



OVER THE HILL GANG

COPPER MOUNTAIN OHG

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CHAIRMAN'S notes

A few years ago I was in a bar in Wyoming when I noticed a wanted poster on the far wall. I went over to inspect it and found it was poster for a missing dog. In big letters at the top it said "MISSING". Below the headline was a picture of a cute border collie. Below the picture was a description of the dog giving it's height, weight and markings. Below this there was a line stating: "Has one ear chewed off". Below that, the next line said: "Blind in one eye". The next line said: "Castrated". The next line said: "Missing left hind leg". The last line said: "Answers to Lucky".

Now I know that "Lucky" may be just someone's joke but I like to think old Lucky is still out there just trucking along despite all these horrific things that happened to him. That image of Lucky makes me think of OHG. By the time you are old enough to be a member of our group, you have probably experienced some pretty tough things. We have lots of members with replacement knees and hips. We also have members who have suffered from heart attacks, cancer and emotional times such as a failed marriage or loss of a loved one. But these members adapt and overcome. It takes a special person who can react to terrible things that happen to them personally and still just keep on trucking down the road.

As a way of expressing your admiration of someone you know who has survived a terrible time and is still just trucking along, just go to them and call them "Lucky", or better yet, say "You Lucky dog". See you on the slopes.

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.

APRÈS SKI SOCIALS 2007

Joe Q has made arrangements so that we can have the après ski socials at the Storm King Lounge on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning on January 9th at **3:00PM!**

One of the reasons Joe was able to reach this agreement is because the members who attended the socials last year were such a fun group and showed their appreciation to the SKL staff for the use of the facilities. Let's give them a larger crowd and the same level of appreciation this year.

The Board wishes to thank Joe for his efforts in scheduling the socials at 3PM. See you on the slopes and at the socials!

Check out the OHG websites for up to date information!

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



Spotlight on New Members



At the December Holiday Cocktail Party, Stew Everard and Dyann Gray took the opportunity to meet many of our new members and ask them about their OHG experience.

Some comments were universal. The friendliness of Jennifer Walker and Brenda Lloyd in greeting new members and answering questions was mentioned most often. We must have had a very computer savvy group there that evening since all when asked had no problem accessing the e-mails, newsletters, activities or clinics. The Clinics and Women's Weekend were mentioned as a great benefit. Adele and Erwin Gel-

fand had heard that the OHG had only "super expert" skiers. They were happy that they could ski at their own level. Adele said that many women have given up skiing if they don't have a ski partner. Diane Ebel, who joined after seeing our ad in the Summit Daily, said that going down a level was a good idea for new members so that they could work on their form. Malcolm Morris from London England likes having people to ski with, as does Chris Curtis who is here for 3 weeks from Oklahoma and Florida.

Lowering the age to 45 brought in a number of new members. Ginna and

Rod Chapelle had been skiing at Vail and wanted to return to Copper since Ginna had been an OHG Guide from 1994 to 2001. They thought that they would have to wait a few more years to join. They were happy to find out that they could join now.

Since we did not get a chance to interview everyone, if a new member has comments or suggestions for improvement please email Dyann Gray at publicity@copperohg.com or Stew Everard at recognition@copperohg.com. You may always contact any board member.



New Member Day

You are invited to take part in our first ever "New Member Day".

It will take place on Saturday, January 27th. We will meet at Jack's between 8:30 and 8:55AM. You will have an opportunity to meet your mentor for the day, and other new and existing members. At 8:55AM we'll head out to the snow and get together with our Guides. Once that's taken care of we'll head out for what will hopefully be a great day of skiing/riding, as well as a thorough orientation to the Gang and Copper Mountain.

You will be grouped according to the groups established by the Gang so the

guides will be able to show you all or most of the terrain available to you on Copper Mountain. You'll learn your way around the mountain and how to get from one place to the other. You may even discover some secret stashes.

We will rejoin the membership for lunch (11:15) at The Edge and again at the end of the day for the ever popular Après Ski at the Storm King Lounge at 3PM. Don't forget that the evening of January 27th is also the Country & Western Party, a fun event with a social hour, potluck dinner, dance instruction and dancing, at the Frisco Community Senior Center. The ski day is included in your membership; lunch, après ski and

the party are at your expense. For party details see the website home page or Activity Calendar.

If you would like to take part in this day of fun, please **RSVP** to: mmustard@copperohg.com. Please provide your name and the group you will skiing/riding with. This will allow us to make sure we have the appropriate number of guides and mentors available, so we can provide you with the best experience possible.

The deadline for replying is January 10th. So plan to make a big day of it. We hope to see all 121 of you there!



OHG's Annual Summit County Children's Fund

OHG's only fund raiser takes place at the beginning of each season, and it is for the children of Summit County. Last season we raised a record \$3000 which we used to support Bristlecone Pediatric Health Services, Social Services for Kindergarten tuition and snacks, Summit County Vision and Dental Fund and the Marilyn Burger Baby Bundle Project.

If anyone knows of any other worthwhile projects, please contact me at royjoycep@copperohg.com or 970-468-6638. You can also mail checks directly to me:

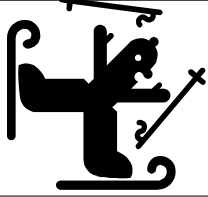
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Thank you for your continued support!



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By Joe Quarantillo

Joe's Turn

Happy Holidays everyone. This is a time to reflect on the past year and be thankful for what we have. For myself, I am thankful for family and friends. I am thankful that I work with the greatest ski club in the entire world, the Over the Hill Gang. Heather, Joss and I are very thankful for the gift presented to us from the OHG members. I feel so special to have the opportunity to work for a group of people that are so generous and kind. I am thankful for the Guide staff that I work with, they are the best, and for that I feel fortunate. I am thankful that Heather

and I have such a beautiful and healthy baby boy. I am thankful that I live in the most beautiful place in the world. I am extremely thankful that Fortress just acquired Steamboat. I am very thankful that I work with Jennifer Walker, the best partner in crime there is.

Please take a moment to reflect on what you're thankful for this year, and embrace every moment in the future.

Happy Holidays and Best wishes to you and yours! Q



Beyond the Ordinary OHG Day

HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

The Holiday Cocktail Party on Saturday evening, December 9th was a tremendous success. The Community Center was festive with twinkling lights, poinsettias, candles, and holiday music. Tables were overflowing with homemade appetizers, desserts, and wine. We had a capacity crowd of 166 including 23 new members who were introduced by our emcee, Bob Guthrie. Based on the short interviews, it would appear that we have an enthusiastic contingent of great skiers and fun people coming into The Gang!

The new "cocktail party" concept seemed to be very well received by everyone in attendance. Some of the comments that were given were that it created a more social atmosphere and gave people a better opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. All in all it was a terrific evening with great food, a beautiful holiday ambiance and great start to our new season! Thank you to everyone who attended, and in particular to the many new members.



Let's keep the party atmosphere rolling! We hope to see you all at the Country and Western Party on January 27th.



RACERS READY? 3, 2, 1, GO!

January 4th is the start of this season's Copper Mountain Business League (BL) amateur ski races. OHG sponsors a team, which it is open to all members, of all ages and abilities. We always welcome new and experienced racers to join in the fun.

Please be at Jack's on Thursdays between 8:00AM to 8:30AM to register. Races start at 10:00AM and continue for 10 weeks, ending March 8th. If you haven't done BL before and want to give it a try, January 4th is the warm up race that doesn't count in the final results. The races are on Bittersweet (Dual GS, FIS GS, Dual Slalom and FIS Slalom); in January all are Dual GS. Except for FIS, racing is finished by noon. The NASTAR scoring system is used to level the field for age, for which the OHG team is eternally grateful!

Each race day ends with an after race party, where we watch video of the race and have fun seeing everyone maneuver around the gates. There is always plenty of friendly competition between individuals, as well as between teams. Results for the day are tabulated and distributed at the party.

If you are interested in trying BL, want to continue your amateur racing career or get more information, please contact Tom Tate at (970)468-2571 or winter@copperohg.com.

SKI TIP

Are you having trouble getting your boots on? Spray the ankle area of the boots and the top of your socks with silicone spray. Use the cans from the hardware store, they cost about \$3.

Don't spray the bottom of your socks, though, or you'll be sliding around the inside of your boots all day!

Happy Skiing!
Barbara Holub



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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, clinics, 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

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Dates to Remember

2006-2007

Tuesday Jan 9



Après ski social begins at **3:00PM** 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

Congratulations to Joe and Heather Q. on the birth of their son.

Condolences to Jan Colvin on the death of her son, and to John Norris on the death of his wife Pat.

Get well to Paul Schnabel.

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



Welcome to more 2006-2007 NEW MEMBERS!!!

Jeff Bauernfeind, Al Beckmann, Israel Broner, David Chadsey, Jim Dunn, Diane Ebel, Howard Fiskin, Ruthanne Hibbs, Evan Jones, Joe & Karen McDonough, Kathy McHenry, Sheila Nevin, Ken Niven

Notes from the OHG ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

A few reminders about clinics...

When you would like to register for a clinic, it is best to complete the registration form and mail, fax or hand deliver it to me. Please know that you are registered in that clinic unless you hear from me. Clinic confirmations are not sent. Your registration is not complete until I have payment. If you have emailed me with your clinic request, make sure that I have your credit card number and expiration date on file. For security reasons I will not ask for the complete number to be sent in an email.

Clinics are non-refundable. Whenever you know you cannot make it, either weeks or hours before the clinic meets, please try to find a replacement. Let me know as well, as I might know of someone who is interested, and I will notify the clinic leader of your absence.

We welcome your comments anytime! Comments about the OHG program, a Guide, either in a clinic or regular meeting day, can be written on an evaluation form, a scrap of paper or an email. An evaluation form is available at lunch each day, and we hope to have it available on the website soon.

May the New Year bring fresh snow at night and blue skies each day!

Notices for the February newsletter must be sent to Lucy Glover no later than January 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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