen Anne-Garfield Ski Day was held the last weekend of January 1939, a "very busy" day for Ken Syverson and his instructors. More than 225 registration cards had been distributed to Seattle schools for the ski classes, which "were snapped up by the skiers," according to Margaret Odell, ski adviser at Queen Anne High School, who added, "They're thoroughly sold on your school idea."

In the first two weeks, 365 students took ski lessons. No more than 20 students per class were allowed, so each skier could obtain the maximum personal instruction. Classes were from one-and-a-half to two hours in length, depending on conditions. Syverson described the students' progress:

"It is in the fundamentals of skiing. NOT pell-mell, center of the road wing-dinging, but in how to turn, how to control, how to catch the joy of skiing, because you have the feeling of skiing. ... You saw rhythm take the place of jerk. You saw body swing replace a spill. You saw class after class of juvenile skiers catch on. They began to understand what controlled skiing, one of these days, will do for them."



The unique Skiboggan at the Milwaukee Ski Bowl

Ski school advisers Margaret Odell of Queen Anne and Harry Cunningham of Garfield were delighted with the instruction. Odell said, "We're glad to see skiing taught to them so sanely and effectively . . . Another thing, the presence of the Milwaukee's special agents on the train, as supervisors, is an excellent idea. That is a remarkably well-controlled ski special."

By March 1939, Syverson said, "we've developed some skiers." At the Queen Anne, Broadway, and Garfield day at

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"They love to ski and they love to dance in their ski clothes." Quoted from the student in charge of the phonograph music.

ANCIENT SKIERS MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE

Carole Taylor is handing the torch to Lee Rosenlund over the next few months after many years of dutifully keeping our membership records, preparing labels for mailing our Newsletters, tracking members who moved without leaving forwarding addresses, and handling all the other small details related to membership.

It's necessary for the person handling these duties to be close to a post office near his or her home. As both Lee and Carole live on the east side of Lake Washington, P. O. Box 15712, Seattle, WA, will be closed and a new box will be opened. The new mailing address for the Ancient Skier Association is P.O. Box 331, Kirkland, WA 98083. Until December 31, 2012, membership changes can be e-mailed to Carole at taylorlrski@comcast.net.

Dick Merritt has volunteered to become the new Membership Chairman. To make his job easier, it has been decided that all membership actions will be directed to his home address: 4556 Lake Heights St., Bellevue, WA 98006; e-mail to rgmerritt@comcast.net. Phone him at 425-746-5416.

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the Bowl, a queen was elected. Garfield skiers led the day's competition, including jumping events held on a "hastily constructed snow-hill." After the morning's class, the skiers demanded more, so Max Sarchett took the "top-notchers on a hill-climbing tour." All who went up came down, although they had to worry about sunburn from the blazing sun. There were "sunburned lads and lassies flitting from one end of the ski special to the other on the jaunt home." Margaret Odell was shown with six trophy cups for the winners of the races that celebrated the end of the ski season.

It was a light-hearted day at the Bowl, with the instructors who had been working with the nearly 500 Times School skiers helping show them how to run their first slalom race, and attempting to "prove" it, which means running it at high speed outside of the competition itself and frequently falling.

The following season, on January 21, 1940, "Kuay day" honored Queen Anne High School students. Some 576 students had signed up for ski lessons, and each week a different school took charge of organizing the activities. 200 Queen Anne students were in charge "under the guidance of Miss Margaret Odell, Kuay Ski Club adviser." An electronic phonograph provided music on the train trip to and from the Pass, creating "infectious swing-time dancing and singing aboard the train that set the tempo for the day." The student in charge of the phonograph described the scene on the train:

"I can't keep up with 'em," he declared. "Too many requests, not enough 'hot' records. They love to ski and they love to dance in their ski clothes. I'll bet I've played 'Oh Johnny, Oh Johnny' fifty times. That's the best thing about this trip to the Bowl; you not only have the fun learning to ski", but you have fun on the train too."

Enjoy the continuing saga of the Lundin's Ski Bowl history in the next Ancient Skier Newsletter. Kudos to anyone who can put names on any of the skiers in the photos.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE SKI SEASON?

This is to remind Ancient Skiers how to prepare for the ski season and to decide to stop skiing:

10. Visit your local butcher and pay \$30 to sit in the walk-in freezer for half an hour. Afterwards, burn two \$50 bills to warm up.

9. Go to the nearest hockey rink and walk across the ice 20 times in your ski boots and carry two pairs of skis, accessory bag and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car.

8. For ski boot simulation at home, put a pebble in your street shoes and tighten a C-clamp around your toes.

7. Buy an expensive pair of gloves and immediately throw one away.

6. Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$8.50 for a hamburger. Be sure to wait in the longest line.

5. Clip a lift ticket to the zipper of your jacket and ride a motorcycle fast enough to make the ticket lacerate you face.

4. Drive slowly for five hours - anywhere - as long as it's in a snowstorm and you're following an 18-wheeler.

3. Fill a blender with ice, hit the pulse button, and let the spray hit your face. You'll almost believe you're skiing through a snow maker!

2. Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them all off because you have to go to the bathroom.

1. Repeat all of the above every Saturday and Sunday.

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REMEMBERING

LOUISE "LOU" LENIHAN 1937 - 2012

Lou was a passionate skier and ski industry executive. She was born in Corvallis, Ore., and graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. For many years, she was involved in ski instruction: an instructor and supervisor at the Mission Ridge Ski School; director of the Mt. Spokane Ski School; and supervisor at the Snoqualmie Summit Ski School. Later, Lou became a part of the Snoqualmie management team, advancing to general manager at the Summit and then vice-president of its managing company, Ski Lifts, Inc.

Throughout her ski career, she was very active in the Professional Ski Instructors of America - Northwest (PSIA-NW) serving as director and president. Lou also was involved in the national instructor organization, Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA), serving as director and vice-president, as well as being a member of the National Ski Area Operators Association.

Lou and husband Bill met through their involvement in those organizations and other related skiing activities: skiing; ski instruction; alpine racing and coaching; and ski area management. These were their family's activities for more than 30 years.

Lou was talented in other areas: a chef, master seamstress, knitter, photographer, and interior decorator.

She is survived by her husband, Bill, children Greg, Kit, Colleen, Brian, Kelly, Terry and Brendan, many grandchildren, and all their favorite cats.

ELSIE SEIDELHUBER 1917 - 2012

Born in Seattle, Elsie graduated from Franklin High School and became one of the outstanding women in the Northwest. She taught herself to ski - fast! Elsie was a dominant ski racer throughout the region before and after World War II. She was president of the Penguin Ski Club during the war while the guys were in the service.

Elsie was one of Buzz Fiorini's ski instructors. She and her husband, Hank, skied Sun Valley in the heyday of the stars and won dance competitions in the Duchin Room. She was inducted into the Northwest Skiers Hall of Fame in 2002 along with Hank.

The Girl Scout troop she led was whirlwind of adventure and constructive activity. She also enjoy hunting and fishing and became an avid golfer. She paddled her own kayak until May of this year. After 14 years of "homemaking," Elsie became the financial officer of Seidelhuber Iron Works until May 2012. She is survived by her daughter, Heidi; her son-in-law, Terry Seaman; and sister, Vivian Rogers.

PAUL HEUSTON, M.D. 1921 - 2012

Paul grew up in Tacoma and graduated from Stadium High School and from the College of Puget Sound with a Bachelor of Science degree. He started skiing on Mt. Rainier in 1938 and began his medical training before serving as a naval officer on the USS Constellation. After graduating from medical school, he became a radiologist and practiced in many locations in southern Idaho, including being the radiologist for the Moritz Community Hospital in Sun Valley.

Paul became a member of the Boy Scouts of America in 1936, earned the Eagle Scout award, and remained active in the Scouting program throughout his life. He made his home in Sun Valley and skied Baldy every winter for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly.

WILLIAM R. COBB 1929 - 2012

Born in Seattle and living in the city nearly his entire life, Bill Cobb was an enthusiastic skier for close to seven decades -- skiing with his own children, Scott and Stephanie, as they grew, and taking to the slopes with his grandchildren when they made their first runs.

Bill and his wife-to-be, Temple, were married in 1951, just before graduating from the University of Washington. His early business career, which included earning certification as a CPA, led to nearly 40 years at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, from which he eventually retired as Business Manager. During that time, he also served a term as president of the Institute of Newspaper Finance Executives.

Bill logged long service as a trustee and Trustee Emeritus of the Seattle Symphony and trustee and two-year president of the Seattle Chamber Music Society.

EDWARD "MAC" HAWES 1924 - 2012

Mac was born in Seattle and graduated from Garfield High School and the University of Washington. His career was as the Industrial Relations Field Director for Boeing.

His greatest sports were sailing and skiing. Attending the Ancient Skiers Reunions in Sun Valley for many years were highlight events.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine "Sis" and his three children and their families.

GORDON LOGAN, M.D. 1925 - 2012

Gordon "Gordy" grew up in the Midwest, served in the U.S. Marines, and studied at Purdue, earning a BS in Electrical Engineering and MS in Psychology. He received his MD at Columbia in 1951. He and his wife, Joan "Jody," then moved to Seattle. He was involved in the founding of the Heart Center of Providence and was affiliated with the University of Washington.

Gordy joined the Mountaineers in 1953, climbing the major peaks of the Pacific Northwest. He was in charge of the construction of the Mountaineers

Lodge in the Mt. Baker ski area in 1954. In addition to hiking, camping, boating and fishing, Dixieland jazz music filled his life. He could be seen at many Dixieland jazz festivals on the dance floor with Jody and at the Puget Sound Traditional Jazz Society monthly performances. He heli-skied and attended many Ancient Skier reunions at Sun Valley.

Gordy is survived by his wife, Jody, and children James, David, Bruce and Beth and their families.

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