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GREAT FALLS SKI & BOARD CLUB NEWSLETTER December 2022

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

PRESIDENT'S MOGUL

Greetings, all!

I was talking with George the other day and he said that the last time Showdown opened this early was in 1996! I have not made it up yet, but I am hoping many of you got to take advantage of the early opening. Not only do they have enough snow to open, but it continues to snow up there.

Remember that our general membership meetings will now start at 6pm instead of 7pm. Food will be served around 6:15-6:20. Our next meeting is early this month (Wednesday the 14th). If you are bringing a dish and haven't signed up yet, please click [here](#).

Also, the trips are coming up fast, so if you are going please sign up on the sign up genius links so we know who's going.

We also hit a huge milestone in memberships! Just over 200 people now are in our great club. Thank you and please keep spreading the word!

Stay safe out there!

Andy Ferrin
President

Discount Lift Tickets

See Fen at general membership meeting to purchase.

- * Big Sky - \$90 (limit 2 per paid member)
- * Whitefish - \$55
- * Bridger/Red Lodge - \$35 (limit 2 per paid member)

2022-2023 Planned Trips

- * Canada: Jan 28 - Feb 4 (Lake Louis, Sunshine & Panorama)
- * Fairmont/Discovery: Feb 9-12 (rooms booked under Ski Club for Thursday-Saturday 9th-11th ~\$171/night plus taxes)
- * Sun Valley: Feb 26 - Mar 2
- * Teton: March 18-19

Club members are encouraged to get the [Mountain Collective Ski Pass](#), currently \$599, though it is not required.



Snowball January 14th

Dance the night away to country band Muddy Creek at The Elk's Club! Doors open at 6:30 to members and 7:00 to the public. Free for paid members, guests and the public are \$10. Montana formal attire. Heavy appetizers for members and your guests. Door prizes for paid members only. We will be crowning a Snowball King & Queen! Accepting door prizes from members.

Committee Sign Up



Trip Sign Up



ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- 12/14/22 General Membership Meeting 6:00
- 1/3/23 January Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 1/14/23 Snow Ball 6:30
- 1/18/23 General Membership Meeting 6:00
- 2/7/23 February Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 2/15/23 General Membership Meeting 6:00



Great Falls Ski and Board Club is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote skiing in Central Montana by sponsoring special events and fun ski trips both locally and abroad. Membership dues are \$30.00 per eligible adult. Membership may be renewed by mail, online, or at the next general meeting. Further information can be found at greatfallsskiclub.com, email at gfskemail@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 166, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Next General Membership meeting is Wednesday, **December 14**. We will be having a **Christmas Party**. [Sign up here](#) to contribute a dish so we know if there will be enough food for everybody. During the season, meeting night for General Membership meetings is typically the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with exceptions for holidays. Light meals will be served and members will receive one drink ticket. Starting in December, meetings will begin at **6 p.m.**

Canada Trip Itinerary

Dates: Saturday 1/28 - Saturday 2/4

People are welcome to do all or part of this week long adventure to Panorama, Lake Louise, and Sunshine.

Depart GF early Saturday 1/28 and drive 7.5 hours to Fairmont Hot Springs Resort (yes, there is a Fairmont in BC), where we will stay for two nights (1/28, 1/29).

Cost for double queen room is about \$160 USD/night.

[Fairmont Hot Springs Resort](#) (800) 663-4979

Ski Panorama Sunday 1/29 and Monday 1/30

After skiing on Monday 1/30 drive about two hours to Banff and check into the Mount Royal Hotel in downtown Banff. Check out Saturday 2/4. Cost is about \$186 USD/night including all taxes and fees.

[Mount Royal Hotel](#) (877) 862-2623

Ski Lake Louise 1/31 and 2/1

Ski Sunshine 2/2 and 2/3

Drive home Saturday 2/4



We do not have blocks of rooms reserved for this trip.

Interested people need to book rooms on their own.

People interested in finding roommates or carpooling can contact the trip coordinator, Fen Keggi, by text or email.

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Download the [ArriveCan](#) app. It is the official Canadian Border Patrol and Customs app. Completing the pre-approval is absolutely necessary to have a streamlined border crossing. A valid passport is also required. The app has up to the minute updates on anything you need to know about getting into Canada. Anyone planning to use a Mountain Collective Pass needs to get pre-approved tickets for the days they plan to ski at each resort. Go to MountainCollective.com for more details.

Sun Valley Trip

Sunday 2/26 - Thursday 3/2. People can come for all or part of this trip. Private transportation... we can try to coordinate some carpooling once we have a head count. It is a 7.5-hour drive.

For those of you without a Mountain Collective Pass, daily lift tickets are \$170. Those with a pass need to remember to get pre-approved for the days they plan to ski. Go to mountaincollective.com for details.

Lodging is in Hailey, ID at the [AmericInn by Wyndham Hailey Sun Valley](#) (208) 788-7950

We have a small bank of rooms reserved under Great Falls Ski & Board Club being held until 1/2. The hotel has a hot tub and pool. Cost is \$201/night including taxes and fees.

Trip coordinator is Fen Keggi.

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