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# NEWSLETTER

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## General Meeting

(21 and over, please)

**Wed. March 12, 2008**

**6:00 PM**

**The Vet's Club (upstairs)**

**1626 Willamette St., Eugene**

DO NOT PARK in lot behind the Vet's Club.

This lot is reserved for restaurant patrons.

Please park on the street. Thank you!

6:00 pm Sign up for trips and activities

7:00 pm General Meeting

*Light hors d'ouerves will be served at meetings.*

*Guests: Altair invites guests to attend up to three complimentary meetings to find out about our club before joining.*

## Board Meeting

(Open to all members)

**Wed. March 19, 2008**

**6:00 PM**

### **Board Meeting Location**

Board meeting will be held in the conference room at Gaydos, Churnside & Balthrop, P.C.

440 East Broadway, Suite 300, Eugene. Call

206-4540 (Mary Spencer) if you can't find it.

Three story, red brick building with green trim located at the Broadway and Franklin (same intersection as the former IHOP). Entrance to the parking lot is between this office building and

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### **Don't miss the Hoodoo Preview!! Saturday March 8**

Demo the 2009 skis. The major vendors will be at Hoodoo for the day March 8.

Sign ups end March 5. Call if you want to go. We have a couple of seats left.

Members \$50 Non Members \$58

Captain Diane Kaufman 484-4365

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Your Altair newsletter is available on the website by the first of every month. Newsletters will be sent to members via email within the first week of each month.

Check the website at [www.altairsports.org](http://www.altairsports.org)

*Go to [www.altairsports.org](http://www.altairsports.org) for updates.*

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## BOARD MEMBERS

President	<b>Diane Kaufman</b>	<b>484-4365</b>
Vice President	<b>Pat Martin</b>	<b>683-7379</b>
Secretary	<b>Janice Warden</b>	<b>485-1405</b>
Treasurer	<b>Mary Spencer</b>	<b>344-1445</b>
Board Members At Large	<b>Fred Thomas</b>	<b>683-1593</b>
	<b>Ros See</b>	<b>510-3846</b>
Senior Board Member At Large	<b>Ed Stanley</b>	<b>343-1818</b>

## COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Biking	<b>Larry See</b>	510-3846
Bookkeeper	<b>Karen Renko</b>	607-6879
Bowling	<b>Gordon Waske</b>	689-1895
Community Service	<b>Diane O'Keefe</b>	520-5546
Database	<b>Ann Stanley</b>	343-1818
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	<b>Carol Fernlund</b>	484-6332
	<b>Steve Phillips</b>	485-8029
Hiking	<b>Helen Martz</b>	345-6229
	<b>Carol Ipsen</b>	484-0496
Membership	<b>Pattie Anne Wallace</b>	343-4392
New Members	<b>Pat Tuel</b>	689-0076
Newsletter	<b>Dee Sullens</b>	683-7346
NWSCC Rep.	<b>Becki Robinson</b>	344-7170
Publicity	<b>Laurie Steinbruck</b>	302-2644
Ski	<b>Rod Robinson</b>	344-7170
	<b>Becki Robinson</b>	344-7170
Social	<b>Claudia Bailey-Liontos</b>	984-5403
Softball	<b>Rich Jenkins</b>	345-8374
Walk/Jog	<b>Walt Jacobson</b>	343-7893
Webmaster	<b>Charlie Baird</b>	461-7222

## Membership Dues

The membership year is November 1 to October 31.

**Annual dues are \$75 for new members. Renewal dues are \$70 if paid no later than the November General Meeting; after that the new member rate applies.** Membership includes receiving the newsletter via email or downloading from the website. Receiving a hard copy in the mail is an additional \$12 per year.

Dues and newsletter fees are pro-rated as follows:

Nov 1 - Feb 28	\$75 (+ \$12)
Mar 1 - June 30	\$50 (+ \$8)
July 1 - Oct 31	\$25 (+ \$4)

## EVENT PLANNING PACKETS

You can always get a packet by calling your Event Director, Pat Martin, 683-7379, or pick one up at the General or Board meetings.

## Altairsports Email Group

To join the "Altairsports" email group all you have to do is go to [www.altairsports.org](http://www.altairsports.org), click on the Useful Links button, then the Yahoo Groups link, then follow the steps to join the Altairsports group. Questions: Contact group moderator Dee Sullens; [sullensd@peak.org](mailto:sullensd@peak.org).

## To Make Directory Changes

Members who have changes in address, phone, email or other information are to notify Ann Stanley at [eastanley@bigfoot.com](mailto:eastanley@bigfoot.com).

## Newsletter Information

The deadline for newsletter info is the GENERAL MEETING. There are two ways to submit your articles: **Email your article to [sullensd@peak.org](mailto:sullensd@peak.org)** or bring it to the General Meeting. Late submissions may be rejected to get the newsletter out on time.

## If you are not receiving the newsletter Email:

Contact [eastanley@bigfoot.com](mailto:eastanley@bigfoot.com).

## Members' Corner Submissions

Not sure if your submission qualifies?

Please contact the Newsletter Editor and run it by her prior to the Altair Board Meeting. You will be notified if your submission does not meet the Members' Corner Policy.

## A Bit About Paying for Events:

Checks should be payable to **ALTAIR**, not the trip captain. Altair **does not** accept cash. Trip captains who accept cash for signups are to keep it and write a check to Altair to cover the cash. Altair payments should be made by check, Visa or Master Card. We do not accept debit cards or American Express. Credit card charges are made at the Treasurer/Bookkeeper table at the General Meetings *between 6 – 7 pm*. We do not accept 2-party checks or post-dated checks. Trips Captains: Please don't hold checks - turn them in immediately!

## Sign-up Policy For Trips and Events

The current policy is that the first opportunity to sign up for an event is at the first general meeting after the board-approved event appears in the newsletter.

After the first general meeting, the trip captain can take sign-ups over the phone or at any other time or place (TGIFs, etc.) If you are not able to attend a general meeting, another Altair member (not the trip captain) can sign up for you. **NO ONE IS CONSIDERED TO BE SIGNED UP UNLESS AND UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.** Guests cannot sign up for an event for the first 30 days - Altair members have priority - unless the trip captain has chosen to allow guests to sign up earlier. Questions? Pat Martin, 683-7379, Event Director.

## MEMBERSHIP

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

13 Doris Brown  
14 Scott Barkhurst  
22 Anita McAnear  
24 Louise Billings  
29 Bob Packnett  
31 Terrie Chrones

.....*Best Wishes to all our  
March birthday members.*

### **MEMBERS' CORNER**

#### **DINNER AND SYMPHONY - March 20**

Come join a small group of Altair folks who have dinner monthly and then attend the Eugene Symphony Concert. On Thursday, March 20th, we will dine together at 6 PM at Penelope's Mediterranean Cuisine, 291 E. 5th, Eugene. Even if you don't plan to attend the concert, come join us for dinner anyway! The Eugene Symphony's March program, "Beethoven's Emperor," includes Khachaturian's Masquerade Suite, Schubert's Symphony No. 8, Unfinished, and Beethoven's Concerto for Piano No. 5, Emperor. Alastair Willis is the guest conductor and Valentina Lisitsa is the pianist. Please call Libbie Marshall at 689-2966 by March 19th if you would like to have dinner at Penelope's Mediterranean Cuisine. Newcomers are welcome!

### **Spring Beach Cleanup**

3/29/2008 10 AM - 1 PM

**Join us from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2008, for the annual Spring Beach Cleanup** (The Altair group will leave from the Wal-Mart store in Cottage Grove @7:30 a.m.)

***History:** The first Beach Cleanup in the nation was held here in Oregon in 1984. Since then, annual beach cleanups have spread to every state in the Union, all US territories and more than 100 countries around the world. Between 1984 and 2006, more than 164,000 volunteers have picked up over 1,000 tons of beach and marine debris from the Oregon coast.*

**I will have sign up at the March general meeting. If you can't make to the meeting you can call or e-mail me and I will put you on the list. We will clean up in zone 10 – Reedsport area. DATE: Saturday March 29,2008 TIME: 7:00 a.m.-meet at Cottage Grove Wal-Mart Parking lot (near LTD bus station) for car-pooling to Reedsport.**

**BRING: Rubber gloves or other hand protection, rain gear, drinking water, lunch**

**Tips to make it a fun and safe experience:** § Don't touch medical waste (needles, bandages, etc.)

Mark the spot and tell the beach captain § Watch for sneaker waves § Be careful on rocks or cliffs § Be aware of incoming tides § Avoid logs in the surf

**TEAM LEADER: Diane O'Keefe 942-0261 okeefe@uoregon.edu**

### **Membership Report**

179 Total Membership

**Attending the February meeting:**

25 Guests

7 New Members

**New Members:**

Barbara Lowry

Maria Lara

Dennis Galloway

Pat Soussan

Sandra Bauer

Barbara Reynolds

Susan Berg

**Thank you to our February Greeters:**

Louise Billings, Dale Billings

**Thank you to our Membership Helper**

Bruce Paris

### **FEBRUARY WINNERS:**

**New Member/Guest:** Bill Ward

**February Birthday Drawing:** Carol Ipsen

**Raffles:** Dee Sullens, Fred Thomas, Dan Burkhart

## SOCIAL

### **Pinochle**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008**

**6:00 PM- 9:30 PM**

Come join us for a Pinochle potluck. All skill levels welcome. Just bring a drink of your choice and a dish to share - a starter, salad, main dish or dessert. We'll eat at 6:00 and play at 6:30.  
No signup is necessary but we ask that you RSVP so we know how many tables to set up.

In consideration of those who are allergic, we ask that you not wear scented products.

Place: Pat Tuel's Home

78 Federal Lane, Eugene

(Off River Road, North of Beltline)

Contact: Pat Tuel

[tuel@earthlink.net](mailto:tuel@earthlink.net)

## **T.G.I.F.'s**

**6:00 pm until whenever.....**

**.....Please Remember To Tip!!.....**

### **March**

**7      \*\*Red Lion (\*\*Location Change)**

205 Coburg Road, Eugene

**14     Sam's Place**

825 Wilson (off W 11th), Eugene

**21     Waterfront**

2210 Martin Luther King Blvd, Eugene

**28     The Broadway**

200 Broadway, Eugene

### **April**

**4      Jogger's**

710 Willamette, Eugene

### **DINNER & A PLAY**

#### **A Razzle-Dazzle Evening on the Town!**

**Sat., March 29th — 5:30 pm**

It's time to have some unabashed fun again...Come join 20 Altair members for a gourmet dinner and a wildly funny farce at the Very Little Theatre! "On the Razzle" by Tom Stoppard is the play, which had great success in Ashland last summer at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. If you know "Hello Dolly!" and "The Matchmaker", this is the story at the heart of those well-loved productions.

We'll meet for appetizers and a delicious dinner, planned and prepared for you by Chefs Terri Chrones, Claudia and Demetri, at the notorious Lion Toes Inn. After our last burps, we'll carpool the short distance to the Very Little Theatre to an evening of sheer entertainment. Please try to sign up at the March meeting as there are spots for only 20 members. And the price is right!

Date: Sat., March 29th — 5:30 p.m.

Place: Dinner at the Lontos house, 1890 Taylor St.  
(south just off Polk St. and 18th Ave., Eugene)

Cost: \$25.00 per person (members only); no refunds  
(If you need to cancel, you may find another Altairian to take your place.)

Bring: Your stronger beverage of choice; punch, etc. will be provided.  
And your sense of humor!

Contact: Demetri & Claudia Lontos 345-0207

## **GOLF PLANNING MEETING**

**Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m.**

There will be a **Golf Planning Meeting** on **Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m.** at Scott Barkhurst's home, 2795 Almaden St. (two blocks east of Chambers). We will try to develop an outline of this year's Altair golf events, including:

- **Scramble Tournaments:** we normally have one a month, running from late May through September. If you have ideas for courses, dates, or are willing to help plan a golf event, try to attend the meeting.
- **Show-and-Golf:** these are non-tournament events, basically a gathering of 6-12 Altair golfers (and friends) who want to get together at a particular course, just to play. Bring suggestions for courses you think we should include this year.
- **Drop-in Golf:** historically on Thursdays; last two years we have started at Sutton Ridge in early May, then to River Ridge in mid-June, then to Oakway in September. All open for discussion.

Any other golf-related topics are fair game at this meeting. Even if you can't attend the meeting on March 9, feel free to e-mail your thoughts to Scott Barkhurst, and we will include those in our discussion. Fore!

Scott Barkhurst / Altair Golf Chair [scottb@uoregon.edu](mailto:scottb@uoregon.edu) 343-9406

## **HIKING PLANNING MEETING**

**Sunday, April 13, 7 p.m.**

Helen Martz' house.

Bring a snack to share and your ideas for our June - October hiking schedule. You're welcome even if you don't plan to lead a hike.

Helen: 345-6229

Carol: 484-0496

## **BOWLING**

**Saturday, March 15, 2008**

Meet at Firs Bowl at 5:45 pm. We start bowling at 6:00 pm, then head to Abby's afterwards for no-host pizza and beverages. All skill levels welcome from beginner to professional.

Cost: \$10 members/\$12 guests

Place: Firs Bowl 1930 River Road, Eugene

Contact: Gordon Waske 689-1895

## **COED SOFTBALL**

Now that the sun has come out for a few days, it just feels like it's almost time to go out and get sweaty and roll around in the dirt—and what better way is there to do this than to play softball?! We will have a coed softball team again this year, although I don't know yet whether it will be in C or D league. If you have any interest in playing, we are always in need of players—especially ladies. Please let me or Gary Chaffins know asap.

Thinking of softball at a different level, if it has been many years since you have played, but you would like to get back into it, at a less competitive or recreational level, again let me know. If there were enough people interested in this, we could start another team—or if not that many, I can help point you in the direction of the city's rec program.

Rich Jenkins 345-8374 [risujenk@comcast.net](mailto:risujenk@comcast.net)

Gary Chaffins 741-8052 [gary\\_chaffins@orsa.uoregon.edu](mailto:gary_chaffins@orsa.uoregon.edu)

# Sports Interest List

The members listed have expressed an interest in the activities noted:

## Bowling:

Steve Alderson Scott Barkhurst Molly Bedortha Susan Berg Lynn Black Rich Branchik Mary Briggs Bonnie Brooks Bob Caldwell Gary Chaffins Nelda Copsey Tom Dill Bob Eastgate Alan Eliason Jane Eliason Jeff Ernst Carol Fernlund Scott Fuchise Dan Gerg Renate Boschie Wayne Gripp Susan Grzesiak Nancy Hawthorne Pam Hirsh Laura Hooker Walt Jacobson Rick Jenkins Guy Johnson Linda Johnson Tracy Johnson Diane Kaufman Erich Kaufman Les Kellow Rolf Lange Kathy Lindstrom Claudia Lontos Demetri Lontos Sherry Longworth Libbie Marshall Anita McAnear Sharon McClaughry Keith McConnell Ted Merydith Debra Murray Joe Neal Ann Marie Neil Diane O'Keefe Alice Omann Dan Paddock Lee Paddock Robin Peterson Barbara Reynolds Ruth Romoser Janet Rumsey Sandi Sanders Sandy Sandhorst Chuck Schultz Mark Schuster Connie Shirtcliff Ed Stanley Dee Sullens Bob Thomas Fred Thomas Janice Wardan Gordon Waske Allan Williams

## Volleyball:

Steve Alderson Scott Barkhurst Molly Bedortha Lynn Black Rich Branchik Mary Briggs Bob Caldwell Gary Chaffins Jeff Ernst Carol Fernlund Scott Fuchise Dan Gerg Renate Boschie Wayne Gripp Susan Grzesiak Nancy Hawthorne Pam Hirsh Laura Hooker Walt Jacobson Rick Jenkins Guy Johnson Linda Johnson Tracy Johnson Diane Kaufman Erich Kaufman Les Kellow Rolf Lange Kathy Lindstrom Claudia Lontos Demetri Lontos Sherry Longworth Libbie Marshall Anita McAnear Sharon McClaughry Keith McConnell Ted Merydith Debra Murray Joe Neal Diane O'Keefe Alice Omann Dan Paddock Lee Paddock Robin Peterson Ruth Romoser Janet Rumsey Sandi Sanders Sandy Sandhorst Chuck Schultz Mark Schuster Ed Stanley Dee Sullens Bob Thomas Fred Thomas Janice Wardan Gordon Waske

## Altairsports Yahoo Email Group

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## OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

### **Silver Falls CampOut (and Oregon Garden Brewfest...) April 25-27, 2008**

We'll be camping at Silver Falls State Park. Located about 15 miles south of Silverton, the campground provides restrooms, picnic tables, fire pits and water. The group site is listed as RV, since there is plenty of room, but there are no hookups. There are showers in the campground, about 3 miles from the group campsite. On Saturday, we'll go to the Oregon Garden which has thousands of plants displayed in more than 20 specialty gardens. While we're there, we'll be sampling handcrafted beers at the Oregon Garden Brewfest, held indoors and complemented by live music. If you'd rather skip the Garden, you can explore historic downtown Silverton, and of course, there's also plenty of hiking, biking, or just relaxing in the park.

Provided: Camp fees, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, dinner Sunday.

Bring: Your own lunches and dinner for Saturday

Cost: \$16 members/\$20 nonmembers; Limit aprox 40 people

Note: Admission to the Oregon Garden is \$8; Admission to the Brewfest is \$10 and includes 4 scripts for beer

Signups: March and April meetings. Last cancellation date for refund is 3/25/08

Trip Captains: Tommy and Kevyn Paul 741-3480 554-2140

### **Celebrate Spring on the Ranch Saturday, May 17th 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**This event is SOLD OUT.** A waiting list is being taken. Please contact Hostess Kaye Johns. Come join us for a lovely day of hiking, socializing, and good food. Just bring a drink of your choice and a folding chair. Lunch prepared by Roseburg's finest caterer, "Fine Things Catering" will be served around 2:00 pm. You may want to bring a camera, binoculars, hiking shoes (even a mountain bike). You will provide your own transportation to the ranch which is 12 miles east of Sutherlin. Arrangements for carpooling is an option.

Cost: \$16 members / \$18 non-members A maximum of 25 people and minimum of 20.

Signups will be at the February and March General Meeting. No refunds after March 31st, unless you find a replacement.

Hostess: Kaye Johns 10803 Nonpariel Road Sutherlin, Oregon (approx. 70 miles from LCC)  
Contact: 746-0731 or ranch #459-5912

## OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

# South Umpqua Valley Barrel Tasting Wine Tour

Roseburg

Saturday-Sunday, April 5 & 6, 2008

The Umpqua Valley wine region has become famous for its unusual wines, some grown only in this region. Spend the day visiting seven wineries tasting wine and food paired with each wine. Tour-goers will receive a souvenir wine glass and enjoy a full day of wine tasting and food pairings at the wineries.

The **South Valley** tour will be Saturday, April 5, departing from the downtown Roseburg parking garage and will stop at Reustle, Wild Rose, Giradet Wine Cellars, Hillcrest Vineyard, Melrose Vineyards, Palotai Vineyard & Spangler Vineyard. Wild Rose is a new winery on the tour.

We will drive to Roseburg early Saturday morning to arrive at the downtown parking garage by 8:30 AM. After we return from the wine tour we will check in at the Holiday Inn Express before going out to dinner on your own. The hotel has an indoor pool and outdoor Jacuzzi if you care to pack a swimsuit. Sunday you are free to do as you please, go to Wildlife Safari, drive back along the Umpqua River to have lunch in Elkton before heading home, or whatever you desire.

Expect to bring water to drink on the bus, tip for the bus driver, and cash, check or credit card to purchase wine to bring home. No need to worry about eating lunch on Saturday as you will not go hungry! If you are allergic to chocolate or do not eat beef you may want to bring a snack. We do not have any idea what the wineries will be serving until we get on the bus and get the tour guide sheet with wine and food pairings.

Cost includes transportation for the wine tour on a school bus, souvenir wine glass, hotel room, and expanded continental breakfast on Sunday morning.

Not included: Dinner Saturday night, tip for the bus driver, transportation to Roseburg. Carpooling is suggested.

Cost: Members \$104, Guests \$118. (2 people per room, 2 queen beds or 1 King bed)

Sign up at the January General Meeting. The trip is limited to 20 people.

Full payment is due at sign-up. No refunds after February 1 unless you sell your spot except on lodging which can be refunded up until March 1.

Planning Meeting: to be announced

Trip Captains: Dawn Carlile 686-1421

Ted Merydith 484-1558

## OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

### **North Umpqua Valley Barrel Tasting Wine Tour**

**Sutherlin**

**Saturday-Sunday, May 3 & 4, 2008**

The Umpqua Valley wine region has become famous for its unusual wines, some grown only in this region. Spend the day visiting eight wineries tasting wine and food paired with each wine. Tour-goers will receive a souvenir wine glass and enjoy a full day of wine tasting and food pairings at the wineries.

The **North Valley** tour will depart from Sutherlin on Saturday, May 3, and visit Bradley Vineyards, Brandborg Vineyard & Winery, Henry Estate Winery, Marshanne Landing, Sienna Ridge, Misty Oaks, River's Edge Winery, and Anindor. Two of these wineries, Misty Oaks and Anindor, have not been on the tour before.

We will drive to Sutherlin early Saturday morning and will stay Saturday night at the Sutherlin Inn. Sunday you may want to play golf at Oak Hills Golf Club, visit the Oakland Historic District or take the scenic road to Cottage Grove Lake.

Bring water to drink on the bus, tip for the bus driver, and cash, check or credit card to purchase wine to bring home. No need to worry about eating lunch on Saturday as you will not go hungry! If you are allergic to chocolate or do not eat beef you may want to bring a snack. We do not have any idea what the wineries will be serving until we get on the bus and get the tour guide sheet with wine and food pairings.

Cost Includes: Wine tour on a school bus, souvenir wine glass, and hotel room.

Not included: Dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning, tip for the bus driver, transportation to Sutherlin. Carpooling is suggested.

Cost: Members \$80, Guests are \$90. (2 people per room, 2 queen beds)

Sign up at the January General Meeting. Trip is limited to 20 people.

Full payment is due at sign-up. No refunds after February 1 unless you sell your spot except on lodging which can be refunded up until April 1.

Planning meeting: to be announced.

Trip Captain: Dawn Carlile 686-1421

Kevyn Paul 741-3480

## OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

# **The CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS 2008 September 19th through 28<sup>th</sup>**

Never seen the Canadian Rockies or just did a quick pass through? Well, break out your Passport, here is your chance to spend some time in a magnificent area of the world. THIS is another "once in a lifetime trip" and it's so close to our little part of the world it is a must see!

This is a 10-day trip starting September 19th through 28<sup>th</sup> for an extraordinary trip to 4 and possibly 6 Canadian National Parks. We will visit the ever popular Banff and Jasper National Parks in Alberta Canada; and Yoho and Kootenay National Parks in British Columbia; with a possible side trip to Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks in British Columbia. We will board motor homes in Eugene and make the approximately 2500 mile round trip in the comfort of our own traveling accommodations.

There is something for everyone on this trip with exceptional hiking, sight seeing; shopping, rafting, arts (shopping), history (shopping), fishing, and glacier rides.

The trip is limited to 25 and registration begins at the February Altair General Meeting. At the March General meeting registrations will be accepted from nonmembers should any spots be available.

All meals are included in the cost. Breakfast and lunch items will be provided and we will have 1 dinner as a group. The rest of your dinners will be at your choosing in local diners with a daily allowance. There will be limited kitchen duties for breakfast and lunch preparation.

There will be a pretrip and posttrip gathering. The first, to allow us to get organized, list the proposed itinerary and plan on what to take and not take. The second meeting after the trip is for sharing photos of the trip with others.

The cost of the trip will be \$1,450 for members.

Sign up at the February meeting with \$250 registration fee required to hold your reservation. Subsequent monthly payments of \$200 per month will be due by each General Meeting through August. All cancellations will have a \$150 penalty. Last day to cancel with a refund (less penalty) is at the March General Meeting.

Contact Gary Chaffins 741-8052 or Email [gary\\_chaffins@orsa.uoregon.edu](mailto:gary_chaffins@orsa.uoregon.edu)  
Diane Kaufman 484-4365, [skifreely@yahoo.com](mailto:skifreely@yahoo.com)

## OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

### *A bit about the Parks:*

**Banff National Park:** In the fall of 1883, three Canadian Pacific Railway construction workers stumbled across a cave containing hot springs on the eastern slopes of Alberta's Rocky Mountains. From that humble beginning was born Banff National Park, Canada's first national park and the world's third. Spanning 2,564 square miles of valleys, mountains, glaciers, forests, meadows and rivers, Banff National Park is one of the world's premier destination spots. We will visit historic Banff (please don't feed the elk that wonder through town) and its hot springs and the famous Banff Springs Hotel, museums; Lake Louise and Moraine Lake and the Columbia ice fields to name just a few.

**Jasper National Park:** Jasper is the largest and most northerly Canadian rocky mountain national park, part of a spectacular World Heritage Site. Comprised of delicate and carefully protected ecosystems, Jasper's scenery is none-the-less rugged and mountainous. In this special corner of Canada you can thrill to the thunder of Sunwapta Falls, enjoy the serene beauty of Mount Edith Cavell, connect with nature along 1,000-plus kilometers of trails, experience Athabasca Glacier up close or just resign yourself to a relaxing soak in Miette Hot Springs.

**Kootenay National Park:** Kootenay National Park represents the south-western region of the Canadian Rocky Mountains. From glacier-clad peaks along the Continental Divide to semi-arid grasslands of the Rocky Mountain Trench, where cactus grows, this is a park rich in diversity of landscapes and ecology.

**Yoho National Park:** Established in 1886, Yoho represents the western slopes of the Rocky Mountains region, and is also a Cree expression of awe and wonder for this place of rock walls, spectacular waterfalls and soaring peaks. In the shadow of the Great Divide, Yoho holds the secrets of ancient ocean life, the power of ice and water, and unique plant and animal communities that continue to evolve today.

**Mt. Revelstoke National Park:** Mount Revelstoke National Park is a place of contrasts. A drive along the summit parkway will lead through a variety of geographical zones. From dense old-growth rainforest of giant cedar and pine, travel up through subalpine forest, and finally alpine meadows and tundra. Marvel at the spectacular view of the ice-clad peaks of the Monashee Mountains and, to the east, the Selkirk Mountains. The Giant Cedars hiking trail takes you through a stand of ancient Western Red Cedars, and the Skunk Cabbage trail introduces you to jungle-like wetland, a birder's paradise.

## HIKING

Come out and join other Altair hikers and walkers. Bring a guest!

**IMPORTANT!! CALL THE HIKE LEADER** before the hike to indicate your interest and find out more details of the outing. Hikes may be cancelled due to weather, or changes made to meeting times. Be prepared to share in the cost of carpooling; hike leaders will be asked to estimate the cost per person per car @ 5-7 cents per mile. Also, with respect to those who are sensitive to fragrances, please do not wear scented products on hikes. Hiking lengths are round trip. **WEAR APPROPRIATE WALKING SHOES OR HIKING BOOTS.** *Anyone interested in leading or suggesting a hike please call either of the hiking co-directors, Helen Martz 345-6229 or Carol Ipsen 484-0496.*

### Meeting locations are as follows unless indicated otherwise:

Jerry's - Hwy 99, Eugene (under the hammer nearest Hwy 99)  
Albertsons - 58th and Main, Springfield – east side of lot  
LCC northeast parking lot (near the traffic light on 30th), Eugene  
Shari's – Beltline Hwy, Springfield (Gateway area)  
Target - W. 11th & Beltline, Eugene, meet near W.11th Ave

**Mar 8 – Sat: “SPRINGFIELD EXTRA-  
GANZA”! ISLAND PARK to Autzen bike  
bridge, lunch at The Pump.** 5-6 miles easy  
10:00 a.m. Meet in Island Park.  
Marian West 746-6263

<p><b>HIKING PLANNING MEETING</b> APRIL 13 7:00 PM Helen Martz' house 345-6229 for info</p>
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**Mar 29 – Sat: OREGON DUNES & BEACH –**  
4.8 miles Moderate. **WEATHER PERMITTING.**  
9:00 a.m Target W. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Carol Ipsen 484-0496

**May 18 - Sun: Little River Six Waterfalls Hike,**  
4 - 5 miles, 300 feet elevation gain. Moderate.  
10:00 a.m. Meet at LCC or Glide Ranger Station  
(Roseburg area) at 12:00 P.M.  
Joe Neal 334-6416.

**April 5 – Sat: SWEET CREEK – 5.2 miles**  
Moderate  
10:00 a.m. Target W. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Helen Martz 345-6229

**May 24 – Sat: GOURMET COAST HIKE.**  
Sign-up event, watch your newsletter for details.

**May 4 – Sun: HENDRICKS PARK “RHODY  
FESTIVAL” – 5 miles easy.**  
1:30 p.m Meet at MidTown on Willamette & 16<sup>th</sup>  
Joe Neal 334-6416

**June 7 – Sat: ENCHANTED VALLEY (at the  
coast) 5 miles moderate**  
9:00 a.m. Target W. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Alex & Clare VonderHaar 465-1009

### Regular In-town hikes/walks:

**NOTE THE START TIME OF 9:00 AM, effective March 1, 2008**

***Every Weds and Fri: Walk the town – 5-6 miles***  
***9:00 a.m. Mid-Town (old L & L Market) on Willamette St. Ruth Romoser 726-8154***  
***Come early for coffee at 8:30***

***Every Sat: Walk the river bike trails/Skinner's Butte, 4 miles, easy. Stay for coffee after.***  
***9:00 a.m. Cafe Aroma at Valley River Mall - Walt Jacobsen 343-7893***

**NEW!!! Walkers First Wednesday Lunch** will be held March 5 at 11:30 am @ **Manola's Thai Restaurant.** Call Barb Bakke at 744-1681, if interested. (April 2 @ Poppi's Anatolia, May 7 @ Ta Ra Rin, June 4 @ Soriah's, July 2 @ McGrath's)

# SKIING

## **MINI BUS TO HOODOO FOR SKI PREVIEWS**

**Saturday, March 8, 2008**

YIPPEE!!!! Demo the 2009 skis. The major vendors will be at Hoodoo for the day March 8. Come and try the new Vollants, K2's, Solomons, Lange, Dynastar, Rosignold, etc. Last year Erich and I were able to try out 12 different brands. It was fantastic to actually feel the difference on the same slope with one pair of skis after the other. Also this is the cheapest way to try them out at one demo opportunity, therefore very time wise.

Even if you are not interested in what is new is ski technology, it will be a wonderful day with your buddies from Altair. All levels of skiers are welcome and guaranteed to have fun. Hoodoo is a very family comfortable venue. Lots of terrain and lots of varying ability runs make Hoodoo a wonderful spot for beginners or experts.

The price of \$50 includes your lift ticket and you ride up to Hoodoo and back. You will need to buy or bring your lunch. The van will leave at 6:30 am and be back at 6:00 pm. We will be in a 15 person van with 12 riders so there will be room for our gear and each other.

The mini van is the same ones used for the lessons at Willamette Pass in January. Altair is using the resources of the City of Eugene (Parks and Rec own the vans). This is a good use of their resources and a great opportunity for us to ski cheaply without having to drive to the hill. Added benefit, we are together. Thanks Tom Rogers, City of Eugene, and Becki for the idea.

Sign ups end March 5. Call if you want to go, We have a couple of seats left. Cancellation comes with a \$15 non refundable fee as we are committed to the van for others. Last date to cancel to get \$35 back is Feb. 13, 2008. Members \$50 Non Members \$58

Captain Diane Kaufman 484-4365

## **Crater Lake XC Ski / Snowshoe Weekend**

**March 14-16, 2008**

**The trip is SOLD OUT** except for rooms with a queen or double bed inside the Prospect Historical Inn. The cost of these rooms is \$185 Members / \$220.00 Non-members and two people would need to sign up and share a bed.

An unpaid waiting list is being taken for the rooms in the Motel portion. The cost of \$145 Members / \$180 Non-members includes two nights lodging, two full breakfasts, gourmet Saturday night dinner, and a sack lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Your weekend begins on Friday afternoon/evening at historic Prospect Inn with room check-in and welcome snacks in the lounge. We will drive up to Crater Lake on Saturday morning for a full day of fun in the snow. On Sunday we have planned a ranger-led snowshoe trip at the lake at 10:30 am and you can stay and play or head home from there.

**Pre-trip Planning Meeting:** Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 @ 6:00 pm at Papa's Pizza on Coburg Road where we will discuss carpooling and dinner and lunch selections.

Trip Captains: Dan Gerg and Robin Peterson, 485-4464.

Trip Cancellation Date is March 1<sup>st</sup> with no refunds after that date unless you find someone to take your place.

# SKIING

## MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE AT MT. BACHELOR

April 18-20, 2008

This trip is SOLD OUT. A paid wait list is being taken.

How many activities can you pack into one weekend?

- snowshoe by the light of the full moon? Oh yeah!
- downhill or X-country ski during the day? Ya, ya!
- hike Bend's or Sunriver's trails? Eat my dust!
- bike on Sunriver's lovely paths? Wheeling!
- golf a championship course? Who needs St. Andrews!
- shop till you drop in the Mill District? Chico's, here I come!
- swim in Mavericks indoor pool? Splash!
- work out in Mavericks gym? Pack your Spandex!
- soak in a hot tub? Love those bubbles!

Yes, all this is possible when you stay at Altair's favorite Hickory Lane mansion the weekend of April 18-20, 2008.

Did I mention the air hockey table in the game room? There may even be a prize for any Altairian who manages to do all of the above activities during the weekend.

Also, Wanderlust Tours promises transportation to and from Sunriver Lodge, professional naturalist guide, snowshoes, and hot chocolate with marshmallows on Saturday evening, full moon weekend.

Only twelve (12!!) places available for this trip, so sign up right away.

**WHEN:** April 18 - 20, 2008

**PRICE:** Members - \$155 - \$185, depending on accommodation  
Guests - \$175 - \$205, " " " " "

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:** Two nights in lovely Sunriver house  
Two breakfasts and Saturday dinner  
Guided snowshoe tour on Saturday evening  
Use of Mavericks spa/gym in Sunriver

**TRIP CAPTAINS:** Helen Martz 345-6229  
Carol Ipsen 484-0496

**CANCELATION DATE:** February 13, 2008. No refunds after 2/13/08 unless spot filled by another member or guest

# SKIING

## Altair's Winter Sports Calendar and Local Events

### **March 1, Sat. – Salt Creek Falls - Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe**

3 – 4 miles – Beautiful Scenic trails

Contact: Marian West 746-6263

Meeting location: LCC 10:00 a.m.

### **March 8th – Altair's Mini-Bus Trip to Preview the new Skis at Hoodoo**

Contact: Diane Kaufman 484-4365.

### **March 14-16th – Altair's Crater Lake X-Country/Snowshoe Trip**

Contact: Dan Gerg and Robin Peterson 485-4464.

### **March 22, Sat. – Proxy Falls/Belknap Springs – Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe**

4 Miles. Bring swimsuit and towel for dip in Belknap Springs afterwards. (Fee)

Contact: Demetri Liontos 345-0207 Meeting location: Albertsons 10:00 a.m.

### **April 18-20th – Altair's Moonlight Madness Snow Shoe Tour at Mt. Bachelor**

Contact: Helen Martz 345-6229.

**Local Ski Bus Transportation, some of the dates may changes so please call to confirm date and times.**

### **Berg's Ski and Snowboard Shop 683-1300**

Mt. Bachelor: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5, 11 Free ski day, 12

Willamette Pass: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5 and 12<sup>th</sup>

Hoodoo March 8<sup>th</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> Spring fling day

### **Joe's Sports and More Ski Bus 343-1666**

Willamette Pass- March, all Friday, Saturday and Sundays.

## **Northwest Ski Club Council and Far West Ski Association Trips and Events**

Altair is member of the Northwest Ski Club Council and Far West Ski Association. By being affiliated with these two organizations we are able to take advantage of great trips they offer. If you like to travel, these are great deals you don't want to pass up! Grab a cup of tea and read through some of these great trips, start planning your travel schedule as some trips are already filling up!

### **Les Trois Vallees, France - FWSA Europe Ski Week**

**March 7-15, 2008 Price: \$1390**

200 lifts, 540 sq. miles of terrain. Provence and Paris post-extension to March 21, 2008. Basic Ski Week package \$1290 pp double occ. which includes 7 nights lodging at the ski-in/ski-out three star Hotel Montana w/ breakfast and dinner daily; hotel features sauna, fitness gym and indoor pool. This is an incredible deal you don't want to miss!

Roundtrip airfare w/ Air France, non-stop from LAX, SFO, and SEA to Paris, All European air and ground to & from hotels and airports. All local city taxes, resort fees and all other known fees in all hotels. Not Included: Int'l Departure taxes and fuel surcharge currently around \$270. Post extension trip \$895, for more details go to

[http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/2008\\_European\\_Ski\\_Week.pdf](http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/2008_European_Ski_Week.pdf)

# SKIING

## **Northwest Ski Club Council and Far West Ski Association Trips and Events**

### **Mt. High- Lake Tahoe trip**

**March 29 - April 3, 2008.** (Saturday - Thursday) **Price:** \$400

**Skiing:** Heavenly is our main destination, with 4,800 acres and 3,500 vertical feet, and slopes in both California and Nevada. But, we'll visit other places too.

**Lodging:** Lakeland village condos, 1-4 bedrooms, full kitchen, hot tub, heated pool, sauna, free shuttles, 1 mile to the lifts. Fly to Reno (on your own), or drive, or rent a car. **Price: \$400** includes: \* 5 nights lodging, in shared condo. \* 2 of 3 days list ticket to Heavenly \* Wine and cheese welcome party \* Breakfast\* Shuttle around town and to Heavenly gondola or tram.

Contact Janice Jessen: [jessen@iinet.com](mailto:jessen@iinet.com) \$100 deposit requested.

### **NWSCC is the host council for 2008 FWSA Convention, in Bellevue!**

**June 5-8, 2008 Bellevue, Washington**

Hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council - That is Altair's Council!

This is a fun yearly event and this year it is located in the Northwest - Bellevue Washington! Lots of fun activities: **Silent Auction** offers up to 100 ski trips in North America and Europe at bargain prices. In addition, a **Travel Expo**, a **Pub Crawl**, **Golf** and **Tennis** tournaments, or something special from the local scene, perhaps kayak too. Interaction with ski celebrities and industry representatives, talk with Olympic racers, ski area owners, tour operators. There will be seminars on interesting topics related to ski club operations and public affairs. We invite you to attend the annual FWSA Convention and enjoy the camaraderie of an association of over 160 clubs in 6 states. For more information, click here: [http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/2008\\_Convention\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/2008_Convention_Flyer.pdf)

### **FWSA Alaskan Cruise June 8-15, 2008 Price: \$995 - \$1655**

Following the FWSA Convention in Bellevue, Washington, on Sunday afternoon June 8th, FWSA members who sign up for this trip will sail on the Norwegian Cruise Line's "Norwegian Pearl," which will set sail from Seattle, Washington. FWSA members will be sailing to the Inside Passage, Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan, Victoria and return back to Seattle. For more information and to sign up for the cruise, click on the link: [www.cruisecompany.com/fwsa](http://www.cruisecompany.com/fwsa). Sign-ups will be made directly through The Cruise Company.

### **FWSA 2008 Greek Island Tour - Just Announced!**

**Oct 1—17, 2008 Price:** \$3390 per person

Travel to Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and Mykonos plus two day tour of Athens. Deposit is \$200 and be sure to get your deposit in soon before this trip fills! For details see the flyer at [http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/FWSA\\_-\\_Greece.pdf](http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/f/FWSA_-_Greece.pdf)

Optional extension to Turkey October 17-24. Contact Norm Azevedo by email [fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net) or phone 925-944-9816.

### **FWSA 2009 Ski Week will be in Big Sky, Montana!**

January 24 - 31, 2009. More details will be on the FWSA website early in 2008 or as soon as my inside sources start talking!

# SKIING

## **FWSA/NWSCC Member Benefits**

### **10% Discount at Joe's Sports and More Store. Only at the Eugene Oregon store!**

Just present your current FWSA Membership Card when checking out at Joe's. The 10% only applies to regular price items and not sale items and can not be combined with other coupons or promotions. You must be a current Altair Member to take advantage of these discounts!

Please be patient with the new clerks as they learn the system, if you need assistance, just ask them to verify with the manager on duty that day.

- **Hertz** offers FWSA members a discount when they go to the National Ski Federation [members' benefits](#) page. (ID skiclub; password member)
- **Ski Essentials:** Identify yourself as a ski association member; provide your ski club name as a password and receive a 15% discount on any item purchased online. [www.skiessentials.com](http://www.skiessentials.com)
- **SPECIAL FLEET PRICES on Subaru, Chevrolet, or Suzuki** vehicles at Carr Auto Group! Fleet pricing on used cars too! Simply call Kalei Mau at 503-672-3340 for an appointment. You can also email him at: [kmau@carrauto.com](mailto:kmau@carrauto.com).

You can then select the car you want from a large fleet of brand new cars. You will receive the lowest wholesale price right away. No haggling; no hassles. Mary Olhausen, President of NWSCC and recent speaker at Pray for Powder, just did it. She says: "I am now the proud owner of a 2008 Subaru Forester. No showroom sharks for me. The whole thing took less than 3 hours."

**FWSA Member Benefits:** NWSCC is a member of Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation. All club members of NWSCC clubs receive FWSA/NWSCC membership cards, which will be distributed when you join or pay your annual dues. Check out the sites below to get a full listing of benefits available:

NWSCC (Northwest Ski Club Council) – [www.nwskiers.org](http://www.nwskiers.org)

FWSA (Far West Ski Association) – [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

NSCF (National Ski Council Federation) – [www.skifederation.org](http://www.skifederation.org)

# ALTAIR SKI & SPORTS CLUB EVENTS

## 2008

Mar 1	10:00 am	Snowshoe: Salt Creek Falls	Marian West	746-6263
Mar 5	11:30 am	First Weds Walker Lunch, Manola's Thai	Barb Bakke	744-1681
Mar 7	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Red Lion, 205 Coburg Rd, Eugene	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Mar 8	10:00 am	Hiking: Springfield Extravaganza	Marian West	746-6263
Mar 8		HooDoo Ski Preview, Altair Mini Bus	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Mar 9	2:00 pm	Golf Planning Meeting, 2795 Almaden, Eug	Scott Barkhurst	343-9406
<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Altair General Meeting, 1626 Willamette</b>	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Mar 14	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Sam's Place, 825 Wilson, Eugene	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Mar 14-16		Crater Lake Cross Country, Snowshoe Trip	Dan Gerg	485-4464
Mar 18	6:00 pm	Pinochle, 78 Federal Lane, Eugene	Pat Tuel	689-0076
Mar 19	6:00 pm	Board Meeting, 440 East Broadway, Suite 300	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Mar 21	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Waterfront, 2210 MLK Blvd, Eugene	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Mar 22	10:00 am	Snowshoe: Proxy Falls/Belknap Springs	Demetri Lontos	345-0207
Mar 22		Altair Mini-Bus Trip, Mt. Hood Meadows	Rod Robinson	344-7170
Mar 28	6:00 pm	TGIF @ The Broadway, 200 Broadway, Eugene	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Mar 29	9:00 am	Hiking: Oregon Dunes & Beach	Carol Ipsen	484-0496
Mar 29	10:00 am	Spring Beach CleanUp	Diane O'Keefe	942-0261
Mar 29	5:30 pm	Dinner & A Play	Demetri Lontos	345-0207
Apr 4	6:00 pm	TGIF @ Jogger's, 710 Willamette, Eugene	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 5	10:00 am	Hiking: Sweet Creek	Helen Martz	345-6229
Apr 5&6		South Umpqua Wine Tour, Roseburg	Dawn Carlile	686-1421
<b>Apr 9</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Altair General Meeting, 1626 Willamette</b>	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 13	7:00 pm	Hiking Planning Meeting	Helen Martz	345-6229
Apr 16	6:00 pm	Board Meeting, 440 East Broadway, Suite 300	Diane Kaufman	484-4365
Apr 18-20		Moonlight Snowshoe at Mt. Bachelor	Helen Martz	345-6229
Apr 25-27		Silver Falls CampOut, Silverton, OR	Tommy Paul	741-3480
May 3-4		North Umpqua Wine Tour, Sutherlin	Dawn Carlile	686-1421
May 4	1:30 pm	Hiking: Hendricks Park Rhody Festival	Joe Neal	334-6416
May 17	10:00 am	Spring at the Ranch, Sutherlin	Kaye Johns	746-0731
May 18	10:00 am	Hiking: Little River Six Waterfalls Hike	Joe Neal	334-6416
May 24		Hiking: Gourmet Coast Hike	TBA	
Jun 7	9:00 am	Hiking: Enchanted Valley	Alex VonderHaar	465-1009
Sep 19-28		Canadian National Parks Trip	Gary Chaffins	741-8052

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