



2,012+ IFSC memberships sold

"Best In The West"

# Idaho Falls Ski Club Newsletter

March  
2011

Wine Festival

April 15, 2011

Vino Rosso

439 A St.

7:00 - 10:00 PM



Food, Drinks, Prizes, Awards

\$5.00 (members 21 & over)

Free (members under 21)

\$8.00 (non-members)



## End of Season Equipment Care

As the bicycles and fishing rods begin to emerge from east Idaho garages, a terrible realization takes place; your days of skiing first tracks and slashing through afternoon powder stashes this season are numbered. Like any investment, your skis and snowboards need to be cared for and stored properly in the off season. Rising temperatures will cause the bases of your snow equipment to dry out, making them brittle and less able to absorb wax. A thick coat of storage wax will protect your bases through the long summer ahead. Bring your equipment to your favorite ski shop after you've ridden the chairlift for the last time or made that final spring tour, and let them take care of any necessary base work and apply a summer storage wax. Spring is a great time to

get a full tune or a stone grind on your skis or board. You can avoid the ski tuning rush next season and your equipment will be in tip top shape, ready to go when the first big storms hit in November. A full tune is recommended once a season, or every thirty ski days. At most ski shops, included in the cost of a storage wax is the removal of that wax in the fall. Just bring them back in when the leaves begin to change or that first dusting of snow covers your lawn, and they will quickly scrape off the storage wax. With proper care and maintenance, your skis and snowboards will keep that powder eating grin on your face for many seasons to come. We'll be seeing you in the mountains,

Nic Johnson  
3 Peaks Outdoor Sports



Two members of the Kelly Canyon Travel Ski Team, qualified for the Intermountain Division Championships to be held March 25-27 at Snowbird Ski Area in Utah. Skiers qualified by earning points in a series of six North Division slalom and grand slalom races. The racers are coached by Tyler Martin.

### Kelly Canyon Travel Ski Team



Lindsay Smith  
Qualified for the Intermountain Division Championships



Jack Carmack  
Qualified for the Intermountain Division Championships



Landon Curtis  
Clayton Rohner

# Big Sky: "The Big Trip"

**Yes! The Big Sky Trip turned out to be another great BIG TRIP.**

On Friday, January 28, 51 excited members picked up their bag of goodies and lift tickets and then loaded onto the bus for Big Sky, along with 5 members driving behind the bus.

Members were treated to a hot wrap dinner delivered by Great Harvest just prior to departure which was delicious and very filling. After dinner the Big Raffle started, everyone (56) including the ones driving received 2 raffle prizes. There was a large assortment of prizes with a total value of over \$1,800.00. Some trading even went on when it was over, which just added to the fun. Afterwards while enjoying cookies and drinks we watched the clip of the Banff Film Festival which had been provided to us by the Nordic Ski Patrol, along with 3 tickets for the film, that were raffled off. We would like to extend a special thanks to all our raffle supporters and members, please be sure and mention how much we all appreciate them when you patronize them, whether you won something on a trip, at a function, or you use your ski club discount cards.

The owner of The Lodge at Big Sky, Jeff and his manager Ryan were waiting outside the entrance of the lodge to warmly greet us when we arrived. They really make an effort to please us. Check-in is a breeze with everything prearranged; we just have to pick up our keys. The accommodations are top notch at The Lodge. They store our equipment for us, shuttle us back and forth to the shopping and lift area and they are just a phone call, and a few minutes away. In their spacious lobby, they provide us with a large message board which helps keep us informed of the events of the day. The beautiful lobby which looks right out at the ski hill, has a full bar, cozy chairs and couches to sit in by the fire and TV's and videos to watch. There is a great dining area adjoining the lobby where we enjoy a wonderful buffet breakfast there each morning. In this area there are self-serve beverages throughout the day and night. In the dining area some of us were even able to enjoy the great barbecue buffet dinner that they served Saturday night, while others opted for restaurants in the village. During our stay members enjoyed their lovely spacious guest rooms. There was a fully equipped fitness room that could be used, and some members had a chance to relax in the outside hot tubs and others took a cool dip in the inside pool.

During the 2 days of skiing Big Sky provided us with many groomed trails of varied difficulty to choose from. There were triple chairs, quad chairs and a tram to ride for the more adventurous ones. Lift lines were certainly not a problem. The only thing that could have been better would have been POWDER, but we can't always expect that, darn!! Big Sky offers so many areas to ski, there is always something new and fun to try. For the non-

skiers and resting skiers there are many things to do, one of my favorite things is to browse the neat shops in the village, they are great with many unusual items.

The weather cooperated with the sun shining for the most part to make it feel warmer than it really was. We could ski till our hearts were content or our legs gave out, which was more like it in our case. When a break was needed you could dine in any one of the great restaurants for lunch. We personally liked "The Cabin" and so did a lot of other members.

The Lodge provided us with the great Andesite Room for our wine and cheese party late Saturday afternoon. It was a great time to meet with other members and discuss the many aspects of the Big Sky trails.

Sunday afternoon we reluctantly loaded the bus and headed down the mountain with one stop at Milkies Pizza to pick up our dinner for the bus ride home. If you have never had Milkies Pizza you are really missing out, they are delicious with 9 varieties to choose from, no one goes hungry that is for sure. We topped off the trip home with a great movie "Secretariat". I don't think there was a dry eye on the bus, but it had a very happy ending, as did our trip, thanks to Stan the man driving us safely home on the big bus.

We want to thank all our loyal friends who helped out with everything on the trip, and to all the members for participating and helping make it a success. If you have never been on "The Big Trip", you are really missing a fun time, just ask anyone who has gone. We took a poll from everyone on the way home about extending the trip next year for one more day. It was unanimous, Soooo!!! we will present it to the board for their approval and let all members know so that we can get an early sign up for next year. If you have gone in the past we welcome you to go again with us, and if you have never gone, give us a call for more information about signing up, so you don't miss out on the fun, as we know you will enjoy THE BIG TRIP.

Vikki & Dale Adolph Trip Coordinators 1836 Malibu Idaho Falls, Id 83404 (522-8463/ Cell 521-2451) [vikki@redhead.myrf.net](mailto:vikki@redhead.myrf.net)





## Discovery Basin

This adventurous weekend started with 3.5 hours of wildlife viewing along Interstate 15. Just north of Hamer Idaho, it seemed that every telephone pole was holding either a Bald or Golden Eagle. Crossing into Montana, we spotted hundreds of deer and antelope. The Trade Wind Motel in Anaconda provides easy access to both Discovery Basin for the alpine skier and Mt. Haggin for the nordic skier. We arrived in time to take advantage of the heated pool and two hot tubs.

Saturday and Sunday morning, the club members enjoyed a continental breakfast before heading out. My group

headed for Discovery Basin and the double diamond runs on the backside. These runs provide all the challenge of any run at Jackson Hole (except Corbett's and S&S). We warmed up on the long and well maintained groomers before heading into the huge moguls on Manhattan, Good Finger, or Bad Finger. After two days of double diamond runs, I was ready for a relaxing week in the office. NOT!

This was my first time to Discovery Basin and I was pleasantly surprised. This was an outstanding trip and I am looking forward to next year to do it again.

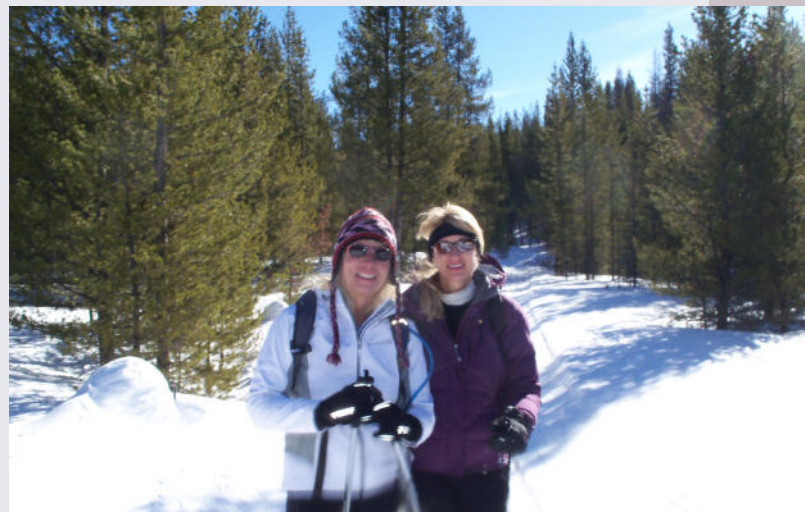
by Don Rasch, President

## Mt. Haggin

Mt. Haggin Nordic Ski Area is located just minutes outside of Anaconda, MT and offers over 20 km of groomed trails for both xc and skate skiing. The area is well marked with maps all along the trails that are all snowmobile-free. With stunning views of the Pintler Range as a backdrop, the nordic ski trails wind through a mix of aspen covered hills, willow covered meadows, meandering streams and forested mountains. The trails are well maintained and several groomed loops offer a variety of terrain suitable for all ages and ability levels. For the telemark skier, there are some options off the groomed trails that offer gentle slopes and fresh powder. Over the course of two days, Wendy and I skied the Crooked John Loop, Sugarloaf Loop and Little California Loop for a total of nearly 18 km. The California Loop was the most challenging with two long climbs, followed by rolling hills and finally a fun white-knuckle downhill! Along the trail, we stopped at the old mining cabins, that are dotted along the old mining road, to chat with fellow skiers and catch our breath. We definitely burned off the delicious chili we ate for lunch at the Sugarloaf Lodge, a delightful place across from the ski area that serves daily lunch consisting of several different kinds of

soups to choose from with fresh homemade bread. If you are looking for a change of scenery and a trail system that is on par with Harriman Park here in Idaho, I would definitely recommend the Mt. Haggin Nordic Ski Area.

by Nicole Brooks, Publicity



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Ballot enclosed, please take the time to vote, instructions provided. The 2011/2012 Board will be announced at the April 5th Meeting held at the Public Library at 7:00 PM

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<b>President</b> Karin Brown	---	---	---	---	<b>Newsletter</b> Debbie Rasch	---	---	---	---	<b>Nordic Area</b> Ken Hahn	---	---	---	---
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<b>Vice President</b> Karen Wright	---	---	---	---	<b>Alpine</b> Don Rasch	---	---	---	---	<b>Social</b> Sherrie Rohner	---	---	---	---
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<b>Secretary</b> Kellye Eager	---	---	---	---	<b>Publicity</b> Nicole Brooks	---	---	---	---	<b>Member @ Large</b> Richard Lee	---	---	---	---
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<b>Treasurer</b> Dave Brown	---	---	---	---	<b>Web Site</b> Bev Novak	---	---	---	---	<b>Member Benefits</b> Mike Rathbun	---	---	---	---
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<b>Membership</b> Phillip Finck	---	---	---	---	<b>Nordic</b> Bob Lugar	---	---	---	---					
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1st line nominees; 2nd line \* Write-in votes

Adult Member	Name	Membership #	Signature
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#2	_____	_____	_____
#3	_____	_____	_____
#4	_____	_____	_____

**Voting Rules for the 2011/2012 Board of Directors**

- 1) Voting is limited to Adult Club Members only and one vote per Adult Club Member. All voting is to be done on the Official Ballot containing typed or printed (legibly) full name, membership number, and signed. Four members can vote on one ballot.
- 2) There are two acceptable ways to vote:

- I) Complete the ballot and mail to Idaho Falls Ski Club, Care of Darrell Patterson  
P.O. Box 52301, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83405
- II) Completed ballots can be scanned and emailed directly to Darrell Patterson  
at pat\_tap@msn.com

3) All ballots must be received by 6 PM on April 4, 2011

IFSC Ballot 2011



**\*To assist you on your choices for Candidates please see the Web-site for detail Bio information**