



# PANHANDLER

GREAT FALLS SKI & BOARD CLUB NEWSLETTER June 2019 Issue



Club's Mission: Promote skiing in Central Montana by sponsoring special events and fun ski trips locally and abroad.

## PRESIDENT'S MOGUL

The warmer months are here and weekends are getting booked up quickly. However, this has not stopped the board from coming up with fun summer activities. We will have Ray's River Party again as well as adding in a tube float on the Dearborn. Details to follow in the next couple of weeks. Also, the board will be diligently working over the summer to keep the club up to date on modern technology—more to come in the following month. Short and sweet newsletter this month.

Stay safe

*Andy Ferrin*  
President

## Schweitzer Basin Trip Coordinator Needed

Preliminary arrangements for the 2020 long ski trip are being made for Schweitzer Basin on February 8th through 12th. Although details such as lodging options are being pursued by Board members, a trip coordinator is needed to spearhead the effort. If you have questions about what this responsibility entails, contact Andy or Scott Strieby, our last year's coordinator. The Club will compensate the Coordinator the cost of their trip to Schweitzer. BTW, don't forget to thank Scott Strieby for his excellent trip coordination last year.

## Summer Events Scheduled—Highway Cleanups, Dearborn Float Party, Robison River Party, Showdown Work Party

The following dates have been scheduled for **highway cleanups**: June 23 and September 1.

As part of its public service mission, the club sponsors cleanup of the section of highway immediately above and below the Memorial Falls parking lot. The club has a two-year contract with the Montana Highway Department to do the cleanup three times a year. On the cleanup days, we meet at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Falls parking lot. Be sure to wear comfortable hiking or walking shoes and bring outerwear to accommodate variable weather conditions. The hike to do the cleanup will take approximately an hour. After the June 23 cleanup, Larry Blazicevich has offered to host brunch/lunch. For the September 1 clean-up, we will have breakfast at 8:30 at the Monarch Senior Citizen's Center. Thanks to the volunteers for the May cleanup, with an extra big thanks to Laura Brusky for lunch preparation.

Plans are being made for a low flow **Dearborn River Tube Float** on July 21. It would be about a 3-4 hour trip. Stay tuned for more details and let the Board know if you are interested.

The annual **Robison River Party** is scheduled for August 17 and 18. Those who wish to float should meet at Robisons at noon on either or both days to be transported to the put-in site for approximately 2 hour float. Those who don't wish to float can just hang out, visit under the shade of giant cottonwoods, and have burgers, brauts, and brew. Final details next month.

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Next Board meeting is Monday July 1. Board meetings are normally held the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge. Summer 2019 Board meetings will be held at alternative locations. July Board meeting will be held at 14 Gannon Drive July 1st 6:30 p.m. Next General Membership meeting will be September 19. General Membership meetings are at the Eagles Lodge and are normally the 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. with exceptions for holidays.

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***Activity Calendar at a Glance***

6/23/19 Highway Cleanup  
7/1/19 July Board Meeting—14 Gannon Drive  
7/21/19 Dearborn Float Trip  
8/5/19 August Board Meeting—94 Wilson Butte Rd  
8/17-18/19 Robison River Party and Float Trip  
9/1/19 Highway Cleanup  
9/9/19 September Board Meeting—625 14th St. SW  
9/15/19 Showdown Work Party  
9/19/19 September General Membership Meeting