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## All About Trips

### Intermountain Ski Council Rendezvous

January 5-12 2022



The annual Intermountain Ski Council Rendezvous kicked off at Sun Valley on January 5, 2022. A total of about 70 people attended, some there during the first few days while others showed up as the week went on. The snow was a little less than normal but it was very well groomed. The weather was great and the Sun was in full strength.

Members from other clubs in the council joined up and skied with our group. The camaraderie among the clubs grew as the week progressed.

Saturday evening, we had a get together at the condo. It was smaller than normal as everyone was still COVID-19 cautious. Maybe next year we can get back to a full swinging party.



The hot tub was well attended and is always a big attraction every time we go to Sun Valley.

Overall, everyone had a good time and said they will be back.

Yes, we love the hot tub!

Sherry Snider bartending



Jennifer Coutts, President of Intermountain Ski Council



Some old guys in the tub

Looking forward, starting with the 2022-23 season, Sun Valley and Snowbasin are entering into a new pass partnership with Ikon Pass and The Mountain Collective. – story by Paul Markowitz, photos by Steve Strickland

## Big Sky and Bridger Bowl

### Montana Fun

On January 26, 2022, thirty-two fun-loving BBSC skiers boarded a bus to brave the Montana cold. Doug Baker, trip leader, planned for two days skiing at Big Sky and one day at Bridger Bowl. Doug negotiated discounted lift ticket prices directly with mountains for some while others used their Ikon and Mountain Collective passes at Big Sky and their True Bogus passes at Bridger Bowl.

The hearty skiers stayed at the C'mon Inn in Bozeman. The skiers loved the hotel with its five hot tubs, indoor and outdoor pools and free breakfasts. Needless to say, even after those full days of skiing, the parties went on for a while.

Doug planned for enough food and beverages for two happy hours at the hotel. He also arranged for the bus to deliver the hungry skiers to downtown Bozeman two nights for dinner and drinks at various restaurants of choice. And four inches of powder the night they arrived made for some great ski conditions. Doug did not arrange that.

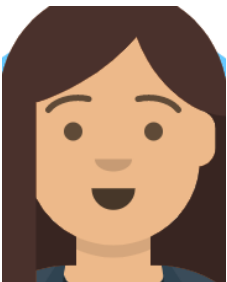
#### *Some Skier Comments...*

The Big Sky plus trip was so lucky. We had some fresh snow the first day and bluebird conditions on all three days. Even the bus ride was fun-with all the snacks and many drink stops, how could it not be? Trips are about the location but also the people. This was a great group and well led by the Bakers. – *Sandra Hufsmith*

A good time was had by all on the BBSC trip to Big Sky, Montana. Bus ride to C'mon Inn with enough libations and snacks on board to keep us all laughing and happy. More of the above in the lobby of the hotel plus hot tubs for our weary bones. Skiing at Big Sky and Bridger was great fun with the exception of the grooves on the bottom of my skis. More snow is needed but it didn't slow anyone down. You can always count on the ski club to put on a great trip. Thanks Doug and Sue Baker for the fun and laughter and hard work. – *Margie Ridgeway*

This was my first trip with the Bogus Basin Ski Club, and it was great! I was a bit nervous that people would be cliquey, but everyone was friendly, fun, and welcoming. I also liked the super-convenient bus drop-offs/pick-ups (yay for Josh!) and skiing new-to-me mountains. I will be back! – *Heike Henderson*

I would like to say how friendly most Big Sky skiers were to the BBSC. One expert skier even offered to take a few of us on a tour. Great last day. – *Jackie Kelsay*



What a fun trip! The weather was great, the skiing was great, even the bus ride was fun, the club members were super friendly and I made a lot of new friends along the way. Doug and Sue did an outstanding job of hosting the trip and being attentive to the details that made the trip the success it was. – Nancy Moore

Kim DeWit – We had a great experience! The bus driver was great, the ride there and back was good. We appreciated the lodging experience, where there was an indoor waterfall cascading down “rock” outcroppings, complete with some wild animal statues. The high ceiling added to the indoor atrium feeling.



Skiing at Big Sky was amazing. I hadn't yet been there and was very pleased! It was fun to both just have a blast skiing down as many runs as we could fit in, dotted with rest-breaks in the incredibly comfy heated 6-seater chairlifts. WOW! Those were worth every penny, in my opinion.

Also, I knew I would appreciate the “small resort” experience at Bridger Bowl! As soon as we pulled up, I snapped a quick photo of the 1980's Toyota pickup truck that boasted the Bridger Bowl logo on the door. I mean, I felt right at home once I saw that! This day was fun because it felt somehow like a progressive party. We'd see some ski club friends, ski together for a few runs, then do our own thing, then see some

Doug Baker, trip leader window washer extraordinaire

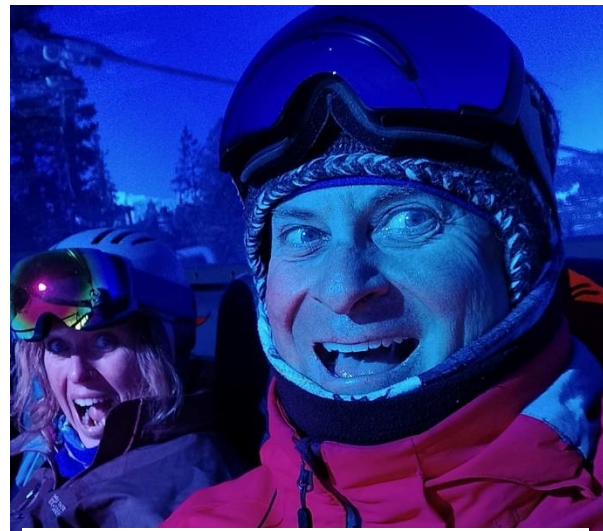
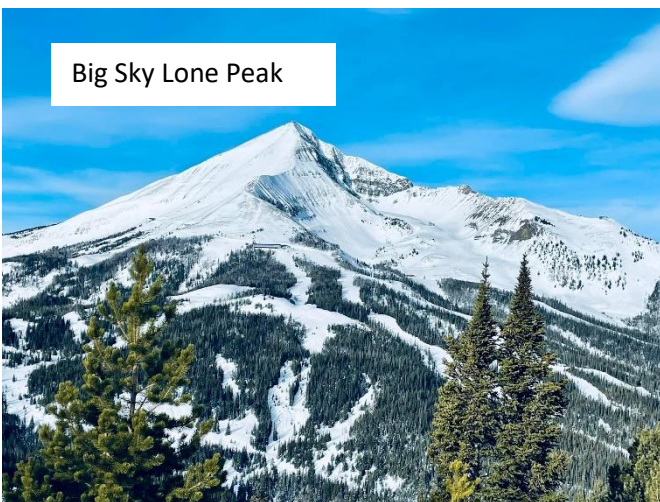


Zac Medek in red, Judy Lam in orange, Dave Bergerud in green and Kim DeWit



more ski club friends, ski together, and...you get the idea. All-in-all, this trip was a fun way to enjoy a week skiing elsewhere! Kim added – This was a fantastic run, the most challenging of my day. I knew my skiing had improved when, upon encountering moguls with a trough almost as tall as I am (and I'm not short) had me just going slow and steady, as opposed to crying my eyes out for fear and lack of confidence. That is what would have happened in any previous years if I had been on that same run

Big Sky Lone Peak



## The Friends You Make

BBSC has great trip opportunities, super parties, tons of varied year 'round activities and offers lots of fun! But what made you join our ski club? Thinking back about 30 years ago, I joined to meet new friends and experience different activities. I am guessing most of you will recognize the well-known scouting song that goes like this: "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold."

In August 2018, BBSC enjoyed a Hiking, Biking and Kayaking trip to Norway, which included side trips to Denmark, Sweden and Iceland for some. There were three travelers on this trip who did not live in Idaho but were members! I roomed with a couple of my "old" friends and fell in love with two "new" members, Marsha Troy and Sandy Novak from Birmingham, Alabama. Marsha and her husband had lived in Boise for several years and were members of BBSC. What a find to spend time with these lovely Southern girls! We vowed to keep in touch.

Jump forward to April of 2022. Another "old" ski club friend, Arlene Eidemiller, and I were finally able to visit our "new" friends in Birmingham and then on to Nashville for a few days. We ate really terrific Southern food, saw many gorgeous sites, traveled the countryside chatting a mile a minute and visited several Nashville music



venues. The greatest moments were the sharing of lives, the camaraderie, the laughter and mostly, the memories. In life, it's all about the people one crosses paths with as they leave imprints upon your heart. Some become your "forever" friends.

I can't think of a better place to meet friends than Ski Club. I encourage everyone to invite new members, get involved and promote BBSC in our community. Our club is one year older than Bogus Basin Mountain Recreational Area! Let's keep up the traditions and good work! It's all about the friendships!

Thank you to all of my "old" friends and to all of the "new" friends I have met in the past year or two. I cherish and treasure you all, whether silver or gold!

Left to right—Marsha Troy, Vicki Kuebler, Sandy Novak and Arlene Eidemiller waiting for a great performance by Cort Carpenter at the Bluebird Cafe in Nashville, TN, April 2022.

Story and photo by Vicki Kuebler

## BBSC's End of Season "High Class-Low Budget" Ski Trip

### Ogden Was Serious Fun in The Sun

Fourteen BBSC skiers decided that this year's spotty ski season was not entirely over and joined our somewhat last-minute trip to ski Powder Mountain and Snowbasin. They were rewarded with some exceptional end-of-season skiing, fun dining experiences, and great camaraderie. All for a really low cost.

Boise skiers "in the know" know that a five-hour drive away in Ogden, Utah there exists a still yet-to-be-discovered great ski town. What were formerly brothels, opium dens and gambling houses from a bygone era are now breweries, fancy eateries and sushi bars. Ogden has transformed itself over the past few years into a cool downtown that actively supports two of the more impressive North American ski resorts, all within a half day drive of Boise . . . Powder Mountain and Snowbasin. (Now some of you might get upset with me for revealing these "secret" Utah ski resorts of yours. However, my Louisiana Cajun friends discovered Powder Mountain years ago and the west coast gang seems to have found Snowbasin as well. The word is out.) Fortunately, Ogden is not as easy to get to, or is as well-known as Salt Lake City or Park City, which means that Powder Mountain and Snowbasin have considerably less skier density. And with 500 annual inches of snow, Ogden ski resorts reward with great skiing with limited crowds. All within a very easy highway drive from Boise.



The Lodge at Snowbasin



Paul Markowitz & Bill Hall at Powder Mountain

Our group stayed downtown in an upscale Trip Advisor-rated four-star Hampton Inn in a historic building within walking distance to some of the better restaurants and pubs in Ogden. We ate a lot of good food and shared many tales of past ski trips with everyone at our communal tables. After three days, there was a fair amount of acknowledgement that Ogden had become a good destination ski town for BBSC members. The ski resorts were large (Powder Mountain has 8464 skiable acres with 167 runs), eateries were all within three blocks of the hotel, the hotel was comfortable, the weather was great, the Utah Transportation Authority provided door-to-door inexpensive shuttle service to/from the slopes and the skiing was marvelous. Now granted it got a little warm at the end of the day which forced us into the bars a little

early. But hey, we were all tired from a great day of blue-sky skiing and who is to say we would not have ended up there anyway?

So how much did this low budget fun trip cost? Well since many car-pooled it there, it was the price of gas. The hotel was \$105 per night and since most shared a room, it became \$53 per person. Snowbasin provided us with \$99 discount lift tickets. And Powder Mountain provided us with a great lift discount price which was \$60 for seniors and \$80 for adults. (Five members of our group were over age 75 so they skied for FREE!) So, some of our gang paid only \$105 total for two nights lodging and two days skiing at Powder Mountain. Others paid up to \$364 for two nights lodging and three days skiing. Pretty cheap for skiing at world class mountains

and staying in nice accommodations in a cool ski town. Most other ski towns would have cost two to three times as much and would not have been as enjoyable.

So, what about next year? Well, everyone had such a good time, the consensus was that we should do it again next season. World class skiing, great weather, nice accommodations, one half day drive from Boise, good time, low cost . . . what's not to love? Let's do this again. Kowabunga! – story and photos by Dan Arnhols

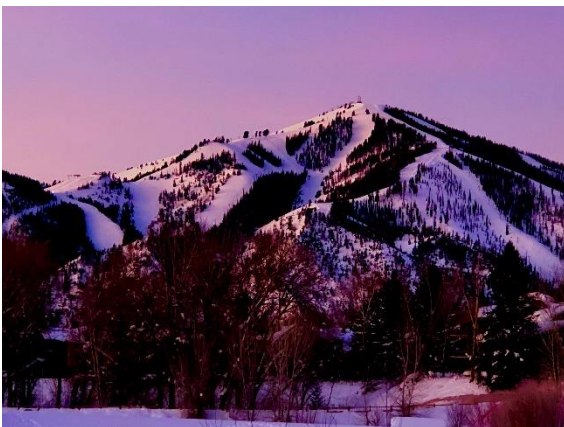
Editor's Note – This group did not take many photos. They were too busy skiing the great snow.



A typical pub in Ogden

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### Three Trips, Three Pics



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This *catchup* edition covered the trips we enjoyed during the 2021-2022 ski season as well as a reflection on how trips impact our lives. I hope you enjoyed sharing our fun.

Next *catchup* edition is **Eventful!** Look for an eblast around the end of July.

Editor – Carol Peterson