Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing

ESTABLISHED 1970

ABOUT MIKE WIEGELE HELICOPTER SKIING

FOUNDING INFO: Established in 1970, by Mike Wiegele

MOUNTAIN RANGES: Cariboo, Monashee and Rocky Mountains

LOCATION: In Blue River, BC, on the shore of Eleanor Lake. Located 2.5 hours North of Kamloops, BC.

SKI TERRAIN: Measures 50 miles (94 km) from East to West and 129 miles (207 km) from North to South, 1,155 peaks and runs over 2,314 square miles (5,995 square kilometers), 867 named runs.

ELEVATIONS: Blue River Heli Village at 2,240 feet (683m) and Albreda Lodge at 2,460 feet (749m), ski/board at 3,400 -11,600 feet (1,046 - 3,569m), average alpine landing at 8,000 feet (2,462m)

SNOW FALL: Consistent accumulations of 30 feet (10m) or more is normal.

SKIING AMOUNT: Our skiers do approximately 130,000 vertical per week, and about 20,000 per day (an average of eight – ten runs) determined by snow conditions, weather, and the ability of the skiers.

TEMPERATURES: Winter temperatures average around -7°C (20°F), but we have experienced temperatures as low as -30°C (-18°F).

SEASON: The winter heli-ski season runs from early December until April. The summer season runs from June to September.

HELI VILLAGE RESORT: The resort features a 22,000 square foot main lodge, 22 guest chalets & the Bavarian Estate, Administration Building/Guest Lobby, Sports Shop, Laundry, and Guides Haus.

ALBREDA LODGE: Located 45km north of Blue River, luxurious 20-person self-contained lodge with all the amenities of the Blue River resort.

FINE DINING: Powder Max Dining Room & award-winning wine cellar featuring over 600 wines.

GUIDES: Ski guides are certified by the CSGA (Canadian Ski Guide Association) or International equivalent, and Canadian Ski Instructor Alliance or International equivalent.

HELICOPTERS: Helicopters are owned, maintained, and piloted by Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd. There are 3 main helicopters that are used: Bell 212, A-Star (B2 and B3E)