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End of Ski Season Party

by Craig O. Olsen (Photos by Steve Strickland & Craig O. Olsen)

The annual End of Ski Season Party was scheduled for April 6, 2019, but due to inclement weather it was cancelled at the last minute and rescheduled for the following Saturday.



Putting up the tent under adverse conditions



A very chilly Big Bertha



Brave volunteers enduring the weather

On April 13 the weather was a lot more favorable, and the group of gathered skiers and club members was most friendly. Hamburgers, brats and baked beans were cooked on Big Bertha, and drinks and potato and macaroni salads were served along with chips and cookies.

Setting up under more favorable conditions

Large group for lunch



A total of 63 were served including 10 Ski Patrollers who were treated to a free dinner courtesy of Carol Peterson.

Helping with the grilling



2019 BBSC Night League Ski Race Team

by David Henry (Photos by Steve Strickland)

The 2019 NASTAR Night League Race League season at Bogus Basin has come to a close. The snowfall this year was incredible with so much that two nights were cancelled due to an overabundance of fluff. Even with the short race season, the club team did very well. The BBSC team finished second in the recreational standings and ninth place overall. The team had a final event at the White Dog Brewing Company on April 1 in which T-shirts were handed out and a team picture was taken.



L to R: D'Arcy Valverde, Chris Halvorson, Amy Woodson, David Henry, Charles Russell, Zac Medek & Kim DeWit

The team consisted of skiers and snowboarders whose experience and abilities ranged from seasoned veterans to first time pole benders. The goal was to have fun, and this team definitely achieved that end. Members of the team were Charlie Russell (a veteran skier who chose snowboarding when skiing became too easy), Kim DeWit (an accomplished skier and new member to the team, but also a prior league participant), Chris Halvorson (a skilled ski racer who has been with the club team for multiple years), D'Arcy Valverde, (a new club member, also new to racing on a snowboard and recently moved to Boise from Taiwan), Zac Medek (a veteran ski racer on snow as well as water and a member of the team



Night League Racing logo for T-shirts

for many years), Amy Woodson (new to the team and club, and a very talented skier), Jeremy McLean (also new to the club, in his first year skiing around poles but very accomplished, and was a ski patroller last season), and finally David Henry (the BBSC race team coordinator).



The team coordinator would like to thank all the team members for helping to have not only a successful year but a lot of fun, the Bogus Basin Ski Club for their sponsorship, and last but not least the Bogus Basin support crew who worked tirelessly to put on the races every Wednesday night.

Night League Race course down Lower Ridge

Annual Meeting Recap

by Mary Pribble (Photos by Steve Strickland)

On April 28, ski club members and guests breezed through yet another BBSC Annual Meeting at Powderhaus Brewing Company, with about 65 attendees enjoying a great meal from Mister BBQ. President Darryl Kuhrt guided the (thankfully!) brief reports on the club's activities and finances (in good shape with over \$30,000 currently in the account).



Darryl Kuhrt, president, ran a streamlined and efficient meeting.

Brad Wilson, Bogus Basin general manager, provided an update on the 2018-19 season, and noted that Bogus Basin has made \$19 million in improvements to the mountain in the last four years, including \$6 million for snow making machines, paid in cash. Increased revenues, including income from summertime mountain activities and a 43% increase in season pass sales for next season, have enabled the cash purchase of a new \$5 million high-speed quad chairlift to replace the Morning Star lift. This will be ready for the 2019-2020 season. There are also plans to expand the parking lot at Simplot Lodge and increase weekend food service on the third floor of Pioneer Lodge.



The following members received certificates for their outstanding contributions to the club: Distinguished Service: Craig Olsen (webmaster); Old Boot: Vicki Kuebler (Ullr Fest organizer); Spirit: Barbara Bryant (social director); and Sally Rutledge Inspirational Award: Carol Peterson (steadfast support despite physical hardships). Paul Markowitz and Lynda Clark received certificates

Craig Olsen,
Distinguished
Service Award

as Man/Woman of the Year for
their extensive contributions
over the years.

Vicki Kuebler,
Old Boot
Award



Mister BBQ in Boise prepared an excellent meal.

Social Director Barb Bryant described the new athletic scholarship program, with \$1,700 presented to the McCall Winter Sports Club and awarded to two deserving young racers. Other topics ranged from an overview of upcoming trips including the Botswana/Zimbabwe Safaris and the ski trip to St. Moritz, Switzerland in 2020; future events such as the campout in July 2019; and the presentation of annual awards.



Brad Wilson reporting to the BBSC.



*Barbara Bryant
Spirit Award*



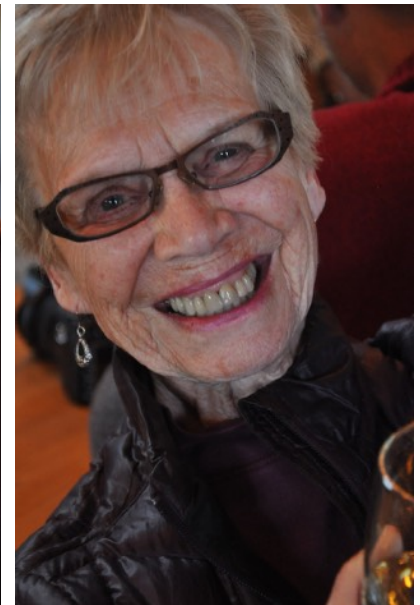
*Margie Ridgeway & Carol Peterson,
Sally Rutledge Inspiration Award*



*L to R: Donn Bryant, Lynda Clark, Paul Markowitz
& Darryl Kurht, Man & Woman of the Year Award*

Darryl also thanked Bob and Dottie Greenwood for their long-time support and their early role in establishing the skiing community in Boise. Bob announced that he turns 93 in May and that he has skied at Bogus Basin for the past 68 years consecutively.

Bob and Dottie Greenwood



Fred Uranga, our club historian who keeps track of all the volunteer hours donated by club members for both club and community service, noted that this year's list of volunteers was 523, representing over 1,500 hours of service! Zac Medek won the raffle drawing — a free Bogus Basin season pass. Zac was not present at the meeting.

*Fred Uranga, our club historian
and keeper of the volunteer hours*

Turning the Season -- Notes from a Ski Patroller

by Carol Peterson



The snow is melting fast on Bogus; and except for a few diehards skinning up the backside and skiing down the corn, the rest of us are turning to the next season. Away goes the snow equipment all snuggled in summer wax and tucked into safe holds and out comes the bikes and hiking equipment. And the Bogus Basin Ski Patrol is doing the same... turning into a bike patrol. Bogus is your year-round mountain, and the patrol is your year-round partner for service and safety. The mission of the patrol is to keep people safe on the mountain during all outdoor activities. We are there to help when needed, but our larger goal is

to prevent injuries before they happen so you can enjoy the mountain.

Before you head to the hills with your bike, run it through some basic safety checks. Start with the tires. They lose air over the winter and some might even become misshapen. In addition to air, take a minute to check the sidewalls, treads, and hub integrity. Shake up that bike a little and spin the wheels. It's an easy way to listen and feel for loose components. Dirt is all over the mountain, and it's your bike's enemy. Dig into all the components and make sure they are clean. And about that chain... experts recommend lubing it every few hours of riding and be sure to wipe off the excess oil. Oil on the chain is a dirt magnet. While you're at it, check the chain for wear and tension. A stretched chain can damage the cogs on your very expensive cassette. Other parts that might need professional service about once a season include shocks, brakes, and forks.

Are you still clipping into those pedals? We've heard the stories from those who have fallen down the slope still clipped in and positioned upside down in the cheatgrass, and we have seen the results. Yes, you like the climbing power you get from clipping in, but pedals are trending toward flats. The instant release "feature" separates you from your bike whether tumbling down a hill or simply needing to "dab" (put one foot on the ground). And, surprisingly, flat pedals force you to learn proper weighting thereby making you a better rider...in one with your bike.

Observing the human factor, we see some nasty sunburns and road rash. And Bogus road rash includes dirt and stones. You look awesome in those tank tops and shorts, but once you hit the dirt or feel the burn, that look you wanted turns to nasty. We all know about helmets, gloves and eye protection; but think beyond that into protective gear including body armor, skins, guards, and pads. And if you forget your sunblock, stop by the patrol building and we will share some with you.

The bike patrol also responds to hikers. If planning to hike at Bogus, come prepared. Carry water and snacks. Wear SPF shirts and pants/shorts and a hat. Remember the sunblock and most importantly, show good sense when it comes to footwear. Flips flops are not recommended...in fact, they're outlawed! You need hiking shoes or boots that protect you from dirt, rocks, weeds, cheatgrass, ankle turns and that occasional snake. Wear your best and test them on a few flat hikes before you head to the mountain. Blisters can wreck a beautiful day.

When you join us for a day on the mountain, share fun, laughter, music and your adventure with others; but be safe and toss in some common sense.

See you at Bogus for the turning of the season.

