



OVER THE HILL GANG

COPPER MOUNTAIN OHG

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CHAIRMAN'S notes

I must confess — I never liked our name — Over the Hill. This was recently reinforced for me when at our health club, I struck up a conversation with an attractive lady acquaintance of mine. I knew she had married a fellow a few years older than she and I asked "So how old is Trip now". She replied "50". I said with great enthusiasm "Great, you can now join the Over The Hill Gang". Her face turned white, she put her hands on her hips, leaned into my face and demanded "Do I look like I'm over the hill?" I stumbled back, face reddening, hands fluttering like butterflies and stammered "No, no, you look great. I know you are a great athlete" and other stupid things. I am sure you can image this scene. After a few minutes, she stalked off still convinced (I'm sure) that I had insulted her. I decided to find out where this name came from.

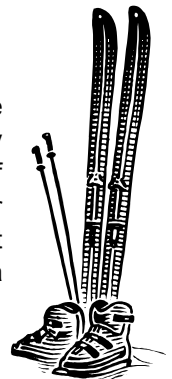
William "Bill" Magill, who was one of the first ski instructors at Copper Mountain, says he came up with the name. Bill (who learned to ski after he was 40) says he told the head of instruction at Copper Mountain that there was a need for instruction for older skiers. Bill and two other instructors, Tom Stein and Jerry "Moe" Mosely started inviting older skiers to join them. They soon had 25 people all over 40 trying to ski together. The head of instruction asked them to break into smaller groups and gave them a list of 10 retired instructors who might help. All 10 agreed to become guides. The three founders filed formal papers of organization in 1978. At that time they split into two groups, the OHG International headed by Tom Stein and the Copper Mountain group headed by Bill Magill. The group quickly grew fueled by an amazing amount of press. Tom even got the ARRP magazine to run a full page spread on the group. Tom gave a complimentary membership to Pope John (who was a skier) and to former President Ford. The Pope sent a nice letter back and Gerald Ford posed with Tom wearing a blazer with an OHG badge. During the 30 years the organization has been around, thousands have learned to ski and participate in winter activities. There have been numerous weddings of members who met at OHG functions.

After learning all this and talking to the 3 founders, I have been completely won over and now think changing the name would be a terrible mistake. I also vow to never, ever go up to an attractive lady in a snug fitting outfit and say "Boy, you could be a member of the Over the Hill Gang".

Jerry Chamberlin
OHG Board of Advisors

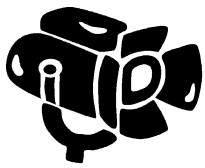
Lodging for Road Closures

Several Summit County OHG members have offered lodging in the event of an I-70 road closure. If you are interested, e-mail MaryKay Kelley (membership@copperohg.com) and she will send you a list of names and phone numbers. This list is not to be used for any other purpose. Note that the Summit County Red Cross will offer shelter at the Silverthorne Recreation Center and the high school if there is a road closure.



→ Check out the OHG websites for up to date information! ←

www.copperohg.com and www.coppercolorado.com/lessonsrentals/ohg



SPOTLIGHT on Verald Easterly

Long time member Verald Easterly passed away over the Christmas holidays.

An amazing history of Colorado skiing was lived by Verald Easterly, beginning in the early 30s when he was a high school kid in Gunnison. The 1936 Olympics stimulated an interest in downhill skiing for the country in general, but more specifically for this small town boy.

Thanks to a good looking, popular sister who attended Western State College in Gunnison, Verald was allowed to accompany her and other members of the college winter sports teams on the bus trips to favorite hills where they were able to ski with the alpine ski team.

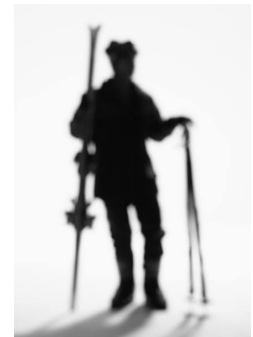
Working in the hayfields and delivering newspapers, Verald saved enough money to buy his first ski outfit of leather boots, bamboo ski poles and hickory skis with metal edges, mounted with bear trap bindings.

After his return from service in the Navy, he attended college, joined the University of Denver Ski Club and was a member of the DU ski team. Verald was involved in the National Ski Patrol system during the last two years of college and spent four years volunteering at Loveland, Berthoud, Arapahoe Basin and Winter Park.

During the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley he and others from all around the country, as part of the National Ski Patrol, provided patrols for the downhill events. Verald spent almost a month in Squaw Valley surrounded

by the best skiers in the world.

When the OHG began their "Beachin' at the Basin", a spring fling at Arapahoe Basin, Verald and his brother Karl volunteered to camp overnight in the parking lot to hold a prime location for the Gang's après ski party. Verald continued to participate in OHG activities such as being a bus captain for our semi-annual OHG highway cleanup. We will all miss him.



A STERLING AMBLER POEM

Past chairman of OHG, Sterling Ambler, who passed away a few years ago, wrote poems and liked to recite them to his OHG group. One of them follows:

SNOW SNAKE 1

The Snow Snake is a serpent sly
Who's never see by human eye
Yet those who ski upon the snow
Will be the first to let you know
That Snow Snakes really do exist

We think we see him when we drink
But then he's gone within a blink
So let us toast that reptile rare
Who's never seen yet always there
He trips us up and makes us fall
Which proves his presence after all

NEW CLINIC!!!

LET GRAVITY BE YOUR FRIEND

Wednesday, February 28

This clinic focuses on: *The Center Of The Foot & Body Weight Commitment To The Fall Line*. Its purpose is to develop skills to ski in a controlled & relaxed manner (especially on steeper slopes and bumps). Contact Jennifer Walker to register.

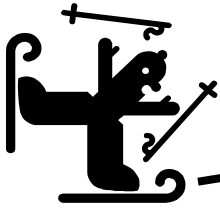
Group levels: Groomed Zoomers and above

Maximum: 21 members

Guides: Mike Kelley, Ray Allen, & Barb Stilltner

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Joe's Turn

By Joe Quarantillo

Happy February, it is time to start doing the daily snow dance, I feel very fortunate to be at Copper rather than anywhere else right now, but we need snow. I was just checking out the snow reports from around the US and we are in the top few to have a decent base. The only mountains over 70" right now are Wolf Creek and Grand Targee, this is February gosh darn it. I was talking to a friend today and she was saying that Mammoth in California only has one chair open, and Stratton Mountain is operating at slightly more. The Stratton Trailblazers are very

excited to come here at the end of the month; these folks are going to be ready to ski.

Knowing this I would like to institute the daily OHG snow dance until our snow god is appeased, no matter which snow god you worship.

I would encourage everyone to interpret their own snow dance and share it amongst friends during lunch at the EDGE. I will not be hurt or upset if anyone has a better snow dance than my own, may it be jazz, waltz, hip hop, or free form based.

What we need is snow and we need it soon!!

Vive la snow dance!

On another note, I would like to request that everyone be outside as close to 10 minutes prior to the start time as possible. That way we can dance to the lifts close to 9:00am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and 10:00am on Sundays.

Thank you

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Beyond the Ordinary OHG Day

NINETH ANNUAL POLAR BEAR BIKE RIDE — A ROARING SUCCESS

Thirteen riders and fifteen hikers could not have asked for a better day to celebrate the end of 2006. The sun was bright, the temperature crisp and the enthusiasm was high. There were no crowds on the bike path or Swan Mountain Road, but a few motorists made quick second looks as they passed.

The thirteen riders ranged in age from 13 years to 67 years, but the hikers averaged younger. The ride went from Dillon out the bike path to Summerwood and then out on Highway 6 to Swan Mountain Road. After a right turn the ride ascended to the top of Swan Mountain at Sapphire Point and then returned via the same route. As you can see in the photos, it was a



bright sunny day, but not too warm as to melt and turn the roads wet, but warm enough that all came back with all appendages. The "killer hill" on Tenderfoot Road coming back into Dillon was an appropriate finish.

The hikers went out the bike path to Summerwood and enjoyed the beautiful day and scenery.

After about two hours we all met at Wild Bill's Pizza House for nourishment and adult beverages. Planning is already

underway for a tenth ride at the end of 2007. Stay tuned.



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YAHOO! Email/Internet

In order to improve OHG communications the OHG board decided to manually add all the currently unsubscribed OHG members to the OHG Yahoo email system. All OHG members with valid email addresses are now members of the Yahoo OHG email communication system. The Yahoo email system and the Copper OHG web site (www.copperohg.com) are the main methods of communication among the OHG members.

To send an email message to all OHG members :
copperohg@yahoogroups.com

Among acceptable topics:

All OHG normal information - schedules, social events, clin-

ics, etc.

If an OHGer has some outdoor activity related items (skis, bikes, etc) to sell or buy, this is an acceptable venue,

OHGer looking for or wishing to rent a condo or room,

OHGers looking to for car pooling partners,

Special events outside of the OHG that might be of interest to OHGers.

Practice using the REPLY TO SENDER option. We send many far too many messages to the group when we should be only replying to the sender. When you receive a message from copperohg please only use the Reply to All option when you want to send a message to the all

members of the copperohg email system.

Always include a subject on your email. Any emails from the OHG Yahoo e-mail system will have [copperohg] in the subject.

In addition please add copperohg@yahoogroups.com to your address book.

If, for some reason, you need to **unsubscribe** to Yahoo, send an email to:

copperohg-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com

If you are experiencing any problems with the Copper OHG email communication system, please send an email to:

everard39@copperohg.com

OHG Dates to Remember

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and



Saturdays 3:00PM

Après ski social at Storm King Lounge

February 9-11

Women's Weekend

February 17-18

President's Weekend
No guided skiing/riding

Wednesday March 14

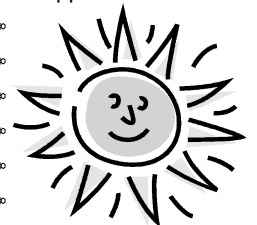
OHG NASTAR Day

Wednesday, April 4

Last day of guided skiing/riding

Sunday, April 15

Copper closes



Spread Some Sunshine

Condolences to long time member Verald Easterly's family on his death.

Best wishes for speedy recoveries to Ingrid Sixberry, Penny Chebul, Vicki Morgan, and Patty Coughlin.

Please let Barb Strauss know of anyone needing to be remembered at
sunshine@
copperohg.com
719-473-5007 or
970-668-8888.



Welcome to more 2006-2007 NEW MEMBERS!!!

* Steve Bair & Pat Funderburk * Betsy Betts * Beth Bleimehl *
* Kate Freeman* Deborah Jenkins * Conor Keane *Terry Kryshak
* Pat & Jill McNellis * LoAnn Ross * Bill Russell *
* Co VanHerwaarden * Rich & Agnes Waterman *
* Mike & Leslie Winn *

Notes from the OHG ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

OHG Membership rosters will be available soon. There are a few technical details that need to be worked out, but it is much closer to being complete than I thought it would be. I will send a message out everyone's email address, then you will email me your request and I will email the roster back to you as an attachment. Thank you for your patience!

Clinics that are already full this month: "Bashing Beetles" Tree Clinic, Bump Busters, and Bumps for Babes. Thank you for your participation in all of our clinics this season. We hope that you have enjoyed them and are now applying all that you learned.

Notices for the March newsletter must be sent to Lucy Glover no later than February 15 at newsletter@copperohg.com. Questions on events should be directed to the person listed for that event. Please send mailing and e-mail address changes to Jennifer Walker, OHG, PO Box 3488, Copper Mountain, CO 80443 or walkerj@coppercolorado.com

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