

# SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club Box 431 • Corvallis, Montana 59828

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It's hard for me to believe, but here we are again at the start of the pre-season countdown. I hope everyone had a great summer. Steve Powell and I got a taste of winter with a windy, cold and snowy crossing of Boulder Pass in Glacier National Park in mid-August; but summer's not over yet by any means. With luck we will have a glorious Fall for more hiking, biking, horseback riding and fishing.

That being said, it is time for us to start gearing up for ski season which begins with our work day on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**B**e at the cabin by 9:00 a.m. with gloves and potluck in hand. We will cut and stack wood and then have a potluck lunch and visit.

The Griz are away playing UC Davis at 8:00 p.m. so- no excuses. Be there!

Thanks to the crew that has stayed busy through the summer getting the logs for us to cut and stack.

Thanks also to the Forest Service which had the Gordon Reese Cabin stained this year. The Wisdom District did a great job in seeing that this important task, which was absolutely critical to the preservation of the cabin, was done.

Thanks also to Ken Nyce and crew of Landis Painting who actually did the work to see that our cabin is preserved. Given Ken's and Leslie's love for the trails and cabin, rest assured that the work was particularly well done.

**R**emember, the drawing for nights at the cabin will be done at our October meeting so be sure to get those dues in before the drawing to be eligible.

**S**ee you on the trails.

/s/ George Corn

## **Trail Report**

It's time again for our annual work day/potluck on Saturday, September 12. For those of you wishing to car pool, gather at Quality Supply at 8:00 A.M., otherwise we'll open the gate about 9 A.M. We've had several preparatory work days already, but there is still lots to do, for which the reward is some great food that only the members of this Club can provide. Remember to bring gloves and ear protection as we'll be running chainsaws and two wood splitters. You might consider bug spray in case we haven't experienced the first frost by that time.

Thanks to Allan Meyers, Judy Meyers, Jim Aronson, Mel Holloway, Mary Alice Holloway, Joe Navarra, Jim Swanz, Bill Sweet, Bill Stoudt, Paul Sharp, Earl Philips, Ed Hastings, Jim Anderson, Gordon Reese and Les Smith for all we've accomplished so far. (I apologize if I missed anyone).

Thanks to the Forest Service and Scott Landis the Hut has been freshly sealed and looks great. We have also been maintaining some of the Club's equipment and are nearly ready for the snow to fly.

/s/ Mel Mooers

#### **LOST & FOUND**

I found a Leatherman tool on one of our trails. If you can identify it, it's yours, but since it's such a prized item, to sort out the expected 35 phone calls, there will be some tough questions. 961-4163

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