



# Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing

## SKI TIPS & TECHNIQUES

MAY 2011 - HIT THE SLOPES THIS SUMMER

Ok, I have figured it out. If you want to improve your skiing, ski more. Wow, what a revelation! I know this seems especially inspiring and interesting considering we just finished the ski season. But for all those skiing enthusiasts out there - now is the time to plan your summer ski holiday.

That's right, summer is no time to stop skiing. Adding a ski week in the summer is the perfect win-win. You still maintain the ski form you perfected all winter and you increase your time on snow.

Oregon's Mount Hood, British Columbia's Whistler/Blackcomb and several spots in Europe can offer some viable summer ski options for ski training on summer prepared glaciers.

However, for those seeking a little more adventure and something a little extra, my suggestions are a little further afield:

Portillo, Chile. One of the oldest and best known ski areas in South America, Portillo has been a sought after ski destination for more than 40 years. With only 450 skiers per week, the "all in one" ski destination is famous for deep powder, steep chutes and couloirs, and a special Latin American charm.

Southern Lakes Heli Skiing. Our new friends in New Zealand, Southern Lakes Heli Skiing has been providing heli skiing in the Queenstown and Wanaka areas for more than 25 years. With more than 5000 square kms, great guides and a passion for powder, why not try a some New Zealand powder?

Mike Wiegele Heli Skiing. Summer is no time to shy away from skiing in Blue River. Many of our glaciers provide great skiing year round. From spring corn snow (like right now), to beautiful summer runs on Most Mag, Paradise, and Dixon Glacier to amazing September powder, Blue River has a lot to offer the summer ski enthusiast.

Whatever ski destination catches your fancy, adding some ski time during the summer will go along way to improving your skiing next winter. See you in the mountains.

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