



Bogus Basin Ski Club

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Champagne Brunch 2025

At the start of the Champagne Brunch, I always enjoy working the check-in table. This year I welcomed over 70 members and friends, sometimes recognizing a face, other times asking for a name. The volume of chatter gets louder as more people check in. The setup team is there early to make sure everything is perfect. The tables are covered in blue and decorated with flowers. The mimosas flow nicely along with fruit and breads. The main course is, once again, the savory or sweet crepes.

As we all settle into the benches, Kim DeWit takes over as emcee. She first introduces Kim Hovren who spoke about the previous year's events of the Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship.



Up until then, the weather was tolerable when suddenly we observed some lightning and thunder. While Kim Hovren was speaking, down came the tall ski club blade because it could be a lightening rod. We also took down the check-in table and put other items under cover to protect them from the rain.



Next Bob Greenwood talked about his years of skiing; followed by Noah Thomas, one of the scholarship winners. He shared with us his past year experience training in Utah with his host family.

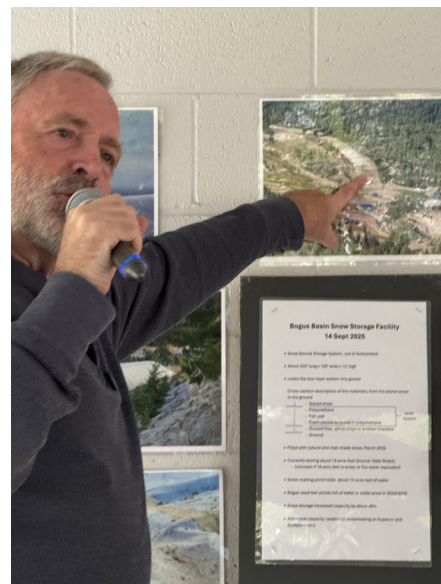
As the showers slowly moved on, Andy Mork gave us a very informative update about the goings on at Bogus Basin.

Pioneer Lodge Renovation

Currently torn apart "looks like a bomb went off" but being rebuilt with:

- A new interior and layout
- An updated cooking line and improved space usage
- A refreshed Wonder Bar
- Completion is not expected this season.

To handle weekend crowds in the meantime, Bogus is putting up a temporary "sprung building" (steel frame with fabric cover) on the old tennis courts. This will make the top of Bitterroot chair more congested—ski cautiously.



Chairlift Relocation

The plan to move the Showcase Chair to drop skiers at the top of Tiger has been delayed until next year due to Forest Service permitting backlogs.

Snow Storage Facility

A new snow storage system (“Snow Secure” from Switzerland, first of its kind in North America) was built on Coach. The purpose is to save snow from March for early/late season use. The facility holds up to 18 acre-feet of snow (uncertain whether that’s snow volume or water equivalent). This could increase Bogus Basin’s snowmaking/snow retention capacity by ~40%. The system uses liners that stay cold even in hot weather and showed little drainage leakage this summer—encouraging signs it’s working. Stored snow will be used only on the lower mountain and Coach, not trucked elsewhere.



Takeaway

Big improvements are underway—Pioneer Lodge remodel plus a temporary sprung building, chairlift relocation coming next year, and a cutting-edge snow storage facility that could significantly extend ski season reliability.



During the setup, Steve Strickland put up the raffle board with this year’s raffle prizes. Some of the prizes include Bogus Basin Lift tickets, Mt. Bachelor Stay & Ski, Sun Valley Stay & Ski and Ski Girl Art by Cathy Brown. Steve is working on a couple more prizes, so stay tuned. All of you who know Steve, he was already selling those tickets. Liz Loomis, our Marketing Director, put her talents to good use to design the posters for the board.



After the presentations, Kim DeWit took over again as emcee and proceeded to the prize-giveaway portion. The Yeti cups were a hit and here’s a photo of the winners.

As always, we end with the obligatory group photo, this time celebrating our “Endless Summer” theme.



Thank you to all who made this event possible: Co-Event Chairs Elizabeth Graham and Kim DeWit and the team: Lynda Clark, Carol Peterson, Nancy Moore, Steve Strickland, Vicki Kuebler, Walt Freestone, Sussette Newsom, Bob Roehl, Zac Medek and Paul Markowitz. And special thanks to our presenters: Kim Hovren, Bob Greenwood, Andy Mork, and a shout out to Noah Thomas.

Apologies to two of our speakers, Kim Hovren and Kim DeWit. I always plan to include photos of our speakers in action, but those photos did not turn out this year.

Story by Carol Peterson and Steve Carlson, Photos by Steve Strickland and Steve Carlson

The Raffle Tale-The Untold Story

It's time to get excited about the changing of the seasons. Case in point...the new ski season brings a new raffle tale to be told. To begin, last years numbers were off the chart. Set up the raffle table seventeen times plus online sales, there were 12,307 tickets sold (and I, Steve, counted every one) with a cash draw of \$8,670 before expenses. The success of this effort could not happen without the help and support from all the volunteers who helped me make this Annual Fundraiser happen.

Our **Annual Champagne Brunch** is the first appearance of the raffle table. Next stop was **Ski Swap at Ridgeline Bike and Ski** for two days.



But my most favorite setup is at **Pray for Snow** sponsored by **10 Barrel Brewing**. I think it's the best block party in Boise.



The **BBSEF Ski Swap** was next for three days. No doubt you can feel the excitement building up in anticipation of buying new gear for the new ski season.

McU Sports and **Eco Lounge** are next on the agenda. We bring our BBQ Big Bertha and serve up brats, hot dogs and burgers for free to the public.



The **Bogus Basin Volunteer Ski Patrol** has their own fundraiser called **Wax n' Beer** held at Sockeye Brewing. Bring your skis or snowboard for an early season wax and be ready for first flakes. For the price of waxing you receive a ticket for a free beer.



At each setup so far, plus the winner of the costume contest on **The Witches Brewery Tour** (Cathy Brown as Charlie Brown), we give away two free tickets to Warren Miller. **Warren Miller** is our biggest signature event of the season held at **The Egyptian Theatre**. We sold out each show and had record-setting sales at the raffle table. You can really feel the excitement and anticipation of the upcoming season when you get that many ski enthusiasts together in one place.



Shoutout to Larry Crockett who organized the event the past 38 years. He's passed on the torch this year.



Just a small portion of the 12,000+ tickets.



Play it Again Sports for their Black Friday Sale was our next appearance. We brought our BBQ and even though everyone had a food hangover from Thanksgiving, we cooked all the food we brought.

Finally our last stop of the raffle tour was at **Greenwoods Ski Haus**. Of course, we brought our BBQ and served up our signature menu of brats, hot dogs and burgers. But what was special is that **Bob Greenwood**, a local ski racing icon and founder of the ski shop, was present to talk and share old ski stories from back in the day.

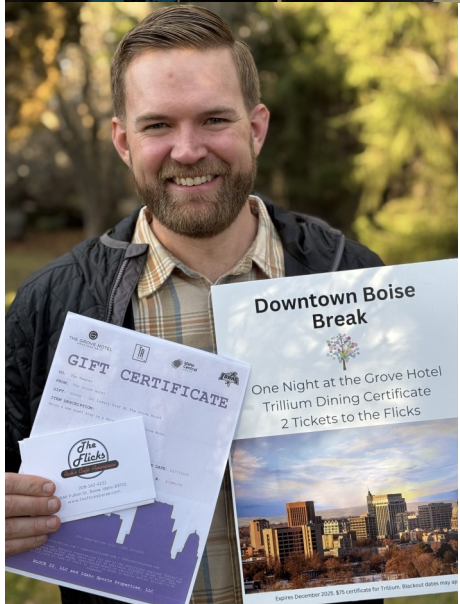
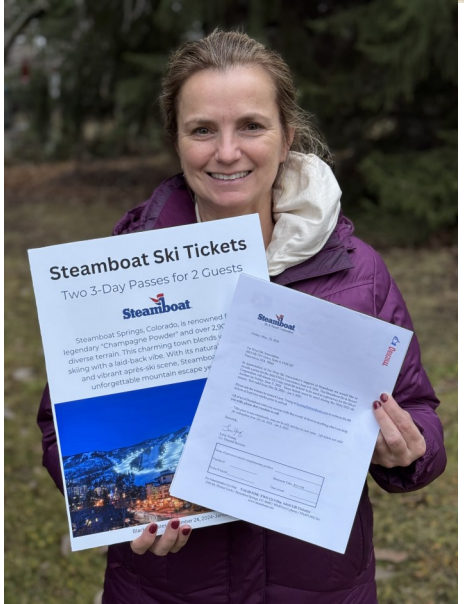
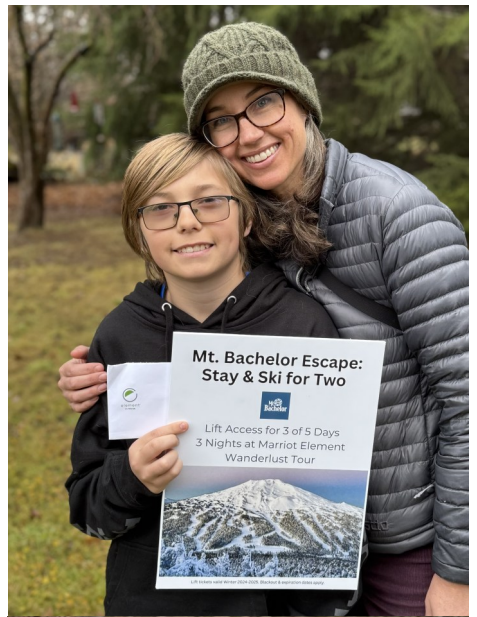
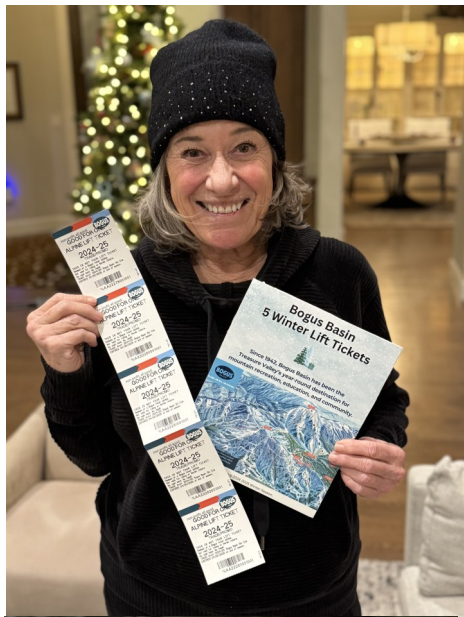


The **Annual Holiday Party** is when we finally get to draw the winners of all our fabulous prizes. Before dinner I make some last minute sales to sweeten the pot. With over 12,000 tickets sold, odds are slim that a winner would actually be present to win.

We had two!!! **Karen Holine** won the **five day passes to Bogus Basin** donated by Bogus Basin. Next **Gary Bermesolo** won **The Sun Valley Trip**. Ski tickets donated by **Sun Valley** and lodging donated by **The Limelight Hotel**. All tickets sales for this prize were donated to **The Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship Fund**.



Owen Ohrmund won the **Mt. Bachelor** trip donated by Mt. Bachelor. **Lily Peacock** won ski tickets to **Steamboat**. **Trevor Seel** won the **Staycation at The Grove Hotel** donated by the same. And the **Rocking Chair**, made by our own **Paul Markowitz**, winner is **David Fulton**.



It's now time to give credit where credits are due. Liz Loomis was very instrumental with her graphic arts skills in putting together each prize board to make sure all was easy to read and understand.

How about a shout out to all who came to each location on the raffle tour. Paul Markowitz, Yaseen Rangrej, Christine Hill, Lynda Clark, Zac Medek, Elizabeth Hegarty Graham, Doug and Sue Baker, David Henry, Jordan Stallknecht, Anthony Mendoza, Nancy Moore, Jim Paulson, Kim Hovren and Sussette Newsome.

Thanks to all who helped out. Big thanks to all who bought tickets to help support our club. The success of the raffle can only happen with help from our community.

>>>Editors Note: None of this would have been possible without the energy and dedication of our Ski Club vice president, **Steve Strickland**. Steve, thank you for all the enthusiasm and effort you bring to the club and to your untold hours with the raffle.



Story by Steve Strickland, Photos by Steve Strickland

Sunnyslope Wine Bike Tour 2025

Many thanks to the fine wineries that hosted the BBSC on its 2025 Wine Bike Tour. We visited Dunning Estates, Kindred Vineyards and Winery, Koenig Distillery and Hat Ranch.



16 people joined the ride and we had a sweep truck for anyone who needed a little help with their bike or with their purchases. The ride was approximately 11 miles and mostly on back roads, so traffic was light.

The weather was wonderful, partly cloudy and a little cool.

The Snake River Valley's long stretches of road and wineries make it the ideal place to explore by bicycle.

Biking is a great alternative to wine tasting by car because it offers the chance to slow down, revel in the fresh valley air, and truly appreciate wine country's gorgeous scenery.

The end of the ride was at the home of Bruce and Julie Eggleston where we had a potluck lunch. Bruce invited us into his home for the potluck after the ride. We need to give them extra thanks for their hospitality



Story and photo by Paul Markowitz

Greenbelt Bike Brewery Tour Summer 2025

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy a beautiful day on the Greenbelt with friends.



We had lots of prize winners this time...free beer, Yeti cups and Bogus Basin Ski Club T-shirts.

Our first stop was at a new brewery called Ruckus.



For the first time on the tour we had an actual brewery tour narrated by Kyle, the owner. He talked about how he got started and the process of how beer is made.

Our next stop is a summer favorite on the tour, The Yardarm. I love the beach decor and vibe here. You can order tacos delivered out of an old Chris-Craft boat.



For the second time this year our last stop was at Green Acres. This “Is the place to be” during the summer. Food trucks, beverage selections, ice cream and live music. Let’s just say it’s a little bit of heaven right on the Boise River Greenbelt.



Registration is open for The Witches Brewery Tour and costume contest. Winner gets two free tickets to Warren Miller. Mark your calendar for October 26. This will be the 5th anniversary of The Greenbelt Bike Brewery Tour. Click [HERE](#) to come celebrate with us.

Story and photos by Steve Strickland

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