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IDAHO CLUB CHANGES ITS NAME

Idaho's Pocatello Ski Club is now The Pocatello Ski and Snowboard Association; with a new website and logo being launched with the name change is sort of like a Grand Re-Opening for this long lasting club.

CLUB OFFERS DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIP FOR HOURLY CAR RENTAL

Houston's Bayou City Outdoors is offering a discounted rate for Zipcar hourly rental cars to its members. The regular membership fee of \$95 is just \$35 for BCO members. Visit members.zipcar.com/bcohou to join for \$35, a savings of \$60. Zipcar reservations in Houston start around \$9/hour - gas and insurance included.

FOUNDER OF SNOWBIRD DIES AT 85

Dick Bass, partner and chairman of Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, died Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the age of 85 in Dallas, Texas. Bass spent 44 years building Snowbird into a world-renowned, year-round destination mountain resort which he co-founded the resort in 1971 with Ted Johnson, and maintained sole ownership of the resort until selling the majority interest in Snowbird to Ian Cumming in May 2014. Bass received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Ski Areas Assn in 2006.

VAIL COMBINING CANYONS -- PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT UNDER THE NAME PARK CITY

Vail resorts is combining Park City Mountain Resort with the Canyons to be called simply; Park City Mountain Resort. Vail purchased Park City last year for \$182.5 million. The new logo features the red color used in the Park City Mountain logo and the infinity sign from the Canyons logo. Although the signs say only "Park City," the Canyons name will be sticking around only in signage on that side of the mountain that will say, "Park City Canyons Village." Vail Resorts is spending \$50 million on upgrades, including a gondola connecting the resorts, two lifts and new restaurants -- all of which are expected to be ready by the 2015-2016 ski season.



RMSP+ PASS HOLDERS NOW GET ACCESS TO ALASKA'S ALYESKA RESORT

The Rocky Mountain Super Pass+ (RMSP+) now includes Alyeska Resort in Alaska, located 40 miles from Anchorage, Alyeska. This addition offers RMSP+ pass holders the opportunity to satisfy their sense of adventure with three days of skiing at the full-service resort. The RMSP+ now covers five Colorado resorts; Winter Park Resort, Steamboat, Copper Mountain, Eldora, and Crested Butte, plus Mt. Ruapehu in New Zealand. Alyeska Resort is the largest ski area in Alaska with over 1,600 skiable acres. The resort also has the Four-Star Hotel Alyeska, a 304-room luxury property with restaurant, shops, and spa services. As part of the new relationship, those who buy an Alyeska Resort season pass will get three total days that they can use at Copper Mountain, Steamboat, and Winter Park, giving Alyeska pass holders a chance to sample some of the best skiing Colorado has to offer. The RMSP+ is currently on sale for \$559 for adults. For more information on the RMSP+ pass or to purchase, please visit www.skicolorado.com.

\$10 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS IN SOUTHWEST RESORTS

Durango businessman James Coleman announced he plans to make \$10 million in improvements across the four mountains he now has interests in. Purgatory will get a new high-speed quad to replace the Legends Lift and two new trails off Ray's Ridge and additional snowmaking. Sipapu Ski and Summer Resort near Taos will get a new quad lift to service beginning and intermediate terrain and a new trail will be built under the lift -- plus 5 acres of skiable terrain will be added through the extending other areas. Pajarito Mountain, near Los Alamos, New Mexico, will get a new beginners trail, and Arizona Snowbowl will get its first new chairlift in 30 years as the Humphreys Peak Lift is being replaced by a quad.

CRESTED BUTTE SKI AREA EXPANSION PLAN WINS INITIAL APPROVAL

Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) has received official approval for their plans to extend their skiable area by 500 acres from the U.S. Forest Service. This permission, for expansion, in an area known as Teocalli Drainage at the back of Crested Butte Mountain, means that an 'environmental review' of the project through the US National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) can begin. That process does not guarantee approval and it could take two years before a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is released. The resort is already working with ski area designers the SE Group on a draft EIS. If successful, the expansion plans would see one existing lift upgraded to a chairlift and two new lifts accessing additional advanced and intermediate terrain.

Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, the first ski area in the U.S. to install a wind turbine in 2007, is partnering with solar project developer and owner Nexamp to construct a 2.3 megawatt community solar facility. Construction officially starts Aug. 5, and the facility is expected to be online by late fall. The solar facility will be the largest community solar project in the Northeast. Combined with their existing 1.5 megawatt wind turbine and a 75 kilowatt hour co-generation unit, the added solar power will enable the resort to offset 90 percent of its energy needs from renewable resources.

SKI RESORT SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS

New York signs solar energy agreement for Belleayre, Gore Mountain, and Whiteface Ski Area. The state of New York and the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) have entered into a 25-year power purchase agreement with San Diego's Borrego Solar to supply solar energy to state-owned Belleayre, Gore Mountain, and Whiteface ski areas. New York Gov. Cuomo said "By using renewable energy to power major operations at these world-class ski resorts, we are building upon this administration's commitment to expand this state's use of renewable energy, strengthen this important, job-creating economic sector, and reduce New York's carbon footprint". Purchasing solar energy is expected to reduce the resort's one million dollar energy bill by more than \$213,000 during the first year.

SUN PEAKS ADDS MORE RUNS

British Columbia's Sun Peaks Resort will add two new trails and increased glading for next ski season. The two new runs in the West Morrisey area will continue to build out the challenging Laundromat area in anticipation of the planned West Morrisey chairlift.

KITZBÜHEL ADDS ANOTHER 8-PERSON CHAIRLIFT AND 3 MORE RUNS

Austria's Kitzbühel has announced plans to add a new eight-seat chairlift complete with leather heated seats and pull down bubble cover for next winter. The new Brunn chairlift will access three new ski runs. The Resort now has over 200 kilometers of ski runs with over 1,000 kilometers of ski runs in the region included in its multi-area lift pass.

LARGEST DRY SLOPE IN THE WORLD BEING BUILT IN TURKEY

Snowland, the largest artificial ski slope in the world will open later this year at AltinOran near Turkey's capital, Ankara. Snowland, covering 11,000 square meters will be accessed by its own gondola and quad chairlift. Although the Snowflex surface can be used for snowsports year round, natural snowfall can sometimes occur at the Snowland location.



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