



Bogus Basin Ski Club

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Bike 'n Barge...Bruges to Amsterdam

Thirty-four adventurous ski club members embarked on a two-week vacation to Bruges, Belgium for a bike and barge experience ending in Amsterdam, Netherlands. After leaving Boise on May 20, we arrived in Bruges and had two days to explore Bruges. We went on a walking city tour with our handsome guide, Bruno, shopped, tasted Belgian chocolates and a few people tried the beers.



We boarded our barge, the Magnifique II in Bruges, and we all went on a test bike-ride through Bruges at the busiest time of the day! Scary!

Our barge parked for the nights in Bruges, Ghent, Dendemonde, Dordrecht, Antwerp Vianen and Amsterdam.

By day, our knowledgeable guides Andre and Arendina split us into two groups and led us on e-bikes through historic and scenic towns, countrysides along canals, stopping along the way to taste local pastries, coffee and beers, have picnic lunches, visit the Kinderdijk windmills, a cheese farm and take photos.



By mid-afternoon, we arrived at the barge and were treated to appetizers and enjoyed libations and laughs as we shared our fun adventures of the day.

The dinners were artfully crafted by our gourmet chef Rutger ("Rodger") and included

halibut, manicotti, Indonesian delicacies, barbecued meats, Belgian beef stew and frites (French fries). The five employees on the ship worked hard to make us happy and the barge clean—Paul the captain, Harm the host, Alfred the mechanic, Rutger the chef and the cute French hostess, Shay.





Once we arrived in Amsterdam, we had three days to explore the city—canal tours, museums, stores and shops, the zoo, the diamond gallery, food and spirits, the flower markets, dodging bicyclists and the best part—enjoying each others' company





Half of the group returned to Boise on June 2, two are traveling Europe for two months, eight went to Portugal for a week, and four went to the UK for their second vacations.



Story and Photos by Nancy Moore

End of Season BBQ on the Mountain

Thank you Bogus Basin for a great 2023/2024 Ski Season! Always great to see old friends and meet new ones! We had a wonderful day for our year-end BBQ on Sunday, April 14. About 60 people showed up. We got the word out via Eblast, our bogusbasinskiclub.org website, Facebook and Meetup. #trollingwithbogus



Troll Bo Gus

Trolls were in the crowd.

People were dressed up, Spring Skiing took place—and watch out for the Snow Cat Death Cookies when you are flying down MoJos Landing! wipeout!!

We served Burgers, Brats and Hotdogs with all the fixins for no charge! We asked our new friends to sign up for membership in the club for their free

lunch, and accepted a small donation from current members to help cover the food costs.



There was a group that camped out Saturday night in the Pioneer Lodge Parking lot. Next year for those that missed out! Kim said it was cool, but not too cold even though the wind was blowing.



Below is the Club Task List, the responsible party, and Items needed to put on the BBQ. This is how we do things behind the scenes.

Please take a moment when you see these folks at other events to thank them for their efforts to make the 2024 YEAR-END BBQ A SUCCESS.

UPDATES—April 6, 2024—after our inventory at ski club shed

END OF SEASON BBQ—SUNDAY—APRIL 14—What it takes

Nancy/Kim/Steve—spending night at Bogus to save a spot in the Pioneer parking lot

Lynda/Jordan/Paul—Meet at shed at 7:00am Sunday Morning

Lynda/Jordan/Paul—load items at the shed

- BBQ and take BBQ supplies—BBQ tools and 8x10 aluminum pans
 - Plates—on Nancy's list to purchase
 - Napkins
 - Forks, knives, spoons
 - Cups — on Nancy's list to purchase
 - Trash can and 5 bags
 - 2 coolers
 - Ice — Paul will pickup for drink coolers
 - Flags/Blades — both
 - 1 Snow flake for decoration
 - Streamers for Members — Steve Carlson will chat
 - 3 tables — 1 for cooks, 1 for condiments and 1 for signage and donations
 - 2 table covers
 - Plastic role with table clips for condiments
 - 4 chairs for Club Table
 - Orange Box — office supplies
 - 1 container — Peanut butter pretzels mixed with M&M
 - Large white cooler for Soda, Capri Sun
 - 1 case (40ea) water
- ***Evaluate weather for need of canopies



Cooks—Cliff, Jordan, Paul

Speaker and Mic—Lynda—charged and ready to go

Steve Strickland—addons plus

- Tomatoes
- Onions
- Lettuce
- Sign for donations
- Signage QR Code/Collage Picture for Club
- Stickers

Elizabeth/Kim/Donna/Nancy/Steve—can you be there at event to engage with crowd—solicit memberships, door prizes—there are few double tickets in Orange office supply box.



SETUP—Kim/Donna/Nancy/Steve/Paul/Jordan/Lynda

- Table for condiments
- Table for donations/signage
- Table for BBQ team

FOOD to Purchase—Nancy for 100 people

- Buns — Hamburger and hotdog
- Meat — burgers, brats, dogs (ice as needed for food)
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayo
- Pickles
- Sauerkraut
- Cheese — sliced/individually lined – pepper Jack and cheddar
- Single-serve bags of chips
- Small sodas — mixed — at most 24 cans
- Water – purchase 1 case
- Plates — purchase for 150



Story by Lynda Clark, Photos by Steve Strickland

A Memorable Weekend at the Far West Ski Association's Annual Convention

Six delegates from the Bogus Basin Ski Club had the pleasure of attending the Far West Ski Association's 91st annual convention at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno, Nevada, June 6-9.

Sussette Newsome, Yaseen Rangrej



Harley Parson



Sandy Blackwell



Liz Loomis, and Steve Strickland



enjoyed this opportunity to network, learn and celebrate our shared passion for skiing.

The weekend kicked off with a lively Friday night Silent Auction and Trade Show. We mingled with numerous exhibitors, including representatives from Big Sky, Mount Bachelor, Mammoth and Vail. It was wonderful to reconnect with familiar industry partners and forge new connections. A portion of the funds raised benefited [Achieve Tahoe](#), an organization dedicated to building health, confidence and independence in people with disabilities through outdoor recreation.



Saturday morning started bright and early with a continental breakfast followed by the General Meeting. The highlight of the morning was the FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy's "Ski Talk" with Phil and Tricia Pugliese. Their presentation was nothing short of amazing. For those unfamiliar, Phil and Tricia run [skitalk.com](#), a fantastic resource for ski equipment reviews and community discussions. If you're in the market for new skis, their ski selector tool is a must-visit. Phil offered invaluable advice urging us to ask ourselves, "What do you want your new skis to do that your current skis aren't doing?"

Next on the agenda was the National Ski Patrol's presentation, "Bringing Calm to Chaos." We gained insights into the techniques ski patrols use to assist skiers in distress on the slopes. It was an eye-opening session, emphasizing the importance of a calm and efficient response in emergency situations.

Lunch was accompanied by an awards ceremony. We proudly watched as Bogus Basin Ski Patrol received the Historic Ski Patrol Award for over 50 years of service to Bogus Basin, with volunteer patrol leader Patrick Arnold accepting on their behalf. The Historic Recognition program honors ski clubs, councils, ski patrols, and ski schools that have been around for 50 or more years, appreciating their long-term service and commitment to snowsports enthusiasts and their communities. BBSP is the second ski patrol to be recognized with this award.



The luncheon keynote speaker was Eric LeMarque, a former professional hockey player and Olympian. He shared his harrowing survival story of becoming disoriented while snowboarding at Mammoth and spending eight days alone in the backcountry. Despite losing both legs below the knee, Eric's determination and resilience left a lasting impression on all of us. You can find out more about his story in his book "[6 Below](#)" or the movie of the same name.



In the afternoon, we had the chance to attend "Chat with the Pros," a panel discussion featuring pro-competitors Curtis Fong, Marie-Michele Gagnon, Travis Ganong, Lila Lapanja, and the charismatic Wayne Wong, one of the original "Hot Dog" freestyle skiers. Curtis Fong shared details of his recent three-week ski trip, which included stops at Brundage Mountain, Tamarack Resort and Sun Valley.

Steve Strickland asked why Bogus Basin wasn't included, prompting Curtis to talk about his long-time friendship with Brad Wilson, General Manager of Bogus Basin. Curtis shared a humorous anecdote about Brad preparing to announce his first season pass price increase after becoming the GM, joking that he would become the "most hated person in Boise." Despite the initial discontent, we all agreed that the improvements Brad has implemented at Bogus Basin have been well worth it.

In the evening, we enjoyed dinner while attending the Awards Banquet. A short film was played honoring Billy Kidd as the recipient of the Snowsports Builder Award. Billy lives in Steamboat Springs, where he recently celebrated 50 years as Director of Skiing at Steamboat Resort. Billy became America's hero in the 1964 Olympics when he and teammate Jimmie Heuga became the first American men to win Olympic medals in alpine skiing. Billy is heavily involved in snowsports as an athlete, coach, mentor, and fundraising for multiple sclerosis in honor of his friend Jimmie Heuga, including adaptive skiing through the Jimmie Heuga Center, [Can Do MS](#).



We were thrilled to see Bogus Basin Ski Club receive the FWSA Tollakson Outstanding Club Award as an Intermountain Ski Club Council Finalist, with Steve Strickland proudly accepting the award on behalf of the club. The Tollakson Outstanding Club Award recognizes outstanding clubs based on activity, member participation in racing, membership growth, communication frequency, contributions to the community, volunteerism and leadership, delegate attendance at FWSA Convention and member participation in FWSA travel.

The night was filled with music and dancing, thanks to Reno's Decoy Band, who played infectious cover hits like "Brick House" by the Commodores and "Pour Some Sugar on Me" by Def Leppard. All six of our delegates were up and dancing the entire evening, enjoying the company of many new and old friends. Sunday morning wrapped up the convention with a General Meeting where elections were held, bylaws were updated, and more awards were presented. Carol Peterson was awarded two awards in the communications area. One for Wentworth Outstanding Publication First Place Novice and the second for Outstanding Website, Second Place Novice. Steve Strickland accepted both awards on her behalf. In addition, more information was available about upcoming trips through FWSA.



Throughout the weekend many accolades were given from our peers about last year's conference in Boise, with attendees praising its organization and the warm welcome they received in our hometown. It was heartening to hear such positive feedback and know that our efforts left a lasting impression on fellow ski enthusiasts. Overall, the convention was a fantastic experience filled with learning, inspiration and camaraderie. We returned home with new insights, strengthened connections, and a renewed passion for the ski season ahead. We can't wait for next year's convention and the opportunity to create more unforgettable memories with our ski community. The 2025

convention will be in Palm Springs. For more information go to www.fwsa.org.

Story by Liz Loomis, Photos by Steve Strickland

And Now, a Second FWSA Report

FWSA Convention—Reno, NV (June 6-9, 2024) was a blast! Lots of fun activities: miniature golf, car museum, the infamous pub crawl, tour of Tahoe, and then the fun started. The Silent Auction on Friday night is always interesting. Lots of good deals to be had and time to chat with vendors at resorts, lodging and tour operators and find out what they can do to help you plan a great trip for your club or council.



Sports Leadership Academy topics covered everything from

1. What's New in Ski and Snowboard Gear with Phil and Tricia Pugliese,
2. Chat with the snowsports racing competition leaders...Curtis Fong, Marie Gagnon, Travis Ganong, Lila Lapanja and Wayne Wong—what a group to talk with! and
3. Bringing Calm to Chaos—three ski patrollers discussed training and how they bring calm to someone, or a group, that have fallen and are in distress up on the ski hill. It truly is a skill!





Our keynote speaker on Saturday was Eric LaMarque, a former Olympic ice hockey player. While skiing at Mammoth Mountain, he lost his way in a snow storm and remained out on the mountain for 8 days, completely disoriented; and he went the wrong direction to get back. His story is incredible, and what he has taken from that is equally amazing. The movie, "[6 Below: Miracle on the Mountain](#)" is his story! And he said it is as accurate as can be made. His comment that stood out for me was, "When I heard over my little radio/mp3 player that the National Guard was now doing 'body recovery,' something snapped in me and I was determined to be found and returned to my family." And he was. I have heard other survival stories, and the common link seems to be our "amazing will to survive!" Those who give up, do not survive. Those who use that last smidge of energy—most do survive. We are truly amazing!

We also had five ski historians: 1. Ingrid Wicken of California Ski Library, Norco. CA. 2. John Lunden, Founder of Washington State Ski & Snowboard Museum, who has instant recall of SO Many Interesting Ski Topics. John told me the name of the ski instructor who taught my father how to ski when he was in the Army in Alaska in the 1940s. I was blown away and wished my Dad was still alive to ask. 3. Bill Clark, SNOW Sports Museum, Olympic Village, CA. Lastly, 4 & 5.. Alan K. Engen and his father, Alf Engen of Alf Engen Ski Museum, Park City, UT. These historians are walking encyclopedias of snow sports history. Who knew there were that many ski museums?

Los Angeles Council's Volunteer of the Year, Norbert Knapp, of the Grindelwald Ski Club was a great candidate in this honorary competition, sadly did not win. Sandra Kaufman, the Northwest Ski Club



Council's Volunteer of the Year is a delight to talk with, and just an effervescent personality. She has now taken a position of Convention Marketing Director and Benefits Coordinator on the FWSA Board. Lastly, Linda Johnstone of Arizona Ski Council was a great winner and well deserved!

Having judging formerly Man and Woman of the Year, and now Volunteer of the Year for about 10 years, it is wonderful to see so many people that give of their time and their enthusiasm for their club, its members and council. So many great ideas are presented, which is one reason I enjoy judging. Finally, once all the resumes are read and the interviews done, there is always one candidate who just stands out. All are good and deserving, but one is a real stand out!

Story by Sandy Blackwell, Bogus Basin Ski Club, Los Angeles Council President. Photos by Steve Strickland



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