



BITTERROOT CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLUB
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November Meeting

Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7pm.
First Presbyterian Church
1220 West Main Street, Hamilton, MT

Program Presentation

*Glacial Landforms
of the
Bitterroots and Sapphire Mountains*
By Kevin McManigal

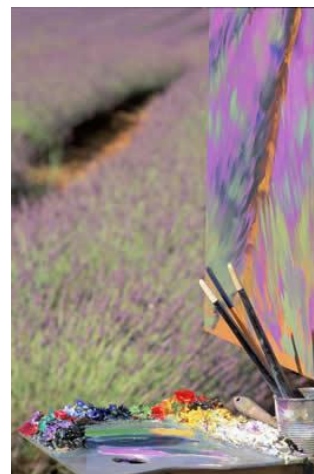
Glaciers are the great architects of landscape. During the last ice age, they covered much of the mountain west and left a permanent mark on the physical geography of area. **This talk will focus on the glacial processes that formed the valleys and peaks of the Bitterroot Mountains**, uncovering the hidden “footprints” left by the ice. We will discuss the features left by the glaciers, including the “U” shaped valleys and terminal moraines. Finally, the talk will explore Glacial Lake Missoula, and its role in shaping the Sapphire Mountains.

Kevin McManigal is a lecturer in GIS and cartography at The University of Montana. He teaches cartography as an art form, utilizing GIS and graphics software to produce maps that inform and inspire. He also has extensive travel experience, including mountaineering expeditions to Alaska, Europe, and South America. His field research includes trips to the Sierra Nevada of California, the Himalaya of Nepal and Bhutan, and the Altai of Mongolia, where he studies the dynamics of glacial change.

Silent Auction - November 8th Club Meeting

One of our Club's annual events, the Silent Auction, contributes much needed funds for grooming the trails at Chief Joseph Pass. This year's affair, which already includes several terrific works of art from some of our talented members, is expected to be more successful than ever before.

We're still looking for items. So if you are willing to donate things which would be of value to other members, please bring them to the next Club Meeting. And, since you're likely to see an offering YOU want, don't forget your checkbook!



We will accept items brought to the meeting with no prior notice. However, it will help us pre-prepare the bidding pages if you supply a description of the item(s) you are donating. Please email your list to Linda Hoyt, lindasyh@yahoo.com.

President's Message - November 2012

Finally! Snow has replaced smoke. Temperature forecasts appear to support the widespread hope (at least among skiers) that the snow at upper elevations will continue to accumulate and begin to provide a base for another winter of great skiing.

This September saw some of our Club members working to prepare the Chief Joseph Trails for grooming. Our thanks go to Mel Mooers, Mel & May Alice Holloway, Bill & Lois Sweet, Jim Aronson, Barry Sloan, Janis Cooper, Deb Duffy, David Hipp, Kate Bay, Bettie Rhodes, Jan Driscoll, Linda Hoyt, Randy, Kerri, & Paul Leavell, and Don McClain for providing many hours of volunteer labor. The groomers will appreciate the work that was performed during the off-season to make their job easier.

Twelve miles of new trails (on existing roads) north of the long-established Chief Joseph Trail system will be groomed this winter for the first time. The new trails are multi-use and will not have set tracks for classic-style skiing. Besides skate skiers and those classic-style skiers who like to ski without set tracks, expect to periodically see people on snowmobiles, snowshoes, or riding a dogsled.

Jim Greenfield, the Map Coordinator for the Club, has once again managed to find a sponsor for every one of the ad spots on the 2012-2013 trails map-yes, the new map will show the new multi-use ski trails. Thanks to his efforts and expertise, our Club has raised slightly more than \$5,000 to help cover this season's grooming expenses.

As part of our continuing efforts to make the job of grooming as easy as possible, our Club will soon be taking possession of two new snowmobiles (both designed especially for grooming), and five new up-to-date pieces of grooming equipment. Without the efforts of Russ Lawrence who successfully wrote the \$22,000 request for a grant from Montana's Bureau of Tourism, we would have had to wait another year or two before purchasing this new equipment. Thanks, Russ!

And the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant which we were awarded last year, December 2011, has a remaining balance more than sufficient to cover the reimbursement for grooming activities this coming season (2012-2013).

Keep an eye on the snow levels at Chief Joseph Pass. If we're lucky, there may soon be enough snow to do a little skiing, on "rock" skies.

Mike Hoyt

Board Positions

Kelly Zeiler has been nominated to fill the vacant club's VP position. Kelly is a local boy and married to Wendy Woods. He was a very welcome addition to our grooming crew last season. Kelly will continue to be a groomer this upcoming ski season and if voted in will serve out the remaining one year of the VP's term.

As of date, candidates for the other two board positions are Mike Hoyt for president and Reine Hilton for treasurer. If there is anyone else interested in these positions, please contact Parnelli Sharp at 961-1705 by November 30.

Officers for the club will be elected by a simple majority of the members present at the general club meeting held in December and will begin terms starting January 2013.



"JOSEPH CREEK"



December Club Meeting

Our Winter Pot Luck will take place during the Club meeting on December 13th. It's not too soon to make the preparations required for bringing your favorite dish to share. The Club will provide Apple Cider and Cups, but you need to supply your own Plate and Utensils.

Board Meeting Minutes for Meeting on October 11, 2012

The board meeting was opened at 5:38 PM by Michael Hoyt, President.

Attendees:

Michael Hoyt, President

Jim Greenfield, Program Coordinator

Earl Phillips, Membership Coordinator

George Corn, Past President

Paul Sharp, Hut Coordinator

Mel Holloway, Trails & Grooming

Deborah Duffy, Secretary

Mike started the meeting with a quick recap on the current status with the US Forest Service regarding Gordon Reese Cabin and grooming. This has all been detailed in Mike's written communications to all club members and was included in the October newsletter.

Sonny LaSalle, as the spokesperson for a group he is calling The Friends of the Gordon Reese Cabin, emailed a request that the board decide on a couple of issues.

1. Would the club continue providing the cups and hot beverages in the warming hut? Since these supplies are intended to be used by day users in the hut, the majority of the board agreed to do this, at least up to the point that our funds allow us to do so. This was not a unanimous vote however and we would like a sign stating that the hot beverages are provided by the BXCSC and Loose Caboose and are intended for use by day users in the hut.
2. Donation boxes in hut and at parking area will be accessed by Officers of the BXCSC. All funds collected are to help cover grooming expenses.

Additional topics of discussion included:

- One night only is reserved for Club use-the night before the free lessons. We won't be able to have the moonlight ski outings that were discussed in prior meetings.
- The FS would like our Club to pursue changing from a Volunteer Agreement to a Costs Share Agreement—that is only possible if the legislation makes a change to the current law.
- Jim is handling the map and is currently soliciting sponsors.
- The Club's website needs to be updated. Mike will discuss with Toddy. The site will refer to the hut as a warming hut for day users.
- Jim Greenfield asked if we'd like to get input from an experienced fund raiser given that the Club will be facing fundraising challenges this year.
- It was agreed that we would renew the Chamber of Commerce membership. The Club learned of the Montana Office of Tourism grant through our membership this past year. We were just granted \$22,000 from this office for purchasing grooming equipment.
- It was agreed to test having a company distribute the Club brochure to their distribution outlets. We think this will help to increase awareness of Chief Joseph Ski Area by reaching tourists and Montanans outside of our immediate area.
- We will begin discussions of the Extravaganza in November. While the coveted Gourmet dinner at the Hut is no longer a prize option for us, there are still many prizes that we will be able to offer. Fundraising will certainly be hampered by not being able to sell the raffle tickets at the hut or at the lesson day event.
- Mel presented a potential fund raising idea that will be further researched by Mel.

- There are some open positions in the Club. The VP position is open with the recent resignation of Diane Hipp. The position will be a 1-year term this time around in order to keep it on an even-year reelection cycle. The President and Treasurer positions are up for reelection this year. Parnelli Sharp has volunteered to be our Nominations Coordinator.
- Membership Coordinator and Newsletter Publishing roles are also currently open. Earl has really cleaned up the membership database and the data is all in a easily manipulated format.
- Earl has permanently deleted all contacts from the "Cancellation" database.
- Tony Neaves would like to hold a 5k and 10k race at Chief Joseph Ski Area. The Club will help with grooming for race day and we will help to promote the event, otherwise Tony will manage the coordination of the event. Profit from the event will go to the Club for grooming, although most money raised will be used in running the event.
- The Club was recently awarded \$22,000 grant for purchasing trail grooming equipment from the Montana Office of Tourism. Mel has ordered new snow mobiles and other grooming equipment for this winter using these funds along with funds available from the RTP grant that was awarded last year. \$30,000 of the RTP grant is still available to offset future purchases.

The meeting closed at 6:55 PM.

October 11, 2012 Club Meeting Notes

Call to order: Mike Hoyt called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Number attending: 31

Current Membership: Membership renewal is just beginning for the year. Much thanks to Earl Phillips for his work this past year in cleaning up and getting our membership database set up so that data can be manipulated and reports generated.

Treasurer's Report: Reine Hilton was not present and a report will be ready for the next meeting.

Trail Report: Mel Holloway has ordered new snow mobiles and other grooming equipment for the upcoming winter. There will be a learning curve, but all of the groomers are excited to have equipment that will make the job easier. Mike thanked the many volunteers who helped with summer trail work during the past couple of months--much of it done in the smoke! This work will help to make the grooming easier throughout the winter months. Emphasis was placed on certain areas that have been difficult for the groomers to maneuver in during prior seasons. Thanks to Mel Mooers, Mel and Mary Alice Holloway, Bill and Lois Sweet, Jim Aronson, Barry Sloan, Janice Cooper, Deb Duffy, David Hipp, Kate Bay, Bettie Rhodes, Jan Driscoll, Linda and Mike Hoyt, Don McClain and to Randy, Kerri and Paul Leavell.

President's Space: The Club has over \$50,000 in grant money available! We were just awarded a \$22,000 grant from the Montana Office of Tourism for the purchase of grooming equipment. Our goal has been to make the grooming job easier for all involved and this money will go a long way toward helping us achieve that. We also still have RTP grant monies to offset grooming expenses.

A request for reimbursement for last winter's grooming has been made and we should receive this RTP grant payment this month--about \$7,500.

Jim Greenfield is handling map production this year and is currently contacting sponsors.

The Silent Auction is held during the November meeting. Contact Mike Hoyt if you have anything to donate.

Kevin McManigal is the guest speaker at the November meeting. Kevin's program is "Glacial Landforms of the Bitterroot and Sapphire Mountains".

There will be 12 miles of new trails groomed for skate skiing and multi-use this winter.

A 5k and 10k race is being planned for Saturday, December 15th. Tony Neaves is coordinating this event and will be looking for volunteers to assist at the event. This has been a very popular event in years past.

New Business/Discussion

There was some discussion and concerns voiced about the upkeep of the cabin. The Club is focused on the grooming and not cabin maintenance. The cabin will continue to be available as a warming hut for day use.

Upcoming December Club Elections

Parnelli Sharp volunteered to be the elections coordinator. We have three officer positions to fill in the election. The President and Treasurer positions are both up for two-year terms. The Vice President position is up for a one year term due to the recent resignation of Diane Hipp. Please let Parnelli know if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

Meeting closed at 8:00 PM — These minutes prepared by Deborah Duffy

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Annual Memberships EXPIRE November 1st
Renew Your Membership Now!

*Individual \$15 *Family \$25
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MEMBERSHIP DUES
Nov. 1, 2012- Oct. 31, 2013

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