



Bogus Basin Ski Club

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Big Sky, Big Turns, Big Fun 2025

Day 1. Wednesday.

Brrr. Cold morning start to our alpine adventure. Cars arrive in the dark between 6:45 and 7:30 AM. As soon as the bus arrives we load up in the very frigid morning, filling the underbelly of our chariot, as it were, and head out into the sunrise.



If you've never been on a Bogus Basin Ski Club bus trip, you really need to sign up. If you have, you know (in modern acronym speak IYKYK = If You Know You Know). Trip leader, Doug, treats

his comrades well; Screwdrivers and Bloody Marys complete with celery & olive garnishes! WOW.

Fill 'er up! We have our DD (designated driver)! She's Sophie, and she's our amazing chauffeur for the week. A lot of morning people in this group, friends catching up with each other, sharing stories of the latest exploits as well as good times gone by.

Hmm. Is it a Tarot Card Reading or a Pizza Order?

Around noon I hear "StarGazer, Northern Lights, yes two Capricorns, two Pegasus. And we want two Sunbeams, too". I'm listening to Doug Baker. And, if you know Doug, you know that these are not words you anticipate hearing come out of his mouth. What is actually going on here? I had to figure out this puzzle. With a Bloody Mary in hand, I realize what he's up to. That's our trip leader ordering pizza for our welcome party. Whew! I was a little worried there! I thought he was on the phone with a Tarot Card reader.

Anyway, that pizza from the Cosmic Pizza company of Bozeman did not disappoint. After arrival, the group members trickled into the expansive lounge area, which acted like an outdoor pool lounge complete with fake trees and patio tables, but was actually indoors, protected from the elements. Mountain goat and deer peek out from the top of realistic looking boulders which jutted up around the five hot tubs in the large area. Imagine like at Cabela's in Boise, but maybe not quite taxidermied.

The group enjoyed conversation and friendly banter over pizza and salad, crudité and hummus, as we all filled our tummies in anticipation of the next three days of great skiing!

A Mountain for Everyone



The next morning our chariot took to the road to take us to the base, below the grand mountain. Big Sky Resort truly lives up to its name – the terrain is as vast as the Montana sky itself. From gentle groomers to heart-pumping steeps, every skill level found their sweet spot. Ikon pass holders, take note – this is your playground! And for those who haven't experienced Big Sky's grandeur, consider this your formal invitation to add it to your bucket list.

Days of Mountain Magic

The magic of Big Sky unfolded before us like pages in a winter storybook. The brand-new gondola, just two seasons young, carried us skyward with promises of adventure. What a difference from our club's last visit in 2022, before this sleek marvel was installed! The views from the summit were nothing short of spectacular – a 360-degree panorama of Montana's majestic mountain ranges stretching as far as the eye could see. Did anyone brave the descent from the very top? Well, that's a story best shared over après-ski drinks!



Evenings of Delight

After exhilarating days carving through perfectly groomed runs, our group found sanctuary in the hotel's unique indoor oasis. Five hot tubs beckoned our tired muscles, surrounded by those whimsical mountain goats and deer peering down from their perches on artificial rocks. One memorable evening, many in the group ventured into Bozeman, where the streets were transformed into an outdoor art gallery of magnificent ice sculptures. The town's charm and vibrant energy provided the perfect backdrop for dinner and exploration with both old friends and new.

The BBSC Difference

What makes a Bogus Basin Ski Club trip special? It's the perfect blend of adventure, camaraderie, and those little moments that become lasting memories – like Doug's creative pizza-ordering code names or Sophie's expert navigation of our comfortable chariot. Our three days of skiing flew by too quickly, filled with laughter, friendly challenges, and the kind of joy that only comes from sharing the mountains with kindred spirits.

Looking Ahead



If you're reading this and feeling a twinge of FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out), we get it! But here's the good news. The Bogus Basin Ski Club's calendar is always brimming with exciting events and adventures. From day trips to extended getaways like this Big Sky expedition, there's always something on the horizon.

Keep an eye on our [calendar](#), join our community, and don't miss out on the next great adventure. After all, the best stories are the ones you're part of creating!

Remember: When you travel with BBSC, you're not just joining a trip – you're becoming part of a story that keeps getting better with each new chapter.



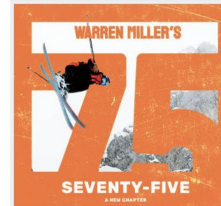
Can't get enough of us? Here's a video of our adventure. [Big Sky with BBSC](#)



Story by Kim DeWit, Photos by Kim DeWit and Steve Strickland, Video by Steve Carlson

Warren Miller “75”...Where has the Time Gone? Bogus Basin Ski Club Hosting for the Last “60” Years

How did Warren get to Boise? Did you know that Bogus Basin Ski Club brought Warren Miller and his ski film to Boise in the early 60's? President Donn Bryant personally contacted Warren to come to Boise to present his ski movie. The entire BBSC board advertised the event with their own flyers and sold tickets at the front door. At that time in history, Warren did his own narration and entertained the audience in the Boise High School gym with his quips and movie shots of ski bloopers. Since snowboarding was not mainstream until the 70's, only skiers were featured. Donn remembers that some of the most humorous shots were of people getting on and off the chair lifts.



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Watch Us Grow

Over the past 60 years, Larry Crocket and John Greenwood have been involved with this film festival for the last 49 years. During those early years at the Morrison Center, John and Larry were the worker bees putting up posters and working with the booth participants. In 1993 Larry and John took over the film and had various people helping. In 1998 they tried to move to the B of A Center (now Boise Center on the Grove). It was a total disaster due to the sound and projection plus the terrible acoustics. In 1999, they returned to the Morrison Center where the number of tickets sold was 1,987. The Morrison Center holds about 2,000; so even back then, an almost sold out event.

Starting in 2002, Larry Crocket and team, along with Bogus Basin Ski Club support, moved the film festival to the Egyptian Theatre where they had two showings on a Thursday with 1,492 total tickets sold. In 2007, the showing increased to two days with four showings – Friday and Saturday – selling 2,150 tickets. In 2008, Larry took the festival to three days with four showings – three evenings with one matinee. This has been the norm ever since.

Even from the early days, Larry and team worked with the Local Vendors to bring and display the latest skis and equipment, interact with the movie goers and talk shop. This turned out to be one of the best decisions Larry and team ever made, to keep it local before keeping it local was popular. The cost for the vendors to participate was a base fee and one give away per evening. Turned out, the movie, the vendors and the giveaways, are what keep the crowds coming back!

Our Charitable Contributions

Today the Warren Miller Film Festival not only supports the Bogus Basin Ski Club but proceeds also benefit the Boise Adaptive Snowsport Education (BASE), Bogus Basin Ski Patrol, Bogus Basin Mountain Resort and Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship program. So far the Ski Club has donated \$38,387 to deserving non-profits in the ski community and ticket sales continue that tradition.

This year, in Nov 2024, we had two emcees, Brian Holmes, an anchor at KTVB, and Kimberly DeWit, BBSC Social Director. We give our gratitude to them for volunteering to host each show!

Our Local Sponsors

I would like to thank our local sponsors for their continued support each year!



With a special thanks to [Payette Brewing Company](#) for providing the beverages each night. And a very big thank you to the Egyptian Theatre who has been a wonderful partner in this event over the last 23 years!

Our Heartfelt Thanks

There have been numerous other volunteers over the years with the Film Festival and we thank them for their time, but Larry and John have continued to be the main leaders of this fun event. The Bogus Basin Ski Club gives a heartfelt thank you for their time and effort to create such a lasting Boise, Idaho tradition. We only hope we can keep things running smoothly going forward.

Thank you Larry Crocket and John Greenwood!

Larry Crocket

John Greenwood

Fun Time "75" November 2024



Story by Lynda Clark, Images provided by Lynda Clark & Steve Strickland
"How did Warren get to Boise" section provided by Barbara Bryant

Ski Swap 2024

The Bogus Basin Ski Education Foundation held its 73rd annual ski swap at Expo Idaho in Boise on November 1-3. The doors were opened to the public at 10 AM on Friday and it was busy, busy, busy until late that evening. The long line of shoppers waiting to check out snake-chained right past the BBSC booth and our volunteers took advantage of the opportunity to reach out and talk to those waiting in line. We gave them information about our club, our raffle and the Warren Miller film sponsored by BBSC. We also had BBSC volunteers helping at the checkout line, and many helped McU Sports by setting up, arranging items and answering shoppers' questions throughout the weekend.

Saturday and Sunday had a steady stream of skiers, stopping at our booth to sign up for free Warren Miller tickets, to hear about the club, and get a piece of candy or a BBSC sticker. Many people tested out Paul's rocking chair made of skis and enjoyed swapping stories of their favorite ski resorts like Bogus Basin and anticipating opening day.

A big thank you to Jane Gabbert for organizing the volunteer sign ups, to our volunteers and to members who stopped by to say hello!



The two Steves selling raffle tickets at our booth.

Brundage / Tamarack Fun and Flexible Trip, February 2025

This flexible and fun trip was a schedule and drive yourself ski trip to a couple of our local mountains north of Boise ID.

Lynda Clark found out about this trip while viewing the [Northwest Ski Club Council](#) website. Because we are members of this council and friends with the Mountain High Snowsport Club, Lynda asked Linda McGavin of Mountain High if we could combine clubs for a higher turn out event. This worked out GREAT!! Linda McGavin had already contracted a discounted room rate with Best Western Plus in McCall. Lynda Clark worked with Mike Hans at [Brundage Mountain Resort](#) to get ski tickets discounts on regular day tickets.

Super Bowl Pizza Social

The trip started with a social on February 9 at the Best Western Plus in McCall for Super Bowl viewing (Eagles Won). The Bogus Basin Ski Club hosted the pizza from [Crusty's](#) along with beer/wine, while the Mountain High Snowsport Club brought appetizers, salad and desserts. This combined effort made for a super fun social.



Meet up and making new friends at the hotel!



Monday Morning Ski Day - Do I need to say any more!?!?



Brundage had multiple snow days before Monday, February 10 – reaching 200” of snow. We hit the slopes Monday Morning by 9:00. We were all supposed to meet at 8:45 but you know how that goes – herding cats!! Some started at 9:00, some started at 9:15, some took off at 9:30, and some waited for lessons. But I have to say, the day was beautiful, sunny and a COLD 10°.

So cold that on the first run, David Finch and I had issues with our skis sticking to the snow, as if it were springtime mashed potatoes. But it was not springtime at all, just dry, fluffy, champagne powder! As it warmed up or our skis got cold enough, the stickies went away and WE HAD A BLAST!!

After long day of skiing on Monday, everyone met at Lardos for a no host group dinner. There were about 30 people that showed up for this event.



Another Bluebird Cold Morning

Tuesday was another bluebird COLD 4° day at Tamarack. The group met at 9:00 and had another wonderful day skiing.

The hotel manager would love to have us come back next year and said she will give us the exact same rate next year. And yes, it IS better than the Rewards rate. It would be the fourth year for Mountain High Snowsports club to take a ski trip to McCall. The week would probably be February 8 through 13, because we need to avoid Presidents' Day and the Winter Carnival. So mark your calendars for next year!!

And I have to say – Hanging out with Mountain Hi Snowsports Ski Club was great fun!! They are all great skiers, fun, and adventurous people – just like everyone in Bogus Basin Ski Club.

A note from Linda McGavin: We really enjoyed mingling with your group!



Story by Lynda Clark
Photos by Steve Strickland, Lynda Clark and David Fitch

My Mountain Host Experience

The crisp winter air at Bogus Basin had always called to me, but this year was different. As a rookie Mountain Host, I finally had the chance to give back to the mountain community I'd grown to love. My journey began with an email to Director Don Reiman, bolstered by recommendations from my friends in the National Ski Patrol and my fellow powder-seeking sisters in the Vertigals ski group.

The Uphill Journey

After a thorough interview with seasoned Host leaders on a sweltering August afternoon, I found myself among an elite group – five rookies selected from ten hopeful candidates. The preparation was intensive: mastering life-saving CPR skills alongside the National Ski Patrol, navigating the comprehensive Outdoor First Care certification, and practicing chairlift evacuation procedures on a brisk October morning when the mountain was still quiet, waiting for the season's first snow. At the end of the training, through natural attrition three of us remained.

The Perks of the Position

The rewards of being a Mountain Host extend beyond the obvious thrill of spending more time on the slopes. The signature red coat isn't just uniform - it's a symbol of responsibility and pride. My volunteer pass opens doors to valuable perks: half-price tune-ups for my trusty skis, a convenient locker tucked away in Simplot Lodge's basement, and a coveted parking pass that makes those early morning arrivals a breeze.

A Day in the Life: Dawn to Dusk on the Mountain

My hosting days begin in the pre-dawn darkness at 5 AM, when most skiers are still dreaming of fresh powder. After a rejuvenating yoga session, I navigate the winding road up to Bogus Basin, often carpooling with Ski Patrol from Highlands Elementary School. We ride through the darkness, watching the sky slowly paint itself in morning colors.



Life in the Red Coat

By 8:30 AM, we're gathered for our morning briefing, sharing conditions reports and daily objectives. The real magic begins at 9:00 AM on Simplot Lodge's bustling patio, where we're the first friendly faces many guests encounter. Whether we're leading wide-eyed newcomers on mountain tours or patrolling in pairs across the slopes, our mission remains constant - being the helpful presence that makes Bogus Basin feel like home.

The Real Work

Our work isn't just about giving directions or leading tours - it's about being vigilant guardians of guest safety. We glide carefully along cat tracks, scanning the edges for signs of trouble. Sometimes, it's directing traffic around a fallen skier on Coach's Corner, other times it's coordinating with Patrol to manage a more serious situation.

The Last Run

As darkness approaches, I have stayed past 4:00 PM on several occasions to help "sweep" (close) the Bitterroot Chairlift runs, supporting the patrol in this critical function. This is the second of two new lifts at the mountain this year. It opens the Bitterroot Basin to a much greater area for beginner and intermediate skiers/riders and significantly increases the sweep area.

My Bogus Basin Family

I find there's a deep satisfaction in knowing we've helped keep our mountain community safe for another day. The camaraderie among Hosts, Patrol, and regular guests creates an atmosphere that makes even the coldest days warm with purpose. For anyone considering joining our ranks, I can say with certainty - the early mornings and training are worth every moment for the privilege of being part of this incredible mountain family. I love being a Mountain Host.

If you are interested in joining the Bogus Basin Mountain Host program, contact [Don Reiman](#).

About the Author

Michelle. grew up in Missoula and skied Western Montana from the time she entered school until she moved to Idaho 30 years ago. Then she began skiing Bogus Basin. After teaching school in Nampa for 28 years, she "retired to the ski hill," where she skis two or three days a week all winter. In addition to the Mountain Hosts, Michelle volunteers for several organizations and is an education activist year round. She is vice president of the GFWC Boise Columbian Club, an organization focused on literacy. During the summer months, Michelle stays fit by participating in several outdoor activities as well as attending the local Fit and Fall Proof classes.

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