



Bogus Basin Ski Club

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Boise River Float & BBQ

What an adventure. We had 36 people on the river and an additional 29 at the BBQ for a total of 59 people enjoying a beautiful August afternoon.





The BBQ

Once everyone landed, we headed to the BBQ. Sue Markuson expertly pulled all the food together. Our BBQ included burgers and brats grilled up by Tom Markuson and Jordan Stallknecht on our updated Big Bertha. Then we headed to the buffet to add all the fixings to our burger or brat, followed by Sue's special pork & beans, Lynda Clark's yummy potato salad and Elizabeth Graham's delicious green salad with strawberries and her special dressing. For dessert we enjoyed refreshing watermelon and some sweet baby cupcakes. There might have been a few cookies floating around. We also partook in the usual collection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.





Thank you to all who joined us for our annual summer float & BBQ. Hope to see you again next summer.

Story by Carol Peterson, Photos by Guy Exon and Elizabeth Graham

Sue Markuson, Our New Membership Chair



I grew up in the farmland of Nebraska always knowing I wanted to visit the big beautiful mountains of my neighbor state Colorado! My dream finally came true with a weeklong family trip to Summit County at the age of 18. I learned to ski at Copper Mountain when my brothers ditched me at the top of a blue run. I was so mad but determined to ski down and show them! Well sibling rivalry worked and I learned to ski that week with a few black and blue marks to prove it. I've been hooked and in love with skiing ever since.

I was fortunate to marry a man with the same passion for skiing, living our lives skiing all over the Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevada and now the Northwest. Between my husband, Tom and I, we were on the volunteer ski patrol at Bear Valley in Alpine County, California for 25 years. My most adventurous ski trip was Heli skiing in the Monashees and Cariboos of British Columbia. The rush of the Helicopter sweeping us away to the top of an untouched powdered mountain was the ski trip of a lifetime.

Now retired, living our dream here in the beautiful Treasure Valley. BBSC has been a big part of our social life enjoying great people who love to ski and get outdoors. I look forward to serving as membership chair. Here I am at Brundage at the best powder day I ever experienced in Idaho.



In addition to being an adventurous skier, Sue is a highly talented painter. She has been painting for 12 years, first with a group in California, and now on Zoom with that same group. Here are some photos of the Wizard of Oz toy bucket she painted for her first grandson. He's a little young (6 months) to appreciate it today, but it will bring him joy in the years to come.



Sue entered this toy bucket in the Idaho State Fair. Last year Sue won Second Place for this piece (on the left). This year she won First Place for the Wizard of Oz toy bucket. Congratulations, Sue.



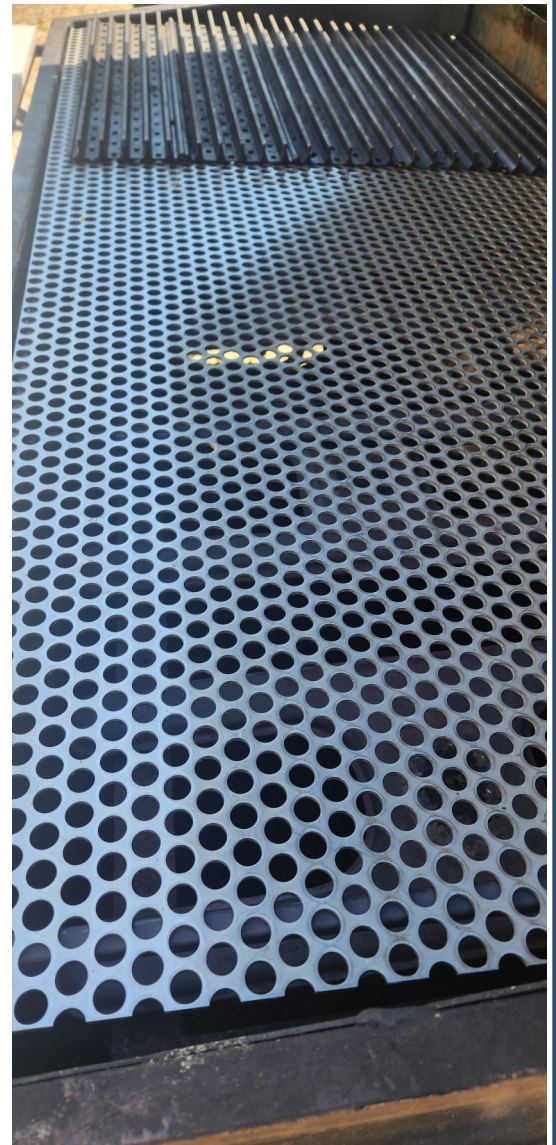
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Big Bertha Gets a Makeover

We all need some primping, preening and grooming at times. The same goes for our special lady, Big Bertha. She travels all over to keep those burgers and brats coming to satisfy our hunger at events. She's been to Bogus Basin, Ann Morrison Park and SISCRA in Donnelly just to name a few of her many destinations. She even gets loaned out to the Bogus Basin Ski Patrol for their end of the season BBQ on the mountain. After every event, she gets cleaned and her propane tank gets refilled.

Over the years she has been repainted; and due to her extensive travels, has had her wheel bearing repacked. We don't want her to lose a wheel during her travels. Think of it as similar to having your skis and boards waxed and your bindings rechecked after too many adventures on the slopes.

This time, the makeover was to her cooking and prep surface. Her grill top was worn and failing and her sad prep tray was carved with years of knife blades. She now wears a bright and shiny new grill top and a new HDPE prep tray. Some of you may have noticed the upgrades at the recent Float & BBQ at Ann Morrison Park. The cooks noticed and definitely appreciated it. I am still doing some research on our history with Big Bertha. Hopefully I will have more to publish in a future edition.



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