

Blackhawk Ski Club 2006-2007 Annual Report

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A few highlights from our club's programs in 2006-2007:

- Our flagship First Flight program continued to improve under Kelley Linnan's direction. He recruited more instructors and offered the 1st and 2nd Flight programs during other hours during the week and weekend, with about 275 kids participated in the program.
- The Blackhawk Alpine Racing Program (BART) continue to develop, taking skiers from the 3rd and 4th Flight programs.
- Ski Jumping: Held another successful ski jumping meet, with considerable local media coverage.
- Cross Country: Provided youth cross country ski instruction and cross county, biathlon, and Nordic combined races
- Mountain biking: Ran weekly mountain bike time trial series from mid-May to mid-September.
- Our membership continued to grow, with over 300 families and 1,400 individual members.

Volunteer accomplishments in 2006-2007:

- Covered the downhill and cross county trails with snow and operated almost __ days during the winter of 2006-2007
- Continued to enhance alpine terrain, such as the successful jump on Hill #2
- Reviewed all existing mountain bike trails for sustainability and closes down those that are subject to increased erosion while improving others.
- During 2006-2007, we again exceeded our membership goals, with a waiting list for family alpine members and over 300 family alpine memberships (increased from 225 in 2004 and 275 in 2005).

The major goals for 2007-2008 include the following:

- Continue to enhance Blackhawk's Alpine Ski School (BASS) providing high quality programs throughout the week, and adding other elements, such as snowboarding
- Continue to enhance the outreach program for children with special needs
- Establish a Finance Committee, identify a Chair (Treasurer), and organize membership, bookkeeping, and finances
- Build volunteer base, especially to maintain club facilities and operations
- Continue to improve the website to facilitate communications with club members
- Find a Chair for the 2007 BASH
- Improve the facilities for the jumping, alpine, and cross country ski programs
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BLACKHAWK'S ACTIVE MEMBERS: 2006-2007

Board Members

Cohan, Steve
DuRose, Stan
Hackworthy, Pat
Hoffmann, Sharon
Houston, Mike
Manley, Paul
Matussek, Ken
Norby, Dave
Osborne, Dan (Treasurer)
Peterson, Deb
Poff, Ron
Prey, Jeff (Vice President)
Remington Pat (President)
Torresani, Mark
Williamson, Rollie
Wylie, Don (Secretary)

Active Members (Program)

Ackatz, Scott (Nordic, 2006)
Anderson, Peter (Nordic, 2006)
Andryk, Kim (Social, 2005)
Andryk, Tim (Social, 2005)
Arneson, Shawn (Jumping, 2003)
Arnold, Mike (Social, 2005)
Arnold, Peggy (Social, 2005)
Bathe, Duncan (Nordic, 2006)
Bell, David (XC, Mt biking, 2005)
Butel, Therese (Youth programs, 2003)
Callaway, Renee (Mt biking, 2005)
Dykman, Joel (Youth programs, 2004)
Englehardt, Molly (Patrol, 2005)
Flahavan, Paul (Youth programs, 2004)
Fulkerson, Spencer (Mt biking, 2003)
Gessner, Christine (Jumping, 2006)
Gessner, Nate (Jumping, 2006)
Ginther, Jody (Jumping, 2006)
Gusev, Yuriy (XC, 2005)
Haynes, Susan (Patrol, 2003)
Hilgers, Judy (Patrol, Jumping, 2003)
Hoffmann, Paul (Membership, 2004)
Johnson, Patrick (Jumping, 2006)
Kaplan, Samantha (Mt biking, 2005)
Knauf, Karl (Patrol, 2003)
Lawn, Chris (Nordic, 2006)
Loukin, Stephen (Patrol, 2003)
Mahaffy, Jim (Operations, 2003)
Mason, Dirk (XC, Mt biking, 2004)
McCarthy, Joe (Jumping, 2006)
Meanwell, Walter (XC, 2003)

Mooney, Peter (Patrol, 2003)
Neff, Ben (Nordic, Mt biking, 2005)
O'Rourke, Ann (Jumping, 2006)
Oswald, John (Alpine, 2006)
Peterson, John (Jumping, 2003)
Pigorsch, Hans (Alpine, 2003)
Pollard, John (Jumping, 2006)
Pollard, Mary (Jumping, 2006)
Ragotzkie, Peter (Jumping, 2003)
Rattunde, Bill (XC, 2003)
Reddington, David (Mt biking, 2005)
Roberts, Jeannie (Jumping, 2004)
Schott, Rand (Jumping, 2003)
Sheldon, CC (Jumping, 2003)
Sinberg, Dave (Operations, 2003)
Slattery, Jim (Patrol, 2003)
Slattery, Pat (Alpine racing, 2004)
Slattery, Sue (Patrol, 2004)
Stewart, Janna (Telemark, 2003)
Stromquist, Valerie (Patrol, 2003)
Taylor, John (XC, 2004)
Terbilcox, Tom (Patrol, 2005)
Tiefenthaler, Todd (Alpine racing, 2003)
Waisbrot, Mike (Mt biking, 2005)
Walsh, Mike (Jumping, 2004)
Wangard, Robert (Patrol, 2003)

New Active Members 2007-2008

Andersen, Randy
Butler, Jeaneen
Butler, Jeff
Charlson, Chris
Charlson, Jeff
Cortright, Amy (Alpine)
Cortright, Randy (Alpine)
Diamond, Irene
Drazio, Joe
Fox, Bruce
Goetz, Cathy
Goetz, Scott
Gottlieb, Justin (Alpine)
Heidel, Amy
Heidel, Randy
Hilgers, Joe
Johnson, Deb (First Flight)
Moberg, Paul (Alpine)
Riekersdorf, Chris (Patrol)
Rodriguez, Ann Hackworthy
Tumbush, Steve

BLACKHAWK COMMITTEE CHAIRS: 2006-2007

The Board of Directors develops policies and oversees the work of all club committees. Club activities are directed through four main committees:

Program Committee: Dave Norby (Chair)

Kelley Linnan (Youth Alpine Instruction (BASS))

Mike Houston: Alpine Racing (BART)

Steve Cohan Alpine Racing (MART):

Rand Schott (Jumping)

Mark Torresani (Mark Torresani)

Jana Stewart (Telemark)

Paul Manley (Mountain Bike)

Facilities and Operations Committee: Dan Osborne (Chair)

Don Wylie (Snowmaking)

Ken Matusek (Ski Patrol)

Jim Maffay (Electrical)

Stan DuRose (Facilities)

Rollie Williamson (Snowmaking)

Membership Committee: Pat Hackworthy (Chair)

Sharon Hoffman (Newsletter)

Deb Peterson (Social Affairs)

Jeff Prey (Website)

Administration Committee: Pat Remington (President)

Jeff Prey (Vice President)

Dan Osborne (Treasurer)

Don Wylie (Secretary)

A. PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BLACKHAWK ALPINE SKI SCHOOL (BASS)

Purpose: Introduce children to alpine skiing through the 1st through 3rd Flight programs.

Chairs: Dave Norby

Contractor: Kelley Linnan

Members: Lindsay Rocks, Dave Smith, Mike Houston, Steve Cohan.

2006-2007 Accomplishments:

- Approximately 275 kids participated in the 1st-2nd Flight Program
- Expanded the program to include snowboarding group lessons
- Participation medals were awarded to all the kids
- Parents, Dave, Lindsay and Kelley organized a fun day with races, games, dyeing the hill and food for the last day of lessons.
- Ken Matussek provided a Ski Patrol demonstration for the kids
- Introduced 150+ children in 1st-2nd Flight to hill #5 and #6
- 60 participants signed up for the 3rd flight program
- Introduced children to ski jumping, racing, advanced skiing techniques

2007-2008 Goals:

- Continue to develop and grow snowboarding group lessons
- Increase instructor numbers to allow for additional children in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Flight
- Possibly pay instructors or “Lesson Managers” to allow for additional instructors.
- Increase lesson times to allow for 350 students in 1st and 2nd flights.
- Introduce all able children to hills 5 and 6; including snowboarders
- Incorporate additional programs/activities into the third flight program to include Nordic Skiing, Ski Jumping, Freestyle, and Alpine Skiing
- Provide dedicated hill space and instruction during scheduled times

Long-term Goals:

- Develop 1st to 3rd Flight type lessons for snowboarding with competitive programs
- Continue to combine 1st to 3rd Flight programs to be one program
- Develop a “very beginner hill” for pre-flight students
- Continue to increase numbers in lessons to allow for elimination of wait list
- Continue to evolve skiing instruction models and develop tenured instructors
- Continue to encourage children to try all the programs at Blackhawk
- Continue to increase success of being a feeder program to the BART program.

Additional Budget Items:

- Funds to allow for payment of instructors
- Video camera to tape students for analysis
- Additional freestyle items for hill #2
- Tow motor and rope/magic carpet for “very beginner hill”
- Ski poles for children to use while in lessons

2. BLACKHAWK ALPINE RACING TEAM (BART)

Purpose: Provide Blackhawk youth members previously enrolled in the 3rd flight program an opportunity to explore and participate in an entry to mid level ski racing program.

Chairs: Mike Houston coordinated the program with the assistance of Steve Cohan

2006-2007 Accomplishments:

- Separated the 3rd and 4th flight programs and re-named 4th Flight to BART
- Increased the number of BART racers from 5 to 21
- Contracted and paid two excellent coaches, Branden Loveland and Jenny Dahlberg who attended and directed all practices (3/week) and races (5 Saturdays & Sundays)
- Practices held Mondays and Thursday evenings 6:30-8 and non-race Saturdays 9-10:30. Attendance always in excess of 15 racers
- 5 races on Saturday (GS) and Sunday (slalom) at Sundown in Dubuque, Cascade, Tyrol, Chesnut in Galena and Mount LaCrosse
- Attendance at races typically 10 racers + -
- Year end party at Boulders climbing gym held Sunday 3/18. Free event hosted by Lou Reed, assistant coach, student, Boulders employee
- Year end pizza party being scheduled
- **Racers all had a great time and we usually brought home several medals**
- **Parents- We now have a great core of involved parents.**

2007-2008 Goals:

- Year end parent meeting scheduled for Monday 4/23/07 at Blackhawk. Agenda items include: Hotels for next year; summer party; team gear (jackets, pants, T-Shirts, etc.); spring clean-up; fall hill prep; fundraising opportunities; inter-team ski swap; camp opportunities
- The major work project is the widening of the start mound to the west for safety purposes
- We will take responsibility for burying the power line between the main box and the 60M which presently impedes dump truck travel
- Brush and tree trimming on west and east side of the hill will also be accomplished.

3. MADISON AREA RACE TEAM (MART)

Purpose: A competitive area youth racing program know as the Madison Area Racing Team (MART)

Chair: Pat Slattery

Report Pending

4. **JUMPING PROGRAM**

Purpose: Coordinate all aspects of the ski jumping program

Chair: Rand Schott

Members:

- CC Sheldon (Vice Chair overall program, tournaments, coach contact & emails).
- Christine Gessner (Secretary, incentive records for kids, tournament registrations).
- Nate Gessner (Hill operations: preparing hills for season).
- Sharon Hoffmann (Public Relations to club and media, newsletter, bash, assists with grounds and snowmaking, and board contact).
- Paul Hoffmann (Assists with finances, Bash, planning and grounds).
- Stan DuRose & Rollie Williamson (Jump design and board representation).
- Dave Norby (Ski Jumping Program, computer scoring tournaments & board representation).
- John Pollard (Media public relations tournaments).
- Wendy Ragotzkie (Poster layouts, flyers, and promotional items).
- Mike Grimm (Photographer for events).
- Don Wylie (Ski patrol, assists with coaching, snowmaking).
- Judy Hilgers (Ski patrol and assists with grounds).
- Joe Hilgers (Assists with grounds).
- Arne Malvik (Hill preparations and concessions for tournaments).
- Joe McCarthy (Grooming and assists with grounds).
- Alf Bredland (Assists with hill preparation for snow and assists with tournament judging).
- Dan Osborne (Assists with grooming and snowmaking).
- Dave Sindberg (Lead for sound system for tournaments).
- Steve Cohan (Assists with sound system for tournaments).

2006-2007 Program Accomplishments:

- Tuesday & Thursday practices on all three jump hills. This schedule started in the spring, took a summer break and continued on the plastic and went through the winter. It will start again in late April. An average of 15 – 20 kids attended the practice sessions.
- Families participating on a regular basis included: Schott, Gessner, Hilgers, Hoffmann, McCarthy/O'Rourke, Pollard, Butler, Charlson, Goetz, Cunningham, Ronnie, Houden, Mintz, Grimm, Schwer, Sindberg, Cohan. These included 13 full family memberships, 2 Nordic members, 1 ski patrol and 2 board memberships. 27 total kids.
- Hosted 2 sanctioned ski tournaments, 3 non-sanctioned tournaments, 3 weekend clinics and 8 days of training for all abilities of Central ski jumpers. 5 days of 60m only training.
- Blackhawk jumpers competed in all 19 Central USSA sanctioned jumping events.
- 23 Blackhawk skiers participated in the Badger State Games. Team Blackhawk fielded the largest team of any Midwest club to this event and brought home the most trophies.
- 12 Blackhawk skiers competed in 4 or more winter tournaments this year through out the Central Division.
- 5 Blackhawk skiers jumped in Park City, Utah events at Olympic Park
- Blackhawk is becoming a force in women's ski jumping with 13 young girls involved.

- Three Blackhawk girls traveled to Park City to Ski in the 3rd annual Women's Jumping Clinic put on by the USA women's team members.
- Created and refined organizational plan. Jumping club structure defined.
- Once again, provided a big entertainment hit with the Bash attendees by hosting our fall tournament that day. Exposed many new people to the sport of ski-jumping.
- Blackhawk members now serve on 5 positions in the Central USSA ski jumping committees and panels. This is the most of any Central club.
- Blackhawk coach Kip Kopelke is the Central USSA DEVO (Development) team coordinator.
- Blackhawk member CC Sheldon is the Central Assn. Large Hill Coordinator (90m<).
- A fall combined ski-jumping / X-C camp was held for Central USSA Devo Team the Coach of Marquette's Nordic Combined team attended with great success.
- Spring and Fall Dry Land training and conditioning programs begun in conjunction with the Physiology Dept at UW Eau Claire coordinated by Kip Kopelke

Infrastructure Achievements:

- Rand Schott and Blackhawk ski jumping families erected a new ski-jump building. The building is used for indoor training, equipment storage and waxing. Approximately \$7,500 was donated towards the project. It was built with all volunteer labor.
- The 60m jumpers from the central USSA Devo Team from all over the central USSA helped to put a new roof on the east chalet.
- Designed and installed a new system to control the "slab action" of the snow on the landing hill above the 65m mark. It worked perfectly. Designed by Stan DuRose and built by Jumping parents at a Fall 2006 jumping work day
- Increased the number of parents participating in the jumping program.
- CC Sheldon & Kip Kopelke organizer of J.O. Central Team.
- Hill Profiles shot with advanced surveying equipment provided by engineering student Karl Evanstead using Dr. Bland's speed equipment and state of the art surveying equipment.
- Extension added to 30M to increase skier speed.
- Implemented alternative ways to snow towers to decrease manpower needs.

Winter tournament:

- The winter tournament on the 5M & 15m & 30M jumps had 30 Blackhawk entries, and a total of 60 competitors.
- The winter tournament at Westby took away our two best jumpers, Nick and Will Schott. Due to the international scheduling they were not here. This tournament is an elite international event reserved for high level jumpers.
- A total of 50 parents including those of other clubs participated in the tournament in various support positions.

2006-2007 Blackhawk skier results:

- Blackhawk sent skiers to the following National and International Events this year:
- Lake Placid 4th of July(2 skiers), Flaming Leaves Oct (1 skier) , New Year's Comp(2 skiers)
- Park City Springertournee Aug (2 skiers) Junior Olympics March (1 skier)
- Steam Boat Springs Early Snow Nov (2 skiers) Nationals March (2 skiers)
- International events Calgary Jan (1 skier)
- Supertour events 8 events (1 skier)

- Blackhawk sent skiers to every in division event that offered skiing on hill size 70M or larger 9 events

Individual Accomplishments:

4 Blackhawk skiers advanced to the 40M jump in Eau Claire at the end of the winter season.

- Everett Schwer, Brenna Hilgers, Isaac Hoffman and Trig Gessner.

Nick Schott:

- 3rd Place New Years Tournament Lake Placid 90m.
- 2nd in long standing competition in St. Paul on the 46m jump.
- 3rd in Junior Olympic I and 3rd in target jump at Coleraine 70m.
- 1st place Badger Stage Games Junior Olympic I.
- 2nd Junior Olympic I at Iola.

Will Schott:

- 8th in tryouts for the Junior World competition in Europe. This is for jumpers under the age of 19. Will is 16.
- Ranked in top 10 for the US Super Tour jumpers.
- 1st place Coleraine Junior Olympic II.
- 1st place Badger State Games Junior Olympic II setting a new hill record on the K60 hill.
- 2nd place Iola Junior Olympic II.
- 4th place Ishpeming Super Tour event.
- 6th place Junior Olympics. Member of 3rd place team competition.
- 2007 winner of the Robert Immens Memorial award.

Coach's notes:

Coach names: Kip Kopelke, Don Wylie, Ted Shultz and Kurt Stein. Nick and Will Schott assisted with the kids on the small jumps during the entire season on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

2007-2008 Goals:

- Ted Shultz and Dave Norby introduced many young First and Second Flight skiers to the ski-jumping program. This needs to be expanded upon next year.
- Improve 5m & 15m jumps to increase utilization. This will be accomplished by moving the 15m jump 5 feet to the west and rebuilding the upper part of the jump. Also redirecting the 5m jump 3 feet to the east and have it run parallel to the 15m. This allows jumping to happen on both hills at the same time.
- Work with Snowmaking Committee to train more volunteers to make snow during practice times. Continue to implement methods to improve efficiency of snowmaking for towers and landings.
- Continue to develop plans for converting the old steel 60m jump to and 80m as presented in "Campaign 97". Rollie and Stan continue to work on the planning.
- Support Central USSA hosting of the Junior Olympics in Ishpeming March 2008.
- Support Blackhawk skiers trying out for Junior Worlds and Junior Olympics.

Long Range Goals:

- Continue to provide for growth of jumping and combined programs.
- Integrate more of the Central Program into Blackhawk in order to provide a centrally located facility where mid-west jumpers can obtain consistent coaching at good practice facilities.
- Continued development of Blackhawk jumping clinics.

Work Projects for 2007-2008:

1. 60m Landing Hill:

- Install lights on east side of the landing hill.
- 60M tower hand rail and steps to be rebuilt Rand Schott to design and build.
- Clear brush from old 80M landing hill and keep clear.
- Repair of steps of 60M landing hill.

2. 15m Ski Jump.

- Move the “start box” 10 feet north and 5 feet west.
- Move the in-run the same distance to the west but keep the takeoff in the same position relative to the current landing hill.
- Remove lights and electric wires and cut down trees considered to be a safety hazard.
- Widen the west side of the landing hill to accommodate the new in-run.
- Rebuild the tow safety switch electric system.

3. 5m ski jump.

- Rebuild the jump to run parallel with the 15m landing hill so both hills can be used at the same time.
- Excavate a level 8x10 area to facilitate the “get-off point” of the tow.
- Excavate the tow path so as to widen the landing hill.

4. 60m ski-jump tow path.

- Stake a possible center line for a surface mounted tow on the east side of the old 60m steel jump landing hill. There is a possibility of combining this with a replacement tow for hills #5 & #6.
- Determine the feasibility of excavating the terrain to accommodate a catenary curve.

Financial Considerations:

The jumping club raises money through a number of efforts:

- Daily jumping fees for out-of-town jumpers.
- Selling Blackhawk logo ski-caps to First Flight instructors and other club members.
- Selling Blackhawk T-Shirts at the Bash and at the tournament.
- Selling Blackhawk baseball caps.
- Rental of equipment.
- Seasonal jumping fee for all kids in the jumping program.
- Concessions at the winter tournament and jumping camps.

In Summary:

The past season has been the most successful Blackhawk ski-jumping season in over 40 years. Much work remains to be done but with the solid base of involved parents and kids the future looks very bright.

One of the added contributions the Blackhawk Ski Club brings to the mid-west jumping community is other clubs come to our Fall Bash and observe what this wonderful club is about. They go away not only impressed by the club as a whole but with positive ideas on how things can be done. Blackhawk has become the envy of many clubs and we can all be proud of it.

5. NORDIC SKIING

Purpose: To promote and introduce Nordic ski activities to novice through elite level skiers of all ages. To provide a facility that will promote the development of Nordic skiers throughout the year

Chair: Mark Torresani

2006 / 2007 Accomplishments:

- Provided instruction to over 70 youth in Nordic programs as compared to 50 last season
- Worked with MadNorski to combine efforts in offering introductory and racing Youth Nordic Programs
- Developed and incorporated an outreach program into the Introduction to Nordic Skiing lessons to introduce skiing to disadvantaged youth.
- Held the Nordic Fun Day including a biathlon children's races and the 5K Ice Age Challenge
- Contracted with a coach for Nordic Programs
- Continued to improve trails by widening, leveling, adding lights and routing the Nordic Trail to eliminate road crossings.
- Managed and coordinated the access road improvements, including the engineering for and the installation of 2 culverts along the 60 meter jump outrun.
- Purchased and modified a 10' x 10' shed for storing Nordic Ski equipment and for use as a race timers building.
- Worked with Wisconsin Biathlon to help develop a competitive biathlon program in Southern Wisconsin.
- Continued to expand the Nordic trails covered with manmade snow.

2007-2008 Season Goals:

- Trail improvements to include placing additional lights for night skiing, widening and leveling trails for snowmaking, grooming and races.
- Plan for and establish an expanded trail network off the current Blackhawk Property with specific efforts to extend the current trail system to the east to the Pleasant View Golf Course trail system.
- Fabricate and install Nordic a trail sign outside of the east and west chalets where skiers typically start out. Trail names to reflect the history of the club and locations (i.e. Stan's Loop, Siberian Highway, Creek Side etc.)
- The trail on top of Run #4 will be widened to allow for a race course that will bring skiers up #4 and down run #1 past the west Chalet
- Continue the Develop a "stadium start/finish area north of the 10 meter biathlon range suitable for starting and finishing races.
- Purchase a 6-foot wide groomer with money received from donations for the equipment
- Purchase one 50 meter biathlon target to prepare Blackhawk biathletes for competition.

- Obtain the permits and approvals to develop a 50 Meter 10 point Biathlon Range. This will include a study of selecting a potential location and determining technical, safety and financial aspects of building a range at Blackhawk. The initial concerns to be addressed are zoning constraints wetlands, shooting safety and the concerns of neighboring property owners. Permits may be needed for local zoning codes and wetland issues.
- Hire a technical instructor and manager for the Nordic programs (Intro, Biathlon, Silverski, Juniors).
- Expand the biathlon program to include middle school through adult members and incorporate an evening race series into the program. (Thursday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 PM December through February)
- Hold the 5th Annual Nordic Fun Day Event / Races.
- Continue to work with the US Biathlon Association, WDNR and other area ski clubs to develop a biathlon program throughout Wisconsin.
- Support Olympic Qualifying Races and Racers,

6. TELEMARK SKIING

Purpose: Coordinate adult and youth telemark skiing program, introduce skiers to telemark skiing technique, and provide a venue to preserve the traditional telemark turn and technique.

Chair: Jana Stewart, Co-Chair: Jeff Prey

Members: Dan Osborne, Valerie Stromquist, Steve Loukin, Mike Anderson, Nancy Oyer, Jeff Folgert, Larkin Harris and Tom Frackleton.

2006-2007 Accomplishments:

- Program had 48 participants this season, a 20% increase over last year
- Provided telemark program opportunities for beginner to experienced skiers
- Cross section of experience level includes: no Telemark experience (33%), 1 – 5 yrs experience (30%) and > 5yrs experience (37 %)
- One-third of the participants were brand new to Telemark skiing, another third had less than five years of Telemark ski experience. The goals of promoting the sport, teaching more beginner skiers, and providing instructional opportunities were accomplished
- Assessed a cross section of Blackhawk telemark night skiers
- Participants who learned to telemark ski at Blackhawk Telemark Night: 58%
- Experience Level: Beginner (42%), Intermediate (23%), Advanced-Expert (35%)
- Participation in other winter sports: X country – classical (75%), X country – skating (52%), Downhill (75%), Snowboard (13%), None (2%)
- Age group: < 20 (4%), 20 – 29 (35%), 30 – 39 (13%), 40 – 49 (36%), > 50 (12%)
- Gender: Male (62%), Female (38%)
- Provided an opportunity for experienced telemark skiers to share their expertise with new and other experienced skiers.
- Served a role as one of the largest telemark programs in the Midwest.
- Served a role to support a community of skiers interested in preserving one of the original forms of skiing.
- Provided informal instruction to beginning telemark skiers and advanced technique for experienced skiers.
- Set up slalom courses to help skiers improve turning techniques
- Held an annual “Retro” night to help preserve the history of the sport, technique, and equipment.

2007-2008 Goals

- Continue to promote the sport of telemark skiing
- Teach more beginners
- Provide more formal instructional opportunities for beginning to advanced telemark skiers.

7. MOUNTAIN BIKING

Purpose: Coordinate activities related to mountain biking including time trials, mountain bike racing and instructional programs. Oversee trail development and maintenance.

Chair: Paul Manley, Co-Chair: Jerry Long

Members: David Reddington, Michael Waisbrot, Jason Plansky, Dirk Mason, Spencer Fulkerson, David Bell, Renee Callaway

2006 Accomplishments:

- Held the time trial series on Wednesday evenings
- Held a FORCS training camp
- Several podium finishes from members at Regional and State events
- Maintained trails at club, added a new trail in woods just east of run# 6

2007 Goals:

- Time trial series-change the format to add different events including mountain bike criterium, slalom and trials
- Introduce a weekly fun ride; a less competitive version of the time trials series
- Continue to recruit youth into the sport (through men's and women's clubs)
- Continue to act as training grounds for competitive cyclists
- Sponsor a FORCS training camp-July
- Continue to update trails at Blackhawk and eliminate some and make remaining ones sustainable
- Post trail signs and directional arrows
- Update trail map and post a laminated version at trail head (Chalets)

8. COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

Purpose: Provide a positive, 10 week long winter sports experience for children who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity. The target audience is 7-11 year old children living in homes with a below median level family income. These kids melded with all other members by participating in the standard Nordic ski education programs offered by Blackhawk Ski Club.

Transportation to and from Blackhawk was coordinated and provided by MSCR. All participants are current club members with parent/guardian authorizations. All participants were provided with skis, boots, poles and as needed, additional items such as coats, pants, gloves, hats, skis, boots, long under ware, etc. were made available to program participants. Blackhawk funded the program by:

- providing individual memberships to all youth members and program assistants
- providing no cost lessons and memberships in ski programs
- coordinate adult volunteer supervisors, and
- paying for incidental expenses associated with the program.

Chair Walter Meanwell / Steve Cohan

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- In partnership with Madison School and Community Recreation (MSCR), children from low income households in the Madison were selected from two schools to take part in this year long, program at no cost to them or to their family.
- Provided lessons to 13 children ranging from 7-11 years old from January to early March.
- These children participated in Blackhawk's Introduction to Nordic skiing sessions held Wednesday after school from 4:15 to 5:15pm.
- The 2006-2007 program was a pilot for an ongoing mission to provide educational and outreach activities to youth in and around the Madison area

Goals for 2007-2008

- Insert goals here, for next year.

B. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Dan Osborne

Members: Don Wylie, Jim Maffay, Stan DuRose, Rollie Williamson

1. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Accomplishments in 2006

- Added 1 Snow outlet to end of 30m outrun for outrun and XC snowing with ARECO guns.
- Extended Snowmaking pipe at 60M end and top of #2.
- Increased snow electric capacity on west side so 3 fan guns can run at once.
- Constructed new jump building at the base of the 30 meter jump.
- Rewired #5 towpath lights and added light on #6.
- Added lights to west side between hills #1 & #2.
- Began replacing old style snow valves with real snow valves that can handle higher pressures.
- Purchased 3rd ARECO snow gun and sold the Leroi compressor.
- Cleared trees and added terrain on west side for better snowmaking, better grooming and more terrain features.
- Improved traffic flow (cars, skiers and pedestrians) at the base of the hill with new XC trail location, trees, and drainage work.
- Re-shingled East Chalet

2007-08 Potential projects for long range goals and to address 2006-07 problems.

- We have to get working on the new Master Plan. See next bullets.
- Plan future snow system upgrade. New pump, pond capacity, valves, electrical work, buildings, etc. We might be able to do some prep work this year but we have financial and time issues that need to be addressed before we jump into this completely.
- Look into making the hills #3 & 4 area more skiable by clearing brush and trees. Has to be snowable and groomable. Possible terrain features and small ski jump.
- Increase parking capacity on west side.
- Rewire PB Barn and jump building from compressor building power source. Step down from 480 power.
- Rock loop around PB Barn.
- Align #2 tows & inspect for safety issues.
- Replace #4 Lights.
- Re-Roof west chalet.
- Smooth towpaths. Rake and seed.
- Continue to improve #1 terrain on west side if fill is possible.
- There are a number of other areas in need of fill if available and if weather permits.

2. SNOWMAKING

Purpose: Make snow for downhill skiing, jumping, and one nordic trail and to maintain our snowmaking equipment (water pump, hoses, air compressors, pipes, snow machines and guns).

Chair: Don Wylie; Members Dan Osborne and Mark Torresani

Accomplishments in 2006-2007

- Covered about 9-10 acres of alpine slopes, jumps and Nordic trails\
- We made our opening date of the first Saturday in December for the 5th consecutive year
- This was a difficult year because of very large changes in weather. We passed on the cold days in early November but then weren't able to start until three days before opening. We had eight days of cold weather followed by five weeks of mild weather which melted a large part of our snow and delayed completing the task. Winter finally came on January 13th and we finished snowmaking on January 30th. We ran 350 hours this year. Previous years we ran 220-300 hours. We pumped 5.1 million gallons of water. Previous years we pumped 4.2 mg
- The 3rd ARECO machine addition gave us a bonus in that we were able to make snow with temperatures 27°-31° F – we restored hill #2 with 2-4” of snow under these conditions. This is warmer than our old equipment and most snowmaking systems can operate.

Challenges in 2006-2007

- The pipeline along the jump stairs was frozen due to a leaking valve
- Some programs were not able to practice because of the delay in getting snow.

Future Plans

- We will continue to enlarge our snowmaking system so that we can get this job done with less labor and get all facets of Blackhawk skiing early in the winter
- The main enlargements will be a pump upgrade to higher pressure and volume which may take several years to install.
- On the smaller scale, some of the small omicron guns will be moved to elevated mounts for improving snow quality and use in the ski jumps.
- We always need the trees trimmed along the tow paths and edges of ski runs since snow drift from the guns and machines continually breaks branches.

3. SKI PATROL

Purpose: Ensure that ski patrollers are present during all hours of alpine operation and that they are aware of club policies (e.g., jumps, snowboard terrain, etc.). Responsible for opening and closing the ski area. Coordinates need for snow making/grooming with other committees.

Chair: Kenneth Matusek

Members: P Hackworthy; M Englehardt; V Stromquist; J Slattery; R Wangard; D Wylie; P Mooney; K Knauf; J Knauf; T Terbilcox; S Loukin; T Wangard; J Hilgers; R Somberg; L Harris; S Slattery; Chris Reikersdorfer; Nancy Oyer; M Anderson; A Stanculescu; J Folgert and E Theisen

2006 Accomplishments:

- Completed annual OEC refresher w/favorable rev. from Region instructor trainer
- Successfully completed annual toboggan refresher
- Staffed required shifts this season and performed patrol activities as appropriate
- Recruited three candidates and three rostered patrollers
- Performed safety orientation for first and second flight participants
- Maintained standards set by National Ski Patrol System.

2007 Goals:

- Plan and complete annual OEC and toboggan refreshers
- Staff each shift as required by the club
- Perform safety orientations for each first, and second flight class
- Recruit three new patrollers
- Maintain standards set by National Ski Patrol System.

Season	Opening Date	Closing Date	# of Days Skied
2006-2007	12/02/06	03/18/07 est.	82 est.
2005-2006	12/03/05	03/10/06	77
2004-2005	12/04/04	03/13/05	64
2003-2004	12/06/03	03/03/04	70

Club Budget Requirements: \$500 for safety supplies and equipment.

C. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

Purpose: The purpose of the membership committee is to coordinate the collection of annual membership dues; provide membership cards; maintain the waiting list; provide information to members through the club phone number and the newsletter, and coordinate all social activities.

Chair: Pat Hackworthy

Members: Dan Osborne, Paul Hoffmann, Sharon Hoffman, Deb Peterson,

1. CLUB INFORMATION

Purpose: To provide information to members/perspective members; maintain the waiting list for new members; collect deposits for membership; provide refunds; accept new applicants and renewals; coordinate program registration; and provide passes and validation stickers.

Chair: Pat Hackworthy

2006 Accomplishments:

- We accomplished our registration in part with RegOnline
- Most members were pleased with this opportunity. It was a problem for some
- Lesson registration was held in person for the first time
- We handled 100+ waiting list families. Not all choose to join
- Five remain on the list for 2007-08.

Goals for 2007-08

- Find a new online provider for registration or design our own
- Continue absorbing the 275 families (our cap) plus additional late renewals when necessary
- Better organize and communicate with volunteers
- Communicate our Club protocol to those families on the wait list
- Print and mail the letter telling current members how to renew their membership in a timely manner
- Proceed to the waiting list as soon as renewals are taken care of
- Inviting these waiting list people would be a good thing

2. NEWSLETTER

Purpose: Oversee development and distribution of newsletter

Chair: Sharon/Paul Hoffmann

2006 Accomplishments:

- Produced the following publications: Newsletters Dec. 05, Newsletter Jan. 06, Newsletter May 06, Membership Packet Aug. 06, Bash Invitation and reminder postcard September, Newsletter Jan. 07).
- Continued using computer applications to produce publications.
- Continue to cover all sports at Blackhawk.
- Continued to use ads as a way to leverage additional fund raising through the Bash.
- Continued to cultivate member help with newsletter stories and photos.
- Continued to use intern help for newsletter stories.

2007 Goals:

- Produce the following publications: Newsletter Jan. 07, Newsletter March 07, May 07, Dec./Jan 08; Membership Renewal letter Aug. 07, Program Signup Sheets (collect in July 07), Basic Club Information Card to be posted on website and placed in boxes outside of Blackhawk gates and chalets.
- Continue using computer applications to produce publications.
- Continue to cover all sports at Blackhawk.
- Continue to use ads as a way to leverage additional fund raising through the Bash.
- Continue to cultivate member help with newsletter stories and photos.
- Continue to use intern help for newsletter stories.

3. WEBSITE

Purpose: To provide members and prospective members with basic information about the club and upcoming events.

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- Implemented on-line membership signup process.
- Wrote and posted directions on website and sent letters to members explaining new registration process. Updated membership form.
- Collected program sheets, edited, completed computer layout, and completed preparations for program signup sheets to be posted on website.

2007-2008 Goals

- Update content and photos on existing webpages.
- Cultivate additional volunteer help to assist with updates.
- Assist with new on-line membership signup process.
- Write, print and mail letter to members explaining new registration process and have it posted on website.
- Update membership form as needed.
- Collect program sheets, edit, complete computer layout, and complete preparations for program signup sheets to be posted on website.
- Explore possibility of posting ads on webpage from Blackhawk corporate sponsors.

4. **SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Purpose: To coordinate and bring volunteers together to run 3 social events for Blackhawk Ski Club Members. Current events include the food for Fall Bash, the January Steakfry, and the February Carnival.

Chair: Deb Peterson

2006 Accomplishments:

- About 200 people each attended the Steak Fry and Carnival
- New volunteers helped out
- Recruited more people for the planning of the BASH and maintained costs

2007 Goals:

- More new volunteer involvement
- Recruit more people for planning the BASH and provide more fund raising opportunities

5. **BLACKHAWK BASH**

This is a major fund raising effort of the club, and a new committee. It is in need of a chair person for Fall 2007.

2006 Accomplishments

- Recruited more volunteers for planning event
- Increased funds raised by reducing costs for food and increasing corporate donations

2007 Goals

- Recruit new chair and additional lead volunteers to plan event
- Increase funds raised through event.

D. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES

1. ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Chair: Dan Osborne (Treasurer)

Members: TBD

THE 2006-2007 FINANCIAL REPORT WILL BE INCLUDED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

2. MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Purpose: Coordinate facilities and improvement planning; develop an area use plan; develop a master plan; revise, assist and coordinate improvements and developments with committees; procure or develop facilities and improvement plans; coordinate and maintain club master plan and fundraising activities; coordinate special event planning; coordinate with finance and fundraising committees, facilities and improvements costs and schedules; review for the board of directors the impact on the master plan of proposed or existing activities.

Chair/Membership: Under development

3. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Purpose: Coordinate fund raising, as a not-for-profit 501c3 charitable organization.

Chair: TBD