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## FEBRUARY LONGBOARDERS LIVE TO TELL

Twenty-three hardy longboarders braved rains and heavy snow at Gold Mountain Sunday, February 20th to begin the longboard race season.

No burms or retaining fences were necessary as Carol Burney and Sue Jackson polled themselves through the heavy snow into second and third places respectively to represent Quincy and historic Elizabethtown. Sue McCourt of Sloat easily slid into first place in the women's competition to lead the field of six women.

Rob Russell of Quincy placed first among the 17 men skiing. Matt Radtke, (an FRC student who built his new skis in Pete Bartel's woodworking class) placed 2nd, and Chris Baugher of Artois came in 3rd. Cash prizes of \$300 were divided among the top six winners.

E. Clampus Vitus provided avalanche control in the person of Bill Dore who appeared, to fire his canon (with blanks) intermittently as excitement seemed to warrant. Carl Clark officiated as dope checker and John Gallagher started each race by popping the crow bar on the sawblade.

A sleigh pulled by a snow machine eased the ascent for visitors and Skiers. The sleigh traveled between the parking lot and the lodge throughout the day. The children considered the sleigh ride to

be part of the entertainment. The laughter of the children added to the festive mood when the sleigh unloaded in front of the lodge. Pat Cottini commented that the only reason he was able to watch the races was because of the sleigh..

The enlarged eating area in the Phil Intorf Lodge with the same old circular fireplace was a welcome retreat from the weather. The girls behind the counter seemed to be constantly running as the skiers and spectators came in to fill their bellies with the delicious food available at the Lost Sierra Café.

Keep your skis waxed and your dancing shoes polished for the final week end of longboard racing March 18th and 19th. Plans are to have longboards available on Saturday for test runs and ski selection. Pre-registration for the main event will also be available on Sunday. Live music a brass band and rock music are slated for the whole event. Saturday night live music will provide the background for an early evening dance at the lodge on the hill. Rain or snow this event will occur.

Be sure to read the following pages to learn about the rules for longboarding. Dope your skis and come on up! Then:

*"Let the wild rumpus begin"*

Judy Buck

## 2000 Longboard Series Rules...

- No cheatin' or spittin'!!!
- Some attempt at HISTORIC ATTIRE (circa 1870's) and Leather Boots Only (no plastic) **REQUIRED OF RACERS.** Women Racers must be in historic skirt or other "serious" historic attire.
- In the spirit of the ol' Lost Sierra ski pioneers, authentic handmade DOPE (wax) or paraffin only please...NO modern waxes or fluorocarbon compounds allowed. (Dope available with registration from the "dopemaster.") Dope is King!!
- Longboards 9 foot minimum length. Use of Plumas Ski Club longboards available with \$25 entry fee.
- Must be paid Plumas Ski Club Member and Spittin age: 18 years old minimum to participate.
- Must fill out REGISTRATION- liability release waiver form.
- Trustworthy Whiskeyin' and Flask Passin' at discretion of participants but not encouraged by Plumas Ski Club or "Ski Gold Mountain."



*Name this mystery skier  
and you could win a  
free subscription to the  
J'ville Journal.*

## EIGHTH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LONGBOARD RACE TO BE HELD MARCH 19TH, 2000

COME RELIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE LOST SIERRA, WHERE GOLD MINERS AND PIONEERS FIRST BEGAN SNOWSHOEING AND DOWNHILL RACING IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, AT THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LONGBOARD REVIVAL RACE, AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED GOLD MOUNTAIN SKI BOWL LOCATED IN JOHNSVILLE, CA, PLUMAS COUNTY WITHIN THE PLUMAS EUREKA STATE PARK.

DESCENDANTS OF THE 1869 ALTURAS SNOWSHOE CLUB, THE PLUMAS SKI CLUB ESTABLISHED IN 1951, AND THE GOLD MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION SUMMONS ALL ABLE-BODIED RIDERS TO DON A PAIR OF REGULATION LONGBOARDS, 9-FOOT MINIMUM LENGTH, AND RACE TO THE FINISH LINE. THOSE FAINT OF HEART, NOT WANTING TO RACE ARE INVITED TO BE SPECTATORS FOR THE DAY AND ENCOURAGED TO WEAR HISTORIC ATTIRE.

## SKI CHECKIN' AND DANCIN' MARCH 18TH, 2000

Yep you heard it right.

We'll be a dancin' out yonder  
on the old wooden porch on  
Saturday night.

The important thing is the ski checkin'!

We gotta try out our skis  
and check our dope for the  
Championship race on Sunday.

*Put on those old duds and join us for a full  
week end of fun and frolic.*

*Editor Cookie McClard would like to hear from  
you. If you would like to submit an article or just  
send comments or suggestions please send them  
to: COOKIES@THEGRID.NET*

*Many thanks to Bob and Carol Burney for all  
their help in getting the J'ville Journal out to all  
of you..*

*Thanks to the directors of the Plumas Ski Club  
for putting together the longboard races.*

*Thanks to Pete Bartels for all the help making  
longboards.*

*Thanks to all of you for sharing in the fun.*

## **YOUTH SKI PROGRAM CONDUCTED IN JOINT EFFORT**

The Saturday Youth Ski Program has returned to the Ski Gold Mountain (Johnsville) ski hill.

Through a joint effort by the Plumas Ski Club, Plumas Transit, and the Central Plumas Recreation and Park District, youths (initially first through third graders) from the Quincy/Meadow Valley areas can once again participate in the very popular ski bus and instruction program at the nearby Ski Gold Mountain, according to Jim Webster of the Plumas Ski Club.

Parents can register their children for the Saturday ski instruction program weekdays at the District administrative office on Fairgrounds Road in Quincy.

Local Plumas Transit buses will pick up the youths adjacent to the courthouse at 8:15 a.m., and will return to the same courthouse location at 4 p.m. for parent pick up. "There are a total of three Saturday ski dates for one convenient package price," Webster added.

"Ski instruction will be given by local expert skiers who are very familiar with the terrain and safety aspects of Ski Gold Mountain," Added District Director, Jim Boland.

*Late word indicates that the Saturday program has been canceled for this year. This program is expected to resume next year.*



**Sue McCourt and Rob Russell  
Longboard Champs**

### *DON'T MISS IT*

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Redstreak Concert,  
featuring our favorite

***Mumbo Gumbo***

plus the local sounds of

**Arturo and Corinne**

On the *Green* at the

Feather River Inn in Blairsden, CA.

**Saturday June 17, 2000**

Gates open at 4:30,

**SHOW starts at 6:00**

*It's sure to be a GREAT TIME!*



**The phone number at the hill is**

**836-2317**

**Hill hours are from**

**9:30 to 4:00**

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday and**

**Holidays**

**Food is available all day at the**

**Lost Sierra Café**

## **EVEN MORE LONGBOARD INFO.**

### Schedule of the Day's Festivities    Time

Historic Longboard Race Registration 9- 11:30    **\$25** to race includes use of club longboards and dope wax. **\$15** to race and use dope wax (this means you have your own longboards).

(Important Note: For insurance reasons, all racers will receive a one-day membership to Plumas Ski Club. One-day members will not be entitled to discounts normally associated with full year Membership.)

#### FULL YEAR MEMBERSHIP \$25

Longboard Pre-Race Practice and try-'em Runs	9:30-11:30
Final pre-race doping and pre race group photos	11:30-12:00
Sounding of the Canon... Longboarding	
Commencement, Historic Jabber, Numbers Draw.	High Noon
Longboard Races	12:30-3:30 or so
Longboard Award Ceremony & Photos	3:45 or so
End of Festivities... Lifts close...	
Head for The Mohawk Tavern	4:00



**CAUTION...**All times and rules subject to alterations made by QUESTIONABLE judgements of designated Plumas Ski Club race officials and judges of the ancient and honorable order of E CLAMPUS VITUS, Las Plumas Del Oro Chapter #8.

\* \$25 Longboarding costs include use of handmade longboards and wood pole, authentic handmade dope, basic technique instruction, women's and men's awards, unique entertainment, and general hurly burly.

\* Fees and donations...payable in gold nuggets or other legal tender.

## ***SKI GOLD MOUNTAIN!!!!***

### ***History***

If you've been searching for uncrowded ski slopes and Old World charm, Ski Gold Mountain is just for you.

Still undiscovered but not too far away. Ski Gold Mountain is located only 50 miles from Truckee, Tahoe and Reno in a region known as the Lost Sierra.

Come take a sleigh ride to the Intorf Lodge where you'll capture the romance and charm of an old rustic lodge. Hang your mittens on the stovepipe fireplace and warm yourself around a crackling fire. Enjoy the stories and conversations of the local skiers and learn about the Lost Sierra's history. You'll find a hot cup of coffee and a warm meal waiting for you at the Lost Sierra Café.

Come reminisce about the way of life the pioneers experienced. They introduced longboard racing to the Western Hemisphere in the early 1850's. Learn how they handmade longboards that were used to deliver mail to residents of the region during the severe winter months. An amazing feat.

Come experience the history of authentic longboard racing recreated each winter at Ski Gold Mountain at the Historic Longboard Revival Races. Brave members of local Plumas Ski Club strap on 12 to 16 feet long skis weighing 20 pounds and race to the finish line. Braking is very tricky; using only a special heavy wooden pole that is placed between the legs and sat upon.



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The big  
deal with  
Leather  
Boots?  
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1962.*