



THE "YOU KNOW WHAT" IN A SKI TOWN

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Is this you? Lovelorn? Tired of spending long nights alone watching snowboard videos? Snowboard wax giving you a weird rash after spending night after night in bed with your board? Then maybe you should try something new, and use snowboarding to your dating advantage.

Believe it or not, the world is filled with other people who snowboard and will be interested in you because you do the same. But how will you meet these other people? Why, my friend, it's simple: on the Internet.

Once upon a time the Internet was only a place for pedophiles and perverts, but today plenty of normal people are meeting online. And of the many, many sites that allow you to make a profile listing your interests and then search for others based on theirs, some are even snowboard specific.

Take for example [Snowboard.com](#). On this site you can do just about everything: chat, browse photos, find industry jobs, get sponsored and research just about anything snowboard related. But more importantly, I have it on authority that a certain snowboard photographer has used [Snowboard.com](#) to make out with at least two chicks. Of the almost 500,000 members, maybe there's even someone for you.

And then there's [Friendster.com](#), the site that links you to other people who share common friends. Many of snowboarding's finest have their very own profiles, so you never know who might end up in your personal network—it could just be your special someone. And once you meet, you can spend hours instant messaging about *Video Gangs* or *Lame* or whatever it is that catches your fancy.

Finally, swing on over to [Livejournal.com](#) where you can keep an online journal about your life. You can also join communities where other snowboarders reside and talk about the cool tricks they learn and post mediocre pictures of themselves snowboarding. With that kind of information available, it will be like you've known them your whole life, not just for a few minutes in cyberspace.

So if you are getting tired of yelling "single" in the lift line, then all you need to do is go online. Of course, just because you meet on the Internet doesn't mean you're safe from all the troubles you'd face dating the "normal" way. Someone might claim to be a good snowboarder and actually suck. Or they could claim to like snowboarding but really just be using it as a pickup line. And maybe they could be a 40-year-old man who likes little boys with baggy pants. Therefore, just make sure your hopeful new love interest isn't a sheep in wolf's clothing, ahem, a hairy old dude trying to pass as a hot snow bunny.