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Floats, Boats, BBQ & Birthday

The Floats, Boats & BBQ supported one additional event this year. We celebrated Donn Bryant's 90th birthday with a cake and a song. Lynda Clark managed to order a cake from Pastry Perfection that sported an edible photo of Donn racing down a ski hill. The photo, from five years ago, was flanked by snow-covered trees and mountains and a blue sky.



Donn looks like he is having fun skiing on his cake. Did you know that Donn was BBSC president in 1968.

Those that took to the river before the BBQ were faced with the challenge of navigating downstream with the increased flow from Lucky Peak while at the same time fighting the upstream wind. As one adventurer stated, "I kept looking at the shore and I was just paddling in Place!" After dinner, it was a different story. The wind had died down and the flat-water area of the river was the place to be.



Jim Kuhn was particularly thrilled to snag the pedal kayak.

For dinner we had the usual assortment of burgers, brats and dogs grilled on Big Bertha by chefs Steve Strickland and Zac Medek. The main course was accompanied by baked beans, potato salad, chips and all the fixins. The watermelon was especially sweet and delicious. And, yes, cake for dessert.

We owe a special thanks to Kim DeWit and Zac Medek for hauling Big Bertha along with the tables, the BBSC blade, and the rest of the supplies needed to make this event happen.

Here we see Kim and Zac clowning around on the river.



Thanks to Cliff Sell for bringing all the food and beverages, without which we would not have had a BBQ.

Paul Markowitz and Doug Baker brought all the paddle floats and boats loaned by Alpenglow Mountainsport/McU Sports.

And a special shout out to Tim Reusser from McUs who helped everyone launch their water adventure.



Sherri Lechten made the trip posters for everyone to view.



2022 Crab Crack and Seafood Boil

It was a warm night in July at Julia Davis Park, but the shaded pavilion made for a great evening for an outdoor venue. We typically hold the Crab Crack in February, but the increased cost of Dungeness crab, the Officer's Club, the band and the sides and dessert pushed the cost beyond the budget of most members. So, we pondered to come up with a plan B. Cliff Sell recommended a summer crab crack and seafood boil. After running a prototype experiment with some of the crab, we knew we could move forward.

We ordered more crab and added shrimp, andouille sausage, fresh corn on the cob and potatoes. We also offered beer, wine, water and some other non-alcoholic beverages. Over 60 ski club members, friends and guests came together to enjoy an old-fashioned crab crack and Louisiana seafood boil. Those who had room enjoyed cheesecake for dessert.

Special thanks to Sherri and Bill Lechten, Steve Strickland and all the volunteers who helped organize, set up, cook, and clean up afterwards. It was a special evening and one we would like to repeat in future years. Would we do anything different next time? Maybe add one more pot and definitely upgrade the beer selection! Let us know your thoughts. Story by Cliff Sell, Photos by Steve Strickland





Boise Community Band Concerts

In mid-July, six ski club members enjoyed listening to well-known songs from across America performed by Boise's Community Band volunteers, including fellow ski club member, Roxanne Jensen, who plays the clarinet. Approximately 80 volunteers share their time and talents to enrich our community. The summer concert series performs free entertainment at the Gene Harris Bandshell in Julia Davis Park once a month during the summer on Wednesday evenings. It was fun to kick back, relax in the shade and hang out with ski club friends including Jaseen, Sussette, Vicki, Clyde, Cliff and Bob.



In August, ski club members and friends once again enjoyed the Boise Community Band Concert at Julia Davis Park. This last concert of the summer included dance songs from around the world. The talented performers volunteer their time and energy to honor a long-time Boise family friendly tradition. Thank you from BBSC.

In front, Donn & Barbara, Vicki, Becky, Jaseen, Sussette and Dave. In back is John. Not pictured was Clyde.

Story and Photos by Vicki Kuebler

Tip!

Hi everyone, I was gifted a Hydro Flask metal water bottle. I filled it with water and promptly screwed the top on like any other lid. The gifter stopped me and demonstrated the correct way to prevent "stripping" the threads. Set the lid on straight and gently turn it counterclockwise about 3/4 of a turn. I watched as the lid dropped down and seated on the rim of the bottle. Then I went ahead and finger tighten the lid in the normal direction of clockwise. I was told this will prevent damage and save you from a leaking water bottle down the road. I searched for directions and did not find anything specific on the web. However, it does make sense. I cannot tell you that this applies to any other brands, but I did find out that this does not work on the bottle marketed for wine. BTW, my bottle has not leaked in my car or in my backpack.

Story by Vicki Kuebler

Bogus Basin Road Clean Up

Thankfully, the weather was much more cooperative and enjoyable in June for our second attempt to clean Bogus Basin Road. The first attempt in May turned out to be a miserable rainy day, so we all went home. Surprisingly, the road was much cleaner this year, a sign that snow people are packing it out rather than tossing it out. Not everyone got the message to stop at the forest service sign for a photo opt, but everyone definitely showed up for pizza and a brew. Thanks again to Jane Gabbert for heading up this annual event. As a club, we look forward to giving back to the Bogus community.



Is that a Horace Hunt selfie?



Story by Anonymous, Photos by Horace Hunt, Et Al.

Why Join the Bogus Basin Ski Club

I joined BBSC over 30 years ago to meet new friends, find ski buddies and to add different events and activities to my recently changed lifestyle. Not much has changed. I continue to be active in our club for exactly the same reasons. We are thriving with increasing membership numbers, excellent fiscal management and so many new and exciting community events, volunteerism, fabulous trip opportunities and terrific members. We celebrate members who are now in their 80's and 90's which is a testament to BBSC's success. We are now in our 84th year of existence. Did you know that Bogus Basin Ski Club members helped build Bogus Basin?

I recently interviewed three newer members in our club inquiring what made them join.



First was Jordan Stallknecht who searched out BBSC on Facebook. Jordan moved to Boise in 2017 and wanted to connect with fellow skiers and people with similar interests. He skied last year at Bogus Basin with the PrimeTimers. Jordan wanted to meet additional friends and he decided what better way than to volunteer. Jordan volunteered at the Crab Crack and was a tremendous help with the clean-up. We appreciate his involvement and to quote Jordan, "I am having a great time and the club is a welcoming group." We look forward to seeing Jordan often in the future. Jordan added, "Also, I am going to the Mount Bachelor ski trip with you guys."

Secondly, I sat and talked with Lucky and Joan Kelley, who have been members for several months. Lucky stated that he had skied with the Backside Bashers, but that they were looking for an additional social club of people who ski. Listening to them, it was obvious that Lucky and Joan are enjoying the social events and activities offered through our club and they are also interested in out trips. Thank you, Lucky, for joining us in June to help clean up eight miles of Bogus Basin Road followed by pizza and beverages in Hyde Park. You rock!



I conclude that our club is strong and proud as we continue to offer new and exciting things for our members. Please consider taking time to step up and volunteer. You will get to know who we really are and the value of being a part of making memories. New ideas are always welcome. Thank you to Jordan, Joan, Lucky and all other volunteers who give back all year long. You are appreciated and treasured. You make BBSC successful.

Added to That...

Doug and Sue Baker flew in from Europe the night before the Floats, Boats & BBQ. I enjoyed hearing Doug's story about his climb up Pulpit Rock (official name, Preikestolen) in Norway, a cliff that many of us climbed on the Norway trip led by Mary Pribble. Then I reveled in listening to Meg and Jim Kuhn's tales of their multiple safaris in Uganda, and I especially enjoyed their up close and personal story about the mountain gorillas.

That takes me to say: we are a club that loves to ski and snowboard, travel and tour in and outside the US, ride bikes on Greenbelt brewery tours, enjoy Sunnyslope Wine tours, and tackle the Weiser River Trail. We enjoy camping, floating the Boise River and those Meetup evenings on Quinn's Pond.

We take pride in giving back to the community through the Warren Miller Film Festival, the Bob Greenwood Athletic Snowsports Scholarship and the Bogus Basin Road clean up.

Most of all, we love to get together to share food and friendship. The Champagne Brunch kicks off our ski season followed by a party around Christmastime, a Crab Crack somewhere during the season and closed out out with our end of the season BBQ on Bogus. There is always fun and laughter with this energetic group of adventurers. Join us. Story by Carol Peterson

A Couple More Fun Photos

