



The Ancient Skier

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2023 Sun Valley Ancient Skiers Reunion

To say we celebrated during the January 2023 Reunion would be an understatement! After not gathering in large groups for the past couple of years, over 200 members did a grand job of reveling in our shared love of skiing!

We kicked off the week with our registration/packet pick-up party where there were plenty of smiles, hugs, and fist-bumps as we reunited with our ski friends. Plenty of 'did you see so and so walk in? Where's LeRoy, have you said hello to him yet? As well as egging on to sign up for the NASTAR race with 'ah come on, you have to do it, Steve is doing it, don't let him beat you again!' The playful competition by former recreational racers and collegiate racers still runs strong in this group and it's always fun to see members grab their friends to sign-up.

Throughout the week many met on top of Baldy Mountain in Lookout Lodge around 10:00 a.m. for a water or coffee break...or just as an excuse to see friends. On Monday morning Lookout Lodge was PACKED with our members catching up and planning dinners and ski runs for the week.

Of course, the lodge was packed once again on Tuesday where we met outside of Lookout for a group photo, what a good-looking group! Later that same day we had a Margarita party at Ketchum's Ski History Museum.... another packed house!

New this year was a Poker Run: a quasi scavenger hunt where teams receive a sheet of clues and at each station where the clue's guide you, a volunteer hands out a sealed envelope with a playing card in it. The goal is to reach all the clue stations and return to the start to unveil your cards to see how they make up a poker hand (5 card stud that is). We had quite a few sign-ups and with our tight timeline, almost all of the teams made it back in time. This seemed to be a success and we will try a Poker Run next year with a new set of clues!

Thursday was RACE DAY! As we said before, there's a fun competitive streak that runs through this crowd and there's always a portion of people who really look forward to this event. There's teasing and a bit of trash talking which is always in fun with a playful wink of the eye. Participants ranged in age from 50 to 90, whatever the age, we are equals on the mountain and certainly in the gates. There's a lot of respect for those who came before us and made this industry what it is today, and it shows in the sportsmanship during this race.

Our closing banquet was another opportunity for 200 Ancient Skiers to dine and celebrate our week together.



Awards were given for our Poker Run teams, Nastar Racers, as well as an opportunity to acknowledge events during the week.

This year Wayne Johnson had a bad spill cracking his helmet into several pieces on Flying Squirrel. After a visit to St. Luke's hospital to make sure he was ok, Wayne stayed off his skis to recover but you better believe he was at the banquet dinner! We gave Wayne a fun gag gift and let him know how happy we all were that he was ok!



The awards also include the Golden Sun Award, an award developed by Peter and Anne Marie Wick for those who have made a significant contribution to the ski industry. This year's recipient was Jim Martinson. Len Gerber presented the award with

a recap of Jim's personal and skiing achievements. Jim, a Crystal Mountain skier is a partial leg double amputee from the Vietnam War. An avid skier before entering the service, Jim made great contributions to the ski industry developing adaptive technologies that enable more skiers to enjoy the sport. Jim received the Golden Sun Bolo Tie, spoke about his experiences, and thanked the group for the award. This pretty much wrapped up the speaking portion of the evening, which was followed by dancing, and a live band playing some great rock and roll tunes. The dance floor was packed but what was most fun was seeing the smiles and hugs while friends boogied the night away.

Ancient Skiers 2023 was a roaring success which would not have been possible if not for the volunteers that made the entire week possible! A BIG thank you to: Bill & Sharyn Alma, Loretta and Wendell Cayton, Len & Marlys Gerber, Christy Anna Gerber & Pat Deal, Hurley Hamilton, Robin Hagenau

& Jim Plomasen, LeRoy Kingland, Jerry and Sandy Mailman, Maureen Pressley, Jeff Smull, Judy Sweeney, Sharon Wellsandt, and Peter and Anne Marie Wick.

Save the date for the 2024 Ancient Skiers Reunion!

Sunday, Jan 21 – Sunday, Jan 28, 2024, you read that correctly, the Reunion will be Sunday through Sunday. The registration reception is on Sunday instead of Saturday. If you want to stay at a Sun Valley owned property, please call reservations, let them know you are an Ancient Skier to receive a reduced rate. We look forward to seeing you!

So, what's going on in them "thar" hills!?!

Nita Burks and Greg Prothman

Ski area owners have big plans to invest millions of dollars in improvements at many of the areas we ski over the next several years. Below are just some of the highlights for planned and scheduled improvements for new lodges and lifts!

Snoqualmie Pass

Summit Central (Ski Acres) A massive new lodge will come online within the next several years, and the ski area will overhaul its out-of-



base alpha lifts. The resort will upgrade Central Express to another high-speed lift of yet-to-be-determined capacity and will replace Triple 60, a 1983 CTEC triple, with a high-speed quad (quite possibly a refurbished Central Express). A brand-new lodge, snowmaking and alpine coaster will round out improvements at Central.

Summit West (Snoqualmie Pass) The resort will upgrade Pacific Crest – a 1997 fixed-grip quad that is the area's main out-of-base mover – with another TBD high-speed detachable lift. The current Pacific Crest lift will likely move over to Wildside - currently a 1974 Riblet triple.



Alpental has announced that they'll be adding three new chairlifts over the course of the next two seasons. The new chairlift for the 2023-24 season will be the replacement of the Sessel. This Riblet will be replaced by a fixed-

grip triple chairlift. The new lift's capacity will be nearly doubled, carrying 1800 riders an hour. The Doppelmayr chairlift will have a length of 1790 feet, a vertical rise of 590, and a max operating speed of 500 feet per minute. Some of the chairlift features will include a loading conveyor and a top terminal that will be further up the slope to provide easier access to the future International chairlift. They will also begin construction on the first phase of the Edelweiss & International chairlift projects.

Crystal Mountain

Over the next five years, \$100 million in infrastructure and service advancements will be invested at Crystal Mountain which will transform the base with a focus on greater access, more space and significantly enhanced skier services. Work has begun with a \$25 million investment in additional parking and a new 25,000 sq. ft. skier services facility, called Mountain Commons. The project is expected to be open for the 23/24 winter season barring further construction delays.

Stevens Pass

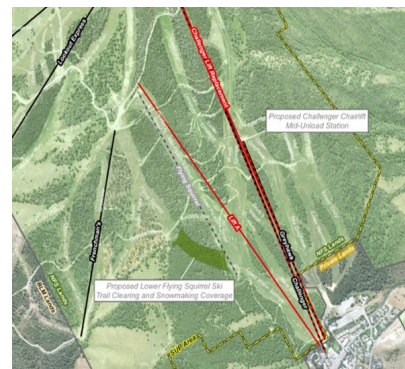
A fixed grip quad will replace Kehr's chair, a Riblet dating back to 1964 for the 2023/24 winter season. This is the third new chairlift planned for Vail Resorts at Stevens and will improve out-of-base capacity.

Whistler/Blackcomb

Construction continues on upgrades to the Creekside Gondola and Big Red Express, both of which are on-track to open in time for this year's season. Creekside Gondola, which was previously a 6-person gondola, will be replaced with a new high-speed 10-person gondola, and will significantly improve wait times and increase out-of-base uphill capacity by 35%. Big Red Express will go from a high-speed 4-person lift to a high-speed 6-person chair, increasing uphill capacity by nearly 30%.

Sun Valley

Sun Valley has an ambitious plans, first, a new Challenger six place chairlift is proposed to replace the aging Challenger and Greyhawk detachable quads. The wider gauge Challenger would feature a mid-unloading station at the top of the Upper Greyhawk and move 2,400 skiers per hour. The project also includes a new Flying Squirrel/Lift A detachable quad. The original Flying Squirrel opened in 1972 and operated until February 1st, 2014, when it was destroyed by a drive terminal fire and was removed the following offseason. Both new lifts would be constructed in 2023 and open for the 2023-24 ski season.



We are looking for Nominations for the NW Ski Hall of Fame.

At the 2024 bi-annual banquet members of the NW ski community will be inducted into the NW Ski Hall of Fame. The inductees are voted on by the Ancient Skier Association membership. Any member of the Ancient Skier Association can submit a nomination.

Qualifications: Any person who is considered to have made an outstanding contribution to Northwest skiing, in any capacity, shall be eligible for election to the NW Ski Hall of Fame. Selection shall be made from varied categories, i.e., competitors, officials, operators, ski patrol, instructors, industry, etc.

Nominations may be made for anyone living or posthumously. A bio of about two pages should be submitted and endorsement statements by others supporting the nomination are encouraged along with pictures.

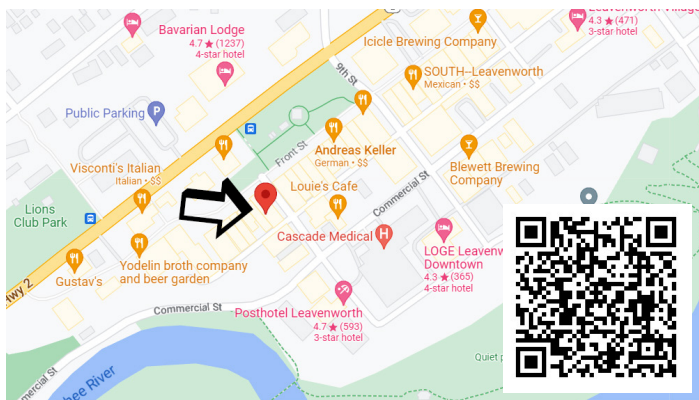
Send written nominations to: Greg Prothman, 7041 Cascade Ave SE, Snoqualmie, WA 98065; gregprothman@comcast.net Nominations must be received on or before July 1, 2024

See the Ancient Skier web site for past inductees.

Take a Trip to the NW Ski Hall of Fame in Leavenworth!

Please come and see this beautifully done exhibit celebrating 84 NW Skiers and Ski industry inductees. Located at 735 Front Street, 2nd Floor, Leavenworth, WA. (Upstairs from Nutcracker Museum)
There is a lift available.

Donations can be sent to:
Northwest Ski Museum & Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 54
Leavenworth, WA 98826



LAST SWEEP

Remembrances

Jack "Corky" Corrock 1926-2023



Jack was born in Seattle in 1926 and passed away Feb, 2023. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lila Sarri Corrock in December of 2017. They met each other in junior high school in Seattle, which resulted in a marriage of 69 years.

Jack was a Merchant Marine in WW2 and after the war, they settled in West Seattle where they raised three children, Kenny, Susie and Anne. Lila developed a love for skiing with Jack, vacationing each winter in Sun Valley with friends. Their life-dream was to spend a year living in the Alps and in 1960, their dream came true. They lived 5 months in Kitzbuhel then traveled around in a Volkswagen van. Their time in Kitzbuhel sparked an interest in ski racing. All 3 kids had successful ski racing careers, becoming members of the U.S. Ski Team with Susie capturing a bronze medal in the 1972 Sapporo Olympics.

Upon returning to Seattle after their year in Austria, their ski adventures brought them to Crystal Mountain where they were original founders. With Jack as a builder, and their Austrian experience, in 1964 they build the Alpine Inn and Snorting Elk Pub, a favorite watering hole of skiers to this day. Lila would be at home raising kids and taking reservations for lodgers at the Alpine while Jack managed the Alpine Inn. Lila and the kids would join him on weekends.

In 1970, they moved permanently to Sun Valley fulfilling another life-long dream. Winters were skiing and summers were spent traveling, wind surfing, boating, camping and hiking.

Jack served on three boards in the ski world. He was a founder and board member at Crystal Mountain, a board member of the U.S. Ski Team, and founding member of the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation.

They were long time members of the PNW Ancient Skier Association and were seen enjoying themselves on the dance floor at the 2016 Sun Valley reunion banquet. A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 26th in Ketchum Idaho.

First Tracks!

Welcome new members!

Jeff Wittenfeld & Sarah Whittaker
Bill Leyer & Maureen Zaccardi
Randal & Heide Burroughs
Robert Kisch
Russell C. & Diane R. Haehl Iii
John L & Stacie J Mathews
Jim & Wendy Inkster
Andrew Miles Lodmell
Jim & Colleen Martinson
Chic & Libby Dohoney
Mario (Marty) & Jeri Crittenden Lima
Tom Helpenstell
Barbara Amick
Michael J Kraynick
Russell E Mcleary & Maja Quist
Lisa M & Steve Vaughn Poncelet
Rebecca B Rush-Peet & James S Peet

Let's Connect

Join the Ancient Skiers Members
Only Facebook Group!

Looking to meet up with your Ancient Skier buddies on the slopes or in town? Connect in this private group just for members! Get the latest news updates, find ski buddies, and share snow ski content!



Scan the QR Code with your phone camera to find the Facebook Group Page or visit Facebook.com/groups/1781555842235537.



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Remembrances

Lenore Lyle (1927-2022)

More Obituaries can be found on the website www.AncientSkiers.com. We ask that you kindly contribute by emailing remembrances to Board@AncientSkiers.com. With family's permission, we are happy to post funeral information on the website or Ancient Skiers social media.

Did you get your pin?

No? Email board@AncientSkiers.com and let us know. One per member.



Volunteers Wanted!

In our mission to bring Northwest skiers together, we are looking for volunteers to help our group organize more member events, meet-ups, ski days, and service opportunities, and write historical ski articles for this newsletter. If you are interested in helping out, please fill out this short survey online.

AncientSkiers.com/Volunteer-Today

Pushing 90?

Emeritus Membership

If you are approaching 90 years old or are 90+, we would like to recognize your time on the slopes. Please contact the board with your date of birth so we can honor you at our next banquet with an Emeritus Membership or receive a certificate by mail.

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