



PANHANDLER



NEWSLETTER FROM THE GREAT FALLS SKI CLUB January 2009 Issue

Club's Mission: Promote skiing in Central Montana by sponsoring special events and fun ski trips locally and abroad.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Members enjoy many freebies and save money on ski trips.

Want to join? Come to the next meeting, held monthly **September through April** on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Eagles Manor Conference Hall 7:00. **Members are encouraged to bring interested friends to meetings.**

Stay informed...update your e-mail address to get this newsletter and other electronic club updates. Send your e-mail address to: **Angela James, lodgely@sofast.net.**

Share the newsletter with friends and coworkers!
CONTRIBUTE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES TO THE E-MAIL ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE!

The Board has been discussing what possible ski vacations the club will want to take in the near future (**this is not replacing the overseas trips**). To better accommodate the club and the board we have compiled a short survey. If you didn't fill one out at the holiday party, you can submit one at the next meeting or mail to the address on the back page.

- * What mode of transportation would you rather take on a ski vacation?
 - * Ride a bus
 - * Fly

- * How many days are you willing to spend on a ski vacation, including travel time?
 - * 5 days
 - * 7 days
 - * 9 days

- * What price range are you willing to spend?
 - * \$250-500
 - * \$500-1,000
 - * \$1,000-1,500
 - * \$1,500-2,000+

- * Which of the following would you most likely want to ski/ Travel to?
 - * Snowmass/ Aspen, Colorado
 - * Vail, Colorado
 - * Park City, Utah (and surrounding resorts)
 - * Breckenridge/ Keystone, Colorado
 - * Lake Tahoe, California
 - * Whistler/ Blackcomb, British Columbia
 - * Overseas destinations only
 - * Local only, I don't travel

Comments: _____

The Lowdown From Showdown
www.showdownmontana.com

We'll pay you to bring us new customers! (Really!)

With our Recruitment Rewards program, for every first-time, never-ever skier or rider that you recruit and bring to Showdown, we'll give you 10 Showdown Bucks – use them for your tacos, or save them for a season pass discount – it's up to you. For complete program details, visit showdownmontana.com.

Peak Performance with Jim Gold

For intermediate to advanced skiers looking to fine tune those skills and overcome mental blocks. Offered over four Saturdays, either Jan 17, 24, 31 or Feb 28, Mar 7, 14, 21. \$90 per session or \$150 for both. Download a registration form from our website or stop by Skier's Edge any Fri or Sat from 11 to 5:30.

Ultimate Ladies Days

Girls just want to have fun, and this is just the ticket. \$85, Day-long, All-inclusive mountain retreats include: Scenic Motor Coach Ride, Full Day Lift Tickets and Rentals, if needed, Guided Mountain Tour or Lesson, Sumptuous Lunch Buffet, Live Music, Drinks, Après Ski Appetizers, and a Souvenir Ski Cap. More info can be found on the website, along with registration forms.

Part-Time/Weekend Coaches Needed

What better way to pass on your love of the sport than to help develop the skiers and riders of the future? Includes the chance to develop your skiing and riding with free training clinics, and, when you're not working, you're skiing for free! Call Chris at 800.433.0022, or write .

We want to run the Pepsi Hill every Saturday....

But that means we need a few volunteers who are willing to learn to run the timer and devote some afternoons to staffing. Perfect for the guy who wants to ski powder all morning and take a break after lunch. Call Beth at 800.433.0022 or write.

Questions? Contact Beth Leatham at 800.433.0033 or beth@showdownmontana.com

Snowball Dance

The club is bringing back the "Snowball Dance" on **Friday March 27, 2008 at the Black Eagle Community Center. Dance to live music.** There will be hors-d'oeuvres served and bar service available with the customary membership perks! Admission will be free for members. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact: Sue Ferrin at 771-1486.

2009 Long Trip: Jackson Hole

24 January Itinerary:

- Park along the east fence facing Burger King in the Sam's parking lot.
- Be there NLT 7:30 am.
- We will likely be stopping in Dillon for lunch.
- Beer, soda & water will be provided on the bus, but bring your own if you have special interests. Same for snacks.
- We should arrive around dinnertime.

There will be shuttle service to the ski lodge available at frequent intervals. The shuttle stop is about 1/2 block from the cabins at the Cowboy Village.

Check out www.townsquareinns.com/cowboy-village/ and www.jacksonhole.com/.

10% off for MEMBERS ONLY at these fine establishments!
Show your membership card or bring in this newsletter.
Membership pays!

**Bob's Bar, Motel &
Restaurant**
327 North Main Street
Neihart, MT 59465
Phone: (406) 236-5955

**Lazy Doe Bar &
Restaurant**
4850 US Highway 89
Monarch, MT 59463
Phone: (406) 236-5439

The President's Mogul by Kari Cann

HAPPY NEW YEAR! What a great Christmas party! Lots of food from Big Mouth Barbeque (we even had almost enough gravy), wonderful desserts from the members, and great conversation with friends. Some wonderful door prizes like poinsettias from Flower Farm (thanks to the Petrini's), cookies from Bill Ramsey (the Keebler Guy), tickets and accommodations from Meadow Lake Resort, gifts from Ferrin's Furniture, Ski Club sweatshirts and lift tickets, and a box of chocolates donated by Dick and Mary Jane Indreland. I apologize if I have failed to mention anyone who should have been appreciated in print. Be sure to give these generous contributors your business and tell them how much we appreciate their support. Mary Jane Indreland won the free trip to Jackson Hole and generously donated it to Sue Stafford. A special thank you to all of the folks who helped pull it together: Mark and Judy Klemencic, Andy, Sue and Bill Ferrin, Mark Cooper, and all of the rest of you who helped make it the party of the year.

There's lots of snow up at Showdown! All of you current and paid up members should have your lift tickets by now. If you don't, contact Sue Ferrin or email Angela and we'll figure out why not. It's handy if you have the receipt that you were given when you renewed or started your membership. See you up at Showdown!

Logo'd Items

Marv has worked out a deal with *Identity Screen Printing & Embroidery*, Black Eagle, to give our members a discount for logo'd items without having to order large quantities or wait until we have enough to place an order. There is no minimum order with our partnership. *Identity* has our club logo scanned into their computer so you can order anything in their catalog and have it embroidered. The embroidered vest with logo costs \$36.00, a substantial savings. See *Identity's* website at www.theidentityzone.com for more information.

Chad Mans

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THE NEXT MEETING.**

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Next General Membership Meeting :

16 January @ 7:00

Snacks will be served!

Members are encouraged to attend board meetings to further participate in planning club activities. Meetings start at 6:00 P.M. at the Eagles Lodge. See the schedule below for dates.

Bring your Chile/Rio trip pictures to share at the next meeting! Laptop displays are welcome.



**Check out the Showdown
website @**

www.showdownmontana.com

Activity Calendar at a Glance

1/16/2009	General Membership Meeting
1/24-28/2009	Long Ski Trip Jackson Hole
2/9/2009	Board meeting
2/14-15/2009	Club Showdown Ski Weekend
2/20/2009	General Membership Meeting Nominations
3/9/2009	Board meeting
3/20/2009	General Membership Meeting Elections
3/21/2009	Showdown Tacky Attire Day
3/27/2009	Snow Ball
4/4/2009	Fun Day @ Showdown Mannequin Jumping
4/13/2009	Board meeting
4/17/2009	Final General Membership Meeting