

GLACIER NORDIC CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MISSION: TO INSTILL A LIFE LONG LOVE OF CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

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Glacier Nordic Club



Glacier Nordic Night Annual Potluck and Auction



Saturday, December 5, 2009

Rocky Mountain Lodge (Best Western Hotel)

6510 Hwy 93 South

Whitefish, MT

For more information call 250-1575 or e-mail elliemay@bresnan.net

5:30 pm: Annual Meeting (Bylaw amendments)

6:00 pm: Food, Fun and Friends

Buy split-the-pot tickets to benefit the Glacier Nordic Ski Team. Quarters auction and silent auction of fabulous items from local merchants.

Bring your favorite appetizer, entrée or dessert & serving utensils. Also, bring your own plate, utensils & favorite beer stein or glass.

This event is Free! Come and support Nordic skiing in the Flathead valley!

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Membership/Season Pass – Don't Wait To Get Your

GNC membership/season ski pass prices will not be raised this year but if you purchase your membership on or before this year's potluck on Saturday, December 5, you will receive \$5.00 off the single and 10.00 off the family 2009/2010 membership/season pass price.

Pre-Season Membership Sale Prices

Individual \$40
Family \$80

2009/2010 Membership Prices

Daily Trail Pass \$8
Individual \$45
Family \$90

can be found on our website.

Membership forms can be found on page 9.

Show your support of GNC by wearing your pass while skiing at the Glacier Nordic Center and running around town.



A description of other specialty passes

A Message From The President

By Ellie Johnson

I would like to thank everyone for all your support to help us carry forward our mission.

Thank you to the members of the board that contribute their time and energy to help with the many tasks that need to be addressed so that Nordic skiing and youth programs in our valley continue to thrive.

Thank you to all our volunteers! The Glacier Nordic Club has many responsibilities and obligations that are necessary to provide quality skiing for our growing Nordic Community. We need your continued support so PLEASE volunteer! It is fun to give back to the Nordic Community! "Pay it forward."

Chet Hope League: Marie Shaw will be stepping down as the administrator of this very successful program designed for kids 4 and up who want to learn to ski for fun or to take it to the next level of racing. The program runs from January through March, Saturday mornings. For more information please visit our website.

Junior Jets: Denny Gignoux will continue coaching the Junior Jets program, thank you Denny!

Prep Team: Chad Castren, with assistance from Brenda Winkler, will continue coaching the Prep Team program, thank you Chad & Brenda!

Comp Team: The Glacier Nordic Club is sad to see Larry and Molly Bruce retire from coaching the Comp Team, they will be missed, but many wonderful memories will not be forgotten. **Please welcome the new comp team coach, Ben Morley!** Ben grew up in Jackson, Wyoming learning to Nordic ski at an early age, he spent many years racing, and most recently was a coach for the Jackson Hole Nordic race team. The Comp Team kids have already been training with Ben since early October and are well on their way to being prepared for a great season of ski racing.

Masters Program: And last but not least for all you Master skiers, there is

a program for you also. Brenda Winkler will be heading up the Masters program. If you want to learn to ski or improve your technique at any level you will want to participate.

"Keep it Lit" fund continues to grow; the golf course has given the GNC permission to add 1 K of new lights on the North Course. Last year we were fortunate to have help from Greg Bean who helped repair wire and sockets of the existing lighting system, thank you Greg! This year the grooming crew will oversee the task to put up the lights on the course and maintain the system throughout the winter, a big thank you to all those who help out!

Focus on the positive, bond and be happy! When out on the Nordic trails a smile and a pleasant hello to a stranger or newcomer or someone you know is very welcoming. Share your energy and enthusiasm for Nordic skiing!

Thanks Larry and Molly! Your kids will miss you!

By Stella Holt

Each year there have been some 10 to 12 high school age kids willing to spend their winters outside, messing around with the Comp Team, the most advanced branch of the Glacier Nordic Ski Team. And for the past three years, I have been proud to call my self one of them. We are all brought together by this crazy sport of skiing. Maybe it's the sensation of sweat running down our backs while it freezes on our foreheads at the same time, or the glorious feeling after a good race. Possibly just because we like to ski, we like to go fast. Whatever the reason, we're here, and we're here largely thanks to Larry and Molly. They have been incredible coaches for me the past three years, teaching me so much about the sport.

Thanks to Molly's organization and exceptional cooking, we have had countless trips that have gone smoothly leaving us with very

satisfied taste buds and full tummies. Often times, I find my self remembering past practices we would spend on the mountain skiing up the runs and having a wild time on the way down. Larry would scope out a jump and yell up the hill at the boys, telling them "Ehh... looks good. Go for it!" And they would, flying high over our heads.

Sometimes I'd have to wonder, what kind of coach takes his athletes somewhere like this, and then proceeds to encourage them to do something so crazy? But the answer is simple: It's the kind with a big heart; one that can be stretched to each member of a team, helping them along on their own levels. It's one of those people that has a persistent itch for adventure that is just too strong to remain unscratched. These are individuals that care. They care about us, what we think, and who we are. And finally, these are



Coach Larry and his Champ, Stella
J2 Sprint
Champ, Junior Nationals,
Truckee CA

people that love what they do. They understand the tingling in our toes as they slide into a familiar pair of boots, the excited feeling the night before an early morning van departure, and those little smiles hiding in the corners of each of our eyes.

Skiing is who we are. It's what we do. And we have grown to love it under the close care of Molly and Larry. GNST past and present thanks them for all that they have done for us over the years. It has made all the difference and means the world to us.

GNC Youth and Masters Programs

The goal of the program is teaching a life long love of cross country skiing

Chet Hope Ski League *By Marie Shaw*

Chet Hope Ski League is a program for aspiring and accomplished skiers ages 4 and up. Ski League skiers ski in small groups of like age and skiing abilities. They learn and improve Nordic ski technique through engaging in cooperative games and encouraging activities. The emphasis for the most accomplished groups will be adventure...exploring everywhere on and off trail.

Ages: Beginning and more advanced skiers age 4 - teens
When: Saturday Mornings, January 9 - February 20, 2010
Where: The Glacier Nordic Center at Whitefish Lake Golf Course
Time: 9:45 – 11:45am
Cost: \$40 per child of members of Glacier Nordic Ski Club/\$45 for non-members.

Registration: To register, rent equipment and learn more about the CHSL please join us for the CHSL Open House
When: Dec. 2, 2008 from 3:30– 6:00pm
Where: Camas Day School, 534 Pine Ave, across from WFHS

CHSL Head Coach/Coordinator position and Coaches needed.

Check our website glacienordicclub.wordpress.com for more information including: registration, season rentals specials, scholarships, becoming a CHSL coach, and the head coach/coordinator position.

Youth Programs

- ❖ Chet Hope Ski League (ages 4+)
- ❖ Junior Jets (ages 7-11)
- ❖ Prep Team (ages 11-15)
- ❖ Comp Team (ages 14-19)

Masters Programs

- ❖ Masters clinics
- ❖ Tuesday Night Relay Race Series



*Prep Team End of the Season
Stillwater Nordic*

Junior Jets *By Denny Gignoux*

Are you ready to jet around the Glacier Nordic Center? It is time to think about signing up. Junior Jets is open to 7 - 11 year olds (generally). We focus on having a great time on skis.

We go over skate and classic skiing, double polling, up hills, down hills, turns and balance. Half the time we do this while playing games and the other half while doing exercises. This is the start of the competitive Nordic program, but no racing is required. This program is ideal for anyone with a skiing background either alpine or Nordic. Any questions? Contact Coach Denny at dennygignoux@gmail.com

Ages: 7 to 11
Dates: January 5 - February 25, 2010
Days: Tues and Thurs
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Location: Glacier Nordic Center
Cost: \$100

Prep Team

Prep Team Program: Skiers learn classic and skate skiing while skiing varied terrain with friends and coaches. In addition, racing is available for those who are interested.

Ages: 11 to 15
Coaches: Chad Castren 257-2381 (assistant coach Brenda Winkler)
Dates: Dec 15, 2009-March 18, 2010
Days: Tues and Thurs
Time: 4:00-5:30 pm
Location: Glacier Nordic Center, Stillwater Nordic Center
Prep Team Cost: \$300.

*Claire Venery
Stillwater Nordic*



Kids are required to have a Stillwater Nordic ski pass (\$25 if paid upon signup with Prep Team).

Comp Team

The Program: The Comp Team is an energetic ski program for motivated cross country skiers. The goal of the program is fitness and ski skills. Racing and travel are available to those who are interested. The team travels together in the team van and trains at a variety of sites including Izaak Walton Inn, Stillwater Nordic, Whitefish Nordic Center, Big Mountain, Round Meadows, Blacktail, and ski touring the greater Flathead Valley.

Ages: 14 to 19

Coach: Ben Morley 307-220-8622

Dates: Nov 1, 2009 through March 15, 2010

Days: Tues, Wed, Thurs and Sun afternoon

Cost: \$600

Stillwater Nordic ski pass required (\$25 if paid upon signup with the program).



*Jack Steel at Soldier Hollow
Photo by Megan Shaver*

Masters Program

By Brenda Winkler



*Catherine and
Jacquie celebrating at
the End of the
Hellroaring Highway
at Stillwater Nordic
Photo by Brenda
Winkler*

Private Lessons and One Day Weekend Clinics

See GNC website at

<http://glaciernordicclub.wordpress.com>

for a list of instructors, dates; times and locations. Here is a sample of the other clinics being offered:

Clinic 1. Intermediate Skate/Classic

Instructor: Brenda Winkler

Moderate to High Intensity

Time: Monday 9:00-10:00

Dates: Jan 4-Feb 25, 2010, 8 weeks

Note: This clinic is full. Please contact Brenda to be put on waiting list

Clinic 2. Intermediate+ Skate

Instructor: Brenda Winkler

Moderate to High Intensity

(Clinic 2 continued)

Time: Thursday 11:00-12:00

Dates: Jan 7-Feb 4, 5 weeks

Note: This clinic is full. Please contact Brenda to be put on waiting list

Clinic 3. Advanced Beginner to Intermediate Skate

Instructor: Brenda Winkler

Moderate Intensity. This class will be

great preparation for the Great American Broken Binding Race at SML on February 21, 2010.

Cost: \$125

Time: Thursday 1:30-2:45

Dates: Jan 14 - Feb 11, 2010, 5 weeks.

Location: Stillwater Mountain Lodge and Nordic Center

New this Season

Tuesday Night Relay Race Series GNC lighted trails at the Whitefish Golf Course

8 races starting January 5, 2010

Registration: 5:40-5:55 pm

Race start: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per race/\$30 season for adults. \$2.00 per race or \$15.00 per season for juniors. Proceeds go to GNC Ski Team.

Teams selected each evening by race organizer: 2-4 person teams depending on number of participants.

Raffles following the 4th and 8th race – donations from local vendors. **Sign up for all races and your name will be entered into the final raffle for a race suit donated by Hammer Nutrition.**

Design your own clinic. Are you interested in getting a group of friends together? Design your own clinic to meet your group needs and select your favorite ski location(s). Class size-minimum of 5 participants @ \$20 per hour per student.

See GNC website for additional details or please contact:

Brenda Winkler

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The Race At Glacier

February 27 and 28, 2010

The exciting news this winter is we, the Glacier Nordic Ski Club, will host Western States Ski Festival at the Glacier Outdoor Center in West Glacier. Ski teams from Jackson Hole, Bozeman, Sun Valley, Park City, McCall, Boise and others will be attending this event.

This festival has normally been in Idaho or Utah, so we are extremely excited that we will get to bring this to the Flathead Valley. This will be a fantastic opportunity for younger skiers to participate in age-appropriate racing, team-building, and fun! There will be four events including be 1, 2, and 3 K interval start classic and skate races as well as a Flying Downhill and Wild Obstacle Course offered in age specific groups for 6 to 13 year olds. Entry Fees are \$50 per athlete which includes entry to all four events, the Saturday Awards Banquet, Sunday Pulled Pork lunch, event-embroidered hat and trail fees. What a deal!

There will be a citizens race offered as well at the end of the junior events on Saturday. Registration for the race is the day of the event. Cost \$15. Racers will receive an embroidered hat. This will be a great



weekend for all nordic skiers. Event information and registration can be found at <http://glaciernordicclub.wordpress.com/>

Interested in helping? Contact Cameron Blake: blakegray@centurytel.net 406-253-0361 or Linda Grady: skiranch@centurytel.net 406-253-0488.



Glacier Outdoor Center is located in West Glacier. Season family ski passes are \$95, adult season are \$50, week passes are \$20, day passes are \$8 and pets (allowed after 12pm) are \$2/pet. Preseason season pass rates sold thru 12/9/09 are \$65 for family (immediate family) and \$40 for adults. Both of these pass rates include pets for the season.

Special rates for racers, coaches, parents who come to practice for the Race At Glacier during the season and don't want to purchase season passes the fees will \$3/day for racers and coaches and \$5/day for parents/guardians that come during practice times for racers. Each person will need to check in at Glacier Outdoor Center and let the front desk know they are with Glacier Nordic.

For more information call (406)888-5454 or visit our website at glacierraftco.com.



(formerly the Bigfork Nordic Skiing Club)

North Shore Nordic, a chapter of Glacier Nordic Club, is committed to enhancing Nordic skiing in the lower Flathead Valley. North Shore Nordic is self supported and exists entirely through grants, business donations, volunteer labor and the generous support of the Nordic community.

With your continued generosity in meeting this year's expenses, North Shore Nordic will be able to groom 10 kilometers of trails at Foothills Nordic Center and the 30 kilometers of Blacktail Mountain Nordic Ski Trails. For information, grooming schedules and updated trail conditions check our website at www.northshorenordic.com.

Outback Ski Shack

By Laura Nugent

20 years and going strong thanks to our customers and the support of GNC members.



The Outback Ski Shack is 20 years old. Some may remember skiing by (or skiing INTO) the Ski Shack, out back of Grouse Mountain Lodge and right next to the trails. In 1999 Laura had a little shack built and with the cooperation of the Whitefish Lake Golf Association, and set up at the trail head of the Glacier Nordic Center. Along with greater selection of the finest Nordic gear available, Ski Shack also serves as a clearing house of information and services for the Glacier Nordic Club and its members. Renew your club member ship now and get an additional 20% off on selected items through December 20th Ski rentals, purchases, trade-in programs are available from Outback Ski Shack (862-9498) at the Glacier Nordic Center.

Hammer Nutrition

Hammer Nutrition of Whitefish, MT is a proud sponsor and supporter of athletic events throughout the flathead valley including the Glacier Nordic Ski Team. Hammer is passionate about helping athletes reach their highest levels of athletic performance and physical health safely, naturally, and legally, one completely satisfied client at a time. For information on how Hammer can help you achieve your goals contact <http://www.hammernutrition.com>



Stillwater Nordic Center is busy preparing the ski trails for another fabulous season! Along with snowshoe rentals, we will have newly established dedicated snowshoe trails off of the groomed ski trails. These trails will offer gentle climbs to scenic vistas, meandering through the Stillwater State Forest.

Come join us on January 1st for our first annual **New Years Luminary Ski** under the full moon. Our first race- **The Great American Broken Binding Race and Tour**- sponsored by GNC was such a success, we will repeat it on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Categories include 16km, 32km, or 48km distances as well as a kid's race.

Discounted season passes are now on sale until December 15, 2009.

Family Season Pass \$95 sale price \$80

Individual Season Pass (ages 18+) \$50 sale price \$40

Youth Season Pass (ages 13-17) \$35 sale price \$25



We are continuing our 'kids under 12 ski and rent free" program. We are strong supporters of youth skiing and look forward to seeing more folks discover the sport of Nordic skiing.

The **snow phone** and web site are updated daily with conditions. 862-7004

stillwatermtnlodge.com



Great Northern Cycles is now located at **328 Central Ave** next to Lakestream Fly Shop.



Rocky Mountain Outfitter has always been a leader in promoting Nordic skiing in the Flathead Valley. We are one of the key sponsors of Glacier Nordic Ski Team, North Shore Nordic as well as Glacier Nordic Club through cash contributions as well as equipment contributions.

In the interest of promoting the sport we organize and sponsor races as well as schedule wax clinics at the shop. Our staff is passionate about Nordic skiing and giving people the information they need to have a good ski experience.

With all this in mind it is important to remember to shop local. It makes cents! Check out the Nordic events page for scheduled RMO events and our website for updates on all the cool happenings – www.rockymountainoutfitter.com



Pass holder special
Izaak Walton Inn season pass holders can get a hot beverage (coffee, tea, hot choc, or chai) every time they visit the trails.

Half-price season passes:

Individual Pass = \$50 (\$100 after Dec. 20, 2009)

Family Pass = \$100 (\$200 after Dec. 20, 2009)

Daily ski passes = \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under

Special Dates to Keep in Mind

Dec. 12 & 13 – WomenSKI Weekend – skate clinics, yoga, massage, night cap classic ski, food and fun

Dec. 20 – Kick Out the Kinks

Jan. 17 & 18 - Ski Fest

Feb. 6 & 7 – 4th Annual Rocky Mountain Outfitters – Izaak Walton Inn Family Race Weekend begins with Saturday night, skate sprint relay races on Starlight Trail with luminaries. Spaghetti dinner after the races. Sunday 3, 7, & 15K skate races. Post Race Chili Feed. Tons of fun for the family!!

Check out our website for more details on these events <http://izaakwaltoninn.com>

After a difficult decision, it is with sadness that Great Northern Cycles has decided to no longer carry Nordic Gear for the upcoming season. We will, however, continue to support the Nordic Club, including the

New Tuesday Night Relay Race Series under the lights and the

January 24th Glacier Glide

All in stock Nordic Gear will be sold at steeply discounted prices. Most of our winter cycling apparel is also marketed as Nordic wear so come on in to our new store and coffee bar and check it out. We will also carry or can special order lights for those who need an extra boost of light during the Tuesday Night Relay Race Series.

2009/2010 Nordic Event Schedule

November

- ❖ **17 & 18: Banff Mountain Film Festival**, Kalispell, MT, <http://www.flatheadnordic.org>
- ❖ **24-29: West Yellowstone Ski Festival**, West Yellowstone, MT, www.rendezvouskitrails.com
- ❖ **24-26: Ladies Night**, Rocky Mountain Outfitter, Kalispell, <http://www.rockymountainoutfitter.com>

December

- ❖ **5: GNC Potluck**, Rocky Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, MT
- ❖ **8: Chad Castrens Wax Clinic**, Rocky Mountain Outfitter, <http://www.rockymountainoutfitter.com>
- ❖ **12: Christmas Pole**, Bohart Ranch, MT <http://www.bohartranchxcski.com>
- ❖ **12 & 13: WomenSKI Weekend**. Izaak Walton Inn, Essex, MT, <http://izaakwaltoninn.com>
- ❖ **19: Spam Cup #1**, classic, West Yellowstone, MT, www.rendezvouskitrails.com
- ❖ **20: Kick Out The Kinks**, Izaak Walton Inn, Essex, MT, <http://izaakwaltoninn.com>
- ❖ **19 & 20: Outback Ski Shack 20 Year Anniversary Party**, Whitefish, MT
- ❖ **27: Freestyle Race at FVCC**, Contact Chad Castren at castren@cyberport.net

January

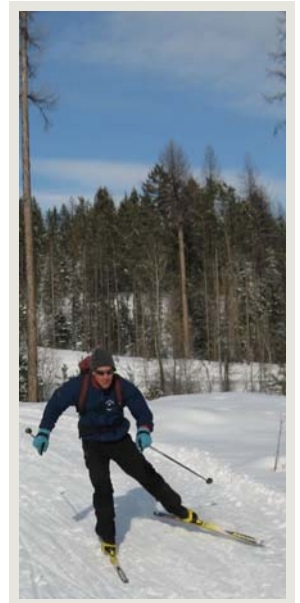
- ❖ **1: New Years Luminary Ski**, Stillwater Nordic, Whitefish, MT
<http://www.stillwatermtnlodge.com/>
- ❖ **10: Ozone Pursuit**, Seeley Creek X-C Trails, Seeley Lake, MT, <http://missoulanordic.org>
- ❖ **10: Spam Cup #2**, West Yellowstone, MT, freestyle www.rendezvouskitrails.com
- ❖ **16: Teton Ridge Classic**, Driggs, ID, <http://www.tetonridgeclassic.com>
- ❖ **15, 16 & 17: MSU NCAA Regionals**, Bohart Ranch, MT <http://www.bohartranchxcski.com>
- ❖ **16 & 17: Junior National Qualifier (JNQ)#1**, Bohart Ranch, MT
<http://www.bohartranchxcski.com>
- ❖ **16 & 17: Ski Fest**, Izaak Walton Inn, Essex, MT, <http://izaakwaltoninn.com>
- ❖ **23: Montana Senior Olympics**, Bohart Ranch, MT <http://www.bohartranchxcski.com>
- ❖ **24: Glacier Glide**, Whitefish, MT <http://glaciernordicclub.wordpress.com>
- ❖ **29&30: Western US Super JNQ #2**, Soldier Hollow, UT

February

- ❖ **6: Spam Cup #3**, West Yellowstone, classic, www.rendezvouskitrails.com
- ❖ **6: Boulder Mountain Tour**, Sun Valley, Idaho <http://www.bouldermountaintour.com>
- ❖ **6 & 7: Fourth Annual RMO Family Race Weekend**, Izaak Walton Inn, Essex, MT,
<http://izaakwaltoninn.com> or <http://www.rockymountainoutfitter.com>
- ❖ **TBD: Moose Chase**, Teton Village <http://www.jhskiclub.org>
- ❖ **12-28: Winter Olymics, Vancouver, Canada**
- ❖ **13 & 14: JNQ #3**, Boise, ID
- ❖ **20: Sacagawea Ski Classic**, Bohart Ranch, MT <http://www.bohartranchxcski.com>
- ❖ **21: The Great American Broken Binding Ski Race**, Stillwater Nordic, Whitefish, MT
<http://www.stillwatermtnlodge.com/>
- ❖ **27: American Birkebeiner**, Hayward, WI, <http://www.birkie.com>
- ❖ **27: The Race at Glacier – Citizens 7km Race** <http://glaciernordicclub.wordpress.com>
- ❖ **27 & 28: The Race at Glacier – Western States Youth Festival**
<http://glaciernordicclub.wordpress.com>

March

- ❖ **6: West Yellowstone Rendezvous**, MT, www.rendezvouskitrails.com
- ❖ **8-13: Junior Nationals**, Maine
- ❖ **20-21: Ski and Snowshoe Rodeo**, Izaak Walton Inn, Essex, MT, <http://izaakwaltoninn.com>
- ❖ **20-21: Equinox Ski Challenge**, West Yellowstone, MT, www.equinoxskichallenge.com



Chad Castren,

Prep Team Coach

Photo by Brenda Winkler

Call for Donations



Help us raise \$5,000. We have a donor who will match it to buy an environmentally friendly Skidoo Skandic Super Wide Four Stroke!



Donations to the Glacier Nordic Club support Nordic skiing in the Flathead Valley. Each year the club adds improvements to the Glacier Nordic Center at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course. Improvements include maintaining and adding lights for evening skiers and maintaining and purchasing grooming equipment. The Club pays groomers to keep the course in prime skiing condition as snow conditions allow. Additionally, the Club maintains a junior Nordic ski program to promote a healthy life style in kids of all ages as well as a race program for those kids who aspire to compete at all levels.

Glacier Nordic Club would like to thank the Whitefish Community Foundation for its recent grant for adding lighting to the North side of the course. Funding is still needed to maintain and repair the lights on the South side of the Course.

Help Purchase a new Groomer

We would like to thank the Tom and Teresa Quinn Fund of the Whitefish Community Foundation for their donation to help with the operations of the Glacier Nordic Ski Team and a matching grant to purchase a new snowmobile. The new machine will allow the club to maintain the trails at a much more affordable price due to better gas mileage and repairs being cut to a minimum. The Club would greatly appreciate your support to meet the challenge of the matching grant and purchase a new machine!

Glacier Nordic Club is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization operated by a volunteer board of directors. Your donations to the Glacier Nordic Club made in addition to your Nordic Season pass membership will help us meet the growing needs of the club's operations and maintain a healthy organization.



Please use the enclosed envelope to make your donation, buy your membership and/or donate to the Keep it Lit Fund.

Sponsor a Light Post

New this year, you can sponsor a light post for \$75 and put your name, your family's name, a loved one's name or a business name on the light post. Signs will be 6 inches by 12 inches and placed on various light posts around the course. Sponsorships can be renewed each year for \$50. For more information visit the web site at <http://glaciernordicclub.wordpress.com> or email your questions to skiranch@centurytel.net.

“Keep it Lit”



Thank you to our Supporters

Keep it Lit Fund Donations

\$5 to \$24

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\$25-\$50

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Thank you to the Whitefish Community Foundation and the Tom and Teresa Quinn Fund for their generous support of Glacier Nordic Club in 2008 and 2009 awarding multiple grants to be used for lights, operating expenses, ski team, and a new snowmobile.

Other Donations

Barnes Enterprises - 1 month fuel
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Whitefish Lake Golf Club
Big Mountain Ski Club
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Glacier Nordic Ski Team Van

Stillwater Mountain Lodge
Outback Ski Shack
Rocky Mountain Outfitters
Great Northern Cycles
Pine Lodge
Hammer Nutrition

And of course many thanks to our friends for Potluck and other donations, too numerous to mention them all!

Cross Country Skiing at FVCC

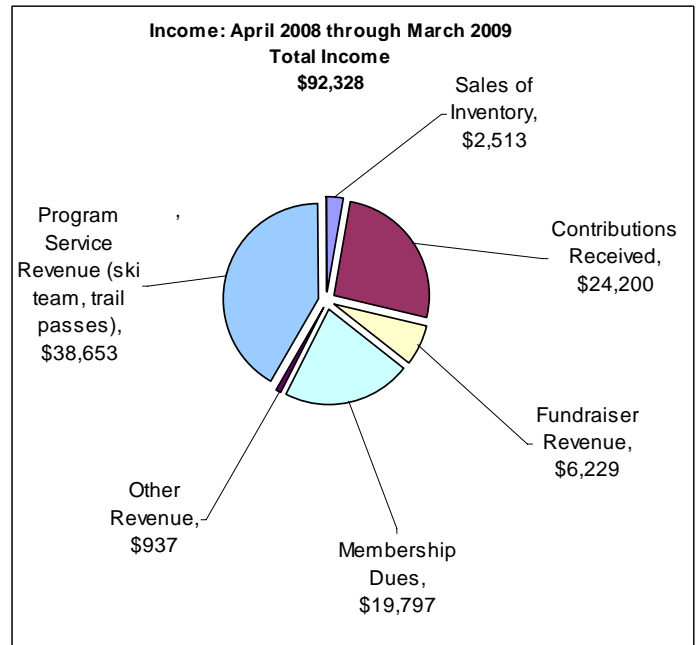
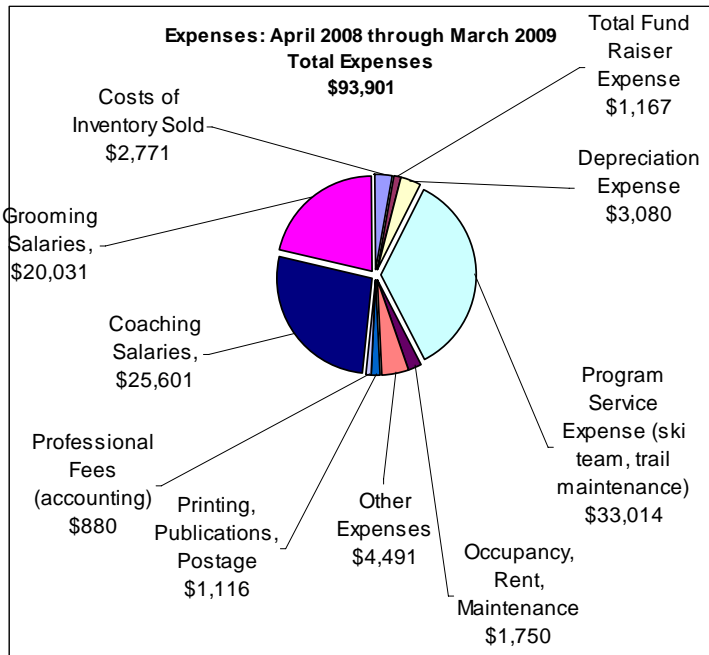
By Steve Mueller

With cooperation from the Glacier Nordic Ski Club, Flathead Valley Community College, and Mother Nature, we will again be grooming a cross country ski trail on the property behind Flathead Valley Community College. There are approximately 8 kilometers of gentle trails, perfect for all levels of ability. Trails are groomed for both classic and skate techniques.

Last year was our first year, and it proved to be a great success, and a favorite place to ski for Kalispell area skiers. We receive no funding for grooming operations, and rely on your contributions to pay for fuel and maintenance. A \$2 minimum donation is requested. A donation box is located at the trailhead. For and a trail map/directions please visit the GNC website. For more info call Steve @ 261-9250, or visit: sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/glaciernordic

Financial Report

It was a remarkable ski season with early snow in December stretching into mid March. Club members, local businesses, and community members recognized the long season and excellent grooming and donated generously in dues and contributions.



2009/2010 Glacier Nordic Club Membership Application Form

Membership Type (circle one): Individual \$45 Family \$90 Individual Lifetime \$500

Additional Tax Deductible Gift "Keep It Lit" Fund \$_____ Other \$_____

Sponsor a Light Post \$75 Sponsor the GNC Grooming Report Web Page \$150

Early Bird Registration Ends December 6, 2008: See front page for details and prices.

Name: _____ Other Family Members: _____

Address (if different than the front): _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ e-mail address: _____

Return completed form with a check payable to GNC, P.O. Box 403, Whitefish, MT 59937

Membership Benefits:

Supporting your local youth and masters programs.

Glacier Nordic Center Ski Pass at Whitefish Golf Course - One of the best groomed ski areas in the valley.

\$5 off Chet Hope Ski League

Interested in volunteering? (please circle all that apply): race events / board of directors / newsletter / bookkeeping / youth ski league

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Groomers Corner

By Marc Venery

Greetings from the grooming shed. We are all looking forward to another great season of skiing at the golf course.

New this year is expanded lighting on the north side. We have added lights to the Cookie Loop, a 1 kilometer novice trail that starts and finishes at the Outback Ski Shack.

We will also be in the process of upgrading the lighting system on the south side. Stay tuned with current conditions by visiting the Grooming Report on our website.

A great sponsorship idea for those of you who are interested in directly supporting our course maintenance is to buy 1 month of exposure on our Grooming Report page on the website. For \$150.00 month your Business or Family name will be highlighted at the top of the page as a sponsor. This link on our website can see as many as 120 hits a day.

Call Marc Venery 253-4309 for more information. Have a great season.



Mark Your Calendars for GNC Events

- Dec 5 - Glacier Nordic Night and Annual Potluck and Auction
- Jan 5 - start of Tuesday night Relay Races
- Jan 24 – Glacier Glide at Glacier Nordic Center
- Feb 27 & 28 - Race at Glacier at Glacier Outdoor Center

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