



# Bogus Basin Ski Club

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### Holiday Party 2025

Another Holiday Party for the books. Following our tradition of the last several years, we got together at the Gowen Field Activity Center. The center contains a large ballroom that can easily accommodate the 100 people we expect each year and also has a large stage for the band. They prepare our choice of meals and even work with us on the selection of wines. The military personnel we work with are fun, pleasant and efficient.

As usual the social hour was noisy with people greeting others, laughing, sharing stories, taking snapshots at the photo booth, and listening to Steve Strickland selling the last of the raffle tickets.

Click [HERE](#) for the video produced by Steve Carlson.

Thanks, Steve.



Now about that photo booth, this year members brought silly and outdated equipment to add to the humor of the photos.



Elizabeth Graham worked with the base representative to pre-order several bottles of wine, some red and some white. From what I saw on the tables, it looks like the Malbec was a hit.

Steve Strickland continued to sell tickets to the 2025 raffle until he rang the bell for close time. Once closed and assisted by Liz Loomis and Elizabeth Graham, he announced the winning tickets.



## And the winners are

**Ski Avatar** -- Lynda Clark bought her ticket that night at the party.

**Bogus Basin Ski Passes** -- Terrie Rader and her husband, Allen, also bought their tickets at the party. They are second-time winners with the Annual Raffle Fundraiser. Previously, they won the chair made of skis built by Paul Markowitz.

**Sun Valley Trip** -- Shannon Armstrong, a ski club member for a year and a Vertigal, volunteered at the Ski Swap and bought tickets.

**Mt Bachelor Trip** -- Craig Bates, a ski club member for three years, came to the BBQ at McU Sports and bought a huge handful of tickets. He's also a second-time winner with the raffle. He also won Tamarack tickets during a previous raffle.

**Fun Fact** -- All the winners this year are ski club members. WOW What are the odds? And to have repeat winners on top of that. Never happened.



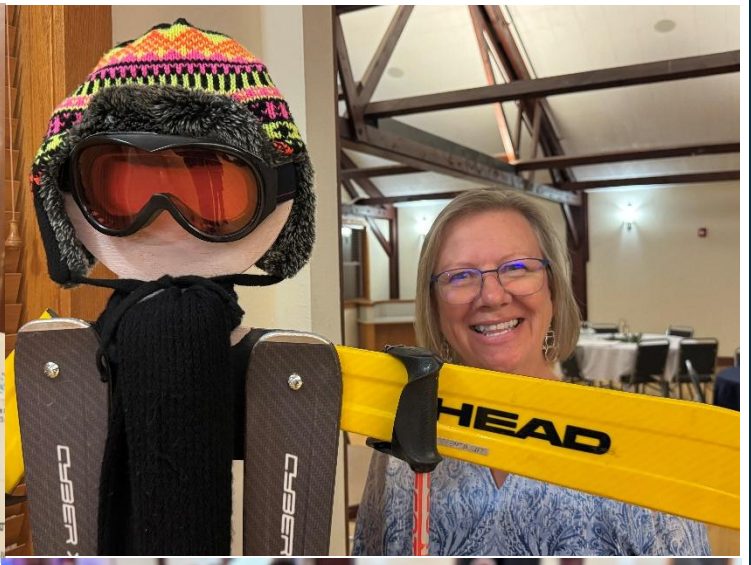
We had some door prizes, and our own *Raffle King*, Steve, won one. Wait, was this a fix already in place?

Well, Steve definitely deserved that door prize. For months, starting with the Champagne Brunch, Steve has weaved his way around the valley selling thousands of tickets, up to and including the Holiday Party.

Once the band started, the music of Smooth Avenue kept the evening moving.



**Continue to see more smiles.**







## Bob Greenword Snowsports Scholarship Silent Auction

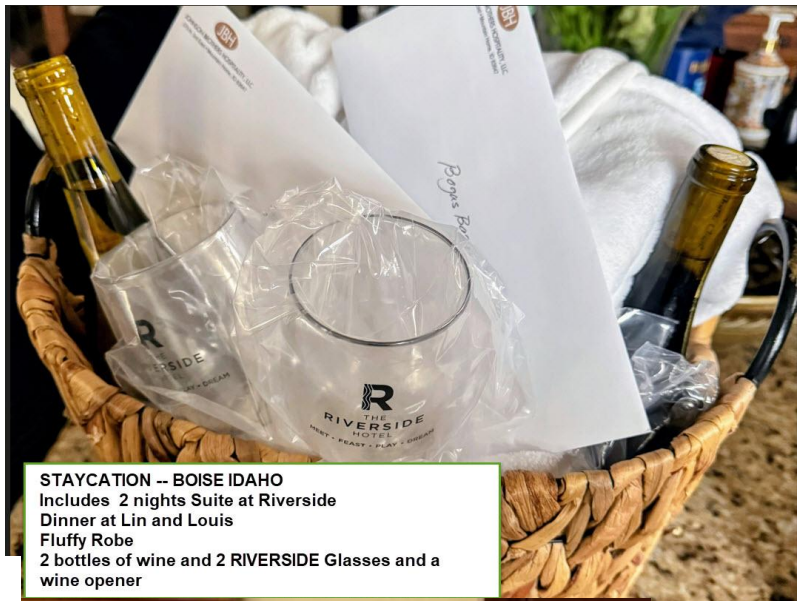
During the Social Hour, five items which involved several hours of work by the donors, drew some competitive bidding. When the results were in, the scholarship made a total of \$1,285. The items and their closing bids were:

1. Chef Party Basket donated by Vicki Kuebler and Kim Hovren, winning bid by Sue Markuson for \$80.
2. Barn Quilt of Gnome Skier donated by Nancy Moore, winning bid by Elizabeth Graham for \$100.
3. Nutcrackers designed, painted, donated by Sue Markuson, winning bid by Carol Peterson for \$400.
4. Ski Rack for truck bed donated by Joe DalSoglio, winning bid by Todd Varland for \$55.
5. Staycation at Boise Riverside Hotel donated by Doug and Sue Baker, winning bid by Katie Herstein for \$650.

Kim Hovren, Chair of the 25/26 Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship, is thankful and grateful for the contributions of time and donations from our guests and members.



Nutcrackers hand painted by Sue Markuson



STAYCATION -- BOISE IDAHO  
Includes 2 nights Suite at Riverside  
Dinner at Lin and Louis  
Fluffy Robe  
2 bottles of wine and 2 RIVERSIDE Glasses and a wine opener



Gnome skier hand painted by Nancy Moore.



## What was NEW at the Holiday Party?

### NEW friends, NEW band and a NEW requirement to access Gowen Field

Each year, we submit some ID details in advance to give the base personnel time to do a security check for those of us planning to access the facility. This year, we had the added requirement of including our government approved REAL ID, our Idaho star card driver's license or Identification card.

Starting May 2025, the REAL ID became required for activities such as boarding domestic flights or entering federal facilities including courthouses and military bases.

The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress around 2004, enacted the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the Federal Government set standards for the issuing identification documents, such as driver's licenses. The Act led to the setting of minimum-security standards for licenses and prohibited federal agencies from accepting non-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards. The first states to start issuing the REAL ID were Delaware and Indiana in 2010 followed slowly by the rest of the states and territories over the next 15 years. Idaho started issuing the REAL ID in 2018.

### Types of REAL ID symbols currently in circulation



The REAL ID of each state is a driver's license or identification card marked with some version of a gold or black star. Variations include a white star in a gold circle for Idaho, a white star in black circle, a white star in a golden grizzly bear for California, a white star in a gold state map for Maine, Michigan and Nevada, or a star with a cutout of the Old Man on the Mountain for some New Hampshire licenses. Washington State is the only state that does not issue a license with the REAL ID star symbol. However, it does issue an enhanced version of a driver's license that is considered to be in compliance.

One interesting note, in order to obtain an Idaho Star Card, one of the items you need to produce is Proof of Idaho Residency. You must show your name and physical address on items such as utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement or bank statement. One of our club members has all of those documents going to a PO Box and has for years. Because he does not have an official document with his street address, he is not eligible for an Idaho Star Card and must produce his passport.

### Gowen Field—A very brief history

We have held our Holiday Party at the base for several years, but what do most of us actually know about Gowen Field? The concept of having a military base in Idaho dates back to 1927 when Charles Lindbergh landed his Spirit of St. Louis in Boise. However, it wasn't until 1940 that the Boise Air Base was chosen for an Air Force training center for B-17 and B-24 heavy bombers. It was desirable because of its climate and physical conditions. The authorized cost was \$2,115,130. On January 21, 1941, equipment was moved to the desolate sagebrush-covered site and the task of clearing the ground for construction started.

1941 July, the Boise Air Base was renamed Gowen Field. The name change was made in honor of First Lt. Paul Gowen from Caldwell, Idaho. Gowen, who spent two years at the University of Idaho before transferring to West Point, was killed in a plane crash in 1938 while trying to bring a damaged plane to an airfield in the Panama Canal Zone. He was killed when he crashed in the jungle. The name stands today.



Gowen Field is currently home to the Idaho Air National Guard and the A-10 Thunderbolt Mission. There is a proposal to replace the 21 A-10s with 21 of the F-16 Fighting Falcon Squadron. Currently, this proposal is in the Environmental Impact Statement phase. This process is being conducted by an independent agency for delivery to the Air Force in the spring of 2027.

## About the Boise Airport

The Boise Airport is a joint civil-military airport consisting of the Boise Air Terminal and Gowen Field. This shared facility is not unique to Idaho. There are approximately 50 of these across the US and Hawaii, and they are leased to the Air Force, Army and Navy/Marines as well as the Air National Guard and Coast Guard. Typically, the military base is on one side of the runway and the civilian terminal is on the other.

## Fun Facts

Actor Jimmy Stewart trained as a B-24 pilot at Gowen Field in 1943. As a private pilot, he enlisted in the US Army Air Forces, seeking combat duty and flew combat missions over Germany. He rose to be deputy commanding officer of the 2nd Bombardment Wing and commanded the 703d Bombardment Squadron from 1941 to 1947. He later transferred to the Air Force Reserve and eventually retired in 1968 as a brigadier general. He appeared in 80 films, some before and many after the war...starting in 1935 and ending in 1991. He won an Oscar for Best Actor for his role in *The Philadelphia Story* and is beloved for his performance in *It's a Wonderful Life*.

In addition to Jimmy Stewart, I never knew there are many other actors who are veterans of WW II. Although none of these trained at Gowen Field, much to my surprise they include:

- Clark Gable: Army Air Forces gunner who flew five combat missions in Europe.
- David Niven: British officer involved in the invasion of Normandy.
- Christopher Lee: Intelligence officer (RAF/SAS) involved in special operations.
- Audie Murphy: The most decorated American combat soldier of the war.
- Paul Newman: Navy radioman/gunner in the Pacific.
- Kirk Douglas: Navy communications officer in anti-submarine warfare.
- Mel Brooks: Army engineer who defused landmines.
- Bea Arthur: U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve.
- Alec Guinness: Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, commanded a landing craft.
- Audrey Hepburn: Supported the Dutch resistance as a teenager.
- Charles Bronson: Army Air Forces tail gunner.
- Henry Fonda: U.S. Navy quartermaster.
- Lee Marvin: U.S. Marine Corps sniper.

Thank you for reading to the end. I realize this article covered some topics that spun off from our Holiday Party. I hope you enjoyed the diversion as much as I enjoyed the research.

**Story by Carol Peterson, Video by Steve Carlson, Photos by Steve Carlson, Steve Strickland and Nancy Moore**

## Bogus Basin Ski Patrol is Number 1 in the Nation

Bogus Basin was well represented at the Pacific Northwest Division Annual Conference where our patrol came away with a lot of recognition. For the year 2025, Bogus Basin was named the winner of the NSP Outstanding Large Ski Patrol for the nation. This is a huge first for BBSP and one everyone should be very proud to have been a key element in our being recognized for this honor. Additionally, Patrick Arnold was named the 2025 NSP Outstanding Patrol Representative (Leader) for his leadership from 2022-2024. And it doesn't stop there.



The Bogus Basin Mountain Host program was named the 2025 Outstanding Mountain Host Unit in the nation and Don Reiman was named the NSP Outstanding Mountain Host. And it still doesn't stop there.

Susan Hawke was named the 2025 PNWD Outstanding OEC Instructor of the Year, along with David Simantel being named as the 2025 PNWD Outstanding Mountain Host of the Year.

Patrick Arnold received an NSP National Appointment and Kelley Creamer received a Meritorious Service Award for his work on the region awards program. All of these are big honors. There will more to come on the Unit honor we received, to include pins and a technical fleece vest or jacket.

This is a big deal! We have been recognized the best patrol among 650 patrols nationwide, an

accomplishment that was very much a team effort.



***Congratulations*** to the Bogus Basin Ski Patrol from the Bogus Basin Ski Club.

**Story by Pete Muskat, Volunteer Patrol Leader. Group photo taken at the convention. Patch work and jacket organized and ordered by Mark Parsons, BBSP Assistant Patrol Leader.**