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NEWSLETTER FROM THE GREAT FALLS SKI CLUB January 2012 Issue

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

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone! (Sue Jordan asked me to fill in the space this month since she is super busy.)

I had a great year in 2011, how about you? Are you ready for an equally great 2012! I sure am. Showdown is getting snow and looking forward to another great season.

We had a wonderful year in 2011 too. The Christmas party was a great success. A big "thank you" again to all of the folks who helped out! The salads, sides, and desserts were great and the chicken from Smith's was real tasty. We had a lot of great door prizes from **Ferrin's Furniture, Flower Farm** (thanks to the Petrini's), **Meadow Lake Resort, Showdown, Keebler cookies and crackers** (thanks to Billy Ramsey), **Big Sky Chiropractic, Bighorn Outdoor Specialists**, and the **Great Falls Ski Club**. I may have missed someone and I will do better next time

We have fun times planned for the near future with the January membership meeting on Friday the 20th. The Bridger Ski trip is coming up February 10-12. You can read about that elsewhere in this newsletter. Nominations for new Board members and all Officers will be at the February 17th meeting with elections at the March 16th meeting. It's time for you to get involved in the club decisions!

The Mannequin Jump is scheduled for April 7th at Showdown. We are looking for volunteers to help before and especially on the day of the event. You don't need to be able to ski to be a judge!! So let us know if you are interested in helping out.

We still have lift ticket vouchers for all Montana ski areas for \$40 (except Big Sky which are \$65 and Whitefish which is sold out!) Contact VP Lorry Wurster at 727-4652, 781-5970, or lewurst@yahoo.com to get yours now.

All current members should have received the lift ticket vouchers from Showdown. Let me know if you think you are a current member and have not received a voucher.

AND PLEASE THANK GEORGE AND THE SHOWDOWN TEAM THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE THEM!

Come join us at our Board meetings on the second Monday of the month at the Eagles Club at 6:00 p.m., especially if you are interested in becoming a club officer or Board member.

See you at Showdown!

Kari Cann

BRIDGER BOWL TRIP-LAST CALL !

We have met the minimum number of participants to go on the Bridger Bowl Trip! However, there is still room for more. So, if you haven't signed up yet, please contact Sue Peterson at suelinde@msn.com, or 727-3605 or 799-0082. Or, bring your payment to the January 20th general membership meeting. The cost is a very nominal \$200.00 per person that includes bus transportation, room at Microtel Hotel in Bozeman, and 2 day's lift tickets. We will leave Great Falls Friday, February 10th 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. Think Snow....powder, that is.

75th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Marv Jordan has completed the Great Falls Ski Club 75th anniversary DVD. He is selling copies at his 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. Marv has copies, signed by the author, available for \$17 each, significantly below book store prices. See Marv to get your copy.

Additionally, Marv is continuing to archive historical materials. If you have film or print materials related to skiing at Showdown or Great Falls Ski Club activities, share them with Marv. He will get them put into contemporary formats and archive them.

WHY JOIN THE GF SKI CLUB?

We're frequently asked why join the Great Falls Ski Club? First, and foremost, you have an opportunity to socialize with fellow skiers. The Club sponsors the annual Ski Swap, a wonderful opportunity to download and upgrade your skiing/snowboarding equipment. We help clean highway right-of-ways near Showdown. We support skier education and events at Showdown. With your \$25 paid membership Showdown traditionally offers members a voucher for an all day adult ski ticket. The Club sponsors ski trips at a group discount and best of all, the club provides refreshments, meals, or snacks at the monthly meetings. So, remind your friends what a really great deal your membership is.

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Next Board Meeting : February 6, 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. Snacks provided at January 20 membership meeting.

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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.

Chad Mans

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Activity Calendar at a Glance

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
2/6/2012 Board Meeting
2/10-12/2012 Ski Club Bridger Ski Trip
2/4-11-18/2012 Showdown Celebrates 75 Years
2/10/2012 Showdown Special Olympic Area Games
2/20/2012 Showdown Open for President's Day
2/17/2012 General Membership Meeting



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