



Deaths On the Slopes: 2007-2008 Ski Season

April 14, 2008 — 65-year-old Douglas Fletcher, a Reno attorney, died after hitting a tree while skiing at Mt. Rose ski resort above Reno, Nevada.

April 11, 2008 — 27-year-old John Nicoletta, an extreme skier from Aspen, Colorado, died in a fall at the Subaru Freeskiing World Championships at the Alyeska Ski Resort in Girdwood, Alaska.

April 5, 2008 — 32-year-old Martin Fierro of Lakewood, Colorado died in a skiing accident at Vail Ski Resort in Colorado.

April 4, 2008 — 22-year-old Wallace Westfeldt, a world-class freeride snowboarder from Aspen, Colorado, fell to his death in the Tonar Bowl near Aspen Highlands. Westfeldt was part of a backcountry ski film shoot when the incident occurred.

March 31, 2008 — 62-year-old Robert Cunningham, a biology professor from Hamburg, New York, died after hitting a tree while skiing at Ellicottville ski resort in New York.

March 30, 2008 — 43-year-old Michael Howe from Andover, Kansas died after hitting a tree on the Frenchman trail at Keystone Resort in Colorado.

March 25, 2008 — 47-year-old Peter Deakins of Berwyn, Pennsylvania died after a March 19, 2008 skiing accident at Heavenly ski resort in Lake Tahoe, California. Deakins died of blunt-force trauma to the head.

March 23, 2008 — 28-year-old snowboarder Jennifer Ash from Indianapolis fell on a beginner's run at Keystone Ski Resort in Colorado on March 16. The fall resulted in a “vertebral artery dissection” which led to a fatal stroke and irreversible brain damage days later.

March 23, 2008 — An unidentified Pennsylvania man was killed after colliding with a tree while skiing at The Canyons resort near Park City in Utah.

March 22, 2008 — 15-year-old Jocelyn Garlick of Logan, Utah died after hitting a tree while skiing at the Beaver Mountain Ski Resort in Utah.

March 20, 2008 — 14-year-old Emily Clothier of South Lake Tahoe died after hitting a tree while skiing at Heavenly Ski Resort in California.

March 16, 2008 — 17-year-old Andrew Dumont of Westport, Massachusetts died after hitting a tree while skiing at Wachusett Mountain in Massachusetts.

March 7, 2008 — 16-year-old Jake Revere of Buckingham, Pennsylvania died from multiple injuries associated with a skiing accident at Camelback Mountain ski resort in Pennsylvania.

March 4, 2008 — 56-year-old Peter Noorda died from injuries sustained while skiing on February 18 at Pebble Creek Ski Area in Idaho. Noorda was a longtime member of the Pebble Creek Ski Patrol.

March 1, 2008 — 39-year-old Gabrielle Hutter from Centennial, Colorado died after hitting a tree at Winter Park Ski Resort in Colorado.

February 27, 2008 — 46-year-old John Bosman of Orlando, Florida died from head injuries at Eldora Mountain Resort in Colorado.

February 25, 2008 — 52-year-old James Taylor of Truckee, California died after hitting a tree while skiing at Squaw Valley in California.

February 19, 2008 — 13-year-old Kenneth Joyce of Glastonbury, Connecticut died after crashing into a tree on an expert run at Keystone Ski Resort in Colorado.

February 17, 2008 — 29-year-old Leon Carr of Grand Island, New York died after hitting a tree while skiing at Holiday Valley ski resort in Ellicottville, New York.

February 17, 2008 — 44-year-old Kirk W. O'Brien of Rhode Island died after hitting a tree while skiing at Killington Mountain Ski Resort in Vermont.

February 15, 2008 — 68-year-old Bob Guthrie from Silverthorne died after hitting his head in a fall at Arapahoe Basin in Colorado on February 11.

February 13, 2008 — 33-year-old Brian Irvin, a Southwest Airlines pilot from Mesa, Arizona, died after hitting several trees at Telluride Ski Resort in Colorado.

February 12, 2008 — 67-year-old John Dobbie from Downers Grove, Illinois died from a head injury suffered on February 1 at Crested Butte in Colorado.

February 10, 2008 — 47-year-old Brad Peterson from Boise, Idaho died while skiing at Brundage Mountain Resort in Idaho. Rescuers found his body in a tree well.

February 6, 2008 — 61-year-old retired ABC newsman, John McWethy of Boulder, Colorado died from his injuries after hitting a tree at Keystone Ski Resort in Colorado.

February 2, 2008 — 20-year-old Jared Nagel of Port Angeles, was killed when he fell off a jump at the snowboarding park at Stevens Pass in Washington. The King County Medical Examiner's Office said the death was accidental.

February 1, 2008 — 18-year-old Rob Smith, a Michigan Tech University student from the Muskegon area, died after hitting a tree while skiing at Mont Ripley Ski Hill on the university's campus.

January 31, 2008 — 40-year-old Michael Gruber from Dillon, Colorado died after a ski accident at Arapahoe Basin Ski Area in Colorado.

January 27, 2008 — 37-year-old San Francisco skier Tyler Palmer died after landing upside down in a tree well at Homewood Mountain Resort in California.

January 26, 2008 — 26-year-old Olga Stepakova of Walnut Creek, California died from injuries sustained in a skiing accident at Heavenly Mountain Resort in Lake Tahoe, California.

January 25, 2008 — 22-year-old Jared Daniel of Auburn, Massachusetts suffocated after falling head first into a tree well at the Steamboat Ski Area in Colorado.

January 25, 2008 — Expert skiers Michael McKay, 25, Darin Bodie Coffey, 31, and Christopher Allport, 60, were killed by a series of avalanches outside of Mountain High ski resort in Wrightwood, California.

January 20, 2008 — 33-year-old James McLean, a doctor from Leawood, Kansas, died in a snowboarding accident at Breckenridge Ski Resort in Colorado.

January 20, 2008 — 20-year-old Tyler Stetson, a Montana State University student from Vermont, was killed in an avalanche while backcountry skiing in the Beehive Basin near Big Sky in Montana.

January 19, 2008 — 19-year-old Andrew Peff, from Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, died after hitting a tree while snowboarding at Sugarloaf USA ski resort in Maine.

January 16, 2008 — 28-year-old Mark Logan Boles of Reno, Nevada died from a head injury while skiing at Squaw Valley USA in Lake Tahoe, California.

January 15, 2008 — 45-year-old Mark Joseph Stout of Ottsville, Pennsylvania suffocated after falling into a tree well at the Steamboat Ski Area in Colorado.

January 13, 2008 — Skiers David Gogolak, 36, of Whitefish, and Anthony Kollmann, 19, of Kalispell, were killed in an avalanche in the Canyon Creek area north of Big Mountain in Montana.

January 13, 2008 — 27-year-old Scott Nicholas Hackett, of Bend, died in a downhill skiing accident when he struck a tree at Mt. Bachelor Ski Resort in Oregon.

January 12, 2008 — 72-year-old Richard Warren, a retired high school teacher, died after hitting ice on the trail and then a tree at Attitash Ski Area in New Hampshire.

January 8, 2008 — 18-year-old Charles St. Cyr Leroux from Sainte-Julie, Quebec died after hitting a tree while skiing at Sugarbush Resort in Vermont.

January 6, 2008 — 19-year-old Logan Jameson of Durango, Colorado died after skiing off a cliff at Purgatory at the Durango Mountain Resort.

January 5, 2008 — 27-year-old snowboarders Michael George and Kyle Kerschen, both from Albuquerque, New Mexico, were reported missing on January 5 near the Wolf Creek ski resort in southwestern Colorado. The men's bodies were found in an area outside the boundaries of the ski resort on June 16.

January 4, 2008 — 27-year-old Jesse Brigham, a Vail Resorts employee, was killed by an avalanche while skiing at the East Chutes area on Vail Pass in Colorado.

January 3, 2008 — 11-year-old Benjamin Trichler, from England, died after crashing into a tree at Breckenridge Ski Resort in Colorado.

December 28, 2007 — 15-year-old Mitchell Maltzberger of Oologah, Oklahoma died after he hit a tree and suffered substantial head and neck injuries at Wolf Creek Ski Area in Colorado.

December 27, 2007 — 28-year-old Eric McConeghy of Seattle suffocated after falling into a snow-filled hole at Mt. Hood Meadows in Oregon.

December 25, 2007 — 13-year-old skier Clare Dougherty of Canton, Michigan died after a crash at Schuss Mountain in Michigan.

December 23, 2007 — 30-year-old skier Jesse Williams of Grand Junction, Colorado was killed in an avalanche in an inbounds area at The Canyons ski resort in Summit County.

November 28, 2007 — 19-year-old Ryan Donald Moore of Stateline, Nevada died after falling 30 feet from the Dipper Express chairlift at Heavenly Mountain Resort in California.

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