



SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club
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Notes from the President —

Saturday, September 8th saw an enthusiastic work crew at Chief Joseph to clean the cabin and stack wood. It was a blue bird day with more than a hint of fall in the air and blessedly smoke-free skies. Thanks to all who showed up: **Bill & Lois Sweet ~ Kay Fulton ~ Earl & Karen Phillips ~ Colleen Loug, ~ Nancy & Mike McEachern ~ Mike & Linda Hoyt ~ Bob & Barb Schumaker ~ Dan & Jan Driscoll ~ Larry & Marg Johnson ~ George Corn Jack Losensky ~ Dean & Nora Mart ~ Clint & Neil Whiting ~ Cliff Keenem ~ Jim Aronson ~ Bill Stoudt ~ Mel Mooers ~ Patti Johnston ~ Arlee Staley.**

Tons of split wood were stacked in the basement and more was stacked and covered outside. We have so much wood, thanks to the splitting crew, that we probably won't have to split wood next year. Inside, cleanliness reached white-glove inspection perfection as all surfaces were rubbed, scrubbed, washed, dusted and shaken till they squeaked. The potluck following was excellent with particularly delicious desserts which were brought to celebrate Mel and Jan's birthdays. Don't miss it next year!

Gordon is Gone. I mean he and Mary Ellen are still with us, but they now live in Missoula and the enormous amount of unsung work that Gordon did for the Club is only now being realized.

The entire Board wants to remind members that the Club works i.e., the cabin is stocked and kept up, the trails are groomed, equipment bought and maintained, newsletters sent out, website maintained and on and on, only because members volunteer their time to see to all these things. So, please, if called upon to help, or if you want to become involved, please let us know.

Here are some opportunities:

- Webmaster Pat Patterson has generously volunteered his time for the last five years. He needs someone to take his place. Pat will train you and we need a volunteer to take his place as soon as possible.

- Silent Auction — November meeting. We raised over \$600 last year. We need items for this year. Kay Fulton has volunteered to be in charge. Please call her at 642-3794 or e-mail her with your items.
- Volunteers to clean the toilets at the parking lot and cabin during the ski season.

November program will be Allen Applebury's outdoor photography. Many of you have seen a few of his outstanding photos, many from seldom seen spots of Montana. Come see his power point presentation which is a guaranteed treat.

Kudos. Give a big thanks to Michelle Thompson who is in charge of the trail maps. Michelle hustled sponsors, organized the printing and folding and will also see to their distribution. The maps will be printed next month and the Club will make over \$3,000 due to her efforts.

Also, be sure to thank our sponsors. These are local businesses who buy the ads to make the trail map happen. Be sure to stop and shop with them and thank these folks for their support of the Club.

October Meeting — October 11 at 7:00 p.m., Presbyterian Church, West Main Street, Hamilton. This is the Big Draw for the Club's nights at the Gordon Reese Cabin. As always, **MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID FOR THE NEXT YEAR IN ORDER TO DRAW.** So get those dues in (preferably), or be prepared to pay at the door if you want to draw for a night at the cabin at the October meeting.

/s/ George Corn

AND THE WORK GOES ON

The ski season can't be far away and the area trails and hut continue to be made ready for when it comes. The "Bridge Gang" which included Allan Meyers and his two daughters, Michele and Renee, who came all the way from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, and Kay Fulton helped repair/replace bridges across streams on the lower trails. It's amazing to see what we drive, and sometimes don't manage to drive the grooming equipment across when there is no snow.

Bill Stoudt is mad at stumps that stick up in the trails and has spent considerable time shortening them up or digging them out. Also, removing logs and other debris which will make the early opening of the trails much easier on men and machine.

Thanks to each and every one who contributes to the success of our area. It's a good feeling to belong to a Club with so many dedicated volunteers.
THANK YOU!!

/s/ Mel Mooers

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Nov. 1, 2007 - Oct. 31, 2008

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