



# PANHANDLER

NEWSLETTER FROM THE GREAT FALLS SKI CLUB April 2011 Issue



Club's Mission: Promote skiing in Central Montana by sponsoring special events and fun ski trips locally and abroad.

## PRESIDENT'S MOGUL

One more time! This should be my last newsletter article for a bit. I really have to thank everyone I have worked with during the last 4 years as president of this great club and the sooo many other folks over the past 11 years in my time on the Board and as past treasurer. I cannot thank everyone personally here, but here are some of the things we have accomplished and the people who helped make them happen.

We started off by computerizing the treasurer duties. Can you imagine hand-writing all of the checks that we print now for the Swap? Needless to say, we weren't done with the paperwork for the swap for about a week after the event itself. And, I am most proud of the ability of this club to be able to accept credit cards at the Swap. Our sales went up by about 30% the first year we did that. I credit **Bert Knapp** with bending my ear about this on my very first ride up on the chairlift after I was elected.

I have enjoyed the support of many folks and the hard work of a very few. The **Snowball** has become a winter social event in Great Falls again, largely due to the work of **Sue Ferrin** and her crew. The Ski Swap not only survived the economic downturn and the transition to shaped ski's, but we are stronger than ever. **Mark Klemencic** and his gang have been instrumental with this project and Mark has agreed to help with it again this year. We finally bought a fixer-upper of a trailer to haul all of our Swap supplies and leftovers around. **Ray Robison, Terry Carpenter, and Alan Korslein** were a huge help with this project. We finally got our thoughts together and now we have all of our supplies and records in one place, instead of in a large number of garages and storerooms spread around the city and surrounding area.

We have improved and redirected our **Skier Education** funds and support and in doing so have (hopefully) started many kids on the path of a fun and enjoyable outdoor lifestyle. We have always worked closely with **George and Margie Willett** and their team up at **Showdown**. I will really miss the emails and conversations with **Ben** and **George**. I have personally skied all over the U.S. and many sites in Europe. I cannot think of a friendlier and more enjoyable area to ski at than Showdown is.

**Larry Blazeicevich** has always been available to help with the Highway Cleanup chores, not to mention that he makes a mean pan of lasagna and great brownies too! **Angela James** has been a constant contributor from the newsletter to the Mannequin Jump. **Carol Boughton** has helped me a lot this year with her creativity.

And finally, before I put you all to sleep, I would like to thank **Marv** for his regular and continuing support of the Ski Club. His knowledge of the way things were and acceptance of the changes that are happening are important to the continued growth of the club. I look forward to working with our new president, **Sue Jordan**. Together we will all make this an even better club than it already is.

Thanks Guys,

Kari

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## 2011 ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the new and returning Officers and Board Members!

Club President : Sue Jordan

Vice President: Lorry Wurster

Secretary: Char Bell

Returning Treasurer: Judy Ginnaty

President of the Board: Kari Cann

Returning Board Members:

Terry Carpenter, Michelle Dahl, and Sue Peterson

New Board Members:

Marv Jordan, Andy Ferrin, and Bob Sechena

## Never Too Old to have Fun!!



Bob and Terry having fun on the mountain. It's hard to tell whether they are just coming out of hibernation or heading back in.

(Images courtesy of Bob and Joy Loague)



**Mark your calendar for the end of January and the first part of February and plan on going to Utah in 2012 !!  
Details coming soon!**

## See the Ski Club website for results of the Mannequin Jump.

### Preliminary Membership Survey Results

Preliminary results from the membership survey taken during March indicate some fairly strong trends.

The group seems to prefer an in-state, 3-4 day trip by bus and/or train in February that includes ski, après ski, and sightseeing opportunities at a cost of from \$500 to \$750.

The Board will be discussing these results at future board meetings. Don't forget, members are welcome to attend Board meetings. Feel free to attend and give your input.

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# Great Falls Ski Club

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**May**

9 Board Meeting  
 16 Board Meeting  
 21 Highway Clean-up  
 30 Memorial Day (Observed)

**June**

13 Board Meeting

**July**

4 Independence Day  
 9 Highway Clean-up  
 11 Board Meeting  
 16 Robison River Party

**August**

8 Board Meeting

**September**

5 Labor Day Passholder Picnic  
 12 Board Meeting  
 16 General Membership Meeting, Eagles  
 18 Highway Clean-up, Lunch @ Jordan's

**October**

10 Board Meeting  
 21 General Membership Meeting, Eagles  
 28 Ski Swap  
 29 Ski Swap  
 31 Halloween

**November**

12 Snow Ball  
 14 Board Meeting  
 18 General Membership Meeting, Eagles  
 24 Thanksgiving

**December**

10 Ski Day @ Showdown (not firm)  
 12 Board Meeting  
 21 Holiday Membership Meeting, Eagles  
 25 Christmas

**January**

1 New Year's Day

9 Board Meeting  
 16 Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 20 General Membership Meeting, Eagles

**February**

4 Long Ski Trip 4 - 8  
 13 Board Meeting  
 17 General Membership Meeting, Eagles, Nominations  
 20 President's Day

**March**

12 Board Meeting  
 16 General Membership Meeting, Eagles, Elections  
 24 Showdown Tacky Attire Day

**April**

9 Board Meeting  
 14 Mannequin Jump @ Showdown  
 15 Showdown final day  
 20 General Membership Meeting, Eagles

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**Last General Membership Meeting of the season: April 15 @ 7:00 P.M.**



**Dinner Provided, Bring Salad and Desserts!**

**The next Board meeting is May 9 at 6:30 pm at the Eagles and the one after that is June 13.**

**Logo'd Items**

**Identity Screen Printing & Embroidery**, Black Eagle, gives our members a discount for small quantities of our logo'd items. There is no minimum order with our partnership. **Identity** has our club logo scanned into their computer so you can order anything in their catalog. For instance, the embroidered vest with logo costs \$36.00, a substantial savings. See **Identity's** website at [www.theidentityzone.com](http://www.theidentityzone.com).

**Chad Mans**

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**Activity Calendar at a Glance**

4/9/2011	Mannequin Jump at Showdown
4/10/2011	Last day of season at Showdown
4/11/2011	Board meeting
4/15/2011	Final General Membership spring meeting
5/21/2011	Highway Cleanup 10 am @ Memorial Falls
7/9/2011	Highway Cleanup 10 am @ Memorial Falls
7/16/2011	Robison River Party (Tentative)

