

Time for a downhill tuneup

Bavarian Village Ski & Golf, in conjunction with Montana of Switzerland and Swix Sport USA, recently opened the most advanced ski and snowboard tuning center in North America.

"The Bavarian Village High Tech Tuning Center is the only complete center of its kind," says Richard Held, president. "For the first time, consumers can have their downhill skis, cross-country skis and snowboards returned to factory finish."

The high-tech tuneup facility is located in the Novi Town Center store, and will service all of Bavarian Village's locations. It is outfitted with three of Montana's most advanced tuning robots. They are the only robots

capable of tuning both skis and snowboards, and they operate in full view of customers, behind a 20-foot glass wall.

The system tunes skis together side-by-side, providing full extrusion for bases on the bottom by stone grinding them without grinding into the vital ski edges. It fills in all gouges and nicks, and finely tunes the equipment to its original specifications. Up to 40 pairs of skis or snowboards can be tuned in an hour.

"Bavarian Village will do for their clientele what was unachievable before - restoring their skis and snowboards back to the original manufacturer's specs," says Johan Rostad of the

Montana-Ski Division of Swix Sport USA. "If used frequently, it will greatly enhance equipment performance."

Montana of Switzerland provides the most advanced tuning equipment to major ski manufacturers such as K2, Olin, Rossignol, Head, Atomic, Volkl, Salomon and Burton.

Bring your skis or snowboard into any Bavarian Village location and they will deliver them to Novi for service, and return them back to the location that's convenient for you. For further information, Internet skiers can schuss into Bavarian Village's Web site, www.skiandgolf.com.

- Linda Bachrach

What's in a find?

This feature is dedicated to helping readers locate sources for hard-to-find merchandise. If you've seen any of the items in your retail travels (or basement), please call Where Can I Find? (248) 901-2555. Slowly and clearly, leave your name, number and message. You should use your input in a few weeks. Due to the overwhelming response to this column, we only publish the requested item two or three times. If you have not seen a response or heard from us, we were unable to locate the item. Thank You

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR:
Looking for the Izzy Olympic mascot from the Atlanta games, any souvenirs, toys, watches or stuffed animals.
Betty from Canton is looking for Jill Sander man's cologne, "Felling."
Tim wants Caswell Massey fragrance Chokey or Choky.
Madge is looking for the game Haunted Mansion from the '70s.
Pat of Troy wants someone to restore old sailboat models.
Bonnie wants Christmas tree lights 3/8 inches in diameter.
Carol is looking for the furniture Acculade II: bookshelves, end tables, etc.
Mary Ann is looking for the 3.5 oz. Dial (bar) soap.
Robin wants PMS mood nail polish.
Rita wants Pfeifer's salad dressing. Farmer Jack used to carry it.
Mary Jane wants a Fisher Price blanket bunny.
Larry is looking for a metal lid for his fountain straw holder.
Sharon is looking for M.J. Carroll hosiery from Winkelman's and Chic black washable leather tennis shoes from Kmar.

Kristin is looking for one five-piece place setting of Mikasa's Gotham Gold.
Steve wants the video, "A Year Without Santa."
Vivian wants a pattern for a full-size canopy bed.
Sue is looking for a 1984 Wilton sports car cake pan, a 1982 and 1984 Wilton cake decorating pattern book, and a nine-inch round zippered pouch with emergency jumper cables, used to find at Eddie Bauer in 1986.
Marcie is looking for "No More Lumps" for gravy. It is a thickener to be put in liquid and Meijer used to carry.
John wants small model race cars with gasoline motors from the '40s-'50s.
Delores wants Revlon Moon Drops lipstick in million dollar red (it came in a green tube).
Deb is looking for the Luster Rose china pattern by Amcrest (sold through grocery stores).
Anna is looking for the book, *Temptations* by Otis Williams from 1969 (a large paperback).
Sonya is looking for a 100% men's wool Shaker sweater.
Jeff is looking for Metropolitan gray dated 1986 by David Elsenreich.
Dawn is looking for Almay hypo-allergenic water cold cream, and a Hisc/Avender toilet seat.

Mary wants a Rubix Cube (with four square across the top), and a game from Avalon Hills about commercial airlines.
Michelo wants a child's toy from six years ago called Picture Peg by Discovery Toys, produced by Ravensburger.
Jan is looking for a children's book, *Fairy Doll*, by Rumer Godden.
Eileen is looking for a doll by Ideal from the '60s "Kissy."
Mary is looking for *Days of the Week* underwear for women.
Carol wants the card game *O'No 99* by Uno, and Santa Bears.
Margaret is looking for Hydro One eye cream and gel by Simplex from Hudson's.
Kim is looking for the card game "Charge It," new/used.
Stu is looking for an AM/FM shower radio with a TV band.

Angie wants the Mr. Peanut ornament from Planters Pennants.
Danielle is looking for Almay translucent luxury finish loose powder.
Judy of Canton wants a place that repairs snaps on strollers.
Dottie is looking for Jeri Redding non-aerosol Flash Freeze hair spray.
Lillian is looking for Counterparts Slacks in petite.
Compiled by Sandi Jarachas



Chairmen of the board: Burton snowboards and skiwear available at Bavarian Village Ski & Golf.

Cold remedies for winter sports

Ken Griffith, general merchandising manager of soft goods at Bavarian Village Ski & Golf, shares his views on the top trends in skiwear. "The hot line is to stay warm and have fun," says Griffith. "The newest apparel is designed to enhance your experience."

Look for longer silhouettes in parkas. The new mountain or ski length hits at the hip; 3/4-length jackets cover your rear.

The new crossover lifestyle gear combines a snowboard look in earthtone colors with a streetwear aesthetic. It's a non-ski specific look.

- This year's skiwear reflects energy in bright colors - the newest parkas come in taxi yellow, fire engine red and electric blue.
- High-tech functional fabrics are waterproof and breathable. They block wind and keep you dry.
- Layering is key. Try a lighter weight jacket over a Polartec fleece top.
- Helmets are strong, even for adults.
- Component gloves by Grandoo offer a zip in, zip out fleece liner and a waterproof shell.
- Headbands are still popular, as are stocking caps, pom hats and racer-style headgear.

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