



PANHANDLER

GREAT FALLS SKI & BOARD CLUB NEWSLETTER June 2024 Issue



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

PRESIDENT'S MOGUL

Happy Summer everyone!

Time to get out the toys, time to sit in the shade, time to get out there and enjoy some nice weather!

Reminder of some events we have planned. First is the Highway clean ups, so get some exercise with friends and hang out in the mountains.

Next, we have the annual river party at Fen's. So bring some food, bring swim toys and enjoy a summer party!

Last, we have the BIG float. We will be having a BBQ and enjoying a good 2-3 hour float. So bring your floats (paddle power highly recommended), bring your favorite drinks, bring the kids, and enjoy good times on the best float of the year! I will see you there!

Cheers,

Cody Brandt
GFSC President

Mark Your Calendar to Help at Ski Swap October 10-12

In case we forget, be sure to thank Bill Ferrin for organizing the Ski Swap. It is by far the most complicated event that we sponsor. So, kudos, Bill for making the pieces all come together. The Ski Swap is the Club's largest fund raising activity. For decades, it has been held annually at the Fairgrounds. In addition to vendors who bring in good buys from their regular merchandise, we take in consignments, bulk and individual. Consignees are charged a 5% nonrefundable consignment fee, with an additional 10% charge for items sold.

This event requires a lot of personnel to make sure it runs smoothly. Mark your calendar for some or all of October 10 in the p.m., October 11, all day and into the evening, and October 12 from morning until about 5 p.m. Sign up for opportunities to do setup, equipment intake, cashiering, security, general customer assistance and breakdown. Feel free to designate the task(s) you are most comfortable with. Please be sure to sign up and show up as lots of personnel are needed to make the Swap succeed.

Summer Fun June Update

Highway Cleanup-The Club contracts with the Highway Department to clean-up the barrow pits along the highway for about a mile above and below Memorial Falls parking lot three times a summer. This is one of the major community service activities the Club participates in. Please consider helping out the old-faithful participants, It's an easy, hour-long walk, one group goes uphill from the lot and the other covers the downhill section. Be sure to wear appropriate walking/hiking shoes and dress for anticipated weather that day, as we can have snow, rain, wind, or, typically, shirt-sleeve hiking weather. The club will provide safety vests (required) and gloves. We meet at 10 a.m. and afterward, we will have an option for lunching together in the area. Currently scheduled dates are:

June 23 with lunch in Belt—The Club plans to have lunch in Belt at the Harvest Moon after the cleanup for a variation from the past. Sounds good for a change. Join us.

September 1 with breakfast at the Neihart Senior Center prior to cleanp. This date usually turns into a noxious weed pull along the barrow-pit as the amount of trash is typically very limited.

River Party-the Club will sponsor the river party on July 13-14 at Fenn and Laura Keggi's house. The Club will provide hotdogs, burgers, and buns. Individuals should bring items to round out a pot luck.

Big Float-The Club's annual Big Float is scheduled for August 3 from Craig to Mid Canon. Arrangements will be made for food and rest along the way.

Showdown Work Party August 26 -The Club contributes assistance for a variety of tasks at the Showdown Ski Area in exchange for Showdown's generous allotment of Showdown vouchers given to the Club each season. Typically, the tasks include light trail clearing, cleanup inside the lodge, and a light meal preparation for the participants at the end of the session. Times and additional details will be provided in future Panhandlers.



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, on-line, or at the next general meeting. Further information can be found on the internet at greatfallsskiclub.com, e-mail address at gfskimail@gmail.com, or at P. O. Box 166, Great Falls, Mt. 59403. If you have questions or input about the editorial content, feel free to contact your editor at wlcjb@mt.net.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 2 at Rachel Campbell's home. Thanks again, Rach. Board meetings are normally held the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00p.m. with exceptions for holidays at locations to be announced. Summer Board meetings are held at board member's houses. The next General Membership meeting will be September 18 at the Elk's Club. From September through April each season, General Membership meetings are held typically the third Wednesday of the month with exceptions for holidays with no summer meetings. You are welcome to come socialize starting at 6 p.m. Light meals will be served at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting starts at 7 p.m. Members will receive one drink ticket at regular General Membership meetings.

Great Falls Ski and Board Club Activity Calendar 2024-2025 Season

6/23/24—**Highway Cleanup**—10 a.m. Memorial Falls

7/2/24—**Board Meeting**

7/13-14/24—**River Party**—Fenn and Laura Keggi

8/6/24—**Board Meeting**

8/3/24—**Big River Float**

8/26/24—**Showdown Work Party**

9/1/24—**Highway Cleanup**—10 a.m. Memorial Falls

9/3/24—**Board Meeting**

9/14/24—**Teton Work Day**—tentative

9/18/24—**General Membership Meeting**

10/1/24—**Board Meeting**

10/10, 11, 12/24—**Annual Ski Swap**

10/16/24—**General Membership Meeting
Showdown**

GF Ski and Board Club Has Joined Instagram

Reminder, the Great Falls Ski and Board Club is now on Instagram! Be sure to follow us and tag us at [GFSKIBOARDMT](https://www.instagram.com/GFSKIBOARDMT) with all of your skiing and snowboarding activities: meetings, special events, movies, fundraisers, and, of course, MOUNTAIN fun! Hey, just tag us now, for fun.