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GREAT FALLS SKI & BOARD CLUB NEWSLETTER December 2023

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

PRESIDENT'S MOGUL

The time to start praying to the snow gods is now! Get out your wacky attire or your crazy snow rituals and let's all reach up to the sky and pray for snow! I know we are all anxious and ready for the season to open.

Some unfortunate news... we had to cancel the Sun Valley, Idaho trip in March due to lodging and pricing issues with hotel management. However, there is a silver lining in every story, right? Due to lack of snow in MT, we are going to be moving the Big Sky trip from January to that same weekend in March. We are looking at lodging options in Big Sky for Friday and Saturday, March 1st and 2nd. Stay tuned for information regarding this trip. Remember that the Mountain Collective pass also works at Big Sky!

Lastly, we would just ask that all members signup for the meetings, events and trips that we have on SignUpGenius. Remember, we are ad-free now, so its hassle free! [Signup HERE](#) to get SignUpGenius TEXT updates from the club!

If you are attending the Christmas meeting please RSVP on [SignUpGenius](#). More importantly, if you are bringing a dish, please sign up for that as well. The Club will be providing turkey, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy.

Stay safe!

Andy Ferrin
President



Snow Ball January 13th

Mark your calendar for the Snow Ball on January 13th at the Elks Lodge! Take off your skis and mittens and come dance to the music of the Melissa Lynn Band. The Great Falls Ski and Board Club welcomes members for a free private social from 6:30 to 8 pm with appetizers, (guests are welcome to join for \$15 and stay to dance all night). After our social, the doors will open to the general public from 8 to 11 pm for \$10. Cocktail dresses, suits, jeans and boots are all welcome. Door prizes for paid members only. We will be crowning a Snowball King & Queen! We are accepting door prizes from members. Contact gfskimail@gmail.com for pickup!

Discount Lift Tickets

This is a benefit for paid members only (by noon Dec. 20). **Limit 2** per member. You must be present at the December meeting 6-6:30. Sorry, no reservations will be allowed.

- * Big Sky - \$90
- * Whitefish - \$55
- * Bridger/Red Lodge - \$35



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 \$35.00 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 gfskimail@gmail.com, or P.O. Box 166, Great Falls, MT 59403.

The next **General Membership meeting is December 20 (Christmas Potluck)**. During the season, the night for General Membership meetings is typically the 3rd Wednesday of the month, with exceptions for holidays or conflicts. Light meals are served and members receive one drink ticket.

6:00pm social; 6:30pm dinner; 6:45pm meeting

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Christmas Potluck General Membership Meeting December 20, 6:00

We will be having a Christmas Party with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes & gravy! [Sign up here](#) to contribute a side dish or dessert so we know if there will be enough food for everybody.

2024 Ski Trips

Club members are encouraged to get the [Mountain Collective Multi Resort Ski Pass](#).

- * Fairmont/Discovery: Friday thru Sunday, February 9-11 (rooms booked under Ski Club) \$205 + taxes & fees
- * Big Sky: Friday thru Sunday, March 1-3 – Mountain Collective Pass works there.
- * Teton: Saturday and Sunday, March 23-24

[Sign up here!](#)

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

12/20 **Christmas Potluck General Membership Meeting** 6:00 Elk's Lodge, [Sign up here!](#)

1/2 **Board Meeting** 6:00

1/13 **Snow Ball** 6:30 Elk's Ballroom

1/17 **General Membership Meeting** 6:00 Elk's Lodge

2/6 **Board Meeting** 6:00

2/21 **General Membership Meeting** 6:00 Elk's Lodge

3/5 **Board Meeting** 6:00

3/20 **Chili/Cornbread Cookoff General Membership Meeting and Elections** 6:00 Elk's Lodge