



## Blackhawk Ski Club 2007-2008 Annual Report

### A few highlights from our club's programs in 2007-2008:

- The First Flight program served about 300 kids in 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Programs, with 30 kids participating for the first time in a snowboard program.
- Pre-Flight classes were held at the East Chalet for the first time, increasing the club's capacity for these programs.
- The Blackhawk Alpine Racing Program (BART) had almost 25 participants and continued to see competitive success.
- The Ski Jumping program had over 25 kids participating and sponsored a successful tournament and considerable local media coverage.
- The Cross Country program, under the leadership of Louise Jones, had over 50 participants, with programs for Madison school children, middle and high school kids.
- The Mountain biking program ran weekly mountain bike time trial series from mid-May to mid-September.
- Our membership continued to grow, with over 350 families and 1,400 individual members.
- Our approximate income (\$177,000) exceeded expenses by about \$10,000.
- Increased Active Membership to over 100, with 29 new Active Members in 2008.

### The major goals for 2008-2009 include the following:

- **HIGH PRIORITY:** Establish a Finance Committee, identify a Chair (Treasurer), and organize membership, bookkeeping, and finances. This goal was set last year but was not accomplished. It will require recruiting a volunteer or hiring a contractor to support the work (e.g., book keeping, tax preparation)
- **HIGH PRIORITY:** Develop and implement a plan to support a facilities manager/executive director, to relieve volunteers from the tremendous time demands.
- **HIGH PRIORITY:** Work with the Nordic Sports Foundation to establish an endowment to improve and maintain Blackhawk's jumping facilities and programs
- Improve the snowmaking capacity by improving the pump.
- Continue to enhance the Blackhawk Alpine Ski School (BASS) providing more diverse instruction (e.g., snowboarding, alpine jumping, xc skiing, family involvement)
- Build on this year's experience with the MSCR outreach program by increasing instructor and volunteer contributions
- Continue to improve the website to facilitate communications with club members
- Find a chair for the 2008 BASH

## BLACKHAWK'S ACTIVE MEMBERS: 2007-2008

### Board Members (Term)

Cohan, Steve (2006-2009)  
 Hoffmann, Sharon (2006-2009)  
 Houston, Mike (2007-2010)  
 Manley, Paul (2005-2008)  
 Matusek, Ken (2007-2010)  
 McCarthy, Joe (2007-2010)  
 Osborne, Dan (2005-2008)  
 Peterson, Deb (2006-2009)  
 Prey, Jeff (2007-2010)  
 Remington Pat (2005-2008)  
 Torresani, Mark (2006-2009)  
 Wylie, Don (2005-2008)

### Senior Board Members

DuRose, Stan  
 Hackworthy, Pat  
 Norby, Dave  
 Poff, Ron  
 Williamson, Rollie

### Active Membership (Year)

1 Ackatz, Scott (2006)  
 2 Andersen, Randy (2007)  
 3 Anderson, Peter (2006)  
 4 Andryk, Kim (2005)  
 5 Andryk, Tim (2005)  
 6 Arneson, Shawn (2003)  
 7 Arnold, Mike (2005)  
 8 Arnold, Peggy (2005)  
 9 Bathe, Duncan (2006)  
 10 Becker, Don (2003)  
 11 Bell, David (2005)  
 12 Butel, Therese (2003)  
 13 Butler Jeff (2007)  
 14 Butler, Jeaneen (2007)  
 15 Callaway, Renee (2005)  
 16 Charlson, Chris (2007)  
 17 Charlson, Jeff (2007)  
 18 Cortright, Amy (2007)  
 19 Cortright, Randy (2007)  
 20 Diamond, Irene (2007)  
 21 Drazio, Joe (2007)  
 22 Dykman, Joel (2004)  
 23 Englehardt, Molly (2005)  
 24 Fox, Bruce (2007)  
 25 Fulkerson, Spencer (2003)

26 Gessner, Christine (2006)  
 27 Gessner, Nate (2006)  
 28 Ginther, Jody (2006)  
 29 Goetz, Cathy (2007)  
 30 Goetz, Scott (2007)  
 31 Gottlieb, Justin (2007)  
 32 Gusev, Yuriy (2005)  
 33 Heidel, Amy (2007)  
 34 Heidel, Randy (2007)  
 35 Hilgers, Joe (2003)  
 36 Hilgers, Judy (2003)  
 37 Hoffmann, Paul (2004)  
 38 Johnson, Deb (2007)  
 39 Johnson, Patrick (2006)  
 40 Kaplan, Samantha (2005)  
 41 Knauf, Karl (2003)  
 42 Kopelke, Kip (2006)  
 43 Lawn, Chris (2006)  
 44 Linnan, Kelley (2005)  
 45 Loukin, Stephen (2003)  
 46 Mahaffy, Jim (2003)  
 47 Mason, Dirk (2004)  
 48 Meanwell, Walter (2003)  
 50 Mooney, Peter (2003)  
 51 Neff, Ben (2005)  
 52 O'Rourke, Ann (2006)  
 53 Oswald, John (2006)  
 54 Peterson, John (2003)  
 55 Pigorsch, Hans (2003)  
 56 Pollard, John (2006)  
 57 Pollard, Mary (2006)  
 58 Ragotzkie, Peter (2003)  
 59 Rattunde, Bill (2003)  
 60 Reddington, David (2005)  
 61 Riekersdorf, Chris (2007)  
 62 Roberts, Jeannie (2004)  
 63 Rodriguez, Ann (2007)  
 64 Schott, Rand (2003)  
 65 Sheldon, CC (2003)  
 66 Sinberg, Dave (2003)  
 67 Slattery, Jim (2003)  
 68 Slattery, Pat (2004)  
 69 Slattery, Sue (2004)  
 70 Stewart, Janna (2003)  
 71 Stromquist, Valerie (2003)  
 72 Taylor, John (2004)  
 73 Terbilcox, Tom (2005)

- 74 Tiefenthaler, Todd (2003)
- 75 Tumbush, Steve (2007)
- 76 Waisbrot, Mike (2005)
- 77 Walsh, Mike (2004)
- 78 Wangard, Robert (2003)

**New Active Members (2008)**

- 1 Anderson, Kathy (2008)
- 2 Blodi, Barb (2008)
- 3 Carre, Robin (2008)
- 4 Donnelly, Brian (2008)
- 5 Fox, Jennifer (2008)
- 6 Goulette, Jennifer (2008)
- 7 Goulette, Tom (2008)
- 8 Grimm Mike (2008)
- 9 Grimm, Judy (2008)
- 10 Jones, Louise (2008)
- 11 Kettner, Brice (2008)

- 12 Kettner, David (2008)
- 13 Krigbaum, Kim (2008)
- 14 Krigbaum, Steve (2008)
- 15 Lucas, Angie (2008)
- 16 Lucas, Rob (2008)
- 17 Potter, Beth (2008)
- 18 Rader, Christine (2008)
- 19 Rader, John (2008)
- 20 Reddington, Michelle (2008)
- 21 Reikersdorfer, Chris (2008)
- 22 Ronnie, Eden (2008)
- 23 Ronnie, Mark (2008)
- 24 Schimpf, Jeff (2008)
- 25 Schuster, Jennifer (2008)
- 26 Schuster, Rob (2008)
- 27 Stabo, Teresa (2008)
- 28 Theisen, Emily (2008)
- 29 Wittennyler, Pam (2008)

**BLACKHAWK BOARD OFFICERS  
COMMITTEE CHAIRS: 2007-2008**

**OFFICERS**

**President:** Pat Remington  
**President Elect** (proposed): Vacant  
**VP for Facilities:** Dan Osborne  
**VP for Programs:** Mike Houston  
**VP for Membership:** Sharon Hoffmann  
**Secretary:** Don Wylie  
**Assistant Secretary:** Joe McCarthy  
**Treasurer:** Vacant  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Vacant

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Chair (Treasurer):** Vacant  
• **Members:** To be determined

**PROGRAM COMMITTEES**

- **Chair: VP for Programs-Mike Houston**
- **Co-Chair: Dave Norby**
- **Members: Program Chairs**
- **Committees**
  - Youth Alpine Program Chair: Dave Norby
  - Alpine Racing Chair: Joel Dykman
  - Jumping Chair: Rand Schott & CC Sheldon
  - Nordic Chair: Mark Torresani
  - Telemark Chair: Jana Stewart
  - Mountain Bike Chair: Paul Manley
  - Outreach Program Chair: Steve Cohan

**FACILITIES/OPERATIONS  
COMMITTEES**

- **Chair: VP for Facilities-Dan Osborne**
- **Vice Chair: Joe McCarthy**
- **Members: Chairs of the Facilities Committees plus 2 Active Members**
  - Snowmaking Chair: Don Wylie
  - Ski Patrol Chair: Ken Matussek
  - 2 Active Members: John Oswald, Jim Mahaffey

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**

- **Chair: VP Membership-Sharon Hoffmann**
- **Co-Chair: Pat Hackworthy**
- **Membership:** Jeff Prey, Pat Hackworthy, Dan Osborne, Sharon Hoffmann, Paul Hoffmann, Randy Anderson
- **Committees**
  - Information/Website Chair: Jeff Prey
  - Newsletter: Sharon & Paul Hoffmann
  - Social Affairs Chair: Deb Peterson
  - Fund Raising Committee Chair: Bash: Sharon Hoffmann
  - 2 Active Members: Joe McCarthy

## **COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board of Directors develops policies and oversees the work of all club committees. An independent audit committee reviews the organization's finances.

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** Coordinate all Club programs and provide recommendations to the Board for program policies and procedures.

### **FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** Oversee all facilities, grounds, and club operations, including mowing, trail maintenance, tree trimming, road and parking lot maintenance in summer and winter, including snowplowing; maintain both chalets and outhouses, inside and out; oversee all electrical facilities, including lights and safety gates; ensure that all grooming equipment is adequately maintained and operators are sufficiently trained; maintain operating logs for each piece of heavy equipment to aid routine servicing; ensure that the downhill skiing areas are suitable for winter operations by maintaining rope tows, towpaths, and safety gates and by grooming the slopes; ensure that all x-country trails are maintained and groomed in the winter; coordinate and direct snowmaking activities for both downhill and jumping by providing a schedule of workers and a contact list for snowmaking; ensuring adequate snowmaking equipment is provided in areas of operation (hoses, guns, propane torches, etc.); and ensure that trained personnel are onsite to operate the compressors and water pump; ensure that all snowmaking equipment works properly and is adequately maintained (includes water pumps, hoses, air compressor, pipes, and snow guns); and 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.).

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** Maintain club phone number and membership list; collect all applications; oversee development and distribution of newsletter; coordinate all club social activities, including fall potluck and winter carnival; coordinate with the chairs of the program committees; maintain calendar of club activities; develop and maintain the club Website and email distribution list; develop and maintain a list of active club volunteers.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** Review and approve all program budget requests, oversee budget development; oversee annual budget; receive and pay all bills; oversee all legal issues, including taxes; establish contracts for snowmaking/grooming and first flight.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** To independently review organization's finances.

## **A. PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. BLACKHAWK ALPINE SKI SCHOOL (BASS)**

**Purpose:** Introduce children to alpine skiing and snowboarding through the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight programs.

**Chairs:** Dave Norby

**Contractor:** Kelley Linnan

**Members:** Jeff Theisen and Emily Theisen.

#### **2007-2008 Accomplishments:**

- Approximately 250 kids participated in the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Program
- 50 kids participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Program
- 30 kids participated in the snowboarding group lessons
- Successfully integrated pre-flight lessons on the top of hill #5 and #6.
- Participation medals were awarded to kids in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Snowboard lessons.
- Ken Matussek provided a Ski Patrol demonstration for the kids
- Introduced 150+ children in 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Flight to hill #5 and #6
- Introduced kids to ski jumping, racing, freestyle skiing techniques, and Nordic skiing.

#### **2008-2009 Goals:**

- Continue to develop and grow snowboarding group lessons
- Increase instructor numbers to allow for additional children in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight
- Develop a "Freeflight" lesson program for families.
- Change/develop a 3<sup>rd</sup> flight program to allow for more specialized topics.
- Increase lesson times to allow for 350 students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> flights.
- Introduce all able children to hills 5 and 6; including snowboarders.
- Provide dedicated hill space and instruction during scheduled times
- Continue to develop the Pre-Flight lessons to allow for 50+ children in 2008-09.
- This may include the addition of a magic carpet.

#### **Long-term Goals:**

- Develop 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight type lessons for snowboarding with competitive programs
- Continue to combine 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight programs to be one program
- 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.
- Develop a family ski lesson to allow for families to enjoy lifelong activities together.

#### **Additional Budget Items:**

- Video camera to tape students for analysis
- Additional freestyle items for hill #2
- 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 a high level of Alpine instruction and an opportunity to participate in ski racing. BART is a team in the WIJARA league which consists of 4 weekend races during the months of January and February. Races are held at Chesnut in Galena, Sundown in Dubuque, Cascade and Tyrol Basin. A year end race is held at Mt. LaCrosse in March.

Chairs: Joel Dykman is the coordinator of the program.

### 2007-2008 Accomplishments:

- Balanced the coaching budget to match program fee income.
- Increased the number of BART racers from 21 to a predetermined 24.
- Contracted and paid two excellent coaches, Branden Loveland and Jenny Dahlberg who directed all practices (3/week) and races (5 Saturdays & Sundays).
- Spring work project involved burying of power line from main box to 60M jump to allow trucks to dump fill around start mound. Start mound is now much safer.
- Fall dry land training sessions during September and October provided introduction of new team mates to coaches and returning racers.
- Work days coordinated with fall dry land training resulted in widening hills 5 and 6.
- Joel ordered hooded sweatshirts with racers first name in front and Blackhawk Alpine Race Team with Blackhawk logo in back.
- Blackhawk placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 12 WIJARA teams in year end team point standings. Several individual racers achieved top 5 medal finishes. Many racers finished in the top 10 and scored team points. All racers enjoyed skiing for and cheering on the team.

### 2008-2009 Goals:

- Year end parent meeting to be scheduled.
- Add coach or coaches to replace Branden Loveland who is moving to Oregon.
- Continue team building during off season.
- Remove trees and brush from the area between hills #5 and #6.
- Assist in the removal of trees and brush from the area between hills #3 and #4.
- Fireplace in East Chalet – scheduled for Spring '09.

## **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: Sharon and Paul Hoffmann, Judy and Joe Hilgers, Nate and Chritine Gessner, Don and Dee Wylie, Dave Norby, Stan Durose, Rollie Willimanson, CC Sheldon, Alf Bredland, Ray and Helen Catell., Charlstons, Pollard, MCarthy/O'Rourke, Butlers, Grimm, Schwerts

##### **Summary of Accomplishments in 2007-2008:**

- 13-15 Active Families
- 12-20 skiers Practicing two nights /week 40+ weeks of the year
- 12-14 Blackhawk skiers traveled to more than 4 Events this year
- 10 Blackhawk skiers are in a transition year building skill to move to our 60M
- 2 Blackhawk skier active on the National level
- 2 USSA Sanctioned Tournaments with June 50 skiers and Feb 76 skiers
- 3 non Sanctioned tournaments (one the Bash)
- Training camps/clinics 4 through out the year

##### **Five Blackhawk events have become must hit events for Central Skiers**

- Winter Tournament
- May Candy Comp
- Bash
- Halloween (if you have never come you really should!!)
- Late summer skiing Nov.

##### **Training not only of skiers but of Families**

We now have multiple families who can pack landing hills, tump and screed towers and cut track. All Blackhawk skiers can pack and prepare landing hills. All towers this year were prepared with natural snow.

##### **Detailed 2007-2008 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, Cunningham, Grimm, Schwer., Hearn. These included 12 full family memberships, 1 ski patrol and 2 board memberships. 27 total kids.
- Hosted 2 sanctioned ski tournaments, 3 non-sanctioned tournaments, 4 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.
- 25 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 throughout the Central Division.
- 2 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.
- Blackhawk has worked with the National Womens development team to host the 2008 summer National Womens Development camp June 18-22
- 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.
- Spring and Fall Dry Land training and conditioning programs begun in conjunction with the Physiology dept at UW Eau Claire Coordinated by Kip Kopelke
- Halloween at Blackhawk and Nov training clinics brought many skiers from all over the Central Division Next year if we have the larger hill going many Skiers from Park city Utah and Lake Placid New York will come train here in Oct and Nov since their hills are closed at that time.

#### **Infrastructure Achievements:**

- Two years in a row the 60M and 30M tower have been snowed with natural snow decreasing the man hours put into preparing the towers
- Development plans to erect ( re erect ) the 80M
- Repair steps to 60M during Oct clinic
- Paint jump inn during spring clinic

#### **Winter tournament:**

- The winter tournament on the 5M & 15M & 30M and 60M jumps had 30 Blackhawk entries, and a total of 76 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.

#### **2007-2008 Blackhawk skier results:**

- Blackhawk sent skiers to the following National and International Events this year:
- Lake Placid 4<sup>th</sup> of July( 2 skiers), Flaming Leaves Oct ( 1 skier) , New Years Comp( 2 skiers)
- Park City Springertournee Aug ( 2 skiers)
- Steam Boat Springs Early Snow Nov ( 2 skiers) Nationals March ( 2 skiers)

- International events Vancouver 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

### **Team Blackhawk**

10-12 skiers traveled to 7 Central winter tournaments

In Feb, 10 Blackhawk skiers took their first rides off Wisconsin Rapid's 52 M

In preparation form moving to the 60M at Blackhawk

### **Coaches 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.

### **2008-2009 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.
- 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.
- Continue to work with Blackhawk skiers to move skiers to the 60M as they become ready
- Development through training and practicing other mid sized jumps such as St Paul and Wi Rapids
- Continue with building the program
- 2 sanctioned tournaments per year
- BASH, Halloween, last summer Training Nov.
- Host National Womens' Development team
- Clinic June
- 3-4 training clinics
- 80M jump improvement see separate report
- Continue to improve facility
- Repairs and maintenance 60M tower and steps
- Lighting on all towers and outruns
- Snow retention systems 60M
- 60M out run

### **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 on good practice facilities.
- Continued development of Blackhawk jumping clinics.
- Provide training for Park city and Lake Placid skiers in Oct and Nov

- This benefits Blackhawk skiers by promoting National exposure

**Work Projects for 2008-2009:**

**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.
- Snow retention system for the landing hill

**2. 80M See separate proposal and outline**

**3. Continued Maintenance of smaller hills**

**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 a big success. 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 should all be proud of it.

Events planned for the 2008-2009 season:

March 2008 Blackhawk fun jump for Blackhawk skiers SLLUSH BOWL?

Cont Tuesday Thursday practice

April end of year? Get together

Mid April get ready for spring/summer jumping

May: Candy Comp Clinic for Central division

June: National Women's Development Training Clinic

Central Sanctioned Comp

July 30M-60M training camp

August: Training camp candy comp

Blackhawk trip to springertournee  
Sept Fall practices  
Oct BASH  
Halloween Clinic  
Nov Last summer training clinic

Additional reports are available from:

- Ability Level explanation. kip\_kopelke@hotmail.com.
- Report submitted to Central USSA for their annual reporting.  
CC Sheldon schottswis@tds.net

## 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

### 2007 / 2008 Accomplishments:

- Provided instruction to over 70 youth in Nordic programs
- Worked with MadNorski to combine efforts in offering introductory and racing Youth Nordic Programs
- Continued the outreach program to introduce Nordic Skiing lessons to disadvantaged youth.
- Contracted with a coach for Nordic Programs
- Continued to improve trails by widening, leveling, adding lights and routing the Nordic Trail to connect to the Pleasant View Trails.
- 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.
- Through a donation a new Tid Tech trail groomer was purchased and made for better and more efficient trail grooming.

### 2008-2009 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 to develop a “stadium start/finish area north of the 10 meter biathlon range suitable for starting and finishing races.
- 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.
- Work with the Jumping program to hire a technical instructor for the Nordic programs (Intro, Biathlon, Silverski, Juniors, Nordic Combined and Jumping).
- Expand the biathlon program to include middle school through adult members and incorporate an evening race series into the program.
- Hold the 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **What is the status of 2007 goal?**

Chair: Jana Stewart; Co-Chair: Jeff Prey

Members contributing to program: Dan Osborne, Valerie Stromquist, Steve Loukin

Patrollers: Many telemark participants have become patrollers through their involvement at Telemark Night. Active patrollers include: Valerie Stromquist, Steve Loukin(Blackhawk/Tyrol). Other area patrollers who are telemark participants: Tom Frackleton (Tyrol), Jim Carman (Tyrol).

2007 goals:

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

The program had a 1% increase in participants over 2007, with many of last year's rank beginners returning to further develop their skills. Over one-half of participants learned to telemark ski through Blackhawk's Telemark Ski Night. About one-quarter of the participants were brand new to telemark skiing, and close to half of the skiers had less than five years of telemark ski experience. Instructional sessions were held at nearly half of the telemark ski nights. The goals of promoting the sport, teaching more beginner skiers, and providing instructional opportunities were accomplished.

**Summarize accomplishments in 2007 (April 2007-March 2008).**

- Program had 50 participants this season, a 1% increase over last year
- Provided telemark program opportunities for beginner to experienced skiers. Cross section of experience level includes: no telemark experience (27%), 1 – 5 yrs experience (44%) and > 5yrs experience (29 %).
- Cross section of Blackhawk telemark night skiers includes:
  - Participants who learned to telemark ski at Blackhawk Telemark Night: 56%
  - Experience Level: Beginner (43%), Intermediate (21%), Advanced-Expert (36%)
  - Participation in other winter sports: X country – classical (77%), X country – skating (42%), Downhill (71%), Snowboard (15%)
  - Age group: < 20 (9%), 20 – 29 (32%), 30 – 39 (19%), 40 – 49 (27%), > 50 (13%)
  - Gender: Male (73%), Female (27%)
- 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, with instruction provided by Steve Loukin, PSIA Level II Instructor.
- 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.
- Held an annual “TeleFeast”/potluck as Tele Winter Carnival celebration

**What are the goals for 2008 (including estimated budget request)?**

- 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

### 2007 Accomplishments:

- Held the time trial series on Wednesday evenings
- Held a FORCS training camp
- Several podium finishes from members at Regional and State events
- Eliminated some trails, improved others
- Recruited some young members into the sport through time trial series

### 2008 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.

Chair Steve Cohan

Blackhawk hosted the second year of the Community Outreach program in 2007. While most of the structure remained the same, two significant changes occurred from the 2007 program:

- Expanded the program to accommodate 30 students from Falk and Glendale school and,
- The program's operational coordination was performed by Louise Jones, Blackhawk's Nordic education coordinator.

Program highlights:

- Without exception all participants became mostly to completely proficient Nordic skiers over the session,
- As confirmed by the many positive comments by the kids, all participants truly enjoyed their experience.

2008 Budget

- Approved \$2000 to offset MSCR bus transportation expenses, actual consumption \$1000.
- Coordinator expense -  $\$15 \times \text{one hour} \times \text{eight sessions} = \$120$  (proposed at March 2008 Board meeting)
- Food, games, gifts = \$200 (\$150 paid by coordinating Board member – no reimbursement required)

Changes for 2009 program:

- Need for 5-8 volunteer teachers on a consistent basis,
- Budget compensation for the coordinator,
- First volunteer to arrive at 3:00 to warm chalet, arrange boots and lay out clothes.

2009 Proposed Budget

- MSCR bus transportation expenses \$1000.
- Coordinator expense = \$150
- Food, games, gifts = \$200

Conclusion

This year's outreach program proved that the Blackhawk Outreach program is sustainable and should remain part of the overall offering of Blackhawk ski club for years to come.

## **B. FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: Dan Osborne

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

### **1. FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

#### Accomplishment in 2007

- Increased parking capacity on west side.
- Rocked loop around PB Barn
- Aligned #2 & #1 tows & inspected for safety issues.
- Replaced #4 Lights

#### Ongoing goals for 2008

- Increase volunteer base to work on facilities
- Develop facilities plan
- 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 (ongoing)
- 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. (ongoing)
- Rewire PB Barn and jump building from compressor building power source. Step down from 480 power.
- 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

We ran 240 hours and pumped about 4 million gallons of water this year, which is close to our average effort in past winters (except 2006-07 which was higher). In spite of generous natural snow, we made our standard base which allowed us to survive the big thaw and several rains. We learned to prepare for unwanted events last year. Our electric

usage was about 70% of many prior winters because we used more of the ARECO fan machines less of the big air compressors so we are becoming “greener.”

We purchased about 40 large (2.5”) hoses from Chestnut Mtn. buying out their unused inventory. This acquisition contained a mixed batch of nearly new and some partially damaged hoses. Most of them were stock piled – it was a bargain that allows us to use the ARECOs more efficiently and at greater distances from the pipeline.

The Nordic jumps remain a challenge area for snow making because of the very limited area to work in. The small jumps were opened using natural snow which was mostly lost in the first January thaw and rain. Natural snow is less dense than machine snow and the jumps were only minimally covered.

The small jumps were recovered with machine snow to permit lasting through a thaw. The 60 m landing hill suffered an avalanche in December from layers of natural snow before the machine snow was added. The avalanche broke their snow holding rigging and made re-snowing impossible until the rigging was repaired. Even after the repair a 4” layer of light powder fell before attempting to add machine snow. Natural snow has to be packed before machine snow can be added or it will only slide off. Bottom line is that lots of natural snow is both a blessing and more work.

Our other major problem was the freezing of the spur water pipe on the 60 m jump landing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. I talked to other snow operations and found that outdoor routing valves always leak and freezing is common. We will remove the routing valves during the summer. This means that we will usually be making snow at the bottom of the 60 m jump when running. We need a lot of snow in this area anyway.

One air compressor also lost 13 gallons of oil which costs \$50/g. I’ll be looking at it this summer. We are looking forward to upgrading the water pump. This project will occur in the next two years and allow use of more modern equipment plus increase the speed in which we can open venues. The schedule has not been made for this project at the time of this report. Other small changes in the pipeline and the pond refill will be made for improving the system and reducing labor. These won’t be noticed by the general membership.

### **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.). Patrollers are 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; L Ziglin; L Harris; S Slattery; C Reikersdorfer; N Oyer; M Anderson; J Folgert; P Wittenwyler and E Theisen

**2007 Goals:**

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

**2007 Accomplishments:**

- 1a) Successfully completed annual OEC refresher with favorable review from Region instructor trainer.
- 1b) Successfully completed annual toboggan refresher.
- 2) Staffed each required shift this season as required by the club and performed patrol activities as appropriate.
- 3) Recruited one candidate and two rostered patrollers.
- 4) Performed safety orientation for first and second flight participants.
- 5) Maintained standards set by National Ski Patrol System.

**2008 Goals:**

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<b>Season</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b># of Days Skied</b>
2007-2008	12/01/07	Unk.	90 est.
2006-2007	12/02/06	03/18/07	80
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**

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**

- **Chair: VP Membership-Sharon Hoffmann**
- **Co-Chair: Pat Hackworthy**
- **Membership:** Pat Hackworthy, Dan Osborne, Sharon Hoffmann, Paul Hoffmann, Jeff Prey, Randy Anderson
- **Committees**
  - Membership Registration/Information: Pat Hackworthy, Dan Osborne, Sharon Hoffmann
  - Website: Sharon Hoffmann, John Pollard, Dan Osborne.
  - Newsletter: Sharon & Paul Hoffmann
  - Social Affairs: Deb Peterson
  - Fund Raising Committee Chair:
  - Bash: Sharon Hoffmann
  - 2 Active Members: Joe McCarthy, Randy Anderson

**Purpose:** Maintain club phone number and membership list; collect all applications; oversee development and distribution of newsletter; coordinate all club social activities, including Bash, steak fry and winter carnival; coordinate with the chairs of the program committees; maintain calendar of club activities; develop and maintain the club Website and email distribution list; develop and maintain a list of active club volunteers.

### **1. CLUB INFORMATION**

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

Chair: Pat Hackworthy

#### 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

2007 Accomplishments:

- Produced the following publications: Newsletter Jan. 07, April 07. Membership Renewal letter Aug. 07, Program Signup Sheets (collected in July 07), Bash Invitation September 07.
- Wrote stories covering all sports at Blackhawk.
- Acknowledged Bash donors through the use of printed ads and website logo placement.
- Utilized member help with newsletter stories and photos.
- Recruited and trained UW intern to help write newsletter stories.

2008 Goals:

- Utilize new website capabilities to publicize club activities and sports coverage.
- Evaluate need for printed publication vs. emailed information.
- Evaluate computer hardware needs to produce printed publication.
- Recruit volunteer help for computer layout, story coverage, etc.

### 3. WEBSITE

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

2007 Accomplishments:

- Contracted Court Data to host website and online membership renewal. Online membership registration went relatively well for the first year with CDT. Have to do a better job with program descriptions and making the information extremely clear. No refunds should be the goal. It will run much more smoothly if everyone understands what they are signing up for.
- Updated content and photos on existing website.
- Collected program information and posted it on website for membership renewal.
- Wrote, printed and mailed letter to members explaining new registration process and posted on website.
- Successfully completed online membership renewal for 500 club members (300 full family ) and signup for all Blackhawk programs.
- Posted logos of Blackhawk Bash corporate sponsors.
- Utilized website email capabilities to inform members of upcoming events, hill closings, event cancellations, etc.
- Updated website with postings for events.
- Recruited new club volunteer to update postings on website.
- Utilized website to collect reservations for events such as Bash and steak fry.

#### 2008 Goals:

- Maintain contract with Court Data to host website and online membership renewal.
- Continue to update and expand content and photos on website.
- Collect program information and post it on website for membership renewal.
- Inform members of membership renewal through emails and printed letter.
- Complete online membership renewal for club members and signup for all Blackhawk programs.
- Post logos of Blackhawk Bash corporate sponsors.
- Utilize website email capabilities to inform members of upcoming events, hill closings, event cancellations, program news, etc.
- Update website with postings for events.
- Utilize website to collect reservations for events such as Bash and steak fry.
- Evaluate use of email and website postings and use of printed newsletter.

#### **4. BLACKHAWK BASH**

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

#### 2007 Accomplishments:

- Recruited new lead volunteers to plan event (food, silent auction donations, volunteer coordination, kids' games).
- More than 500 members and friends attended event.
- Raised \$9,000 from silent auction, corporate sponsorships and general donations.
- Changed format of ski jumping component to be a demonstration event rather than fully sanctioned tournament to reduce duration of event and level of volunteer coordination.
- Utilized website to post and inform members about event.

#### 2008 Goals:

- Reduce volunteer coordination by instituting a new raffle and eliminate silent auction.
- Continue to recruit new volunteer assistance to coordinate event.
- Attract 500 members and friends attend event.
- Raise \$10,000 from raffle, corporate sponsorships and general donations.
- Continue to utilize website and emails to recruit volunteers and inform members of event.
- Utilize website to acknowledge corporate sponsors.

## **5. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

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

Chair: TBD

### 2007 Accomplishments:

- Hosted and paid for transportation for after school ski program for disadvantaged youth.
- Met various times with Stan DuRose and committee members to plan possible donation and construction of 85m ski jump.

### 2008 Goals:

- Continue to host after school ski program for disadvantaged youth.
- Meet with potential donors to fulfill matching donation for disadvantaged youth program.
- Continue to meet with Stan DuRose and committee members to plan possible donation and construction of 85m ski jump.

## **6. 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:

- Many people each attended the Steak Fry, but the Carnival was rained out.
- 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