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NEWS BULLETIN FROM

"The GREAT FALLS SKI CLUB"

SKI CLUB ACTIVITIES "at a glance"

- **General Club Activities**
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Big Mountain

The long trip for Big Mountain, is planned for January 26-30, 2008. We have reserved the entire Sherpa Lodge which has ski in and a short walk to ski out, hot tube, pool and right above General Store. Larry Blazicevich will be running the trip, any questions please call 452-9689 and leave a message on the answering machine. There are new lifts, lots of new improvements to the mountain. Price is \$320.00 includes: lodging bus, one group meal and lift tickets. This is a great deal.

"Great Falls Ski Club Annual Ski Swap" Fair Grounds Trades & Industry Building Public Invited Free Admission

Consign Check-In Starts:

Friday, October 26. at 12:00 Noon - 4:30 PM

Sale Hours: Friday, Oct 26 - 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, Oct 27 - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Clean out your garage and bring in your old ski equipment to consign. Great equipment - bargains, new and used.

We need club members to help with the sale. Contact: Kari Cann @ 406-452-4318 for details.

Santiago Chile 2008:

is starting to come together with locations being scouted this September. I'm looking to see how many would like to go for skiing and sight seeing. Valle Nevado is 30 K from town and Santiago is also the jumping off point to Mysterious Easter Island or even Patagonia which could be side-trips. These are just a couple of things to do while in the country as we are looking at setting up excursions to other ski areas while there. Prices have not been established yet be we know space will be limited do to the smaller aircraft flying from our Montana cities. **Projected travel date: September 2008**
Email Marv Jordan if interested to get on the list @ meanmarv@gfmt.net or call 452-9301.

Hats and Doo Rags

Bring your wallets to the next meeting as the Board has voted on some new head attire. We will have hats and Doo Rags in assorted colors w/ the ski club logo on them, what a great way to advertise our club.

Pass-holders' Party By: Sue Ferrin, Vice President

Always the highlight of our Labor Day weekend is the Pass-holders Party hosted by George and Margie Willet at Showdown. Once again we enjoyed beautiful weather, great food and cold beverages on the deck. Eric Fingers Ray entertained, with a little help from the audience. The triple chair was operating taking hikers and bikers to the top. Never has it bothered me to ride in the snow with my skis on, but boy, get me on there without snow and I was very anxious to get to the top! (It might have something to do with stopping every 5 seconds to let people off). Next year George, may I suggest a keg at the top?? Thanks again to George, Margie, Beth, Chris and everyone else that lent a hand in making the day a success.

STOKED! By: T.J. Ferrin

Ever since showdown closed last year I have been waiting to ski again. I can't wait to get on that lift again and not have to hike. All I have been doing in the off-season is going to www.newschoolers.com and talking about skiing and reading about it. And today my friend Bronson called me and told me that the new Armada skis were in town. So I went there that night and gazed at them and flexed the heck out of them. I must say they were nice and it was nice to finally hold something in my hands that I was gazing at on the Internet all summer long. And to add to the excitement level, I have recently got in a new ski movie called IDEA, it's pretty much the most gnar core (coolest) movie I have seen in a while. So now I am officially STOKED for ski season!

FYI: Showup at Showdown Card \$81

Available beginning Sept 4th, 2007 and *only prior to Opening Day (scheduled to be Dec 7)*. It's a Punch-card good for three full-day adult lift tickets, valid any day of the 07-08 Season. Use them any way you'd like - all three punches on one day for three different people, or three different days all for yourself. The punches are transferable, but the cards are *not for resale*. Cards expire with no value on the last day of the 07-08 season - Use 'em or lose 'em.

FYI: Ski Train

America's largest scheduled passenger train is beginning its 68th season offering a postcard-perfect train experience through the dramatic peaks of the Rockies. Skiers and sightseers alike enjoy a day at Winter Park/Mary Jane Resort, one of Colorado's most popular winter destinations. The Ski Train eliminates the hassles of driving. We drop you off directly at the base of the Winter Park Resort, within a short walk to the nearest lift and base services, and in most cases, closer than you can park! Winter excursions begin December 27, 2007.

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**First General membership Meeting of the Season.
Friday—September 21, 7:00 P.M.**



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www.gfski.org

Activity Calendar at a Glance

9/3/2007	Pass-Holder Picnic, Showdown
9/9/2007	Highway Clean-up
9/10/2007	Board Meeting
9/21/2007	General Membership Meeting, Eagles
10/1/2007	Board Meeting
10/19/2007	General Membership Meeting, Eagles
10/26/2007	Ski Swap
10/27/2007	Ski Swap
11/5/2007	Board Meeting
11/16/2007	General Membership Meeting, Eagles
12/3/2007	Board Meeting
12/8/2007	Ski Day @ Showdown
12/15/2007	Alternate Ski Day @ Showdown (if required)
12/19/2007	Holiday Membership Meeting, Eagles
1/7/2008	Board Meeting
1/18/2008	General Membership Meeting, Eagles