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NEWSLETTER FROM THE GREAT FALLS SKI CLUB October 2011 Issue



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It won't be long now before the snow starts flying and we'll be back on the hill skiing. So it is time to start checking out your equipment and seeing what needs to be replaced. The ski club will have the perfect time and place to do that on Oct 27 & 28th when we once again sponsor the Ski Swap. There will also be a wide selection of apparel. Mark and Kari have things well under control. Lory is taking signups for volunteer help.

Our first general meeting was held Sept 16th and it was well attended. Coming events and activities were discussed and then all dined on Subway sandwiches and chips.

The last highway cleanup was Sept 18th with 33 participants. **OUTSTANDING.** It was a beautiful day with good food and conversation afterwards. Thank you Sonya and Robert Childs and Marv and Sue Jordan for hosting. Next year we are going to try having the cleanups on two Sundays and one Saturday to see if that makes a difference in participation.

The Snoball is Nov 12th. Please be sure to attend this fun event as participation has been dwindling the last couple of years. It would be a shame to have to once again put this dance on hiatus. Even though the music was DJ'd, it gave us the flexibility of playing a wide variety of music to appeal to all age groups. Every year a small group of people work hard to put this function together for the enjoyment of all !!

The club will be selling discounted lift tickets for the various Montana ski areas again. They should be available sometime in December. We will post their prices in the next newsletter and will have them at the meetings. Don't forget to renew your club membership at \$25.00 per adult. This is still a great value and a great way to meet people with mutual interests.

Response on the Park City Ski Trip has been slow. We need deposits (postdated checks can be arranged). If you are planning on going be sure and let Ray Robison (727-6924) or Sue Peterson (799-0082) know as soon as possible even if you have to delay your deposit for a month. Our next meeting is Oct 21st and it will be important to attend if you are planning on helping with the swap or going to Park City.

We are always looking for new things to do. It's never too early to start talking about the next 6 to 12 months and what the club can do to have fun as a group. Hope to see you all at the next meeting !

Sue Jordan



Great Falls Ski Club Annual
SKI SWAP
 October 28-29, 2011
 (Friday 5-9, Saturday 9-3)
 Consignment accepted from
 Noon Friday to 10 am Saturday
 Montana ExpoPark
 Trades and Industries Building
 For more information,
 contact Kari, 406-788-7887
www.greatfallsskiclub.com

SKI SWAP 2011 ALMOST HERE!

This is where the Ski Club really shines. And we can't do it without you! This year, we will be setting up racks **THURSDAY EVENING (10/27) from 7:30 P.M-10 P.M.** Then on **FRIDAY (10/28) STARTING AT 8A.M.** we complete setup and vendor equipment layout. We start private party consignments at noon on Friday. We need a lot of help then with checking-in and getting the equipment out on the floor.

THE FUN REALLY STARTS at 5 P.M. Friday. That's when we open the doors for sales. Sales last until **9 P.M.** We have sales again **SATURDAY (10/29) from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M.** Checkout and Cleanup are the final tasks. We will be done by 6 P.M. on Saturday. Call Kari (406-788-7887) for questions and Lory Wurster (406-727-4652) or email her (lewurst@yahoo.com) to sign up for the time that works best for you!



**Do you want to have fun?
Do you want to party?
Do you want to ski?
Do Park City!!!**



Park City Trip Reminder— Firm Deadline to Commit

The Park City ski trip is scheduled for February 11-15, 2012. The price is \$745 which includes bus transportation, 4 night's lodging at the Park City Peaks Hotel, and 3 day's skiing at Park City. Prices are less if you elect to ski for fewer days or to ski at Canyon or Deer Valley. It is imperative that we individually commit, e.g. make a deposit, early. The board fronted the initial deposit to reserve the package. However, we **must** have 30-35 individual reservations secured by no later than November 1, 2011. If the trip is cancelled after that, the deposit is non-refundable. **So, bring your checkbook to the October meeting.**

The coordinators for the Park City Trip are Sue Peterson and Ray Robison. Sue's contact numbers are 406-799-0082 (c) and 406-727-3605 (h). Ray's contact numbers are 406-868-7805 (c) and 406-727-6924 (h). Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions or to **MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS.**

Then, tune up your skiis!!



**Hit that Powder!
Ski those Chutes!
Park City wants You!**



General Membership Meeting

The October General Membership Meeting is on October 21, 2011 at the Eagles Lodge at 7 P.M. Light Snacks will be served. Come enjoy the company. Get in a mood for skiing. And SIGN UP for the Park City Trip!!

Snoball Dance

The Ski Club's annual "Snoball Dance" will be Saturday November 12th at the Black Eagle Community Center.

From 7pm - 8pm, there will be a social hour featuring hors d'oeuvres. From 8 pm until midnight, live dance music will be provided by a dance band whose name will be published at a later date.

Join your fellow club members for a night of food, fun, and lots of dancing! No charge for Ski Club members, only \$5.00 for non-members.

Contact Sue Ferrin if you have questions.



The Snoball is for everyone. Bring your partner and have fun.

Great Falls Ski Patrol Fundraiser

Friday November 11th, 7 pm, the Great Ski Patrol hosts the Banff Festival of Mountain Films World Tour.

Tickets cost \$10 and are available at Bighorn Outdoor Specialists, Skier's Edge, Kaufman's, El Comedor, Mansfield ticket office or any ski patrol member.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE BEST OF THE FEST from the internationally acclaimed film competition that captures the spirit of the mountains with magnificent cinematography. See the award winners that blanket the spectrum of outdoor activities, ranging from mountaineering to ice and rock climbing to wildlife and environmental issues, as well as mountain sports such as skiing, kayaking, snowboarding, and much more.

The proceeds from this perennial hit are used for funding supplies, equipment, and training of the Great Falls Ski Patrol volunteers in service to the Showdown Ski Area.

Remember, they are there when you need them!

Website Updated

The website at greatfallsskiclub.com has been updated. Check it out. It's very user-friendly and has lots of neat stuff in it. Thanks to Andy Ferrin, the club's web coordinator. Contact Andy or send a message to gfskimail@gmail.com if you have any comments or suggestions.

See and Ski Park City!



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Next Board Meeting : November 7, 2011 @ 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. See the schedule below for dates.

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.

Chad Mans

Identity Screen Printing & Embroidery

2612 16th Street N.E., Black Eagle, MT 59414

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Activity Calendar at a Glance

10/21/2011 General Membership Meeting

10/28-29/2011 Ski Swap

11/1/2011 **Reservations for Park City Trip Due!**

11/7/2011 Board Meeting

11/11/2011 Banff Film Festival

11/12/2011 Snoball Dance

11/18/2011 General Membership Meeting

12/5/2011 Board Meeting

12/10/2011 Showdown Ski Day

12/21/2011 Holiday General Membership Meeting



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