

# Stevens Pass Snowsports School

# THE WORD

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## Spring Notices



**What a week it has been!**  
Thank you to everyone pulling together to help shovel Thursday, keep on eye on that [forecast for tomorrow](#) morning as well. Looks like [WSDOT](#) has planned more Avy control so please make sure to plan accordingly.

**While there's lots of fresh corn.. There is only 1 Unicorn Carpet Operator:**



**Thanks Jacque Q for keeping the carpet stoke high!**

(PhotoCred: Jayden Stevenson)

## LOCKER ROOM AND GEAR ACCESS

As the end of the season draws near, if you have belongings or gear in the locker room, or are in possession of leased rental gear from the mountain, **Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>** is a key date for you.

This is the last date that the Ski and SB School Locker Room will be open for staff access to remove gear, following the employee ski and ride day. Rentals has also announced that any season leased gear must be returned before or no later than when they close at 1:30pm that same day, Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. Due to COVID protocols and to help those working to close out post-season, gear remaining after this time will be donated so be sure to make a plan well before then!

## KEY DATES:

- **April 12<sup>th</sup>**- Taco Night Sign Up Due ([Register Here!](#))
- **April 18<sup>th</sup>**- New season end date!
- **April 19<sup>th</sup>**- Employee Ride day ([Register Here!](#))
- **December 21<sup>st</sup> 2021** - Winter Solstice 2021 😊

## Class Handling Spotlight

With spring like conditions (slushy snow, firm snow, heavy snow, etc) it is more important than ever to avoid watching your students while you are sliding. Below are some different tactics to watch your students, so that while you are sliding you can focus on the conditions ahead and the task at hand.

- Have your class wait at the top of a run, slide down to the bottom and call them down 1:1
- Have your class wait at the top of a run, slide down to the mid-point of the run and have them slide past you and stop below you
- Designate a stopping point with your class and slide behind them.
- Come to a complete stop before turning to look uphill at your class.
- Designate stopping points and meeting places for your students
- At the top of the run speak to the terrain that you will encounter with your class, where they will need to keep speed, where there are merge points, and where there are high traffic areas. Speak to the tactics they can use to navigate these spaces.

# PUT YOUR GEAR TO BED

by Justin Tremlin

**We spend a lot of money on our skis, boards, boots, and bindings. Here are a few ways to make our equipment last longer.**

**1: Clean your boots.** You have been sweating in them all winter, so they are now probably saturated with salts and oils (neither of these works well with plastics). For ski boots that means removing the liner and wiping down the shells with soapy water. For snowboard boots, clean those like you would a nice pair of sneakers. Let the liners get some fresh air and breathe a bit. If you have custom insole, wipe them down.

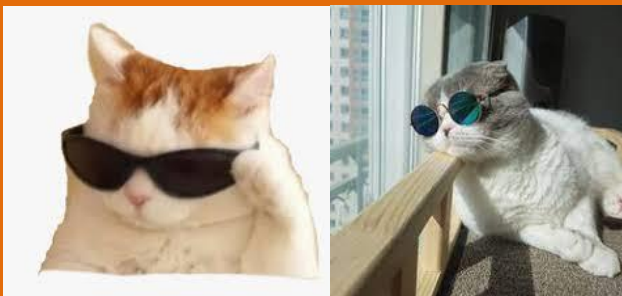
**2: Clean your skis and boards:** Your equipment has been collecting dirt, carbon, and oils all season. To remove this junk, I prefer to "hot scrape" my skis. However, base cleaner is also an option if you don't have the proper tools.

**3: Storage wax:** This is pretty simple; wax your skis as you normally would with an "all temp" wax, but don't scrape it off. Just leave it on and scrape it off at the start of next season. This will protect your equipment's base over the summer from oxidization.

**4: Turn down your bindings:** For ski bindings, this means turning down the DIN setting to its lowest value. This will keep the springs from "case-hardening", if left under tension year after year. For snowboard bindings, this means keeping the high backs in their upright position and the straps connected. Imagine the bindings as if you are riding, except with no boot in them. This will help the bindings keep their shape.

**5: Keep them cool:** A hot garage is no place for winter gear. If you can, store your equipment in a temperature-controlled environment. This will not only help your equipment keep its shape, but it will also help skis and snowboards from delaminating.

**SAFETY - Be a Cool Cat and Protect Your Eyeballs**



# TRAINING CORNER



Bask in it! The word bask means to lie exposed to warmth and light or to revel in and make the most of something.

I encourage everyone to bask in spring environment; the longer sunny days, runs filled with corn snow, early morning hard pan, and afternoon slush. Spring skiing/riding offers an array of snow conditions that change constantly keeping you on your toes.

Bask in your journey this season, personal improvements, friendship made, and experiences shared. The season is winding down, but it is not over. Make time to enjoy this amazing snowfall that has extended our spring season.



# UNIFORM RETURN

A reminder that when the time comes to turn in your pants and jacket please note we are doing "zero contact" returns this season! All uniforms get placed in the bin by the sliding door at the company store. We do not need to know names or ID numbers of employees as all of our gear is RFID chipped and gets scanned back into the system.

Name tags can be dropped off in the bin outside the Admin office so they can be reused next season!

