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NEWSLETTER FROM THE GREAT FALLS SKI CLUB March 2010 Issue

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

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Members enjoy many freebies and save money on ski trips.

Want to join? Come to the next meeting, held monthly **September through April** on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Eagles Manor Conference Hall 7:00. **Members are encouraged to bring interested friends to meetings.**

New Website Coming Soon

Get up to the minute information about club activities, meetings, trips, or view the newsletter @ www.greatfallsskiclub.com.

Dear Ski Club:

On behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Great Falls, we would like to thank for your generous donation of \$151.00 from your 50/50 and the donation of \$1000 from your skier education fund to help send our program participants skiing on March 27, 2010. Your donation will help us reach more children in our community who can and will benefit from the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and experience the fun of skiing at Showdown.

Our goal is to provide every child in the Great Falls community who wants or needs a positive role model with a supportive mentor. Your donation will help us reach that goal. Again, thank you for your donation.

Sincerely,
Tina Cabbage
CEO BBBS of Great Falls

Big Brothers Big Sisters Ski Day is on Saturday March 27th.

They are in need of 20 volunteers to ski with littles from 1PM to 3PM. If interested in helping out, please contact Tina Cabbage @ 453-5521

Beautiful Banff!



Mannequin Jump Volunteers Needed

Judges, pit security, check-in, and clean-up crews are needed to make this event run smoothly. Please sign up with Andy Ferrin or Angela James if you are not entering a mannequin.

Check out the Great Falls Ski Club's Mannequin Jump on the web:

<http://russell.visitmt.com/listings/9199.htm>

It's the funniest ski jumping contest out there! This year's event is scheduled for April 3rd and is hosted by Showdown. Start planning your creation now!



The Annual Great Falls Ski Club Mannequin Jump - April 3rd, 2010

RULES FOR MANNEQUIN CONSTRUCTION:

- Rule #1 Mannequins named George are barred from competition (unless the judge is bribed).
- Rule #2 Mannequins must utilize skis or snowboards in their construction.
- Rule #3 Mannequins must have no more than ten skis or snowboards.
- Rule #4 No Mannequin shall be naked or obscene in appearance, excepting that those dressed as normal Ski Patrollers will be allowed a waiver from the "Obscene In Appearance" clause due to an obvious, unavoidable conflict.
- Rule #5 Weight cannot exceed 150 lbs. (You must be able to tow your creation to the top of the jumping hill)
- Rule #6 It is encouraged to build a mannequin that is animated, however, the public must not be placed in harm's way if pyrotechnic items are used.
- Rule #7 Humans may not impersonate a mannequin. All mannequins are subject to a hammer test, which is where a hammer will be struck against each mannequin's groin area.
- Rule #8 All mannequins must be identified during the display period on the deck. The sign must include the names of the mannequin and the creator.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Biggest Bad Air * Distance * Crowd Pleasers * Engineering (Rube Goldberg Award) * Best of Show (judged while on the deck) * Yard Sale * "Golden Sow" Trophies will be given for 1st place

A distinguished panel of ski club member judges will determine winners. A Ski Club/Showdown Officer will validate all entries. Register for all events in the bar section of the lodge. Mannequin Jumping begins after the lifts close!

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Show your membership card or bring in this newsletter.
Membership pays!

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Restaurant**

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Neihart, MT 59465
Phone: (406) 236-5955

**Lazy Doe Bar &
Restaurant**

4850 US Highway 89
Monarch, MT 59463
Phone: (406) 236-5439

Logo'd Items

Marv has worked out a deal with *Identity Screen Printing & Embroidery*, Black Eagle, to give our members a discount for logo'd items without having to order large quantities or wait until we have enough to place an order. 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 and have it embroidered. The embroidered vest with logo costs \$36.00, a substantial savings. See *Identity's* website at www.theidentityzone.com for more information.

Chad Mans

Identity Screen Printing & Embroidery

2612 16th Street N.E., Black Eagle, MT 59414 Tel: 406-761-1110

Mannequin Building Party

Thursday, March 18th @
6:00 PM Ferrin's Furniture
warehouse. Get help with
building materials, tools,
skis, and engineering your
creation. Pizza and beer will
also fuel your creativity.
Helpful engineers are
welcome. See you there!

Club Elections

Elections for new Board
members and all Officers will
be at the March meeting. We
will be electing new officers
for 1 year terms (President,
Vice President, Secretary and
Treasurer) and 3 new Board
Members to 2 year terms and 2
alternate Board members.
Come out and vote!

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Next General Membership Meeting, Eagles: 19 March @ 7:00 Snacks will be served!

Members are encouraged to attend board meetings to further participate in planning club activities. Meetings start at 6:00 P.M. at the Eagles Lodge. See the schedule below for dates.



Activity Calendar at a Glance

- 3/18/2010 Mannequin Building Party
- 3/19/2010 General Membership meeting
Elections
- 3/27/2010 Big Brothers & Big Sisters Ski Outing
Tacky Attire Day
- 4/3/2010 Mannequin Jump
- 4/12/2010 Board meeting
- 4/16/2010 Final season General Membership meeting

COMING SOON....

**CHECK OUT THE NEW SKI CLUB
WEBSITE @**

WWW.GREATFALLSSKICLUB.COM