



OVER THE HILL GANG

COPPER MOUNTAIN OHG

December 2007

A great big welcome to Tracy Polanzi our new OHG Program Coordinator

Upcoming Activities

- ♦ Sat, Dec 8th - Cocktail Party at Frisco Community Center 6:30 PM
- ♦ Mon, Dec 31st - Polar Bike Ride
- ♦ Sat, January 12th - Potluck Dinner and Dance. Frisco Community Center \$12 per person
- ♦ Sun, Jan 27th - Feb 3rd or Jan 27th - Feb 1st - Ski Trip to Whistler
- ♦ Sat, Feb 16th, Snowshoe
- ♦ Mon Feb 18th, Snowshoe
- ♦ Saturday March 8th - Romp to Stomp 9:00 AM
- ♦ Saturday, March 8th - Spring Fling - Cost and details - TBA
- ♦ **For details go to www.copperohg.com and click on Winter Activities**

Name Tags & Stickers

Annual stickers for your nametag and pass will be given out every OHG ski day in the morning at Jack's between 8:30-8:50am

REMEMBER! If you have purchased a different pass than last year you must pick up a new pass at Guest Services, open everyday from 8:30am-4:30pm

Ski Patrol Phone Number

If you carry a cell phone on the slopes with you, take the time to store the direct line to the ski patrol in your cell phone. Precious minutes can be saved by using your cell phone. The Direct line phone number is (970) 968-3311. Provide the dispatcher the following information:

- Location
- Description of skier/rider
- Nature of injury

Women's Weekend

- **Fri - Sun - Feb 8 - 10th - Contact Tracy**

OHG Cocktail Party - Saturday, December 8th

Mark your calendars for the much awaited **Holiday Cocktail Party**. It will take place at the Frisco Community Center on Saturday, December 8th beginning at **6:30PM** (Note the change in starting time). Last season was the first time we did this event as a cocktail party rather than a dinner and it was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the format as it gave them more of an opportunity to socialize and catch up with members they hadn't seen since spring. New members also had the opportunity to meet other OHG members.

- * Cost is **\$8** per person for OHG member and guests
- * Dress is Holiday Cocktail or whatever you want to wear!
- * Last names ending in A - P bring an appetizer
- * Last names ending in Q - Z bring a desert
- * Please be sure **not** to bring food that needs to be heated or defrosted. Your dish should serve 12 people. If a serving utensil is necessary, please supply it. You might want to label your dish and utensil.
- * This is a BYOB event. We will supply glasses (plastic), ice and labels for your bottles. Decaf coffee will also be available with dessert.

Your check, made out to **OHG Social Committee**, should be mailed to:

Marcia Dalton
PO Box 4146
Frisco, CO 80443

If you include your email address with your check we will confirm receipt.

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CHAIRMAN'S notes

We begin our 32nd year of OHG operation with the anticipation of abundant snow (it will come), improving our skills, renewing old friendships, meeting and making new friends. We want to welcome our new Program Coordinator, Tracy Polanzi, to the OHG family. Take the time to introduce yourself and say hello to Tracy as I expect her first few OHG days will be a bit overwhelming. The phone numbers and email address for Tracy are on the left hand side of this page.

In addition to the Board of Advisors we have a number of OHG committee leads and Brenda and Chuck could use your help this winter season. Brenda Lloyd heads up the greeter program, Chuck Armstrong the mentor program, Dyann Gray the publicity program, and Marcia Dalton handles the funds for our social events. They all do a great job in helping to make our OHG experience enjoyable.

Copper's trail crew and slope maintenance teams have gladed a portion of trail between the Formidable trail and the Rosi's Run and Treble Cliff trails on the eastern side of Copper Mountain. The Freefall Glade, to be open for the 07/08 winter season, will be expert skiing and riding terrain accessed from the Alpine or Super Bee lifts.

Welcome to all the new OHG members who you will recognize by the blue dot on their name tags. Take the time to help them join in with the gang.

The clinic schedule is posted on the web site www.copperohg.com. These clinics provide an inexpensive method of upgrading our skills. This is one of the unique advantages of the OHG.

The thought for the day courtesy of Dave Raymond: "WE DO NOT STOP PLAYING BECAUSE WE ARE OLD. WE GROW OLD BECAUSE WE STOP PLAYING".

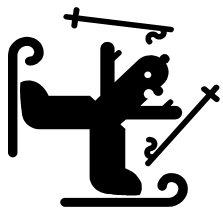
Let it Snow, Let it Snow,
Stew Everard



Volunteers are always welcomed for the following committees or activities:

- Volunteers are needed to **lead winter activities** - snowshoe outings, cross country outings, a special social event or any other winter activity that you might like to head up - contact Norm Stoller - norman.stoller@uchsc.edu 970-668-3358
- **Greeters** - Be available on ski days and at social functions to meet and greet new members and guests as they arrive. Provide assistance and information as needed to introduce new members and guests to other OHG members and guides and to familiarize them with the operation of OHG, etc. - contact Brenda Lloyd olin30@comcast.net
- **Mentors** - This is a critical OHG activity designed to assist in the integration of new members into the social fabric of OHG with the goal that they will have positive initial experiences and to encourage them to become long-term members. Contact Chuck Armstrong - chas41@comcast.net
- **Social Committee** - help with our social events - contact Monique Mustard - mmustard@yahoo.com

The latest OHG information is available at www.CopperOHG.com. This includes Activities, Member information and the current and previous newsletters.



Joe's Turn

By Joe Quarantillo

Well the snow has finally fallen; the mountain looks great and is skiing great. How soon we forget how fortunate we are to ski so early. Having grown up in the East the first day, if we were lucky, was just before Christmas. One season I drove to Hunter Mountain so I could ski in November, on the 22nd. Ah yes the memories. I grew up skiing at a small mountain in Western New York called Kissing Bridge, 350 vertical feet of skiing and riding bliss. I also started teaching there in 1992, I have forgotten some of the openings but one is still clear as day. It was winter break 1995; we opened December 24th for the season. The conditions, bleak, one run off of a fix grip quad, on 0-9 inches of snow. I was teaching primarily kids program lessons at the time, the same group I had skied with for the past couple of years. The morning started out great, plenty of snow (we mow the runs in the summer) and a small

crowd at the time. Cue the rain, yes rain, this drove off most of the crowd except the hardy and the stupid. At this time in my career I kept foul weather gear in my locker for such occasions. Anywho, we continue to ski in the rain and with as little snow as we had the drainages begin to run and melt the snow leaving little creek crossings. At this point the day turns for the better; the kids are pretty decent skiers so we decide to jump the stream so we can continue or day on the slope. A little creativity goes along way. I am sure we all have similar memories of an early season adventure. The early season, or bonus time in my family, a time to ease into and focus on accurate movements to enhance the experience when the real season begins. Be safe and have fun.



SPOTLIGHT on Tracy Polanzi



If you have not yet met the friendly, dark-haired Italian, make sure to say hello to Tracy Polanzi, our new OHG coordinator. She will be the smiling one at Jack's with the basket of season pass stickers, name tags and information for members. She is a 2007 graduate of University of Illinois Chicago with a degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice, an appropriate combination to handle all the personalities in the Gang! She was a resident adviser at UIC and very active in her sorority, holding several positions. She states she "loves to ski, cook, travel and spend time with friends and family". She is enjoying her new job and really looking forward to exploring the joys of Colorado.

spread some
sunshine

Best wishes to all whom might have mishaps. We would like to send personal well wishes to you, but someone needs to tell us about them! If everyone is staying healthy and in one piece than that is the best news of all!

Please let Laura Thomson know of anyone needing to be remembered
303-690-3202 or via email
OHGSecretary@aol.com





Update to OHG Racing League



There will be 9 races this season. They will not have the warm-up race this year. All races are scheduled to run on Bittersweet beginning at 10:00 AM on Thursdays. The first two races will be Dual GS and the third race will be Dual Slalom. Then that pattern repeats.

Racing starts on Jan 3 and ends on Mar 6, 2008. After the last race on March 6, there will be a BBQ.

Registration for each race takes place in Jacks adjacent to

the bar area between 8:00AM and 8:30AM. This gives me (Tom Tate) a chance to get the team and money together before registration closes at 8:45AM. Inspection of the race course is open when the lifts open at 9:00AM. The racing starts at 10:00 AM and is usually over before noon.

I hope to see lots of OHG racers on Thursdays. If you have any questions or want to sign up, contact Tom Tate at (970) 468-2571 or e-mail tate-ski@msn.com.

Ski Whistler

Sunday, Jan 27, to Sunday, Feb 3, 2008 for 7 day trip

Sunday, Jan 27, to Friday, Feb 1, 2008 for 5 day trip

- * \$150/person to reserve a spot.
- * \$2300-\$2500/person for roundtrip air to Vancouver, roundtrip bus to Whistler, 7 nights lodging (including taxes) at the Westin Resort in Whistler Village (studio based on double occupancy or 2-bedroom condo based on quad occupancy), 5 apres ski & 3 dinners.
- * \$2100-2300 for 5 nights (1/27 to 2/1). Lift tickets are half price with a Copper season pass.
- * Mark (Sharky) & Roberta Fish will provide both on-mountain guiding & off-mountain assistance if necessary.
- * Call Roberta at 800-874-3170 or 970-241-1822 with questions or to reserve..



Welcome to our 2007-2008 NEW MEMBERS!!!

*Linda Baird * Dick Bringaze * Russ Butler * Glenda Bumpus * John Chatfield
 * Lily Conrad-Siegel *Margaret Day * Cheryl Krebs * Patricia Kroesen
 * Barton Lilly * Nicholas Lucas * Barbara Marney * Karen McDonald
 * David Meisner * Dawn Mendel * Maggie Mitchell * Lou Wagner

Guest Policy

- * Each member may bring one or two guests per day upon prior reservation. Skiing with OHG on regular ski days as a guest shall be limited to two times during a season - contact Tracy 48 hours prior
- * **New this year** - walkups can join the gang on any ski day for \$20. Limited to two times during a season

Newsletter articles should be send to newsletter@copperohg.com no later than 15th for inclusion in the next months newsletter. Your contributions make it a "newsy" and informative letter.

COPPER OVER THE HILL GANG



Family and Friends Private Experiences

The Copper Ski and Ride School would like to extend a special offer to Copper Over the Hill Gang members. This season with a current Copper OHG membership you will be able to take advantage of 25% off the Friends and Family Private Lessons (25% discount applied to prices below). As members you can sign up anyone in your family, or the whole family, for this exclusive experience. A perfect excuse to bring the family together, to learn more about the sport you love, at a mountain you love, with a ski and ride school that cares.

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We're here to ensure that your learning experience at Copper is nothing short of spectacular. Get the gang together for a family & friends private lesson or maximize your instruction in a one-on-one lesson. Kids, adults, buddies, relatives...we do it all. We will hand pick an instructor to guarantee that your lesson is truly a customized experience.

Equipped with loads of talent and versatility, our private instructors are the best of the best. Let them be your guide to exploring the mountain and your best resource to the inside scoop on all that the resort has to offer. Call us direct at **866.464.4432** to take advantage of this opportunity. Reservations are required.

Private lessons are available for adults and children from all base locations by arrangement.

Family and Friends Adventure Private (4-6 ppl)

The perfect experience to get your friends and family together to ski with your own private pro with all the benefits of lift line priority and going at your own pace with individual attention

Friends and Family Private Lesson Rates

	Family Private	
Session	Regular	
Full-Day Private Lesson	\$510	
Half-Day Private Lesson	\$390	

Available from 9am weekdays and 8:30am weekends and holidays

Seasonal Locker Rent-

This season Copper Mountain is offering its valued Over the Hill Gang members seasonal lockers to store ski and snowboard equipment right at the base of the mountain.

The seasonal lockers are six feet tall and two feet wide can hold a couple pairs of skis or snowboards. Each locker is equipped with shelves to store other equipment and some units even have a boot dryer (Units with a boot dryer are limited and available on a first come first serve basis)! The seasonal

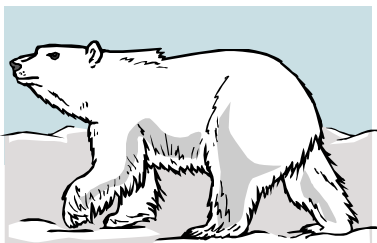
locker room is conveniently located in the Copper One building of the Center Village just below Jack's. It is steps from both the American Eagle and Flyer lifts!

A Seasonal Locker Membership gives you access to the seasonal locker room from October 1, 2007 through May 1, 2008. Dues are \$499 for the season. As a member of the Over the Hill Gang you may purchase your Seasonal Locker Membership at the discounted rate of \$400.

To reserve your 2007-2008 Seasonal Locker please call Copper Mountain Reservations at (866) 416-9872, or purchase in person at the Copper One Guest Services desk at Copper Mountain.

There are still plenty available, reserve early and have a better choice of locker location and boot dryer availability!

Tenth Annual Polar Bear Bike Ride



Hard to believe, but yes, this will be the tenth year of this fun event. Since there is usually no guided skiing and the slopes are crowded anyway, it is a way to get you off your butt and out in the fresh air. This ride happens before the New Year revelry starts and before the football kick-offs.

We meet at the Dillon Town Hall parking lot on Lake Dillon Drive in downtown Dillon at 10:00 AM. Usually the bike path is plowed from Dillon to Swan Mountain Road, but mountain bikes are a must. Those skinny tired bikes just don't do well with the occasional patches of snow and ice. For the same reason (snow and ice), helmets are required. Since the date of this ride is Monday, December 31, 2007 you need to dress warmly with

special protection for all appendages. Depending on conditions, we might be able to ride on the Lowry section of the new bike path.

If you have put away all of your bike equipment, we usually have a group of hikers who participate. They go out for about the same length of time (1.5 hours).

After we have had enough exercise fun, we will reconvene at one of the local pizza establishments for food and adult beverages. No fee, no advance sign-up, just show up and have fun. Need more info?

Contact Bob Guthrie
rtguthrie@comcast.net 970-468-0405



OHG STOMPERS



The **OHG STOMPERS** will once again be participating in the Romp to Stomp out Breast Cancer to raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. The TEAM is already registered on www.tubbsromptostomp.com. Our goal is to have at least 100 members on the team this year. So start planning to snowshoe with us or help by signing on as a member and raising pledge money. If everyone raises \$50 in pledges our group alone could bring in \$5000 for the cause. Let's not only be the largest team this year - but the team raising the most money too!!!!

The Romp to Stomp snowshoe event is coming to the Frisco Nordic Center, Saturday March 8th.

The event includes a 3K snowshoe race at 9:00am and a 3 or 5K snowshoe walk starting at 9:30am. Race participants will compete for first place trophies and great prizes in five categories; men's, women's, masters men's and women's and breast cancer survivor. Tubbs Snowshoes will provide limited quantities of free demo snowshoes for use on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other activities for the day include a free pancake breakfast, entertainment by Nancy Cook, a silent auction, sponsor displays, a goody bag and a lot of good fun. All participants who collect pre-event pledges will be entered into drawings for tons of great outdoor gear. One grand prize package will be given to the participant who raises the most in pre-event pledges.

The cost is \$25 prior to the event and \$30 day-of the event. For more information, to register and fundraise online go to www.tubbsromptostomp.com. No matter how you register you must put 'OHG Stompers' on your registration form to be on the team. If you can't make the event, you can still register for 'Snowed in for the Cure' to be a part of the team and help the cause.

Questions contact: Team Captains Karen Zobro and Gladys Nieto at 970-668-5133 (after Dec. 1st) or Joan Davids at 970-513-9898