



Bogus Basin Ski Club

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Banff Canada Ski Trip

Twenty-nine people headed to Banff on March 12, 2023. Of those who joined us, eleven skiers participated in their first BBSC ski trip. We flew from Boise to Calgary, Alberta, and took a bus to Banff where we stayed at the Banff Caribou Lodge and Spa. We skied at Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Mt. Norquay ski areas. We were



greeted with fresh snow Monday and Tuesday and then full sun Wednesday thru Friday. Ski conditions were wonderful. The Caribou hot tub was huge and large enough for all to congregate after a great day on the slopes to share stories. Skiers had their choice of many great restaurants for dinner in Banff, and some found time to go shopping.



Banff Upper Hot Springs

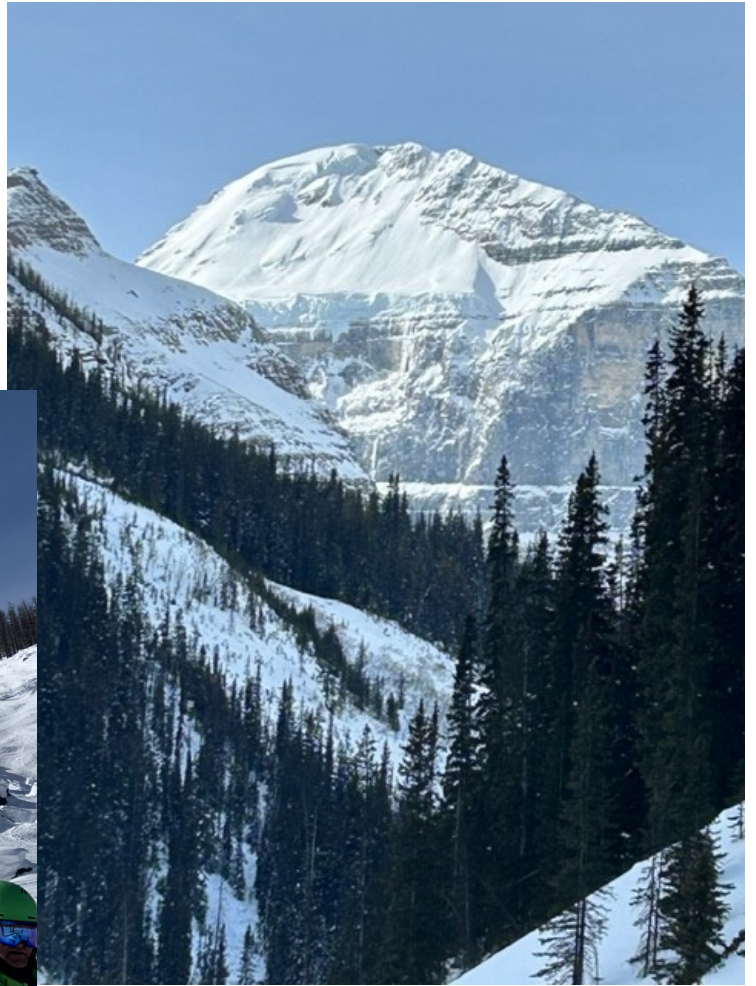
Additional activities included the historic Banff Upper Hot Springs, and a day trip to The Fairmont Château Lake Louise where many of us cross country skied or hiked across the lake to observe ice climbers on frozen waterfalls.

Look close, can you see those two figures ice climbing on the waterfall?

And how could I forget...the mountains were absolutely stunning in size and beauty. Everybody commented how beautiful they were.

A new feature for this *Mogul* is the link to a video of the skiing adventure. Thanks, Steve.

Steve Carlson added, "Thanks Doug and Sue for all your hard work putting together a great event! Here's a short [BBSC Banff Video](#) I hope captures all the fun we had last week. Thanks for all your pictures and videos, it was hard not to include all of them."



And yes, some actually skied the Lake Louise Rock Garden. Yikes.



Another great BBSC ski trip! And we didn't lose anyone.



Story by Doug Baker, Photos by Doug Baker and Chris Barnes, Video by Steve Carlson

More Banff...

Our snow lovers couldn't say enough about Banff and sent a few more photos. They said it was great to ski with new people and meet so many new friends. The transportation to/from the ski resorts was incredibly efficient.



We also skied the Rock Garden and the Gully, and we had an unbelievable beautiful Thursday at Sunshine Village.



Comments and photos by Jim Kuhn

Bogus Basin Ski Club Hosts Far West Ski Association

Friday, April 14 - BBSC hosted five Far West Ski Association Board members for a ski day at Bogus Basin

Recreation Area. They were joined by several Bogus Basin Ski Club members including Barb and Donn Bryant, Michael Bouton, Paul Markowitz and Tyler Wymond, as well as Bogus Basin Group Sales and Events Director, Collette Wright. Donn Bryant, Tyler Wymond and Michael Bouton drove the board members from their hotel in Boise to the mountain. Longtime BBSC member Tyler Wymond led the group around the mountain and imparted details about the growth, expansion, and future plans of the non-profit ski area. We all enjoyed the rare, bright sun on the mountain and the outstanding winter snow.



Saturday, April 15 - BBSC hosted the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors at Donn and Barb Bryant's home on the 16th fairway of the River Club golf course. Nine BBSC members planned and prepared a bountiful BBQ for over 25 members of the board who were in Boise planning and previewing the Convention venue which will take place June 15-18. Sun and fair weather greeted all of the guests who enjoyed the back patio, the other guests, and the camaraderie with BBSC members.



Special thanks to Kim DeWit & Sussette Newsom for helping prepare and set up for the meal, Michael Bouton & Steve Strickland for BBQing, Zac Medek for hauling & setting up Big Bertha, and Cliff Sell for purchasing the supplies and food.

Mary “Cookie” Markowitz

It was 1971 and Lance Corporal Helicopter Crew Chief Paul Markowitz was working with a team to pull a helicopter out of a murky swamp in Vietnam. Unfortunately, he sustained a cut during that operation and that cut suddenly exploded into a huge infection. Markowitz was shipped back to the states for treatment and recovery and landed at a Naval Air Station south of Boston. It was a chaotic time during the war and college students shied away from spending time with those in the military. However, one of the nursing students at



Faulkner Nursing School knew one of the Marines in the barracks at the Naval Air Station South Weymouth and started inviting other nursing students to events. By the end of that year, five nurses married military from the barracks and one of those was Mary Cunningham, a sweet, kind-hearted, smart, full-of-fun nurse from the Boston area. Mary and Paul were married over Memorial Day weekend and that was the start of a 52-year love story.

A move to work for the army brought the couple to Laurel MD where son Dan was born followed about 18 months later by daughter Alison.

The next move took them to Tucson with the Forest Service where Paul worked on helicopters at Marana Air Park, a civil airport, and Mary laughed and cried with friends while she raised her young family.

After five years, they relocated to Boise, bought a house in southwest Boise and lived there all these years.

Mary was a highly respected Operating Room nurse at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center for several years. While there she made many lifelong friends and helped countless patients during their surgeries. Mary and Paul were both long-time members of the Bogus Basin Ski Club, but at some point Mary traded her skis for a bowling ball and quilting needles. Mary joined a quilting club; and like most quilters she owned a high-end quilting machine, yards and yards of fabric and too many spools of thread to count.

However, her most prized and fun acquisition was a Singer Treadle Iron Lady sewing machine invaluable for free-motion quilting and embroidery.





A fun story... Mary and Paul along with family and a couple neighbors went to the Cottonwood Grill to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Mary was enjoying a Tom Collins, and unbeknownst to the rest of the party, the fun-loving Mary was ordering Tom Collins on the sly. After a few, she wanted one more but the group convinced her to wait till she got home. In addition to Tom Collins, her favorites were Hershey chocolates, peanut M&M's and Lemon Meringue pie.

Mary passed away on March 15, 2023. A private Catholic Mass was held on March 21. On April 15 close to 100 friends and family attended a Celebration of Life hosted by Kristen and Guy Exon. A second Mass and Celebration of Life will be held in Bedford, MA. Mary maintained contact with many friends in the Boston area and traveled there about once a year to visit with family and friends. On June 4, they will all come together to honor her life.



Mary is no longer with us but her spirit remains in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her husband Paul, her son Dan and his wife Allison, her daughter Alison, and three delightful grandchildren, Benjamin, Elliott and Madilyn.

Mary and the BBSC. Although Mary hung up her skis at some point, she continued to maintain her membership in the ski club. One winter she joined us for the ski trip to Austria. Once there, she went touring and shopping while others tore up the slopes. Instead of skiing one day, I joined her on the bus trip to Salzburg. I am not much of a shopper, but I learned so much from Mary that day. She taught me all about Austrian Crystal jewelry and Swarovski glassware as well as the history of Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart. Mary was a fun and knowledgeable travel companion.
Carol Peterson

Story by Paul, Dan and Alison. Photo sources unknown.



Notes from Your Ski Patrol



Bogus Basin Ski Patrol Gets 15 New Toboggans

Our old toboggans are at the end of their serviceable life. They've had a great run, but it's time to level up!

The patrol purchased 15 new [Edge Rescue](#) toboggans! We are getting the standard SD toboggans and Edge chair loaders. Patrollers can say goodbye to pulling off gloves to try to clip the toboggan into the old heavy chair loaders. As with any technology upgrade, training is so important. Toby from Edge was at Bogus to train the trainers. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with 18" of fresh snow and it dumped all day! Bogus customers loved it, but Toby only got to calibrate a few trainers. He plans to come back at the beginning of next season to help get everyone up to speed.

Skiers and riders will benefit from a smoother ride, higher sides and a snow guard to help protect you from ski tail spray. Our patrollers will benefit from a lightweight, maneuverable toboggan that doesn't need to be lifted on the flats. Everyone will benefit from a new toboggans less prone to breaking.



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