SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club
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NOVEMBER, 2005 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
November 10, 2005
By Kay Fulton

President, Sonny LaSalle, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. There were approximately 45 people in attendance. This was the annual membership meeting with a drawing for donated door prizes. Many people had forgotten to bring items but this was resolved by the suggestion that IOUs could be used. Thus the drawing proceeded. Look for a list of the donors and winners at the end of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report by Jeane Lippert: Income, $1529.73; Expenses, $3,404.77; Net Income, -$2,462.15; Checking, $2,350.54; Savings, $87.70. The C.D. was cashed in on which $14.73 of interest had accrued. We are still waiting for the grant from August 23rd to come in. Jeane even loaned the Club $1,000 for the purchase of the trail maps. Funds should improve with receipt of new memberships.

Membership: Leo Joron was not at the meeting but Ginny Deck handled the payments for memberships. Hopefully, Leo will have a report for next month.

New Business:
Sonny reported that all of the dates for hosting the Cabin have been filled. New maps, which Mary Ellen Reese had made, were handed out. They are a bright yellow. Thanks, Mary Ellen, for all the work.

DON'T FORGET THE POTLUCK, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 AT 6:00 p.m.!

Old Business:
Earl Philips reported that the system for filling cancellations that he is coordinating is up and running again this year. He has already had one cancellation that he filled within two days. Normally it will only take 12 to 24 hours but he gave a little extra time so that someone who did not have any other reservation might get that one. Earl reminded everyone that if you want to be on his list just e-mail him at Philips@Montana.com and he will add your name.

Trails Report: Mel Mooers reported that there was 20" of snow at the ski area on Wednesday. The groomers packed most of the upper trails; except for Sunny Meadow and Whoopee. They had only one machine and a drag. They will go back on Friday. The new trail signs are in and they will begin putting them up next week. They saw lots of moose and elk tracks. Until the hunting season is over be sure to wear orange.

Program: Pat and Ed Hastings gave a great slide presentation of their trip last January to the Yellowstone Expeditions Yurt program near Canyon Village in Yellowstone. Ed narrated their adventure along with Pat's beautiful photography.

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DECEMBER PROGRAM – POTLUCK

Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m

First Presbyterian Church

1220 West Main St. in Hamilton

Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to Haven House. The program will be a slide show presentation by **Pat Leonard and Toddy Perryman** of their 2,000-mile canoe trip through Canada's Northwest Territories.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Ski Club Members,

Can you believe the start we have had to our ski season? The groomers are having quite a time keeping up with the snow and have set tracks (Nov 28) with over 30" and much more predicted. Maybe we will have an old fashioned Bitterroot winter for a change.

Don't forget the potluck December the 8th and it starts at 6:00 PM at the regular meeting location. Bring a dish or two to share along with your plates, utensils and non alcoholic beverage. We have a great program set up for you and very little business to discuss.

I would like to ask you to encourage all your skier friends to become members. Our dues are quite reasonable and they cover a lot of our expenses.

Judy & I want to wish all of you the very best for the Christmas holidays. We hope you will be with family and friends sharing the warmth and joy of the season. Don't forget to bring food items for our Haven House collection.

Sonny LaSalle

ANNUAL DUES EXPIRED OCTOBER 31

This is the last newsletter for those members who paid annual dues for the year from November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2005. Membership renewal applications are in this newsletter. The November 10 meeting is called our membership meeting as this is where we encourage those whose membership have expired to continue as members of the Cross Country Ski Club.

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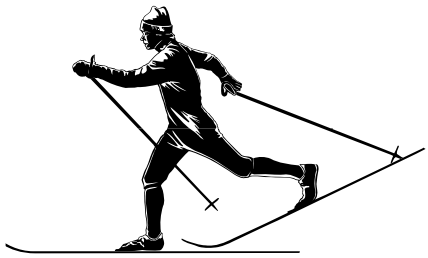
DOOR PRIZES:

ITEMS:	**DONORS:**	**WINNERS**:
Poinsetta plant	Earl & Karen Philips	Judy Broughter
Wine	Sonny & Judy LaSalle	Tony Rizzo
Summer sausage	LaSalles	Michael Spurgin
Wine	Mel Mooers	Frank Loursen
Caramel Popcorn	Kay Fulton	Nancy Gresham
Flannel laprobe	Jean Swanz	Bill McCrum
Gift Certificate for Massage	Michael Spurgin	Kay Fulton
Bitterroot Raft Trip	Bill McCrum	Joan Perry
Book, "First Roots" by Corn)	Pat Hastings	Jan Love (via George
Handmade scarf	Joan Perry	Nora Mart
Wine	Toddy Perryman	Lou Lippert
Wine	Pat & Toddy	Judy Anderson
Peanut brittle	Barb Lasinsky	Nell Whiting
"Something"???	Lou Lippert	Jim Swanz



Membership Renewals / DUES

Annual Membershps EXPIRE November 1!
Renew your membership now!

INDIVIDUAL - $15 • FAMILY - $25
SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL – $30
SUPPORTING FAMILY – $40
LIFE MEMBER – $500

Membership Dues
Nov. 1, 2005 - Oct. 31, 2006

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