



SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SONNY LASALLE TO THE SKI CLUB:

Well, someone is doing a very effective snow dance and we definitely appreciate the effort. A big thank you to all the donors at the November meeting. We recently had a hunter complain about the snowmobile packing our groomers were doing at Chief Joe and that brings to mind that anyone skiing at Chief Joe, or anywhere for that matter, wear hunter orange when skiing during hunting season. Dennis Havig called the other day to let us know that Kent Roche, a miner with a claim near the Anderson Mtn. Road, will be using a snowmobile to access his claim during December and January. This is a legal activity and I wanted to let all of you know about it. I talked with Arlee Staley at the Wisdom Office and she said the reservations for the Reese Hut went really fast and there are a few days in December and April still available. The interest is growing and we expected that to happen. Have a great holiday season! *Sonny*

NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS By Kay Fulton

Vice President, Mel Mooers, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Approximately 60 people were in attendance. The meeting was action packed including a potluck dinner, recruitment, membership renewal, door prizes, business meeting and a great presentation.

The Treasurer's Report by Jean Lippert: Income, \$1234.66; Expenses, \$1,608.46; Net Income, -\$373.80; Checking, \$197.37; Savings, \$6575.58.

Membership: Leo Joron reported that there were 244 plus those who joined tonight. He was also selling club patches for \$2.00.

Trail Report: Mel reported that Gordon Reese, Ed Hastings and he put a tarp on the north side of the cabin to protect it. They have also gotten the grooming machines from the shop and will groom the new 15+ inches tomorrow. The forecast is for more snow on Sunday.

Upcoming Events: Annie Creighton announced that the **Ski Races will be December 13th**. The cost is \$15 per contestant. The proceeds will go to grooming. She requested that people sign up to help with the races. The Trailhead store will have an equipment demonstration at Chief Joe parking lot the weekend before, December 6 & 7.

DECEMBER MEETING Thursday, December 11, 2003 First Presbyterian Church, Main St., Hamilton

Annie also reminded everyone about the **"Gourmet Extravaganza"** which will be **March 26th** this year. The Extravaganza includes a gourmet meal prepared for four and a nights stay at the cabin. Tickets are available now and at all meetings until the drawing at the March meeting.

The Potluck was fantastic with all kinds of wonderful food.

Program: Annie Creighton and Tony Neaves gave a very informative presentation on the proper Care of Waxless Skis. They explained the qualities of different waxes and methods of application. They are available to answer questions anytime.

During the evening names were drawn for over 29 wonderful items. Thanks to all of you who donated such nice gifts and congratulations to the winners:

Item	Donor	Winner
Blue Bird House	Mel Mooers	Judy LaSalle
Airplane Ride	Bob Schumaker	Johanna Russell
Snowshoe Rental for 2	Valley Bikes	Jean Lippert
1 Ski Tune & Wax	Tony Neaves	Jan King
Raspberry Jam	Chris Johnson	Ron Patrone
Chocolate Cheesecake	Linda Stoudt	Sharon Lasher
Wood Carving	Bill McCrum	Mary Shaughnessy
Fleece Throw	Jean Swanz	Paul Marieska
Zucchini Bread	Jan Driscoll	Reine Hilton
Chinese Noodle Candy	Barbara Losensky	Bob Brophy
Quick Breads	Reine Hilton	Bettie Rhodes
Chocolate Cheesecake	Linda Stoudt	Phil Pennell
Large Framed Picture of Trapper Peak	Diane & David Hipp	Katie Brophy
Cookies	Pat Pennell	Dan Driscoll
Yellow Squash Bread	Reine Hilton	Patrick Leonard
1 Hour of Chamber Music	Anna Hughes	Jim Swanz
2 Placemats & Napkins	Nola Edgar Gerrard	Marge Lewis
Carrot Cake	Mike Castangel	Jim Owings
Homemade Rhubarb Wine	Pat Leonard & Earl Philips	Toddy Perryman
Door Topper	Judy LaSalle	Joan Perry

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HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

CC Ski Rental for 2	Valley Bikes	Bob Schumaker
"Indian Creek Chronicles"	Earl Philips	Vicky Angyus
1 Ibx Item 50% off	Joan Perry	Lois Walsh
Scenic Plan Ride	Ron Kullick	John Russell
"Lewis & Clark at Travelers Rest"	Pat Hastings	Brenda Fisher
Nature Wreath	Diane Boyd	Barb Schumaker
Wine	Sonny LaSalle	Ron Kullick
Throw	Kay Fulton	Bill Stoudt

TRAIL REPORT – BY GORDON REESE

We packed the trail on Monday, December 1, over a 24 inch base, in good snow, but it was not net ready to set tracks, which we will do Friday. The temperature was about 34 to 35 degrees, too warm for setting at that time

All trails are packed and ready to ski except Banshee, which can be skied, but is not prepared as yet. There has been a lot of moisture, making a good base, and now we need some colder weather.

The warming hut is open and functioning, and is now being hosted.

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TONY'S TIP'S by Tony Neaves Old Skis.....Great Memories

Going through our pile of skis before the swaps to see what I could thin out made me realize two things. One, cross-country skis last a long time if you take care of them. Two, after you have had a pair for awhile, they collect many great memories such as wonderful trips, epic adventures, and special times with old (and new!) friends. In my own case, there are lots of memories of traveling to races in other countries and around the nation.

This makes it really hard to sell certain pairs, kinda' like trying to find a home for a pet that you care about! If I can pass a pair on to a friend, then I can share the stories that go along with them. This also lets me be in on hearing about the next round of memories that those skis will generate. Sometimes a pair is so worn out that you wouldn't want to give them to your worst enemy! These skis could go to good use perhaps in the garden for bean poles, or nailed up to a boring fence for decoration! If they still have a little life, the best thing to do with them is turn them into ROCK skis, which I firmly believe everyone should have a pair of.

Some folks might think this idea strange, but I'm sure many of you will agree with me. This winter is starting out well and I hope everyone gets to go out and create many more great memories while sliding around on those magic sticks we call skis!



Membership Renewals / DUES

Annual Memberships EXPIRE November 1!

Renew your membership now!

INDIVIDUAL - \$10 • FAMILY - \$20

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL - \$25

SUPPORTING FAMILY - \$35

LIFE MEMBER - \$100

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