



# PANHANDLER



NEWSLETTER FROM THE GREAT FALLS SKI CLUB December 2011

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The ski club will be having their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> at the Eagles Lodge starting at 7:00 PM. . Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to accompany the fried chicken and rolls being provided by the Club. Door prize drawings will be held. Come and get to know the club membership and get excited to start your ski season.

The club is going to Bridger Feb 10<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>. Deposits are needed from those who are planning on going. It's not too early to start thinking about the 2013 ski trip. Think about not only where you would like to go, but whether you want to do a 3-day trip or 5-day trip. A survey will go out by e-mail in January. We want everyone's opinion so this survey will be available to take over the next 6 months. It takes a minimum of 25 people before you start getting any kind of lodging or lift ticket price break and 30-35 people to make hiring a bus pay. So it's important that we hear from as many people as possible to make sure we are selecting places the majority want to go.

Bulk lift tickets are now available. Kari Cann will be handling these for the club. They are good at all Montana ski resorts. Big Sky will be sold at \$65.00 and all the rest will sell for \$40.00. Tickets will be available at the Christmas party.

Watch for Showdown's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary events and check out their website (Showdownmontana.com). Let's remember the love we have for skiing and Montana's great outdoors! See you at the hill soon!!

*Sue Jordan*

## BRIDGER BOWL TRIP ON!

Sign-ups are being taken for the Bridger Bowl Trip. The cost is \$200.00 per person. We will leave Great Falls Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> around 5 p.m., with skiing at Bridger Bowl on Saturday and Sunday. We will then leave Bridger on Sunday after the lifts close to return to Great Falls. While on the trip we will stay at the Microtel Hotel in Bozeman. Sue Peterson and Ray Robison will be taking deposits at the next meeting. Deposits for the Park City trip have been returned. If you haven't received yours yet, contact Sue Peterson.

## MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

The Board Members and Officers will be listed with contact information soon on the website [greatfallsskiclub.com](http://greatfallsskiclub.com). But just in case you forgot, here they are:

<b>Board Chair</b>	<b>President</b>
Kari Cann	Sue Jordan
<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
Michelle Dahl	Lorry Wurster
Terry Carpenter	<b>Secretary</b>
Andy Ferrin	Charmayne Bell
Sue Peterson	<b>Treasurer</b>
Bob Sechena	Judy Ginnaty
Marv Jordan	

## 75th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Marv Jordan has been busy working on a DVD in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Great Falls Ski Club in conjunction with Jim Hasterlik, who has provided much of the historical material. Marv says the DVD will be available soon at cost to club members. While doing this research, he ran into a book by Stan Cohen titled "Downhill in Montana" which contains lots of historical information on the Montana ski industry. Do you know how many ski areas once existed? Ask Marv.

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**Next Board Meeting : January 9, 2012 @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Regular Board meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. year around. Please feel free to attend and give your input to the Board. Regular Club meetings are held the third Friday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge. Note, the Christmas dinner meeting is on a WEDNESDAY.**

**Great Falls Ski Club**

**75th Anniversary Logo'd Items Available**

*Identity Screen Printing & Embroidery*, Black Eagle, gives our members a discount for small quantities of our logo'd items. There is no minimum order required. Any item in *Identity's* catalog can be ordered with the club logo, which, this year, includes celebration of the club's 75th anniversary.

See *Identity's* website at [www.theidentityzone.com](http://www.theidentityzone.com).

**Chad Mans**

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***Activity Calendar at a Glance***

12/17/2011 Showdown Ski With Santa Day  
12/21/2011 Holiday General Membership Meeting  
12/27-29/2011 Showdown Kids' Camp  
12/31/2011 Showdown Torchlight Parade/Fireworks  
1/7/2012 Showdown TPI Freeride/freestyle Competition  
1/9/2012 Board Meeting  
1/20/2012 Showdown Red Ants Pants Ladies Day  
1/20/2012 General Membership Meeting  
1/21/2012 Showdown Black Diamond Triple Bumpoff  
1/28/2012 Showdown 75th Anniversary Kickoff



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