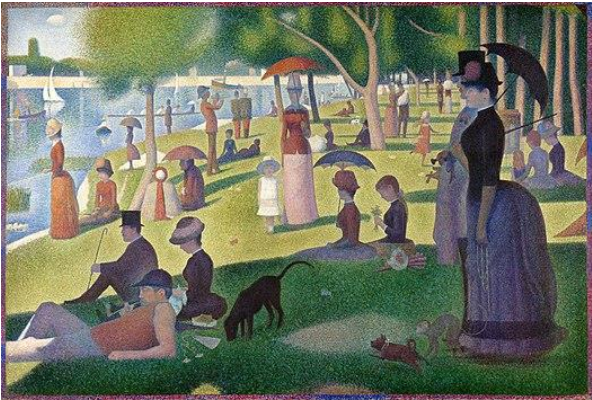


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Sunday Afternoon on Le Grand Boise – AKA Champagne Brunch

Kim DeWit, our Social Director, let *le flair créatif* run wild while planning for this year’s Champagne Brunch.



A Sunday Afternoon on the Isle of La Grande Jatte. Georges Seurat, painted 1884-1886.

Loosely based on an 1800’s painting by Georges Seurat, our brunch became an Art in the Afternoon in the Park.

What an amazing experience!

The Entertainment. Kim brought in The Zach Cornell Jazz Combo, three students from Boise High (Zach, Sabrina and Matias) under the tutelage of their instructor, Meghan Fayolswanger.



The Artists. We were joined by two artists in residence, Janae Wiley and her daughter, Zoey, who happened to turn 18 this week. Each artist started with a blank canvas and completed their paintings by the end of the brunch. How do they do that?





The Main Course. As we mingled with old friends and new, we delighted in our crepes from [La Crepe Boise](#), a local business run by Cammy H. We had our choice of a sweet or savory crepe whipped up in her inviting pink truck.



There were the usual treats of fruit, croissants, orange juice, coffee and, of course, mimosas. It wouldn't be a Champagne Brunch with those mimosas! There was a splash of sunflowers spread throughout the area and a full crowd to enjoy the afternoon.



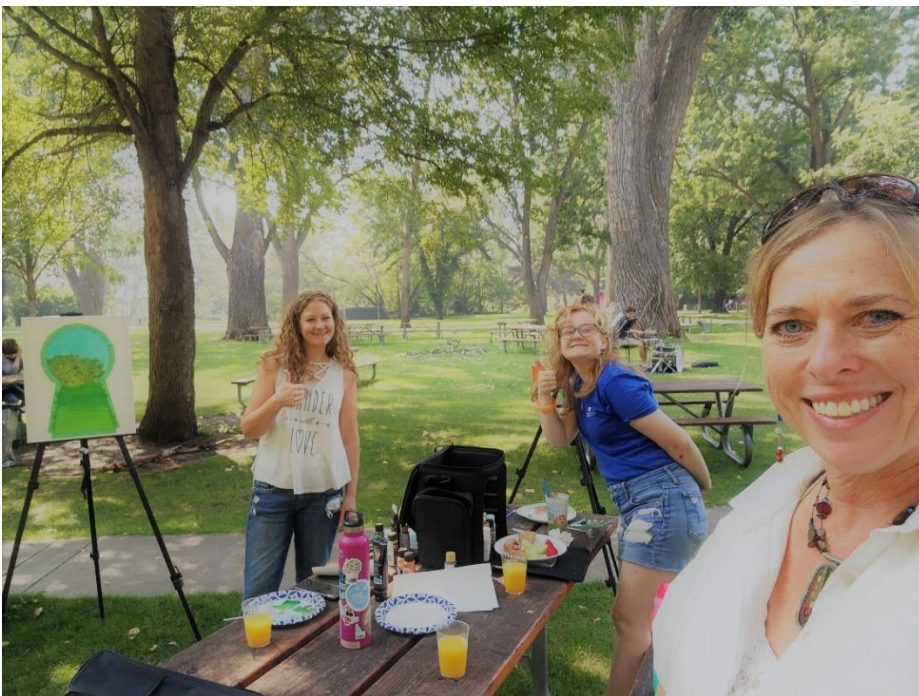
The Jazz Trio was treated to an appreciative round of applause when they finished playing.

The Scholarship Winners. Toward the end of the event, we heard from this year's three winners of the [Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship](#).

U16 alpine ski competitors Dallin H. and Linnea N. were awarded \$1,125 each and U12 alpine ski competitor Pearl S. was awarded \$750. They each spoke about what the scholarship meant to them, their year of competition...ups and downs...and their goals for next year. I'm sure it wasn't easy for them to speak to a group of adults, but they all handled themselves with grace and confidence. We had a microphone so all speakers could project to the back of the group, and this was particularly helpful for the students.



Going Forward. For this event, we asked people not to bring any casseroles or food. Sharing food was always a part of the brunch in the past, but COVID-19 changed all that. As for next year, many of us were delighted with the success of this event and look forward to a repeat next summer. We enjoyed the Jazz Trio, the opportunity to watch two talented artists, and especially the crepes; and it was very special to hear from the scholarship winners. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to me. mogul@bogusbasinskiclub.org.



A big shout out to Kim DeWit for all her hard work and creativity. Thanks, Kim!
Story by Carol Peterson, Photos by Zac Medek

Far West 89th Annual Snowsports Convention

The Voice of the Western Skier



Six delegates represented BBSC at the Far West Ski Association Convention in Portland, OR. The convention was held at the Holiday Inn Portland on the Columbia Riverfront June 9-12, 2022. Each year, BBSC pays the registration fee and subsidizes some of the expenses for six members to attend the convention. Frequently, other members attend at their own expense.

The Convention is the annual meeting of Far West Ski Association's council and club leaders and members. Joining them are ski resort sales and marketing personnel from all over the world, other interested vendors and snowsports personalities. This year, delegates from BBSC were delighted to meet up with Phil and Steve Mahre, twin brothers who were both world class ski racers and competed on the World Cup circuit from 1976 to 1984.

Of special note, Donn Bryant knew the brothers years ago. When Donn's two sons were ski racing, they became acquainted with the Mahre brothers. Donn was a technical delegate for timing for the US at that time and got to know their father. It was rewarding for Donn to reconnect with Phil and Steve at the convention.



Barb Bryant was one of the delegates representing our club.

What stands out in my mind at the convention was the Snowsports Leadership Academy's guest speakers on Saturday morning and afternoon. Delegates chose seminars of interest to them and of benefit to the club and the council they represented. The first seminar I attended, special guests Phil and Steve Mahre entertained us with their tales of boyhood dreams and making those dreams come true with Phil becoming the fourth most winning US racer in history. Phil was a gold medalist and Steve a silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics. The two epitomized how hard work, dedication and a goal influenced generations of young skiers. They discussed how important it is that junior snowsports competitors secure support from the public, ski industry, and ski clubs. I also attended a session on forest fire management and its influence on ski areas, along with new practices, causes and effects, and how our participation can influence the growing problem. The session on how to manage the difficulties facing travelers in today's travel climate spoke to many because of the trips ski clubs run.

On Saturday morning Donn Bryant volunteered to judge the interviews for Councils' Volunteer of the Year (formerly Man and Woman of the Year). Paul Markowitz represented Intermountain Ski Council as our Volunteer of the Year for 2022.

Looks like Paul never had a chance competing against all these lovely ladies! But you must admire his hat.



The *Rollin' on the River* Convention, hosted by Northwest Ski Council in Portland, was not all work. The pub crawl on Thursday evening provided opportunities to reconnect with longtime friends as well as ski industry representatives. The Mexican restaurant, in addition to the abundance of food and drink, provided spectacular views of the river and views of raising the bridge to allow ships to pass. On Friday evening we met with industry reps again while bidding on the many trips and items at the Silent Auction. Saturday evening's dinner and dance brought delegates together to chat and pick each other's brains about club and council undertakings. The band enticed many onto the dance floor until our feet just wouldn't take any more!

Intermountain Ski Council and BBSC, as hosts of the 2023 FWSA convention in Boise, put on a skit that brought the house down. Many attendees commented about how they enjoyed and laughed and learned from the production. Kim DeWit was the planner and producer behind the humorous video and short skit highlighting Boise and surrounding areas. Kim wrote and orchestrated a "Jeopardy" type game show in which attendees Suzette Newsome, Cliff Sell, Barb Bryant, Paul Markowitz, Michael Bouton and Kim involved the audience in a roleplay about why they should come to Boise. I'd like to encourage BBSC members to attend next year's FWSA Convention being held at the Grove Hotel in downtown Boise. Several adventure activities are being planned and the Snowsports Leadership Academy promises to benefit those attending.

I would like to thank the BBSC Board of Directors for defraying some of my expenses at the FWSA Convention.

Horace Hunt III was another one of our delegates.

I enjoyed the ski association convention in Portland. It's always nice to hang out with other longtime skiers and swap ski stories. This year included an opportunity to do a local wine tasting which was quite good. The other highlight was the keynote speakers, Steve and Phil Mahre. Their heartfelt address was sincere, yet sprinkled with humor. The brothers hung around for a long time and selflessly took photos with almost everyone in attendance. We promoted Boise to everyone who would listen for next year's convention in Boise.



Suzette Newsome was also one of our delegates.

The Far West Ski Association Convention opens doors for our trip planning and gives us a chance to connect with those who represent such places as Mt. Bachelor, Powder Mountain and even destinations in South America and Europe. The FWSA Convention is a time that both ski clubs, ski travel, and one-on-one opportunities are made to forge links to help with trip planning. It also gives BBSC the opportunity to connect with other ski clubs, learn from them and make a connection that helps when we visit their ski area! Something new and helpful is always discovered from those who represent their mountains. I am truly grateful for having the ski club supporting me to attend.

Cliff Sell once again served as a delegate.

This was my second Far West convention in as many years. Hopeful, more to come. My takeaway: A great way to meet new friends, vendors and a plethora of new ideas and experiences. Most memorable was to meet, chat with and enjoy the Mahre twins and share a bit of their personal history. A close second - meeting the Portland Mountain Rescue Team. So impressive! While there, we had the opportunity to hype the 2023 convention and spread a little good will. It'll be great.





Kim DeWit was a delegate and also the planner and producer of the Boise skit.

One of my favorite things about flying into PDX is that stunning view of Mt. Hood. I literally select my seat based on the possibility of this view. That volcano topped in gorgeous snow in June makes my heart sing. So, of course, I signed myself up for the “Mt Hood Adventure” before the convention; because, well, we’re so close! A group of about 30 attendees boarded a beautiful black bus for the day, and we were soon winding through the forested approach to the historic Timberline Lodge, where to my... Chagrin...I was so jealous... people were actually skiing back to the parking lot as we arrived. Gasp. I wonder if I need to move somewhere with more year-round skiing? We enjoyed a guided informational tour of the lodge and then enjoyed time perusing the iconic

structure. Overall that day trip up the mountain was certainly both worth it and a highlight of my time there! While on the bus, I made contact with several delegates from other areas and learned about their mountains. The pre-convention activities matter!

To be honest, my second favorite thing was enjoying social time the night before the big weekend with our BBSC cohort Paul, Cliff and Michael. Isn’t that one of the benefits of attending conventions? A time and place in space to catch up with each other, connect, and deepen the community.

The venue was right on the shore of the Columbia River, and that location felt very special! So nice to look across the water from the meeting rooms, or walk out there when we took breaks. The convention hosts did a thorough job facilitating and organizing all the details. Thank you to the BBSC for helping defray the expenses by providing a stipend. That is a generous thing which I hope the club continues to offer to members!

Earlier in this article, Barb outlined our skit which introduced the 2023 convention location, HERE IN BOY-SEEE!! She mentioned our Jeopardy activity plus we shared [this video about Boise](#) that I made. We have some very cool extra adventures lined up for next June. Mark your calendars to attend the 2023 FWSA convention right here in our own backyard! Meet other ski and winter aficionados, come for the fun, stay for the fun. No, come for the fun, stay to grow our community.



Kim’s own special photo with the Mahre twins.

And of Special Note...

Barb Bryant was awarded the Charities & Our Community Award for her work with the Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship.



Far West 90th Annual Snowsports Convention 2023 in Boise

The [Grove Hotel](#) in Boise is the location for the 2023 Far West Ski Association convention. We first hosted the convention in 2017 and are using feedback about the activities during that event to plan for the next. It may seem a little early to start planning the before, during and after convention activities, but reservations need to be made and contracts need to be signed far in advance. If you're not sure you want to participate in a pre-conference activity, consider what Kim DeWit had to say about her adventure to Mt. Hood during the 2022 convention. She mused it was great to spend the day with delegates from other mountains. Kim said, "The pre-convention activities matter!"

With that in mind, what's on the planning table for 2023? A team of about a dozen ski club members, led by Jenn Coutts, Intermountain Ski Council President/Northern Wasatch Ski Club President, is actively pursuing various options. For Jenn, it's a little like herding cats, as the saying goes. We are all working on different activities and not everyone can attend the monthly Zoom meetings. Details are still preliminary and subject to change, but here's what I know so far.

For those arriving early, on Wednesday we are planning a pre-convention reception at [Ansots](#) in Boise.



On Thursday, you have a couple options.

One of the exciting pre-convention repeats from 2017 is whitewater rafting on the Payette River. [Cascade Raft](#) will run this trip through different levels of whitewater.

Or you can stay in town and ride some pedal or e-bikes on the [Boise Greenbelt](#).



PUB CRAWL And, of course, we can't have a FWSA convention without the famous pub crawl.

Friday's options include a trip to [Bogus Basin](#), a different type of golf tournament at [Top Golf](#), or a possible visit to [JUMP](#) Boise.

Post-conference, another water adventure waiting for you is a full day of catch and release sturgeon fishing. Launching from Pittsburg Landing on the Wild and Scenic Snake River in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, this experience is a unique Idaho adventure. Jet boat with [Killgore Adventures](#) to fish for sturgeon while watching for some of the Hells Canyon wildlife.



According to Jack Horner, Paleontologist, Museum of the Rockies, "The sturgeon is an ancient fish swimming through the waters when there were Tyrannosaurus Rex's walking in Montana." Our fish are a bit younger.

All of these adventures are in the preliminary planning stages. Stay tuned for updates as we close in on the conference.

Story by Carol Peterson



As seen from the hotel during the 2022 convention, the Columbia River Interstate Bridge was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, as the "Portland-Vancouver Highway Bridge".



[10th Mountain Division](#)



Notes from Your Ski Patrol

Starting today, I am introducing a new feature in *the Mogul...Notes from Your Ski Patrol*. This is the first of many, and you can expect to see this feature in most future editions.

With all the projects going on up on the mountain, it's hard to highlight just five. I'm sure every department manager is going to have a different view on what their favorites are, so let's call these the **Patrol Director's Top 5**.



RFID access gates are going in on Deer Point Express, Morning Star Express, Superior Express and the Coach lifts. These gates will provide quicker access for our guests to get on the slopes. You will not have to pull your RFID access card out of your pocket, just wear it in an arm or hip pocket for easy access. Never punch a hole in a RFID access card to wear on a lanyard as that can damage the antenna in the card.

What is RFID (radio-frequency identification)? Radio-frequency identification uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to people or objects. An RFID system consists of a tiny radio transponder, a radio receiver and transmitter.

Note from your editor: Remember when several of us skied Europe and experienced these gates for the first time? Never needed to pull out our pass; and if it was a day pass, we could trade it in for beer money at the end of the day. We wondered why we could not have these at Bogus Basin. We will now! Although I am not sure about the trade for beer.

Widening and regrading Sunshine cat track and run. It's a nice big run now providing ease of skiing and riding for more beginner skiers and riders. Snowmaking has been installed as well as new lighting.

New lighting is in progress of being installed on Superior and Sunbeam giving guests more options for night skiing and riding.

Buttercup cat track has been regraded and widened for ease of access to the Bitterroot area.

All trail run signs are being replaced on the front side of the mountain this year. The new signs will have standardized colors and lettering that is reflective to help guide guests on low light days. We are replacing the wooden support poles with reclaimed steel posts, and for safety all posts will be wrapped with bright yellow pads. We will also be installing new trail maps and grooming boards at the top of all of the high-speed quad lifts to provide wayfinding and grooming information for the runs and lift status for all lifts on the mountain. The back side of the mountain will undergo this upgrade next season.

Story and photo by Denise McLaughlin, Director of Ski Patrol and Risk Management
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