

Biathlon & Ski Jumping

Summer Biathlon at Auburn Ski Club
Sunday October 31st 2010 @ 10am

Auburn Ski Club Training Center

Far West end of Boreal Ski Area, I-80, Soda Springs, Ca.

An event combining Running and Shooting in memory of Charles (“Chuck”) Clinton Lyda (1952-2010)
Avid biathlete & friend of Auburn Ski Club

• Shorter “Fun” Event - Suitable for the “non runner” – 3 mile run/jog/walk
+ shoot 2 rounds of 5

• Longer “Runners” Event – 5 mile run + shoot 2 rounds of 5

- Pre registration for the race is required by Saturday Oct 30th 3pm
- Firing practice for experienced shooters Sat Oct 30th 1-2pm
- Beginners welcome - Range & shooting clinic Sat Oct 30th 2-3pm
- Rifles & ammunition are provided

Chuck was a two-time Olympian (1976, 1980) and a two-time World Champion (1975, 1977) in the sport of Canoe/Kayak. He was on 28 National Teams, Winter (Biathlon) and Summer (Canoe/Kayak).

He competed in Biathlon at the World Cup level before becoming the head coach for the Army World Class Athlete Program (WCAP) Biathlon Team in 1995. Chuck was selected as a member of the U.S. Olympic Biathlon Team coaching staff after putting four of his athletes on the 1998 Olympic Biathlon Team. Chuck coached through the 2002 Salt Lake City Games.

Chuck was a dedicated soldier serving with The National Guard -achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Chuck was the Nordic Director for the Auburn Ski Club Associates for many years.

Donations are welcome to establish a “Chuck Lyda Memorial Fund” to help the Ski Club’s aspiring young Nordic Skiers and Biathletes

[Click here to download forms & register by mail](#)

[Click here for online registration \(coming soon\)](#)

Biathlon combines the physical test of cross-country skiing with the psychological demands of rifle marksmanship. With its origins dating back to hunting and military campaigns in snow covered regions, biathlon is today a popular Olympic sport.

Prior to World War II Auburn Ski Club members were active in the formation of the US Army's famous 10th Mountain Division. Veterans of the division who fought in World War II sponsor and volunteer at our annual biathlon race.

10th Mnt Division Winter Biathlon - dates TBD

[Click here for results of the 2010 10th Mnt Division event](#)

Join the Club's BIATHLON INTEREST GROUP:

The Auburn Ski Club is one of the few Clubs in the West to offer biathlon clinics and competitions. Opportunities are given to our junior team members to explore the art and challenges of this Olympic sport. 2010 -11 details coming soon

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Ski Jumping

Ski jumping has a long tradition at Auburn Ski Club. The Club founders were all avid jumpers and hosted many local and National level jumping meets as far back as in the 1920s. The original jump hill was at Cisco grove and was moved to the present location in the early 1960s once I-80 was completed.

The 1930s were the heydays for ski jumping at the Club. Auburn Ski Club became well known by creating National Champions such as Roy Mikkleson and Ron Mangseth.

Ski Jumping back then was like the X games of today. To increase awareness of the sport, the club shipped tons of snow from the Sierras by railroad to set up a ski jumping exhibition at UC Berkeley. The event on the first year was promptly abandoned when a huge snowball fight broke out amongst the estimated 10,000 spectators!

To learn more about the rich history of ski jumping and Auburn Ski Club, be sure to visit the Western Skisport museum located next to the Boreal lodge

Today the Club continues the tradition of jumping by hosting an annual jumping Tournament. on Spring Fling day. Depending on conditions we offer a 5m (learner), 15m and 40m hill for participants of all ages.

Alpine or telemark skis and boots required (jumping skis available for experienced jumpers) Hill prep and breakdown help required. Spectators are welcome.

Jumping events are dependant on weather / conditions so be sure to check the hotline.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Squaw Valley Olympics.

Ron Mangseth Jumping Tournament - TBD for 2011