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Holiday Party 2024, It's in the Books...Do you want wine with that?

We experimented with something novel this year, bottles of wine. Yes, this year members of the planning committee wanted to upscale the wine. To offer some quality wines, Elizabeth Graham, Paul Markowitz and Karen and Rich Holine got together to do some tastings and find some wines that were deserving to accompany the dinner. They selected a white and a red and our military Service Member contacts at Gowen Field Activities Club went above and beyond, searching stores all over the Treasure Valley to pick up our selections. BBSC members were notified in advance that they could place an order for their choice of wine, and so many selected bottles for their tables that our support staff at Gowen Field had to head out on another search.

Now for a look back at our holiday party itself. This party is always an adventure in meeting old friends and new. There's socializing, food, beverages, dancing, photos, raffles, door prizes and tickets under the chair to add to the surprise gifts. If you have never been to one of our holiday parties, make a note to watch for the 2025 invitation. And now to the photos.









Thanks to the BBSC Party Planning Committee: Lynda Clark, Elizabeth Hegarty Graham, Nancy Moore, Kim DeWit, Steve Strickland, Liz Loomis and Paul Markowitz.

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



Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship 2024/25

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2024/2025 Ski Season Scholarship winners. This program is sponsored by the Bogus Basin Ski Club (BBSC) and the proceeds come from the club's fundraising efforts. Started in 2018 by club member Barb Bryant, and now chaired by club member Kim Hovren, one of the main objectives of the scholarship is to sustain snowsports and to ensure that the inspirational experiences of this outdoor activity remains for future generations.

This Year's Awards

The Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship steering committee reviewed three applications for the 2024/25 Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship and announced they awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the following competitors: Noah Thomas (USASA 15/16), Nadege Lee (U14) and Bennett Oakey (U14). The application review is based on submitted letters of recommendation, biography, awards, achievements, academics and financial need.



Noah Thomas



Nadege Lee



Bennett Oakey

Steering Committee

There are eight member of the 2024/25 steering committee: Chair—Kim Hovren; BBSC Members—Janice Abramovich, Carey Bell and Barbara Bryant; as well as members of the Snowsports community—Ron Bonneau, Jim Greenwood, John Greenwood, and Darla McRoberts. Together they review the applications and award the scholarships.



Who is Bob Greenwood and Why This Scholarship?

Bob Greenwood is a 98-year-old Boise skiing legend. In the 1950's Bob opened Greenwood's Ski Haus, still a staple in the Boise skiing community. The Greenwood Ski Haus is located on the same road that takes thousands of snowsports enthusiasts to Bogus Basin for their fun in the snow. Bob has a ski run named after him, a double black diamond "Greenie's Run" honoring Bob's 60 years as an ambassador for the mountain. The Bob Greenwood Snowsports Scholarship recognizes Bob as one of our iconic community members. The importance of his industry contributions, dedication and connections to our ski community span the decades and embodies the legacy for which this award represents. As Bob says, "Always ski with your feet."

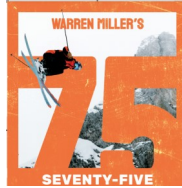
How Much Has BBSC Invested in this Scholarship?

In addition to the hours of effort seeking raffle items and promoting those items and the combined hours of the members of the steering committee, since 2020 we have donated \$17,000 to the scholarship winners.

This Year's Fundraising Efforts

This year our contributions amounted to \$6,619 from the following fund-raising efforts:

- Warren Miller contribution — \$1,351
- Silent Auction at our Holiday Party — \$1,560
- Annual Raffle — \$2,829
- Registration Donations — \$879



What was in this Year's Annual Raffle?

Two sponsors donated generous items that went into the Annual Raffle. Lynda Clark, Board President, and Liz Loomis, Marketing Director, put together the Sun Valley trip. Lynda worked with Sun Valley and Liz worked with the Limelight. Steve Strickland, Vice President and Annual Raffle promoter, reported that the combined adventure raised \$2,829.



- 2 of 3 days lift tickets at Sun Valley Resort—www.sunvalley.com
- 2 nights stay at the Limelight Hotel—www.limelighthotels.com/ketchum

How about the Warren Miller Film Festival?

Each year we donate a portion of the BBSC proceeds from Warren Miller Film Festival ticket sales to the scholarship. This year the club donated \$1,351.

How about the Silent Auction at our Holiday Party?

The auction raised \$1,560 and included:

- BBSC Logo Water Can donated by Dunnigan Creek Design—www.dunnigancreekdesign.com
- BBSC Logo Flask donated by Dunnigan Creek Design—www.dunnigancreekdesign.com
- 2-day E-Bike Rental donated by Georges Cycles—www.georgescycles.com
- River Club Golf donated by The River Club Golf Course—www.riverclubboise.com
- Barn Quilt painted and donated by BBSC Board Member Nancy Moore
- 4 Days at the [Best Western Tyrolean Lodge Ketchum](#)
- Wine Rack made from skis, designed, crafted and donated by BBSC Club Member Paul Markowitz. For the auction, the BBSC Board filled the rack with wine.



Registration Donations

Every year when existing members renew or new people sign up to belong to the club, they have the opportunity to donate to the scholarship. This past registration year members donated \$879.

Remember Noah Earlier in the Story?

Noah is currently training in Utah and sent us a video of his training routine. I realize it's a little blurry, but it tells a story of progress and what our scholarship supports.



To watch Noah's video, click [HERE](#).



And Who Won the Sun Valley Raffle?



Gary Bermensolo and his partner Joanne Thompson bought \$20 in raffle tickets, 30 in total tickets, at our Annual Holiday party. The drawing was that night after two months of raffle sales. There were 4,115 tickets in the Sun Valley bucket. It was a real treat to have him present to win at the Holiday Party. Thanks for your support Gary and Joanne.

Story by Carol Peterson with contributions from Lynda Clark and Kim Hovren. Photos by Scholarship winners Noah, Nadege and Bennett, Video by Noah Thomas and uploaded by Steve Carlson, Photo of Sun Valley raffle winners by Steve Strickland

Behind the Scenes with Our Bogus Basin Ski Patrol: A Conversation with Bogus Basin's Mountain Patrol Manager, Devon Haire.

As the number of skiers and snowboarders continues to grow each season, ensuring safety on the slopes has become more complex and more critical than ever. To get a closer look at the strategies behind keeping our mountain safe, I sat down with our new Ski Patrol Mountain Patrol Manager at Bogus Basin to discuss everything from common injuries to how they keep guests informed and safe on the hill.



Keeping Up with the Crowd



If you have skied at Bogus Basin this season, it's likely you have noticed an almost extreme number of bright orange signage posted around our ski hill. Have you noticed they are in high traffic areas, often located where a variety of ability levels merge or overlap?

When asked how the growing number of skiers and boarders impacts safety measures, Devon shared that the team relies heavily on data. "We look at our data and identify some of the more troublesome spots," he explained. "Then, we send

patrollers out during high-traffic times to be a presence, and it seems to have helped. Sometimes we'll also adjust signs or traffic flow if we think it will make a difference."

It's all about staying proactive and visible in high-traffic areas—something we can all appreciate when we're navigating busy runs.

Updated Responsibility Code: What's New?

One of the key pieces of safety on the mountain is understanding the rules that guide our skiing and snowboarding behavior. Did you know the Responsibility Code has been updated? The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) has expanded the Code from seven to ten points. The update clarifies a couple of important guidelines: one point has been split into two—"read and obey all signs" and "stay out of closed terrain"—and rules have been added about skiing or riding under the influence, and what to do if you're involved in a collision.

Staying informed about these updates can make all the difference in creating a safer environment for everyone.

Common Incidents on the Hill

When it comes to the most frequent injuries, orthopedic issues top the list. For skiers, Devon noted that knee injuries—especially ACL tears—are a common concern, often caused by twisting falls while in the "backseat" position. "Make sure your bindings are adjusted by a certified ski tech for your height, weight, and ability," Devon advised, "and keep a strong, athletic stance to prevent these injuries."

Snowboarders, on the other hand, often deal with FOOSH injuries (Fall On Outstretched Hands). These can affect wrists, shoulders, and collarbones. Our patrol manager recommended wearing wrist guards and striking the ground with your forearms to absorb the force, though he admits, “I’m not a snowboarder, so that might be outdated info!”

Communicating Safety on the Slopes

In today’s digital age, communication is key, and Bogus Basin Ski Patrol is making sure they stay ahead of the curve. “Social media is a great way to stay updated on alerts like trail closures or weather changes,” Devon shared. “We also use our patrollers to deliver messages directly, especially when specific individuals need to be located.” They also use the ski lift system to communicate with guests when necessary. If you’re not already, it’s a good idea to follow Bogus Basin’s social media accounts for the latest updates and safety alerts.

Proactive Safety Initiatives

Looking ahead, Ski Patrol is continuing to focus on high-traffic zones like Bogus Creek, an area known for a mix of skiers and riders of all skill levels. You may have already noticed the increased signage along this area. The team will maintain their proactive approach in these areas, encouraging everyone to slow down and stay alert. It’s a simple yet effective way to ensure we all get home safely after a day on the slopes.

What to Do in an Emergency

Accidents can happen, so it’s important to know what to do if you witness one. The Mountain Patrol Manager recommends storing the ski patrol’s direct phone number in your phone: 208-332-5350. This has come in handy for me, personally, as I was working with a group of Passport program students in ski school towards the end of last season, when one guest tweaked their ankle. I was able to contact the patrol office directly and help was on the way quickly.

When calling in, provide as many details as possible, such as the person’s location, age, clothing and the nature of the injury. If you can, stay at the scene until a patroller arrives; and if you’re able, fill out a witness report—Patrol can send you an electronic form for that.

Fostering a Culture of Safety and Respect

Devon emphasized that skiing and snowboarding are about enjoying the outdoors and having fun. But that fun should never come at the expense of others’ safety. “Fun is different for everyone,” he said. “My fun shouldn’t limit someone else’s. Mutual respect is key.” Ultimately, Devon believes that safety starts with personal responsibility. “You’re the most important factor in your own safety. If we all focus on getting home safely at the end of the day, we can make sure we’re all back to do it again tomorrow.”

A Personal Story: A Moment That Changed Everything

When asked, why ski patrol? In a deeply personal reflection, Devon shared a powerful story from his youth as a competitive skier with Team Breck. During a GS training run, his good friend and teammate “Grant came over a blind roller and collided with a snowboard instructor who was teaching an underprivileged kid at the time. Grant was totally in control of his skiing and the instructor had only just helped the kid back up, to move out of that blind spot so it was just really, really terrible timing.” Tragically, Grant passed away that day and the instructor passed two days later in the hospital. “What stuck with me was how the ski patrol responded to the incident,” Devon recalled. “Many of them were the parents of my teammates and they knew Grant really well so it affected them deeply, but they were absolute professionals on the scene and did everything they possibly could have done for Grant and the instructor that day. That’s when I knew I wanted to be part of this team.”

At The End of The Day...

At the end of the day, skiing and snowboarding are about fun, community, and the shared love of the mountains. So as we head out onto the slopes this season, remember that safety is a shared responsibility. Whether you're a seasoned skier or a first-time boarder, a little mindfulness can go a long way in keeping the mountain safe for everyone.



About Devon Haire

This is Devon's first year as Bogus Basin Mountain Patrol Manager. He is a certified paramedic and comes to us from Arapahoe Basin in Colorado with over 20 years of experience.

He and his family moved to Boise and are now close to other family members.

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No snow? How about some time on the river. Note the National Ski Patrol white cross on Devon's Astral Life Jacket. Always safety first.

Photos provided by Devon Haire

Interview by Kimberly DeWit

