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September Monthly Social

by Kimberly DeWit (Photos by Steve Strickland)

Our September monthly meet-up provided a nice opportunity to get out of the house and away from computer screens! We claimed a cool grassy area near the Rose Garden in Julia Davis Park located between the Boise Art Museum and the Boise Zoo main entrance. (This will be the same location for the October Monthly Social!)

Nine club members came to relax, sit, visit, and play! All participants brought their own chairs, snacks and drinks and staked a claim for the evening. There was some fierce competition around the Jenga game, think intensity of a chess tournament, but with big blocks of wood instead.



L to R: Julie, Kim, Betty & Zac in an intense game of Jenga.



Conversation topics varied from the winery bike tour hosted by Paul, to suppositions of what will this coming ski season really look like in the face of covid. It was nice to visit with ski friends. Did you miss out on the September meet up? Want to try your hand at Jenga? Or enjoy conversing in person? Come join us on Monday, October 12 anytime between 5-7 pm. Look for our TALL blue BBSC banner!

L to R: John, Michael, Tyler & Paul (Steve not in the photos because he is taking them.)

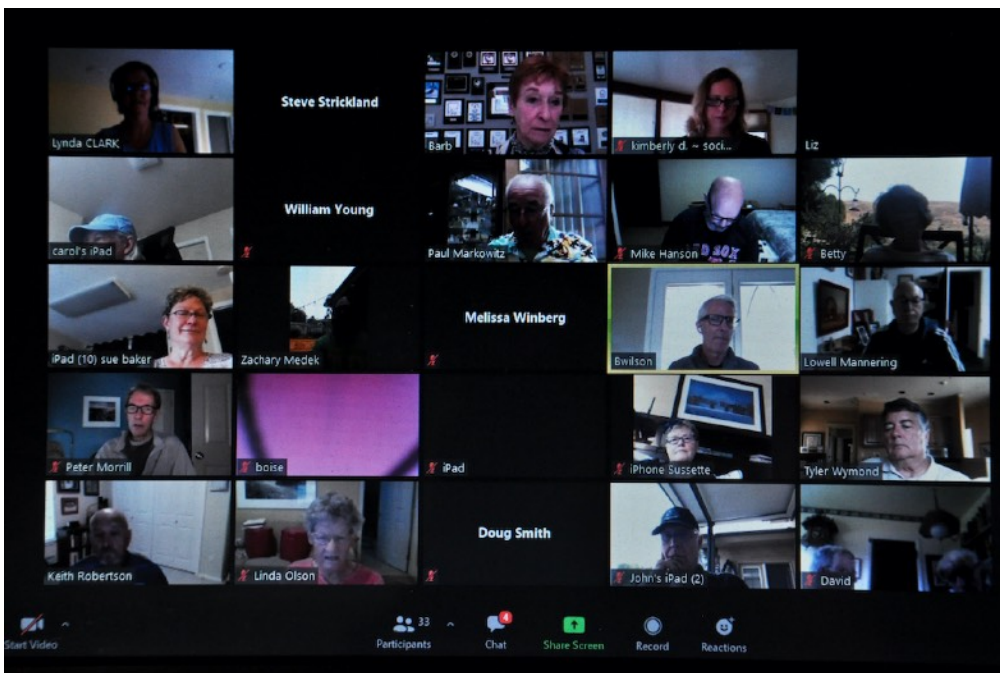
Annual Meeting - Another First for BBSC

by Craig O. Olsen (Photos by Steve Strickland)

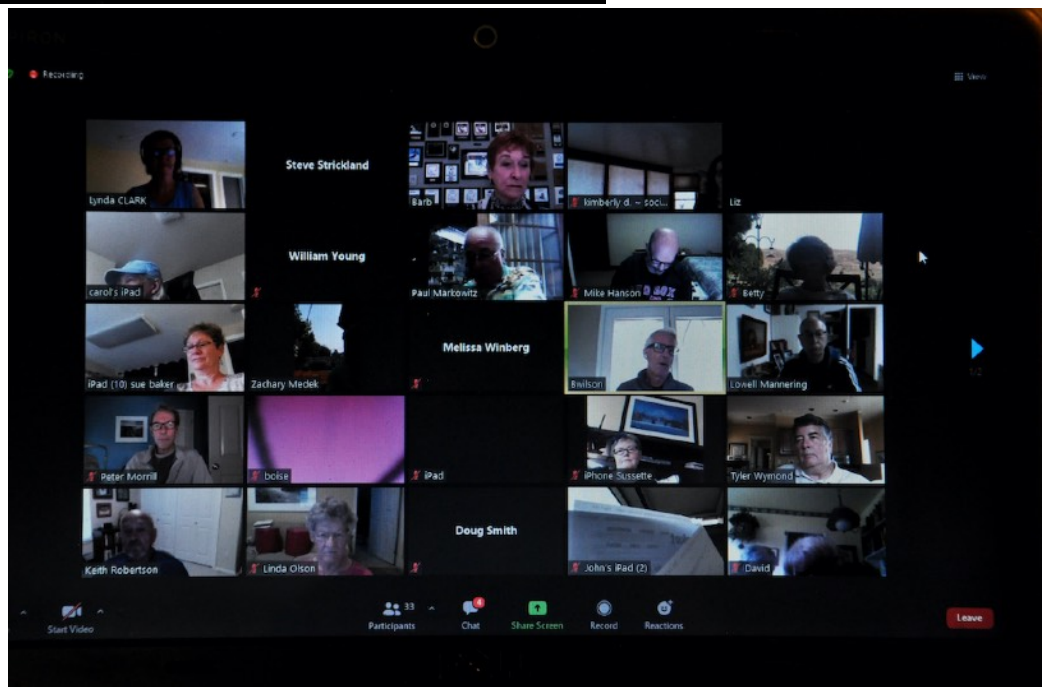
With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic the BBSC annual meeting, typically held in late March or early April, was cancelled along with several other club functions. We hoped that we could combine the annual meeting with the BBSC Champagne Brunch in September, but a surge in COVID-19 cases made this an unsafe alternative. Instead we held a virtual annual meeting on September 13. This is the first time a BBSC annual meeting has been conducted in this manner, and we hope it is the last.

Bogus Basin general manager, Brad Wilson, was our special guest, and he gave a thorough summary of ongoing projects at Bogus Basin and the anticipated plans for the 2020/2021 ski season. Much of this is summarized in a subsequent article.

Keith Robertson won the Bogus Basin adult season pass in the volunteer award drawing.



Screen shots of the BBSC Annual Meeting from Steve's computer during the virtual Zoom Meeting.



2020 Bike and Wine Tour

by Paul Markowitz (Photos by Steve Strickland)

The winery at Ste. Chapelle in Caldwell was the start for this year's bicycle and wine tour on Sunday, September 27th. Approximately 27 club members participated in this event.

The weather was sunny, and temperatures were ideal for riding.

Our route took us in a 10-12 mile loop to visit four vineyards and wineries.



At Huston Vineyards, we were given a very nice shaded area with tables set up for just the club.



Next, we went on to Hat Ranch Winery where they had setup seating and live music for everyone.



At Sawtooth Winery we were treated to a very nice section with seating on blankets provided by the Winery.

From Sawtooth Winery we returned the short distance to Ste. Chappelle Winery for a tasting where they opened the top floor for us to gather.

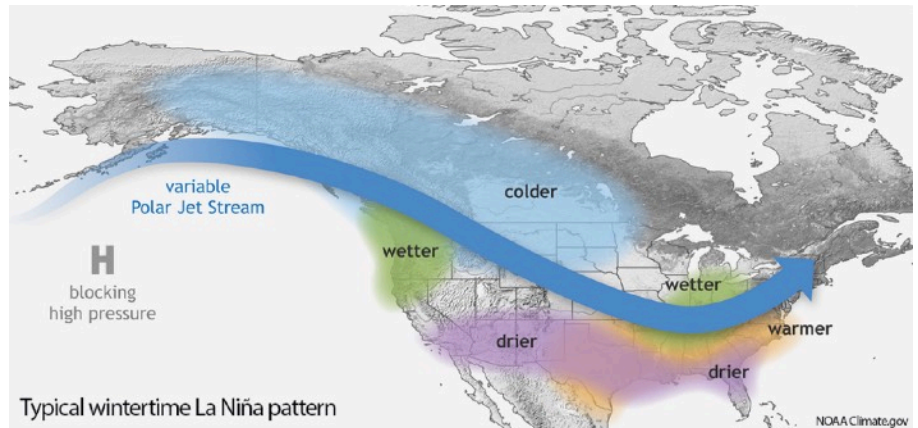


This is a rare shot of our photographer and BBSC vice president, Steve Strickland, taken by Too Williamson.

Bogus Basin 2020/2021 Ski Season? - What to Expect

by Craig O. Olsen

A [La Niña weather pattern](#) emerged in the tropical Pacific in August 2020. This pattern is the cool phase of the El Niño-Southern Oscillation climate pattern. Weather forecasters estimate an 85% chance these conditions will last through the Northern Hemisphere winter. La Niña winters tend to favor cooler and snowier-than-average conditions across much of the northern U.S. Historically, La Niña weather patterns have brought ample winter snowfalls to Bogus Basin [like they did in 2019](#).



Bogus Basin anticipates a November 27 opening this year — one of the earliest on record.

Over this past summer Bogus Basin has completed a number of projects in preparation for the upcoming ski season. Snowmaking capacity has been expanded doubling the number of runs with top-to-bottom coverage. They leveraged an opportunity to brush cut areas that were logged this past summer, thus expanding the skiable terrain. The Simplot Lodge was refreshed with new paint and flooring throughout.

Working in conjunction with the National Ski Areas Association and Idaho Ski Areas Association, as well as CDC and state guidelines, Bogus Basin will adopt a standard set of [ski industry best practices for COVID-19 this winter](#). Some of these practices will include mandatory face coverings in most areas when not skiing. Chairlift lines will be optimized for physical distancing, and guests will be asked to self-group and load the chair with their traveling party. Guests will not be asked to ride a chairlift with people they do not know when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Obviously, face coverings will be required while loading and unloading chairlifts.

Lift tickets available for purchase will be limited on peak winter weekends and holidays until 3:00 PM. Advance online purchase of lift tickets is recommended and will be the only way to guarantee access. Electronic signage will be placed near the bottom of Bogus Basin Road to communicate area and parking status and other key information. Night skiing hours will be expanded from 3:00 PM — 10:00 PM to encourage visitation during off peak times.

Winter 2020-21 season pass holders will retain full access to the area throughout the season. If you have not already purchased your season pass for this year, they became available for purchase online October 7 and will continue while inventory is available. The purchase price will increase on December 1.

Occupancy capacity inside the lodges will be limited. Several large tents will be added near the Simplot and Pioneer lodges to increase the area for covered seating. Four additional food and beverage outlets are planned throughout the area. Gear storage and outside food and beverages will not be allowed inside the lodges or tents. The rented gear storage lockers in the lodges will be closed this season, however the restrooms will remain open. Additional outdoor restroom facilities will be made available.

Weiser River Trail Bike Ride Photos
Photos by Steve Strickland

On August 29, 2020, Sandra Hufsmith led a group of BBSC members on another Weiser River Trail bike ride. Following are some of the photos taken by Steven Strickland of this event.



Sandra Hufsmith organized the ride.

The group of eight (including Steve taking the photo) began in Council.



The weather was perfect as the group proceed north.

One of the many trail bridges being closed forced the group to take a detour around it.



A single file peloton on the way back to Council.



Congratulations to the Far West Ski Association for 90 years of outstanding leadership!



Bogus Basin Ski Club was honored to host the 2017 FWSA Annual Convention in Boise, Idaho

We are also proud to continue to sponsor the annual Warren Miller Film Festival as we have over the past 55 years and to support our ski community since 1938. The BBSC now has nearly 250 active members and growing!

Bogus Basin Ski Club supports and provides funding for:

- BBSEF– Bogus Basin Ski Ed. Foundation
- BASE – Boise Adaptive Snow Education
- BBSP – Bogus Basin Ski Patrol
- College of Idaho Ski Team
- Bob Greenwood Athletic Scholarship

For more information on our exciting year-round social, recreational, cultural and philanthropic activities please contact us at:



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This informational notice about BBSC will appear in the Far West Ski Association 90th Anniversary publication coming out soon.

That Dreaded Time of Year!

by Craig O. Olsen, M.D.

We are fast approaching that time of year dreaded by most skiers and completely avoided by others — time to get in shape for ski season. With Bogus Basin's anticipated November 27th opening date the time for getting in shape is fast upon us.

A previous issue of the Mogul ([November 2019](#)) reviewed the benefits of skiing and the rationale for pre-ski season exercise training. The main emphasis is on increasing endurance and strengthening key muscle groups. The combined effect is to make skiing more enjoyable while lessening the risk of injury.



In the past the YMCA and other fitness centers have routinely offered classes specifically targeting pre-ski season physical training. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some of these classes have been cancelled, and those still in place may be less desirable from a legitimate potential health care exposure concern. In the place of these fitness centers there are several online instructional videos and exercise routines that can be done within the safety of your home or back yard to help you get in shape for ski season. This is particularly important for the older skiing population (fifty years and above) that makes up the majority of our club.

Here are a few online options from which you may choose:

1. [Prepping for the slopes](#): Cardio, balance & strength exercises for senior skiers.
2. [Bumps for boomers](#): Basic ski fitness videos.
3. [Slopercise](#): Pre ski workout videos with seven exercises to get you ready for skiing.
4. [Mayo Clinic](#): Guide to stretches for your exercise regimen.
5. [Outside Online](#): Seven moves that will get you ready for ski season.
6. [Ski Club of Great Britain](#): Excellent ski video with Chemmy Alcott on getting fit for skiing.
7. [Self](#): The 10-minute workout you should be doing now if you're hitting the slopes this season.