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China Peak Is Voted West's Best Family Ski Resort By Website OnTheSnow.com

China Peak received one of the industry's top prestigious awards recently from OnTheSnow.com, one of the most popular ski resort websites in the nation, receiving millions of views per season.

They were quoted as saying China Peak is, "The West's Best Family Resort, as determined by the vote of our viewers."

"There are a lot of fantastic family resorts in the Western Region, so frankly this is a bit of a surprise, especially given the quality of the audience that uses the OnTheSnow.com website for making family vacation decisions," said resort



Managing Partner Tim Cohee. "I think the viewers rate our friendliness, family atmosphere, slope side lodging and overall affordability very high.

A family vacation at China Peak is hundreds of dollars less than most resorts; while the larger resorts certainly have more amenities, the fact is families with kids are more interested in the overall cost, as long as the resort offers a quality experience, which we certainly do."

China Peak's family friendly terrain was no doubt a factor in the high rating. "Academy Run is one of the most unique offerings anywhere in the nation, and there isn't a resort that wouldn't trade five runs

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China Peak Opening New Central California Adaptive Sports Center

The passion, dedication and hard work of China Peak Ski Patrol Director Randy Coffman and his wife Lisa has led to the opening of an amazing new facility at the resort for the 2014/15 season, the Central California Adaptive Sports Center (CCASC), which will provide year round access to skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, and more to many who have suffered mental or physical injuries.

"I've spent some time volunteering at the Adaptive Sports Center in Crested Butte, Colorado, and have seen what it does for the mind and spirit of those who have suffered catastrophic injuries at some point in their lives," said Coffman. "With the size of our local population and the number of people who would enjoy a mountain experience, Lisa and I felt we could do something special with the help of China Peak, the Children's Hospital, numerous Veterans organizations and Fresno State University. It's been a lot of work, but now it's finally come together."

The cornerstone of CCASC's facilities is a 1,300 square foot building donated by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) that was moved from Auberry to China Peak this past fall. The expenses to move the facil-

ity were generously covered by a donation from Roger E. Petersen Investments of Clovis. The resort's building staff, led by newly-promoted Director of Operations, Paul Gray, spent two weeks putting the building in place, painting, building access utilities, and creating a large sun deck and easy access for adaptive participants.

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Staff Announcements

Even though China Peak Mountain Resort has one of the most experienced, long tenured management teams in the industry, with many key managers logging over 20 years at the resort, there's always a new face, or an existing one that takes on new challenges.

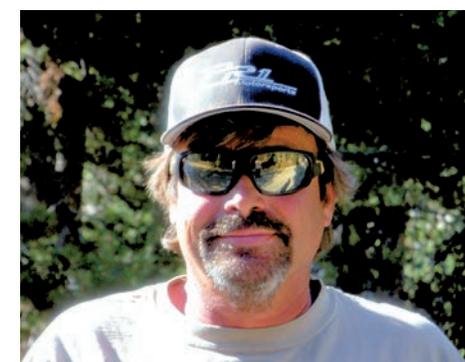
"The core of our management has been in place for a long time, which has a lot to do with our operational success," said resort General Partner, CEO & General Manager Tim Cohee. "As we enter our fifth season as the new China Peak, we've seen very little turnover, which in our case is a testament to the quality of our team. In some companies you see a lack of turnover as a sign of complacency; with us, it's a

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Veteran Paul Gray Now Director of Operations

Paul Gray, a 28 year veteran of Sierra Summit and Chink Peak, has been promoted to the newly created position of Director of Operations, announced resort managing partner, CEO and General Manager Tim Cohee.

"Since I met Paul in May of 2010 he has consistently demonstrated a high level of commitment to the resort's success, great judgment in critical times, a keen sense of efficient operating philosophies and capital improvements, and perhaps most importantly, a real focus on providing our guests with a great product on the mountain," said Cohee. "I've worked with dozens of top talent in my 35 year ski re-



Paul Gray - Director of Operations

sort career, and I would rate Paul Gray among the best."

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The Shaver Lake Visitors Bureau (SLVB) actively promotes this area and is proud to partner with the China Peak Ski Resort in publishing this edition of the China Peak Times.

This local organization was formed in 2013 to unite the business community and

to involve the entire community in responsibly promoting tourism and the overall economic health of the mountain area in and around Fresno County's Sierra Nevada. It is a designated 501(c)3 non-profit group and is dependent upon donations.

The SLVB meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Shaver Lake Village Hotel's breakfast room at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend and become a part of the effort to promote this unique region.

The SLVB maintains an informational website presence that features outdoor recreational activities, a calendar of events and community businesses in the area, as well as providing information needed to facilitate a good visitor experience. Please visit the website GoShaver.com for further details. You can also contact the group by phone at (559) 841-3350.



People Who Make a Difference

For Ann-Louise, The Inn is a Family Affair

While most jobs at a mountain resort can be difficult at times, few are as challenging as running a hotel. If something goes wrong, it's often at night, when the only people at the resort are minimal staff and guests staying overnight.

It takes a unique personality to run any business open 24 hours a day, particularly when it's miles from most everything else.

Enter Ann-Louise Jorgenson, Manager of the Inn @ China Peak, who just happens to have just that personality.

"I've worked with hotel and overnight accommodations managers for 21 years, and have never met anyone more well suited to handle the extreme challenge of running a hotel," said resort managing partner Tim Cohee. "It takes the right combination of service, compassion, focus on quality, leadership, patience and toughness to be really good. Ann-Louise is about as ideally suited to succeed in hotel management as they come - guests love her, the staff she finds are great, and she can be tough as nails when she has to be.

I know plenty of people who are great with the guest, or tough as nails. She has found the sweet spot to be both, and that is rare." Like many Central Valley residents, Ann-Louise is a transplant from Southern California who moved to Clovis 14 years ago to be closer to her family.

"I worked hard and made a lot of friends in the Fresno/Clovis area, and I enjoyed being close to my family, but I found myself always keeping an open mind to something with a fresh atmosphere, in a fun environment," said Ann-Louise.

"In 2002 I learned from a friend the local ski resort was hiring. I knew it as China Peak but was then called Sierra Summit. My brother had worked at a resort in Oregon a few years back, had a great time, so I gave it a try, thinking it might be fun for a few years. That was 14 years ago, I guess I decided to stay!"

Ann-Louise has done every job at the Inn, including front desk, bartender, waiter, cook, dishwasher, laundry and even housekeeping, which is the toughest of all. In addition, she's not shy about jumping in to other areas of the resort when things are crazy.

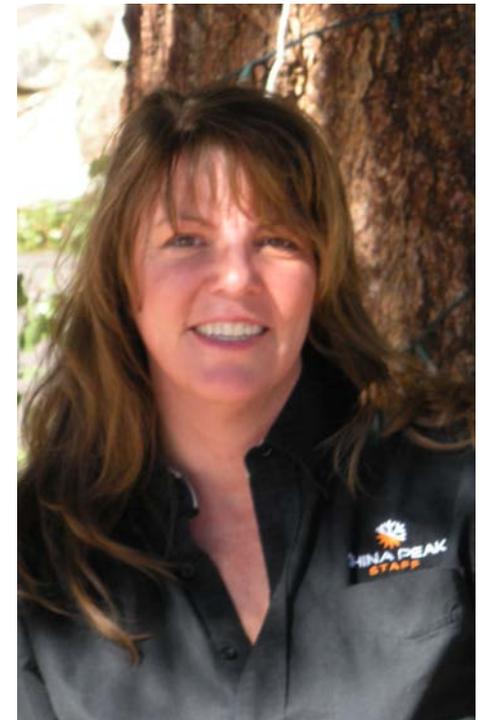
"Ann-Louise is a real stickler for details, including making sure her staff is well trained in all aspects of their roles," says Debbie Neely, resort CFO, who works closely with Ann-Louise on back of the house issues. "I've been to many remote resorts, and there always seems to be a bit of inconsistency among the staff and policies, as managers will figure it's an off the beaten path place that doesn't need to be

buttoned up.

Not with Ann-Louise; her staff knows the details, and it's impressive how they consistently provide a high quality experience, from check in, cleanliness and friendliness to quality and service in the bar and restaurant." Above all other elements of her role as Inn manager, what Ann-Louise is most proud of is the relationships she has with long time guests.

"China Peak has become my family in many ways," she says. "I've watched small children grow up here, go to college, get married and even meet their kids.

I find many of our loyal guests are here



Ann-Louise Jorgenson manages the lodging, bar and restaurant staff for The Inn at China Peak.

for the same thing that brought me here 14 years ago - beautiful surroundings, great times and great people."

Ann-Louise has had a passion for skiing since she was young, and has since added snowboarding and snowmobiling to her list of winter passions.

"Pretty much any activity that includes the outdoors and nature is like Zen to me ... it's why this area and specifically China Peak is an important part of my world."

Voted Best in the West

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for one Academy," said Cohee. "For skiers and riders with skills barely beyond beginner to enjoy skiing and riding from the top to the bottom of the mountain, over two miles, and enjoy the same views and experience as more advanced skiers is incredibly unique. I've been to 48 of the top 50 resorts in the nation, and there aren't five that have an Academy Run."

Firebowl Chair, Children's Center Top The Future Improvements List

While the past three winters have been less than generous to China Peak, the resort is optimistic about making important improvements in the near future.

"What's particularly disappointing about poor seasons is it postpones our ability to make valuable improvements that enhance the experience for our guests," said resort managing partner Tim Cohee.

"Over the four years since we reintroduced China Peak we've worked to provide facilities that make the resort enjoyable even on the busiest days. We added more food and beverage outlets, restrooms, indoor and outdoor seating, upgrades to the Inn, additional retail, new rental shop, expanded demo center, new beginner moving carpets and more. The key to providing a quality experience is to have capacity to serve everyone comfortably, which I feel we do pretty well."

"We have two upgrades in mind that will round out skier's experience," said Cohee. "One is the replacement of the Firebowl T-Bar with a chairlift, and the other is a much larger, nicer Children's Ski & Ride Center."

The Firebowl area provides excellent intermediate and low intermediate terrain, and has the most wide open area on the

mountain, but is seldom used because skiers and riders don't like to ride the lift.

"The only place you see T-Bars today is in largely expert terrain where a chairlift isn't warranted and the customers who can handle that terrain can also handle riding a T-bar, which isn't easy at the lower levels, particularly for the snowboarders," said Cohee. "We are limiting the amount of accessible terrain, really good terrain, by not having a chairlift serve the area. In addition, when we do install a chairlift we will move the top terminal slightly to the east at the top of that ridge to make for easy access to the terrain on the left side of the lift, which is quite good."

The addition of a new Children's Center is also high on China Peak's list.

"A new Children's Center completes our desire to offer quality facilities at every level at the resort," said Cohee. "With the emerging children's market we need to provide a better experience than we do now. We plan to expand Mainstream Station 2,000 sq ft on the south end, which will provide a nice indoor facility, and we'll also move the 50' moving carpet to that location as well. We'll have everything to make it a great day for our youngest skiers and riders in one convenient location."



China Peak Plans Luxury Bus Service from Fresno, Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo

For China Peak skiers and riders the 2014/15 season will offer a new, easy, affordable and fun route to the slopes via luxury coach buses. They will be departing from the resort's key markets, including Fresno, Bakersfield, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo.

"Based on feedback over the past few seasons we have a lot of customers who would prefer to leave the driving to someone else," said resort group coordinator Sherry Nolen. "We'll be running from convenient locations, with ample parking and the nicest coaches in the business."

Buses will start running before the

Christmas holiday from the Fresno area, then begin rolling from Bakersfield, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo right after the New Year.

Fresno will run every Saturday from two areas, one close to student housing for Fresno State and one from Clovis Community College parking lot near Copper and Willow. Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo will run the first and third Saturday of the month, January through March.

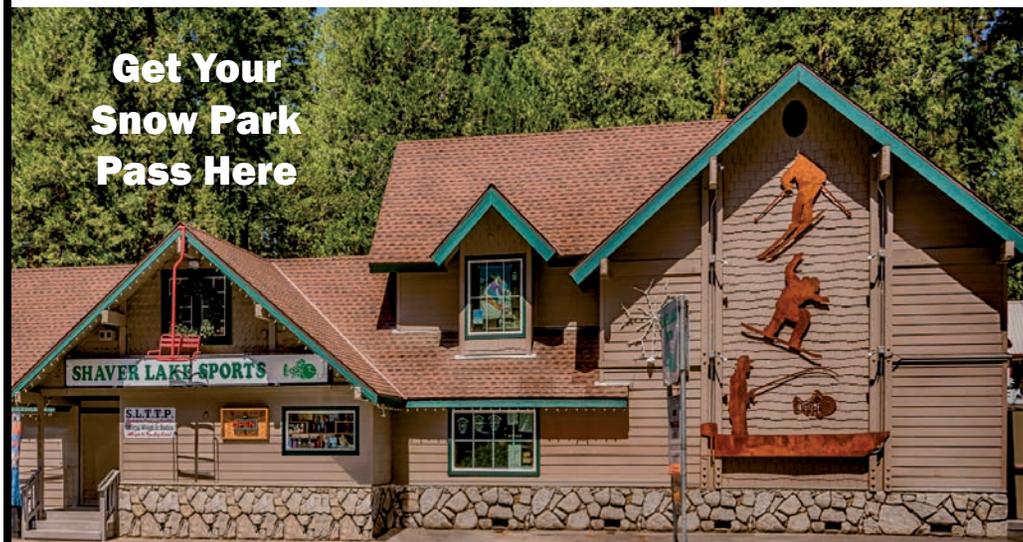
In addition to the Saturday bus services, China Peak will offer a 'Party Bus' every Wednesday starting January 7 in

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China Peak Ski Team Offers Two Solid Programs for Kids

Are you interested in having your son or daughter become a good skier while developing a lifelong love of the sport? If so, the China Peak Race team is for them!

This year the team expects to have about 60 members. The China Peak Race Team program offers two options for participants: a Race Team and a Development Team (Devo).

The Race Team is designed for a child



or young adult that has strong motivation, a commitment and the desire to become a strong skier and racer. They are given dry

land training and lots of time on the hill.

China Peak provides a training venue where your kids can train without having to worry about interfering with other skiers. The Team trains each weekend and school holiday from the first weekend in December until Easter with the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day. Some training days on the hill start at 7 a.m. so the group can work on specific speed or gate training opportunities not available when the public is present. Most training days begin at 8:30 a.m. Mid week training days are offered. The Race Team is asked to compete outside the Central Series races against the best athletes in the Far West Division of the USSA. A higher level of skiing is required for this group.

The Devo Team is for kids and parents who are not able to make the commitment to race every weekend. These skiers are encouraged, but not required, to race in the Central Series races at Bear Valley, Dodge Ridge, China Peak and Yosemite. They will be taught skiing techniques that will enable them to become very capable all mountain skiers and will learn race skills and tactics to allow them to ski fast on a course.

The China Peak Race Team did very



well last year. Caroline Cole, Dakota Jackson, Kaylin Farmer, Matias Ilic and Ryan Coleman were invited to the Far West performance camp. There they competed against the best athletes in the Far West. The China Peak Team took two of the three spots offered for Central Series men and three of four for women. These kids were also invited to attend a "Speed Camp" at Mammoth Mountain. Here the kids skied with and learned from the then current US Ski Team members who raced in the Olympics! You can imagine their excitement to ski with racers they have watched on TV!

The China Peak Ski Team coaching staff are all certified in both the United States Ski Association (USSA) and the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA). In addition, they are trained in CPR and First Aid as well as USSA "Safe Sport" certified. They continue their professional development in order to keep current with

the latest skiing and racing techniques.

All coaches and volunteers are required by the USSA and CPST to undergo background screening. Several coaches still compete in the USSA Masters races.

Team members must be a minimum of five years of age and must be able to turn and stop on intermediate terrain in order to join the team.

So get your kids out of their rooms, off



of their computers and into the great outdoors! The cost is \$800. A season pass is included in the team fee. Both teams require a \$200 "volunteer" deposit. If a parent volunteers to help with the team then the deposit is refunded.

If you are interested in joining please go to ChinaPeakRaceTeam.com. Here you can contact the team and request an application. Kids are encouraged to come try us out for a day. It's so much fun! Your kids will love it!

For those older skiers who still want to ski fast we have a Master's Program that trains Mid-Week on Wednesday.

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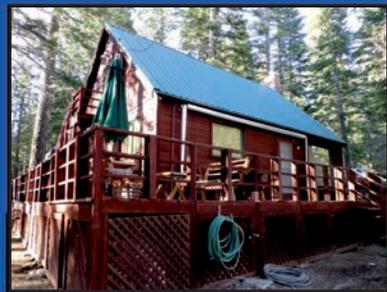
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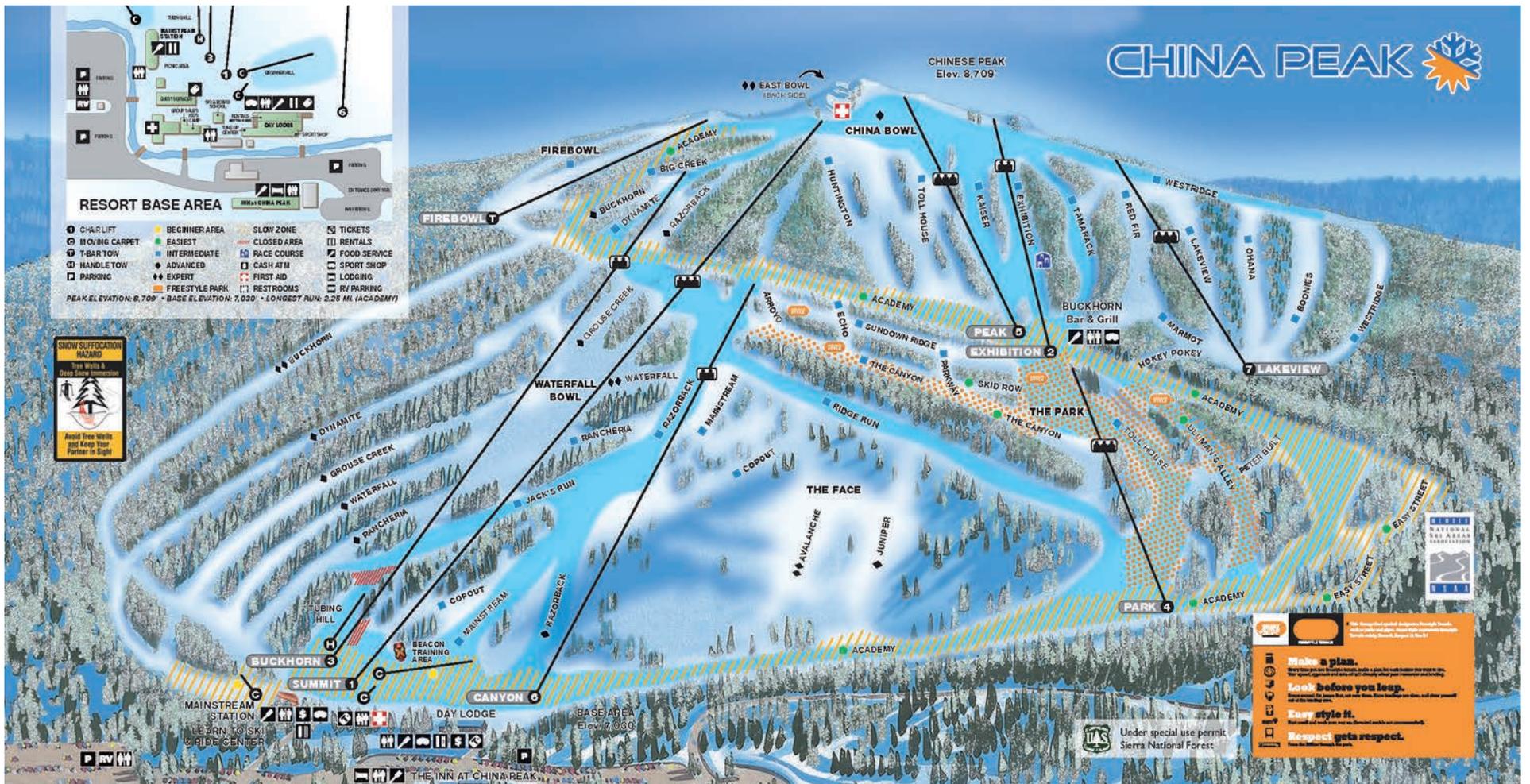
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Joe Weirick Tells About His 20 Years Managing China Peak

Jim Huebner (Huebner Sports family) had the opportunity to sit down with Joe Weirick, former owner of China Peak and local resident for an interview. Jim spoke with Joe at his beautiful ranch home that he and his wife Joanne built in the late 80's. Joe ran the resort for almost 20 years and had some great stories to tell.

China Peak Times

Joe, when and where were you first introduced to skiing and who were the people that got you into this great sport?

Joe Weirick

Well, I was going to grammar school about 1949, when my big sister Bienie (Irola) started getting into skiing. She had been taking lessons with the famous Austrian Luige Foeger at Badger Pass.

She had a lot of friends who were good skiers, such as Ray Kellner, Bobby Wright, Jack Wolfe, Jack Peterson, and Jack Pieroni. Every weekend, my sister would leave with her friends to Badger Pass, so my father said "If you are going to go up skiing every weekend, you have to take your little brother." That wasn't exactly what she wanted to do, but I loved it.

China Peak Times

When did you hear that China Peak was going to be built?

Joe Weirick

I was in college at the time, and knew the resort could not be built until the completion of Highway 168. It was common knowledge that Knute Flint had permission from the Forest Service and then in the late

1950's they started building the area. In 1958 they finished the road, which made it possible for China Peak to be completed and to open the next year.

China Peak Times

Tell us how and why you decided to purchase China Peak.

Joe Weirick

First of all I didn't tell my dad, I went to talk to Knute Flint directly because I knew he was in trouble. At the time I was working for Midland Savings. My friend Alan Brooks was interested in finding out more about China Peak as well, and we thought that we would be able to come up with enough money to buy the resort.

It turned out that Knute was not offering ownership as an option, he just wanted to borrow money from us. Before I left on a trip, my dad gave me some great advice, "wait to buy this. This guy is going to go bankrupt, and then you will get a much better deal purchasing it from the bank."

So I broke off negotiations with Knute, and set sail to Tahiti with Alan. It took us weeks to get there, and at this time there was only one phone in all of Tahiti on the island we were anchored at. Once a week the mailman would come and deliver letters, and I received a message from my dad, which made me very anxious thinking something bad had happened back home.

So I went to the town's single telephone booth and made my 5 minute telephone call. My father answers and tells me "The judge just adjudicated the settlement



and determined that the asset was not worth much more than is owed to the creditors, and no one was going to get any money. We can buy the ski area really cheap."

The asset was going to go back to Taylor/ Wheeler whom had built the lodge, and Dennis Wheeler was good friends with my dad. Dennis gave us an offer to buy the resort, so we did. So I got back on the boat and we sailed home to California.

September 1964, I arrived back home without a car. My neighbor, Roger Threlkeld had a jeep, and told me he would take me up to check out China Peak. We stopped at Johnny's (The Point Restaurant at Shaver Lake) and the place was packed.

The talk going around the bar was this

new kid named Joe Weirick just bought China Peak and who was he?! Roger, standing 6'4" and 240lbs, pounds his fist on the bar so hard everyone's drink jumped in the air, and he says "I'm Joe Weirick and my daddy just bought me China Peak – Can anyone here tell us how to get there?" Everyone laughed and off we went to see our new ski resort.

China Peak Times

Who were some of the main personalities that helped you that first year?

Joe Weirick

Our attorney, Bob Carter, suggested we hire Don Redmond, who was Dave McCoy's area manager at Mammoth Mountain. So Don came over, and we started putting the crew together.

Walt Ullman was the original ski shop and rental shop manager for Knute Flint, so we kept him on. We had Otto Tam as one of our head ski instructors. There was a very active ski patrol in Fresno because of Badger Pass, so we hired Rodger Threlkeld (from Badger Pass) as the head of ski patrol. And of course, Joanne was an associate instructor and later became a full certified instructor plus she helped a lot with the Hotel.

Between all of these people, we had a good nucleus to create a great ski school and get our new ski area back running.

China Peak Times

What was that first year like?

Joe Weirick

On a normal year, we didn't get snow until Thanksgiving, so on the 19th of October Don Redmond and I were out setting marks for a new T-Bar that we were planning on building before the snow came. I looked up at the clouds and remember a

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The Weirick Years

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little snowflake hitting my eye, and the snow didn't stop till Thanksgiving.

We had 5 Ft of snow at the base and 10 ft of snow at the top. It kept snowing all season, giving us skier days all the way up till May 6th. We never got that kind of a season again.

The 1960's were unbelievable, we just always had snow, always opened within the first week of December. We only sold 22,000 tickets that first season, but we had a great beginning.

China Peak Times

Best skiers you ever skied with at CP?

Joe Weirick

Oh well of course Janet (Turner) Bauer, she was a great skier. Jim Tobin was as good a free skier as anyone in the United States. Bud Neilson – he was fabulous.

He would call in to ask what the snow conditions were like. When we would get 2 feet of snow covered by rain, it would be ideal conditions for Bud, but awful for everyone else.

He would just rip on crusted crud on 215's when no one else could or would want to ski it. Scott McClagen who was an assistant for Phil was another great skier to ski at China Peak.

China Peak Times

Best day of skiing?

Joe Weirick

We had closed up the resort for the year and most of the ski instructors had taken off to Mammoth for the ski instructor's convention the last week in April. It snowed about 4-5 inches the first night then cleared during the day.

Me and a few of the instructors who didn't go to Mammoth had the entire resort to ourselves for 4 days. It snowed 6-8 inches every night and then cleared up again every day. We would turn the chair lift on and have the entire resort to ourselves. We skied to about noon.... very happy and worn out

China Peak Times

How did you meet Joanne?

Joe Weirick

Joanne had a cabin in Shaver, which she would rent out for the winter. She spent the summers in Shaver and the winters in Mammoth working as a ski instructor.

In 1964, Don Redmond, our area manager, needed some people to get the hotel in shape.

Joanne had experience in hotel/motel business, so Don hired her. I was walking down the hall and noticed her standing up on the ladder painting the ceiling, and that's all it took.

She later asked her friend about me, not knowing who I was. And the rest is histo-



ry. Joanne came back in 1965 to work at China Peak and we married in 1966.

China Peak Times

Tell us about the winter of '69? Biggest snowfall in recent history.

Joe Weirick

chuckles – Wow that was unbelievable. They still talk about “oh we have big storms now” but not like 69’. January 19th 1969 – 4 feet of snow fell overnight, followed by rain, which caused a huge avalanche off The Face.

The avalanche carried itself over Academy and down into Highway 168, which shut it down for over a week, with little to no communications.

We had to dig out every tower... up at the top of #1 we had to dig out the unloading ramp, because everything was buried.

On chair 2 we had to dig down to find the top of the towers, that is how deep the snow was.

China Peak Times

CP has quite a history of good ski racing especially back in coach Ray Kellner's era. Any memories or recollections of racer's in particular?

Joe Weirick

Well Kristie Terzian and Adel Allender were amazing skiers. They were on the world cup and won many races and they

were also on our Olympic Team.

We also had great coaches, Denny Lebeau from France was one guy that was a great coach.

Ray would find these wonderful coaches from Europe and get them a ‘green card’ and bring them back to help with the race program at CP.

China Peak Times

Anything that you would have done differently with CP in hindsight?

Joe Weirick

I was approached by several investors to go public with the company and that would have helped us expand and develop the area, but I wanted to keep it private. China Peak could have expanded much faster than it did.

China Peak Times

Is there a fun fact or story that stands out that happened during your ‘watch’ as owner of China Peak.

Joe Weirick

On one April fools day (not too many people around) Elmer Rivlet, (a genius electrician who worked for us) and Mike Hall got up really early in the morning and reversed the electric motor for chair one.

Elmer told me what he had done so we were now in on the prank. We sent the lift operator to go and test the chair lift, as we

do every morning around 7:00 AM, with one slow full rotation.

The operator pushed start – and the chairlift went backwards, so naturally he hit stop (we are watching from the day lodge).

So he starts it again, thinking maybe he was going crazy, and the chairlift again goes backwards. He then calls Boyd Turner (the area operations supervisor) at operations and tells him that the chairlift is going backwards.

Boyd responds “That's impossible” thinking this guy is a goof ball so Boyd heads over and pushes the start button and sure enough it goes in reverse again! We all had a good laugh. Fortunately we got it going the right direction by the time we opened.

China Peak Times

If you were to say there is one thing that stands out about China Peak versus any other mountain, what would it be?

Joe Weirick

The weather – When it's blowing snow sideways and total white out at Squaw and Mammoth, our snow falls straight down. Yep... great weather that's CP's best asset.

China Peak Times

Thank you Joe!

China Peak Staff Promotions and New Employees Named

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sign of hard work, passion and a desire to be part of something great in the coming years.”

One new face will be returning to the



Snow-Making and Grooming's Mike Cornell

resort after an eight year hiatus, Mike Cornell, who will take on the responsibility of snow-making and grooming.

“Mike really understands the concepts of snow-making and grooming, and has a real passion for the guest to have

the best surface possible, every day,” said Paul Gray, newly promoted Director of Operations. “With Pat McCartea unable to continue with us, it left a real void in snow-making and grooming, as Pat was a total pro in both areas. We got very lucky with Mike electing to wind down his trucking business in favor of returning to the resort full time.”

“In a perfect world, I never would have left the resort eight years ago,” said Cornell. “This is my home, this is my mountain, or at least as much of it as Paul will give me. I greatly enjoyed my time here before, am excited about the new ownership and direction, and like nothing better than to see thousands of customers enjoying the surface conditions I and my staff will do our best to make as great as we can every night.”

Lyndsie Stocker, who joined resort staff in 2005 and was promoted to a supervisory role in 2010 has been promoted to Tickets, Season Pass & Guest Services Supervisor, moving up from her role as Guest Services Supervisor the past few seasons.

“Lyndsie has been a tremendous asset to our resort for the past several years, and we couldn't be more pleased providing



Lyndsie Stocker Wears Lots of Hats

this opportunity for her to take on a huge increase in responsibility,” said Debbie Neely, resort CFO. “Her ability to build a great team, her diligence and accuracy and her understanding of the big picture makes her the ideal choice for this newly created and demanding role. She will be just great.”

Another young woman who has shown tremendous skills and growth potential, Olivia Lyons, as been moved up from Ski Patrol Supervisor to Assistant Director, and will be at the resort nine months out of the year, with an additional role in risk



Olivia Lyons - Ski Patrol Supervisor

management and human resources.

“With Randy Coffman taking on his additional role as Director of the new Central California Adaptive Sports Center, we needed to add strength to our ski patrol management team,” said Rich Bailey, who oversees the department and has a career in patrol that spans four decades. “Olivia has demonstrated a real talent for leadership, and her passion for her work is nearly without peer. She will do a great job taking over for Randy when he's tied up with the Adaptive Center duties.”

Two additional staff members in Lift Operations have seen recent promotions. Larry Ott, a member of the resort staff since 2007, is now Lift Operations Supervisor, and Tim Shellenberger moved up to Assistant Supervisor.

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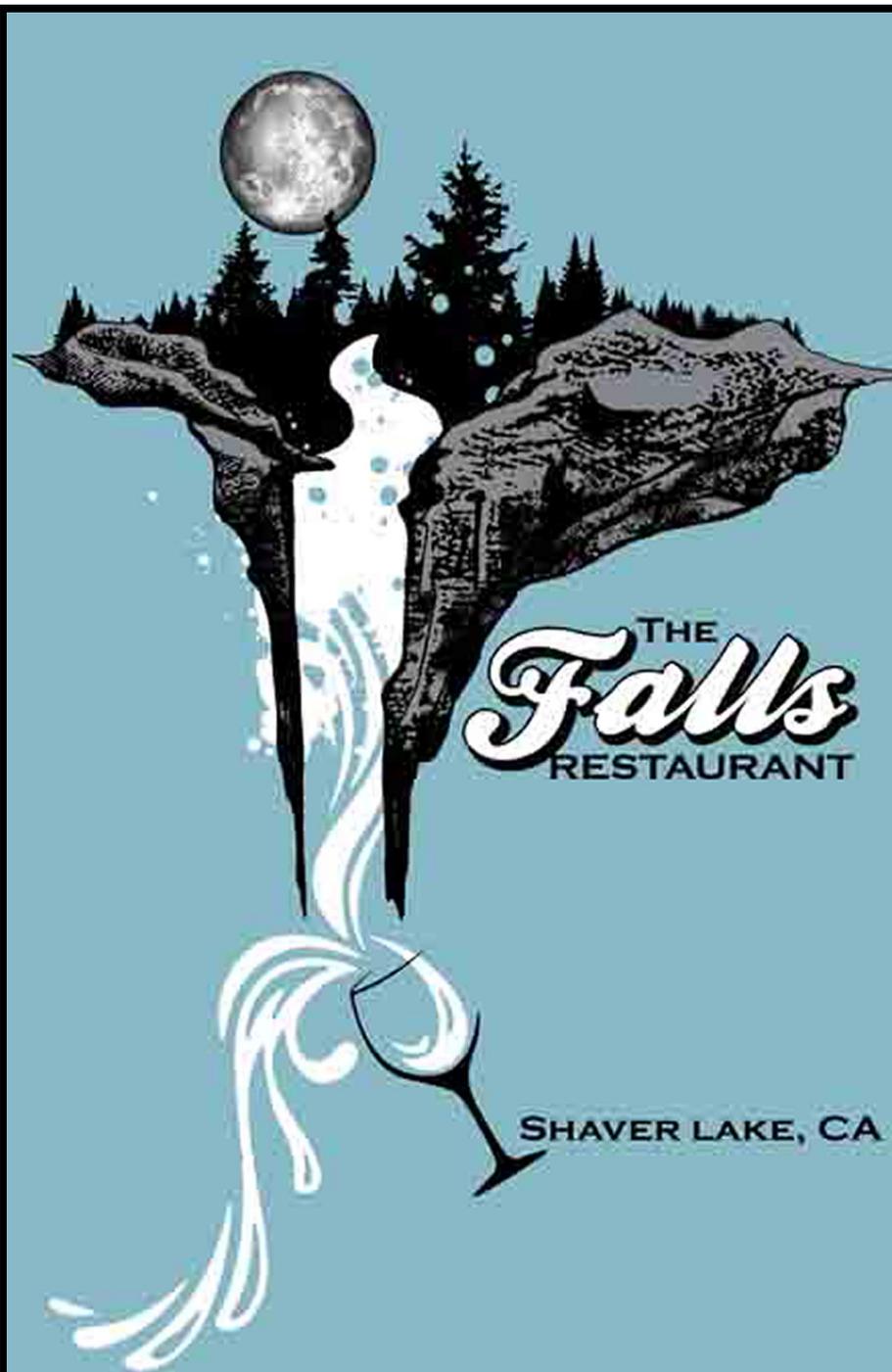


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Cross Country Skiing and Snowmobiling Are Family Favorites in the Sierra National Forest

Both cross country skiing and riding snowmobiles are popular, family oriented winter sports.

Cross-country skiing is the fastest growing winter sport in California. It requires fewer beginning skills and the needed equipment is fairly inexpensive.

The Sierra National Forest has developed several marked ski trails along Highway 168. Most of the trails are between the 7,000 and 7,500 elevation. They range in length and difficulty from a one mile beginner trail at Huntington Lake to a six mile advanced trail near Tamarack Ridge.

Few things in life can rival the thrill of roaring along on a powerful snowmobile through a spectacular winter wonderland.

Snowmobiling is a great family sport. There are more than 200 miles of groomed and maintained trails around Huntington Lake, Tamarack Ridge and into the Kaiser Wilderness.

Come and enjoy a day of winter fun. If you don't have your own machine, there are two local businesses that offer snowmobile rentals. One also does repair work. Details at LakeshoreResort.com or RancheriaEnterprises.com

Sequoia Brewing "Party Bus" Runs Wednesdays to China Peak Resort

The Sequoia Brewing Company has been a China Peak Ski Resort partner in the past and this year is teaming up again.

A China Peak 'Party Bus' will run every Wednesday starting January 7 from the Sequoia Brewing Company (SBC) on Champlain and Perrin.

The price for the Wednesday bus is just \$20 for those with a season pass. For \$39 you can ride the bus and get a lift ticket

or a first time visitor can get a Learn to Ski Package for \$39. With the food and drink specials at Sequoia Brewing Company following a great day on the slopes, this is a great deal. The bus leaves SBC at 8 a.m. and returns for happy hour at 5:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, Sequoia Brewing Company owner Scott Kendall asked his brew master to craft a limited edition called Garage Sale Pale Ale. The concept came about when Kendall was attending the Adaptive Sports Center fundraising event this past summer at China Peak.

"This is a double dry hopped pale ale" Kendall said. "It is brewed using a 20% Rye malt to give it a cold weather kick. Rye is a winter hearty grain that provides a toffee like sweetness with a slightly spicy finish. It's perfect for cold winter days."

The Garage Sale Pale Ale was flavored with a combination of Centennial, Cascade, Simcoe and Chinook hops. Two dry hoppings of Crystal and East Kent Goldings finish the ale with a spicy aroma to match the unique Rye malt complexity.

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Playing in the snow, be it skiing, trekking along a cross country ski trail, snowmobiling, or building a snowman, you're burning lots of calories.

Thus it is very important to properly fuel yourself up for the activities in which you about to engage. Fortunately, there are several great establishments in the region to help you stay energized.

The following is a brief description of the Shaver Lake and Huntington Lake restaurants. Bon appetit!

The Blue Sky Café is a quaint little restaurant specializing in breakfast offerings, super fresh sandwiches, crepes, salads, great coffee drinks, shakes and smoothies. Each day menu boards are updated offering new items aimed to please. They have free WiFi and are located next to Bob's Market and they are open daily. ShaverBlueSkyCafe.com (559) 841-7106.



The Inn at China Peak Restaurant and Jack's Bar offer great food and drink. Enjoy your favorite libation, nibble on a few appetizers, then step next door and have dinner. The food is well prepared and the menu has a large variety of tempting offerings. For those that don't ski but enjoy an adventure, drive up for the day and have lunch on the deck. You will enjoy the experience and it is fun to watch all that is going on. SkiChinaPeak.com (559) 233-2500.



Cressman's General Store at the top of the four lane, features breakfast beerocks, a variety of pastries, deli sandwiches, cookies and more. Don't forget to order a cup of coffee or hot chocolate to go along with you. There is limited outdoor seating available. Cressman's is known for its take and bake pizza and delicious daily

entrees which you can order on the way up and pick up on the way down. If you are planning an event and need food service, try their partner at Creekside Catering. Details at Cressman.org. (559) 841-2923.



Lakeshore Restaurant and Saloon are regional landmarks. The restaurant staff offers a varied menu with casual meal choices and a price range to meet any budget. The chef is highly trained and all food is prepared with the freshest of ingredients cooked to order. The adjacent bar is a mountain classic, with a pot belly stove to keep you warm. Great drinks, beer on tap and food service daily. At Huntington Lake, just 2.5 miles past China Peak. LakeshoreResort.com (559) 893-3193.



Shaver Lake Coffee and Deli is famous for offering the very mouthwatering chunky bread each morning until they run out. They have a full-service breakfast and deli lunch menu. Several coffee drinks are available. Their delicious sandwiches include hot and cold selections. Try one of their tasty home-made breakfast or lunch burritos. The friendly staff serves patrons daily year 'round where you can sit indoors or outdoors. (559) 841-3555.



Shaver Lake Pizza makes all of their pizzas to order with the freshest ingredients and covered with a generous amount of toppings. A variety of pizza combinations and sizes is offered 8" mini to 18" giant. You can add a salad, cheesy bread and wings. Several import and domestic beers are available. They also offer great Calzones, salads, hot sandwiches and appetizers like bread sticks. There is indoor seating and you can order take-out online at ShaverLakePizza.com. (559) 841-7249



Short Horn Bar and Grill is the locals favorite place to meet, eat, drink, dance and chat. The owners have a friendly atmosphere, great cheeseburgers, fries, other sandwiches and cold drinks. Big patio in the back to sit in the sun or under the stars. They have the only pool table in town. It's a great place to meet up after a day on the slopes. (559) 841-6464.



Shaver Pub 'n Grub is known for the atmosphere, which is lively, and the drinks, which are well poured. The menu features burgers, pastrami sandwich, French dip, chick Baja, fish and chips, chicken strips, chicken tacos and of course we have a Little Loggers menu. Drop in after a day on the mountain to catch the latest sporting events on 4 TV's and we have Direct TV NFL Sunday Ticket. (559) 841-4411.



The Falls is known as Shaver Lake's breakfast house. They serve a classic breakfast and lunch menu daily. They have delicious baked goods. They are located in center of town and offer comfortable indoor seating. Visitors are invited to come warm themselves by the fire. The servers are very friendly. Prices are reasonable and the food delicious. (559) 841-5393



The Hungry Hut is the closest local restaurant that is like a fast-food burger facility. The menu is rather extensive and offers all the regular type items you might expect. They offer all the standard burgers and sandwiches, fries, plus great milk shakes. The "Hut" is open daily year 'round and offers indoor and outdoor seating. (559) 841-3586



The Trading Post is Shaver Lake's popular dining house. Enjoy a drink at the beautiful bar and then sit down to great food, their top priority. Owner Steve Elming, and his associate chefs serve consistently great steaks, seafood and poultry along with some of the best soups and sauces you have tasted. Plan a dinner here and you won't be disappointed. Open Thursday-Sunday year 'round you will find seating is on a first come, first served basis. ShaverTradingPost.com (559) 841-5394.



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Paul Gray . . .

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Gray, a native of England, started at the resort in the early 1980s, utilizing his natural understanding of mechanics, working with lift and vehicle maintenance. Over the next several years he acquired more responsibility, eventually overseeing lifts, lift maintenance and vehicle maintenance and now snow removal, building and yard, construction, facilities and utilities - water, power, sewer and electricity.

“For one individual to oversee all of these departments, and now add the entire mountain operations to his oversight, is asking perhaps too much, as there is no resort I’m familiar with that has one person over that many moving parts, said Cohee. “But Paul has a natural talent for knowing his capacity, delegating to capable staff and surrounding himself with very loyal, knowledgeable, hard working people. If you’ve been around the industry as long as I have - 35 years - it’s impressive to watch so much get done by such a lean staff. I don’t think this works everywhere, but it works for us.”

A primary reason for the early success of the consolidation of every outside department under one senior manager is the team Gray has either worked with for years or has assembled with new, vibrant talent.

Long time mountain manager Rich Bailey will focus on ski patrol, risk management, terrain parks, parking and governmental relations; newly hired Mike Cornell (see article on new staff) will oversee snowmaking and grooming; Glen Goodsoozian handles the sewer plant; Eric Jorgenson has shifted from lift operations to lift maintenance; and Larry Ott and Tim Shellenberger have been promoted to handle the largest department on the mountain, lift operations.

“It would have been near impossible to handle oversight of mountain operations, utilities, construction and maintenance if I didn’t either already have the talent in house, or was able to find a few very key people to handle a lot of responsibility,” said Gray. “Of everything we do for our guests, providing the best possible surface with either snowmaking or grooming is critical, and with losing Pat Mecar-tea, one of the most talented managers we’ve ever had at this resort, was huge. But having Mike Cornell return to run those departments is a real win win for us - Mike was one of the best we’ve had here as well in the mid 2000s. With Eric, Larry, Tim, Tom, Gregg and Marty all stepping up their game, plus Steve turning out to be such a strong talent, I’m pretty confident we can handle the load.”



Larry Ott - Lift Operations Supervisor

Promotion Earned By Ott and Shellenberger

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“Both Larry and Tim have proven themselves in the leadership role of our largest department at the resort. “

“They consistently deliver a high quality, safe and enjoyable experience for our guests as they move around the mountain on our lift system,” said Paul Gray, Director of Operations.

“There are a lot of satisfying elements of resort life,” said resort Managing Partner Tim Cohee. “One of them I’ve always enjoyed is watching young, talented, passionate people earn the opportunity to grow as managers and people.”

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Tim Shellenberger - Assistant Supervisor



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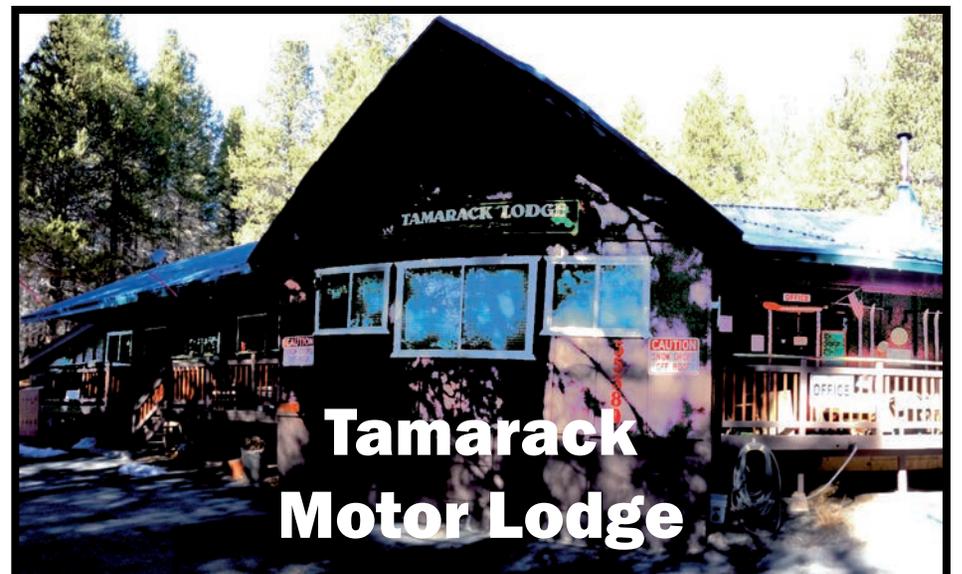
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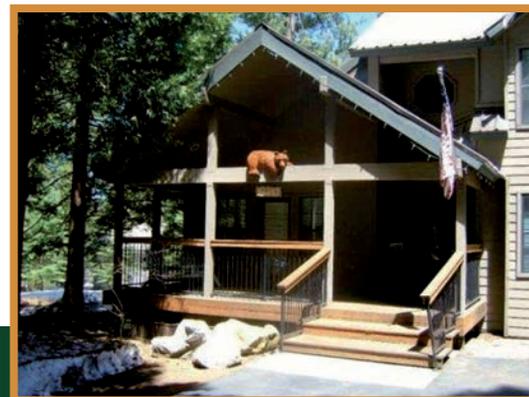


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China Peak Ski Resort's Chris Neely Captures The Action With A Camera

China Peak's videographer and photographer, Chris Neely was excited about capturing the season's first snowfall this past October.

"At 16, his talents are amazing," said resort Managing Partner Tim Cohee. "The combination of quality and creativity he's already shown are on a par with talent twice as old."

Chris is a Shaver Lake native, having lived locally his entire life. Chris is a Junior at Sierra High School.

China Peak has been his 'back yard' since the time he could crawl, as his mom, Debbie, is the CFO and his father, Van, was Base Area Supervisor at the resort.

For Chris, learning to ski was 'natu-



ral', and from age 6 to 14 he skied as a member of the Sierra Summit Race Team. He now enjoys snowboarding as much as he loves to ski.

Chris's father was a professional photographer. Chris definitely carries those same genes. He has been taking pictures and making movies since the time he could pick up a camera. And he was always encouraged to take loads of pictures, learning the concepts of composition, lighting, exposure, and later learning video and how to edit short films and make commercials.

Chris is also a 'sailor'. He has crewed on sailboats from 14' to 45', and skippers his own Victory 21 which has earned 2nd Place in the High Sierra Regatta at Huntington Lake.

Chris is a fine young man and mature beyond his years. He lost his dad to cancer three years ago, but is determined to make his dad proud, even though he's no longer here to cheer him on. Every new adventure is approached with enthusiasm and a 'can do' attitude. He works at China Peak and is also available for freelance photography and videography services. Contact him at chris353skier@yahoo.com. After high school he plans on becoming a photo journalist and traveling the world.

But for now, you can find him at China Peak! Feel his love for the mountain by looking into that giant smile as he grabs his camera and heads out on the slopes!

Try Snowshoeing for a Great Cardio Vascular Workout in the Wilderness

When was the last time you went snowshoeing? Yeah. Me too! Well guess what. Snowshoeing has been one of North America's faster-growing winter sports over the last 15 years.

The reason seems to be simple and two-fold. High technology has come to the sport, yet it stays close to its roots by keeping things simple.

After all, if you can walk, you can snowshoe!

Today, many advanced skiers utilize snowshoes to participate in some great backcountry hikes to find Mother Nature's holy grail: deep, unscathed powder.

Snowshoeing is also a great alternative for outdoor enthusiasts – especially those who like running.

What's so great about snowshoeing? The sport is easy to learn, virtually inexpensive, poses little risk of injury and is a great way to exert energy during the cold winter months.

The sport helps burn more than 600 calories per hour. It is estimated that someone snowshoeing can burn more than 45 percent more calories than walking or running at the same speed.

Most sporting goods stores in a region close to the snow will have snowshoes for sale and or rent.

If it's covered in snow...go for it! But, be careful. Don't take risks and most importantly, have fun.

The prime areas for snowshoeing are usually in or around a ski resort or snow play area.

Backcountry snowshoeing is particularly dangerous considering avalanche problems can occur.

It would be wise to seek educational courses on avalanche safety. Purchasing an avalanche beacon is highly recommended.

Although many people like the individuality and peacefulness of snowshoeing, it's a good idea to snowshoe with a



The Post Ski School Dilemma Solved With the Bombers Program - Kids Love the Experience!

Your son or daughter learned to ski or ride at a young age, and over the years has progressed to the point they don't want to go to the Children's Ski & Ride School.

But you still want them to continue to improve their skills so they become technically sound skiers or riders for the rest of their lives. Is there a program available that teaches the kids skills yet they have fun doing it?

You bet. Welcome to China Peak Bombers.

"China Peak's Children's Ski & Ride School, as with similar programs across

the nation, was getting questions from parents whose children had reached the point where they had been to ski school long enough, sometimes several years," said Jennifer Gray, the resort's Ski & Ride School Manager.

"So we came up with the 'Bombers' program, where our coaches ski or ride with the kids all day, all over the mountain, working on improving their technique but in a small, face paced environment. It's been the ideal solution for parents who want to have their kids become really strong technically, yet have fun too."

China Peak Bombers is a season long program offered every weekend and holiday. It starts December 26, runs daily through December, then runs weekends from January 3 through March 29.

The price is just \$599, and includes a season pass valid every day, coaching and lunch. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m., so parents can drop their young skier or rider off at the Ski & Ride School, sign them in and pick them up at the end of the day.

"We generally have our younger, more hip instructors take the kids as they tend to be more adventurous, enjoying the fresh powder, off piste terrain, the terrain park, all the places kids like to go," said Gray.

For details on how to sign up, contact Jennifer at lessons@SkiChinaPeak.com.

Wow - Additional Season Lockers Will Be Available

With a waiting list for the past several years, the China Peak staff built a new locker room and now have more season lockers available.

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When Heading to the Mountains, Plan Ahead to Ensure a Safe Trip

What a great morning! It rained all night in the Central Valley and it is snowing at China Peak. You check the morning ski report it says two feet of new powder is just waiting for you on the slopes. Thanks heavens it is the weekend. You're going skiing and you don't have to come with an excuse to call in sick!

Everyone knows you need to carry chains and drive with caution when venturing into the mountains during the winter. Fortunately you have thought way beyond chains. Getting safely from you home and back has a lot to do with planning. You have done a good job.

For instance, you know your vehicle is in good condition. The tires are properly inflated and the fuel tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze-up. Your cell phone with an extra battery and emergency numbers are nearby.

You have packed at least one flashlight, extra batteries, blankets, kitty litter, a shovel, gloves, hats, a couple snack bars or other food, water and any needed medication in your vehicle.

You know that if you become snow-bound, stay with your vehicle. It provides temporary shelter and makes it easier for rescuers to locate you.

Don't try to walk in a severe storm. It's easy to lose sight of your vehicle in blowing snow and become lost. Don't over exert yourself trying to push or dig a vehicle out of the snow.

Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or place a cloth at the top of a rolled up window to signal distress. At night, keep the dome light on if possible. It only uses a small amount of electricity and will make it easier for rescuers to find you.

But hey, no worries. You have prepared yourself for any extra adventures. So hit the slopes and enjoy yourself!



Playing in the snow is for kids of all ages and apparently for dogs too. Five Sno-Park locations in Fresno County's Sierra Nevada are ideal for tubing, building snowmen and throwing snowballs.

Central Sierra Nevada Features Five Sno-Park Locations for Winter Time Family Adventures

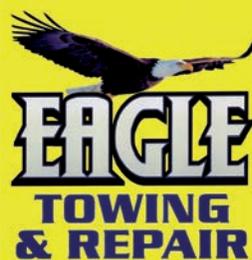
Here's a question for you. What can you do with a carrot in one hand and two lumps of coal in the other? Well, you can build a snowman! So pick a day and pack your family and friends in the car and head for one of the five Sno-Parks in the Shaver and Huntington Lakes region. They are all accessed via Highway 168 between 60 and 75 miles from Fresno. They include Balsam Meadows, Tamarack, Coyote, Eastwood and Huntington Lake.

You will be pleased to find snow-cleared parking lots with sanitation facilities. Enjoy the snow play areas or try the cross-country ski and snowmobile trails. Snow-cleared parking lots cannot be guaranteed on a daily basis because of weather conditions and snow plowing priorities.

A Sno-Park permit is required for each vehicle from November 1 through May 30. Day Permits for \$5 or Seasonal Permits for \$25 are sold by local vendors.

Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis. Overnight parking, including in-vehicle camping is allowed except where noted. Tent camping or sleeping outside in the parking area is prohibited. Trash containers may not be provided, so pack out your own refuse. Always carry a shovel, blankets, water, flashlight and tire chains.

Remember that your common sense, skill level, use of proper clothing, and respect for the terrain and weather all affect your safety, so take some time to plan your trip. Call (800) 427-7623 for a CalTrans recording on highway conditions.



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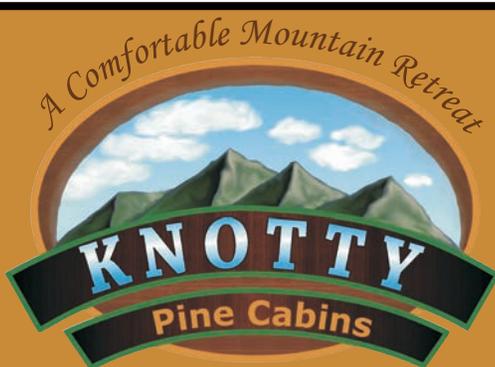
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Fortunately China Peak Ski Resort provides onsite lodging. If they cannot accommodate you, there are several others that are conveniently close.

These facilities feature a complete range of amenities travelers desire. They range from a number of cozy cabins, elegant condos, bed and breakfast inns as well as full service resorts, comfortable motels, hotels and event an RV Campground.

The following regional facilities are listed below for your convenience. Some of facilities are Pet Friendly. Call ahead to see if you can bring yours!

Let them know that you heard about them from reading the *China Peak Times*!

Camp Edison offers RV enthusiasts full hookups and a beautiful place to enjoy themselves while staying in Shaver Lake. For details call (559) 841-3134 ext. 6 or email then at camped@sce.com.



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Lakeshore Resort give guests rustic cabins, set in the beauty that is Huntington Lake. The full service resort has a saloon, restaurant, market and snowmobile rentals. Just a 2.5 mile drive past China Peak. (559) 893-3193 or LakeshoreResort.com.



Shaver Lake Vacation Rentals feature a large selection of cabins and condos in the Shaver and Huntington Lakes region, some are just five minutes from China Peak. They are all warm and comfortable. (800) 422-4102 or ShaverLake.com.



Shaver Lake Village Hotel is near the end of the Shaver Lake Village. The accommodations include hotel rooms, cabins, suites and a bunkhouse. Enjoy a Continental breakfast each morning. (559) 841-8289 or ShaverLakeVillageHotel.com.

Tamarack Motor Lodge is just six miles below China Peak Ski Resort. It is ideal for the budget conscious. Eight suites are available to guests. Each has a kitchenette, private bath and TV. (559) 893-3244 or TamarackLodgeLakeshore.com.



The Inn at China Peak offers slope side lodging just steps from the lifts. After a day on the slopes, have dinner at the Inn featuring a wide variety of menu selections. Relax apres ski in JW's Original Bar and enjoy drink specials and tasty appetizers. (559) 233-2500 or SkiChinaPeak.com.



Lakeshore Resort was built in 1922 and is one of the few remaining wooden structures of its kind in a National Forest. The rustic cabins are available for skiers after a long day on the mountain.

Yosemite High Looks to Defend High School Series Title for Upcoming 2015 Race Season

It will take a tremendous team effort from a number of the top Central Valley's high school skiers and snowboarders to unseat the back-to-back championship team from Yosemite High School.

For 2015, the Central California High School Ski & Snowboard Series (CCHSSSS), starts right after the New Year is ushered in.

This is the fifth season of the series, which features the best high school skiers and riders going head to head in a variety of skiing and snowboarding events on the slopes of China Peak.

"Yosemite has been dominant for two seasons, with skiers and riders scoring points in virtually every event," said Talden Bressel, who oversees the terrain park and high school events for the resort.

"Having top athletes is only part of the equation for winning the title - you need depth and consistency, scoring every week, to break into the top high schools by the finals in March."

In order to boost attendance for the 2015 season, China Peak Ski Resort has



lowered the race entry fee to just \$25 for the four race series.

For complete information on how to enter, visit skichinapeak.com, search for 'events' across the top, or contact Lyndsie Stroker, events@SkiChinaPeak.com.



Wednesday Party Bus

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partnership with the Sequoia Brewing Company (SBC) on Champlain and Perrin.

The price for the Wednesday bus is just \$20 for those with a season pass. For \$39 you can ride the bus and get a lift ticket or a first time visitor can get a Learn to Ski Package for \$39. With the food and drink specials at Sequoia Brewing Company following a great day on the slopes, this is a great deal. The bus leaves SBC at 8 a.m. and returns in time for happy hour at 5:30 p.m.

"I think the Wednesday bus will be a big hit, giving our customers a great opportunity to grab their friends, spouses and colleagues at work to enjoy a great time for a crazy low price," said Nolen.

All bus schedules, locations, arrival and departure times, pricing and online reservations requests can be found by going to SkiChinaPeak.com/bustrips.aspx or SkiChinaPeak.com and click on 'resort services' at the top of the page, then scroll down to 'bus trips'. If you would like to book a private bus or group bus contact Nolen at (559) 233-2500, Ext. 5010.

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Adaptive Sports Center Program

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“Like all efforts of this enormous magnitude, it takes someone with the drive to see it through, who is able to marshal resources from a variety of sources,” said Tim Cohee, China Peak Managing Partner, CEO and General Manager. “Anyone who knows Randy and Lisa can visualize the time and effort they committed to gathering support from the critical resources to make this happen. It was clear from the start this past winter, when Randy moved forward with a pilot program, that this was going to happen in a big way, which it has.”

Through fundraising efforts, support from the Children’s Hospital and contacts within the adaptive sports community, the



Randy Baerg helps skier in the Adaptive Sports program now open at China Peak Ski Resort.

Coffmans were able to secure tens of thousands of dollars in adaptive sports equipment for both winter and summer use.



Randy and Lisa Coffman

“What we are most satisfied with is how quickly the CCASC came together, from gathering volunteers, to finding equipment, to testing the access and facilities at China Peak to see if this was going to become a reality,” said Coffman. “The resort has a huge natural advantage in providing access to adaptive participants, with a great amount of flat area for accessing our new Center, getting participants to the lower slopes and lifts. Most resorts wouldn’t have the proper natural and man-made facilities, so we are very fortunate China Peak was a hand in glove setting.”

A China Peak fund raiser this fall raised over \$15,000. CCASC’s signature fundraising event is set for March 15, 2015.

Registration and information about the event (7 Hours on the Razor) is available online at CentralCalAdaptive.org. China Peak skiers and riders should keep their eyes open for further news of an exciting opportunity to raise funds for the Center.

For details or to make a donation, contact Randy, randy@centralcaladaptive.org or call him at or at (559) 593-2504.



Shaver Lake Special Olympics Winter Games

The 2015 Shaver Lake Special Olympics Winter Games will be held at China Peak, Sunday, Feb. 22 to Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Over 70 student athletes from around the Central Valley annually compete in the Alpine and Nordic Skiing events.

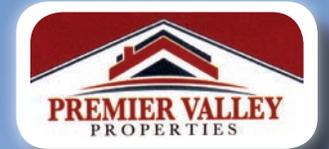
Come up and support these young men and women as they take on the runs at China Peak. The event is made possible by the hard work of the local community. Free

lodging is provided by local cabin owners.

“Donations are used to purchase food and awards for each participant,” says Event Chair Barbara Hankins. “Dinner will be served on Sunday and Monday and breakfast on Monday and Tuesday.”

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