



# Bogus Basin Ski Club

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### Wonderful 2024 Campout

This year we had 32 campers attend our annual campout at SISCRA located on the northern end of Cascade Lake. We have been camping there as a group for many years, and with that brings experience that makes the group campout a team effort and a lot of fun for everyone. This year was no different—everyone was happy to sign up to help.

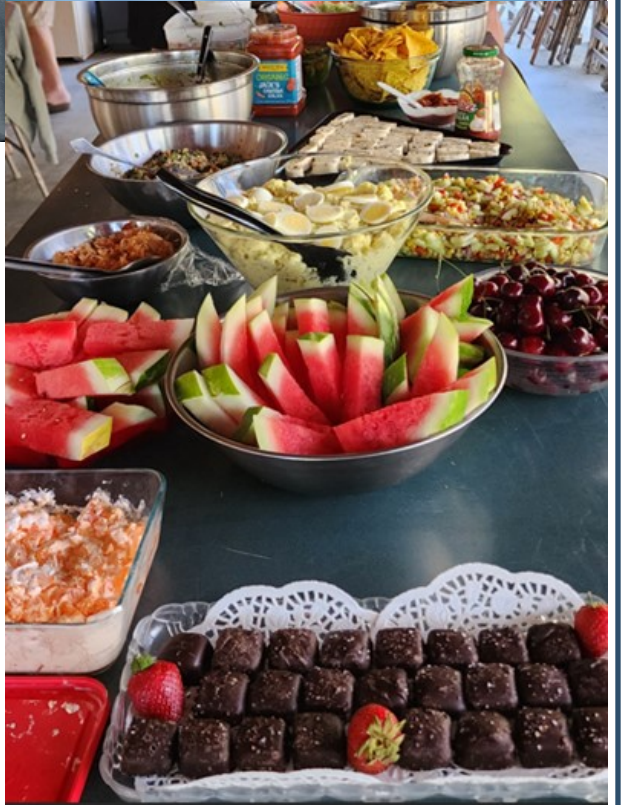
Because many hands make quick work of any effort, people were on the water Friday afternoon enjoying the serene beauty of Cascade Lake along the finger that touches SISCRA. While we were waiting for our evening dinner, we spotted an Osprey also looking for his dinner.



Our cooks this year—Gary and Jackie Roeder and Brent Meyer and Arlene King—were a little nervous going into this, because they had not done this before. However, their fears were immediately put aside when they saw they had plenty of help from the time they arrived, through the two dinners, two breakfasts, and clean up Sunday Morning.

The food was excellent this year with BBQ grilled pork loin, smashed potatoes, French toast, Extreme Tacos, and Breakfast Burritos. No one walked away hungry!! Jeffery kicked in and roasted jalapenos, while Steve created wonderful, made from scratch, margaritas for Saturday Happy Hour! Everyone brought a dish to share so there was plenty and a variety of dishes.





Saturday was our activity day with hikers trekking their way to Boulder Lake. Bikers making their way to the city of Roseberry. Mountain Bikers taking their wheels up to McCall Bear Basin where Ken led the group around the trails. Kayakers rowing their way out to Cascade Lake, and others helping by watching all the dogs at the camp.





And we ended both nights with Gordy, our Master S'more Chef, cooking marshmallows for all those who wanted a S'more. The Best!! Chairs around the campfire, S'mores, and friends! Until next year...

Story by Lynda Clark, Photos by Steve Strickland and others

## Greenbelt Bike Winery Ride

I decided to mix things up for the Winter ride this year and created the first Greenbelt Bike Winery Tour. Warm wine for the Winter. By chance, it was also St. Patrick's Day and some riders made sure to wear lots of green.



Almost 30 riders were greeted at the park to a great selection of wines for tastings and meeting of new and old friends. Some also brought bottles of wine to share. As usual there were some lucky winners for a drawing for a free flight or glass of wine.



Les Bois Wines was our first destination on the tour. Benjamin, the owner, closed his doors to the public to allow only our group to enjoy his space. Being from France and growing up in the wine culture, he has tons of information and stories to share. His wine shop sells exclusively only imported wines. After many toasts and tastings, it was time to bike to our next destination Parcero Wine Bar, a new winery located on Chinden in Garden City. Our group was greeted with a large charcuterie table with slider sandwiches, cheeses, nuts, smoked salmon and other tasteful morsels. To add more ambiance to the experience Chinook Wind, a three piece jazz band, played music for us.

Overall everyone totally enjoyed the first Greenbelt Bike Winery Tour. This may become a new tradition for the Winter ride. I love the way this bike ride has evolved. One ride each season...a perfect way to bring new and current together to form friendships and tell stories. Thanks to all who participated. See ya the next ride.





Story and photos by Steve Strickland

## Ronald 'Smiley' Rausch



Ron, a longtime member of the Bogus Basin Ski Club, passed away in late June at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by loved ones. Ron had an amazing life full of hard work and equally rewarding adventures. Ron was born in 1946, as the third of seven children to Norbert and Cecilia Rausch. He grew up on a farm in Heyburn, Idaho before serving in the Army with the 13th Aviation Regiment Security Platoon in Vietnam. After military service, Ron received his degree in finance at Idaho State University. It was there he met Carol King; they married in 1970. After graduation they had two children, Nicole and Michael, and relocated to the Treasure Valley.

Ron began his professional career as an accountant for various companies. In 1993, he left the formal work of accounting and began a successful real estate career. Ron understood the value of real estate early on and bought, flipped, and owned rentals. It was a labor of love, and he committed his time and effort to his properties as a successful landlord. In addition to rentals, he became a residential developer and built new homes on challenging and underrated lots. Outside real estate, Ron was a long-time member of an investment club and made many true and trusted friends that shared his love of a good deal.

Ron's motto was "work hard, then play hard," which he lived to the fullest. He was an avid downhill skier from opening day to closing day. To stay active, he ran fun runs, water skied, snowmobiled, bicycled, and golfed. Ron loved to travel and took adventures to Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Australia as well as many journeys within the U.S. and Mexico. He was a passionate poker player and studied the game like a scholar. Playing in a variety of poker groups he built an amazing community of poker buddies who knew him simply as 'Smiley' for his sly, ever-present grin. Ron volunteered for years with the Optimist Youth Football program and gave back to his community in many ways. In addition to his investments and hard work, he was generous with his time and resources and gave second chances or a helping hand to many. He was also a long-time dedicated Boise State Broncos Football fan who enjoyed going to games near and far. Ron's smile and sense of humor will forever be cherished.

Ron was loved by many friends, family and tenants. He was preceded in death by his parents Norbert and Cecilia, and his oldest brother Robert. Ron is survived by his first wife Carol Berreth, former wife Paula Brown, daughter Nicole (David), son Michael (Catherine), four grandchildren, Carter, Mia, Adam, and August, as well as his extended family of siblings and their families.

Donations in Ron's name can be made to the Boise Rescue Mission Ministries.



Life Story by Ron's family, Sun Valley photos by Steve Strickland

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