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Bogus Basin Extravaganza

by Kimberly DeWit (Photos by Steve Strickland)



Staging area in Pioneer Lodge Parking Lot.

You have probably been wondering how that last day of the regular season extravaganza thing went, right? Well, look no further! Here are a few highlights from the Bogus Basin closing day ski club

extravaganza in the ever elusive and usually proverbial nutshell:



We even had a visit from "Olaf."

Oh! What a festive array of brightly colored costumes! Thank you to everyone who braved the wind and donned your carnivalesque attire for the cause! Our gathering looked more like the staging area for a colorful parade than a spring ski extravaganza. Oh wait. Actually, that is kind of one-in-the-same, isn't it? Our gathering included some Mardi-Gras attire, 80's skirts, Hawaiian shirts, a fictional snowman ["Olaf"], a moose, and a [conscientious] flasher, to name a few.

So fun to see furry family members join, happy to be with their people on the hill.

Did you know there was a free raffle? People earned a ticket for being there, another ticket for donning a costume, and another for any found scavenger hunt medallions. Ah yes,

there was also a scavenger hunt on the slopes! Steve Strickland won the first two-part raffle prize. He kept the large bottle of micro-brew and gave his winning BBSC ball hat to Nancy, who had also found some of the medallions in the scavenger hunt. The other raffle prize was won by Doug Baker, who



kept his new ball hat, as far as I know. Did you, Doug?

This sounds incredible! What else happened? What more can we check off the list?

Free local micro-brew? Check. Free BBSC swag? Check. Campfire? Check. S'mores? Check. Great conversation? Lots of smiles and laughter? Check and check.

Well, this all sounds fine and good, but what about the actual skiing?

Someone has been bedazzled!



Colorful costumes around the fire pit.



Some of you reading this know exactly how the skiing was. Some may have already asked your friends how it was. And you know what the answer is going to be. Mother Nature and father winter blessed us with a great snowpack through the season. On April 11th the snow exhibited typical spring variability, which offered an array of conditions. There was something for everyone... and there were about 30 everyones who made an appearance! We were skiing in April! In and of itself, something to celebrate!

Not only were we skiing in April, we were enjoying an actual *gathering*, in person! There was a palpable excitement in the air.

People's smiles seemed extra big. Or was it just that we could actually see people's faces? Regardless, the collective energy was very positive and celebratory. It felt like we were celebrating an emergence after a long, uninvited hibernation. Wait. Ahem.... We kind of were.

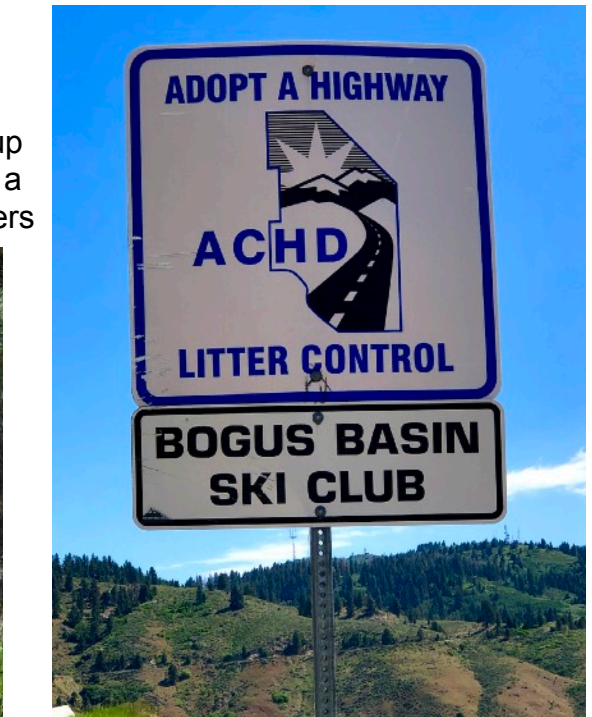


Everyone had a great time!

Bogus Basin Road Clean Up

By Jane Gabbert (Photos by Steve Strickland)

Many thanks to all those who participated in the road clean up on Saturday, June 5th. The weather cooperated, and we had a good day. Some folks who signed up did not show while others



Club members helping out.

Adopt a Highway sign about halfway up Bogus Basin Road.

who were not signed up showed up — so it all worked out fine. The names of those people who were there, Shanna Wheeler, Amy Woodson, Vickie Kuebler, Greg Haet, Jane Gabbert, Larry Crockett, Kim Pinkerton, Gail Bacchechi, Janet Young, Wendell Young, Richard Kunz, Steve Strickland, Christine Hill, Margie Ridgeway, Mark Thueson, Bob Christensen, and Cliff Sell, will be sent to Fred Uranga to put in the volunteer's drawing. A special thanks to Steve Strickland for the extra duty he did picking up bags of trash and people. I am not aware of any really interesting



Back at the starting point with our trash.



items being found, and it was good to have pizza and beer while visiting at the Sun Ray, just like before the pandemic. Thanks to all!

Editor's Note: Thanks to Jane Gabbert, who annually organizes this event.



Enjoying good pizza and brew at Sun Ray Cafe.

Light at the End of the Tunnel

By Craig O. Olsen (Photos by Steve Strickland)

After more than 15 months of pandemic isolation that resulted in cancellation of nearly all of our club activities and trips, it appears that the COVID-19 numbers are in decline. Vaccinations are rolling out and restrictions on mask mandates, social distancing, business closures, etc., are slowly relaxing.

For more than a year the only real interactions between members of the club were virtual ones via Zoom meetings with the exception of a few limited smaller group meetings of members on the slopes or bike rides, hopefully under COVID precautions. In the past two months as these restrictions have relaxed, the club has begun meeting in person rather than virtually.

It began with our monthly board meetings. For May and June the board met in Elm Grove Park. I must say it was a delight to see dear friends and cohorts in person rather than on a computer screen.



May 4th BBSC Board Meeting.



June 1st BBSC Board Meeting.



On May 10th we held our first in person monthly social since November 2020. It was held next to the Rose Garden in Julia Davis Park with 16 club members attending. Though I was unable to attend this one, I am told that all enjoyed a very sociable time together.

May Monthly Social.

After many difficult months, it does appear that there is a light at the end of this isolation tunnel, and it is not a fast train coming in the opposite direction. More in-person club activities and trips are taking place and being planned including the annual Bogus Basin Road clean up, Greenbelt Bike Brewery Ride, Summer Campout at SISCRA to name just a few. Keep informed of these developments by reading your BBSC e-mails and frequently visiting our [Club Website](#).

I think we have every reason to be cautiously optimistic as we move forward and adjust to the “new normal.” We will thrive and prosper, and so will our club.

In Memoriam

By Craig O. Olsen

In recent weeks we note the passing of three long time club members.

Robert Arthur Blome, MD

(June 13, 1931 - May 19, 2021)

Bob remained active throughout his life and continued to push forward with his life pursuits of reading, writing and skiing through his 88th year. He was born in Iowa City, Iowa, acquired his BA degree from Grinnell College, and then attended the State University of Iowa Medical School, graduating in 1955 with his MD. He interned at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Oregon, and completed a surgical residency at the VA Hospital in Iowa City. Bob moved to Nampa in 1963, where he opened a practice of General and Thoracic Surgery. He later joined The Medical Center Physicians, which became the Saltzer Medical Center, and practiced there until his retirement in 1994.



After moving to Idaho, he was drawn to white water kayaking and then skiing, which became an overriding passion. One highlight was skiing Portillo in the Chilean Andes. Bob was a long-term member of the Board of Directors of the Bogus Basin Ski Racing Alliance and a long time member of the BBSC. Bob's full obituary was published in the [Idaho Statesman on June 6, 2021](#).

Louann Blome Nockels

(September 19, 1936 - May 15, 2020)

Louann was born and raised in Carroll, Iowa, married Robert Arthur Blome in 1958, and moved to Nampa, Idaho, in 1963 where they raised their three daughters. During her years living in Nampa, she was active in many interests, including with the BBSC supporting the Bogus Basin ski racing program and the Boise Shakespeare Festival working as stage manager. After receiving her Bachelor's Degree from Boise State in 1984, she moved to southern California to begin her career as a drama therapist. Louann's full obituary was published in the [Idaho Statesman on May 22, 2021](#).



Sally Jan Hunt

(1954 - May 31, 2021)

Horace Hunt recently announced on his Facebook page, "It is with a broken heart that I announce the loss of my best friend and love of my life Sally Jan Hunt. She died peacefully in her sleep late Sunday night May 30, 2021, aged 67 years."

Sally had a long battle with cancer which she fought courageously and continued to be cheerfully optimistic and positively active with the club to her end. She was the recipient of the BBSC Sally Rutledge Inspirational Award in 2018, a distinguished award given rarely to club members (past or present) who have the courage and tenacity to overcome severe challenges.



As of the date of this publication (June 15th), no official obituary has been posted but will be included in future publications.

Meet the World's Oldest Heli-Skier

By Craig O. Olsen

Hopefully, we never get too old to still enjoy skiing. That can truthfully be said of Junior Bounous, who at 95 years and 224 days old on April 5, 2021, set the Guinness Book of World Records for the oldest heli-skier. The previous record holder was Gordon Precious, a Canadian who checked in at 94 years 306 days when he made his run in 2019.

A helicopter belonging to Powderbird Helicopter Skiing dropped Junior Bounous and family members atop the American Fork Twin Peaks, at 11,489 feet the highest point on the Little Cottonwood Canyon ridge.



Junior Bounous flanked by two of his granddaughters, Ayia and Tyndall.



Junior Bounous, along with family members, skied four runs that day in the Wasatch Mountains near Snowbird, and the rest is history. That day also marked Junior's 60th day of skiing in the 2020-21 ski season.

Junior Bounous descending American Fork Twin Peaks to set a record as the world's oldest heli-skier.

You can read his fascinating story from the [Deseret News at this link](#).