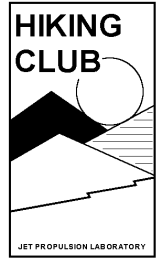


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## First Ski Descent of Peak Pobeda

### Slide Show with Dave Braun

<http://www.offpiste.com/>

**8pm Thursday, May 25**

The Tien Shan Mountains of Central Asia are home to the World's northernmost 7000m peaks. Bordering China and the former Soviet Union, access to these mountains by westerners has been very limited. With the recent formation of Krygyzstan as part of the newly-founded Commonwealth of Independent States, the climbing and trekking world is just beginning to realize the splendor of this world class geography.

In August 1997, the American team of Bradley, Braun, Keane, and Faure (with significant sponsorship from The North Face, Solstice, Black Diamond, Atomic and Off Piste) traveled to Krygyzstan to ski peak Pobeda (7439m). The team acclimatized on the relatively safe normal route of Khan Tengri (6995m) during practice ascents of the ~6<sup>th</sup> annual high altitude speed climbing championships (they also skied its lower 2100m). The team's major goal, Pobeda's Abalakov route, had not been climbed since most of a party of 30 had been killed or injured in a massive avalanche in 1971. The objective danger caused two members of the team to abandon the route, leaving two to fulfill the quest. Although stove failure prevented the complete descent, the team managed to overcome several of the routes cruxes and ski from over 6700m.

This event is free and open to the Public. Refreshments will be served.

Come relive the exciting adventure during this firsthand recount.

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