



## **Blackhawk Ski Club 2009-2010 Annual Report April 12, 2010**

### A few highlights from 2009-2010:

- The First Flight program served about 315 kids in 1<sup>st</sup> Flight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight, and X-Ploration Team programs, with 30 kids participating in the snowboard program.
- X-Ploration Team program successfully introduced 45 children to alpine ski racing, freestyle skiing, Nordic skiing, and ski jumping.
- X-Ploration Team and some 2<sup>nd</sup> flight students competed in the first annual Blackhawk X-Games.
- Completely re-designed out Pre-Flight program with the addition of the new beginner rope tow on our new hill.

### The major goals for 2010-2011 include the following:

- Increase communication between Blackhawk programs.
- Increase communication with organizations outside of Blackhawk.
- Provide spring, summer and fall training opportunities for members.
- Consider new additions to our coaching staff.
- Continue winter outreach program and consider summer outreach program.
- Increase ski-able terrain by clearing brush and select trees.
- Review improvements to the snowmaking system.

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

**Purpose:** Introduce children to alpine skiing, alpine ski racing, freestyle skiing, Nordic skiing, ski jumping and snowboarding through the 1<sup>st</sup> Flight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight, and X-Ploration Team programs.

**Chairs:** Mark Torresani

**Contractor:** Kelley Linnan

**Members:** Jeff Theisen and Francis Theisen.

### **2009-2010 Accomplishments:**

- Approximately 240 kids participated in the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Flight program.
- 45 kids participated in the new X-Ploration Team program.
- 30 kids participated in the snowboarding group lessons.
- Successfully integrated pre-flight lessons using our new hill and rope tow.

- Participation medals were awarded to kids in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and snowboard lessons.
- First, second and third place medals were given to the X-Games participants.
- Introduced 150+ children in 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Flight to hill #5 and #6.
- Introduced kids to ski jumping, alpine ski racing, freestyle skiing techniques, and Nordic skiing.

### **2010-2011 Goals:**

- Continue to develop and grow snowboarding group lessons and add a more advanced lesson program.
- Increase instructor numbers to continue to offer a more professional and efficient ski lesson program to club members.
- Continue to increase the opportunities/instruction to the X-Ploration Team members.
- Introduce all able children to hills 5 and 6; including snowboarders.
- Continue to develop the Pre-Flight lessons to allow for 50+ children in 2010-11.
- Continue to improve the freestyle offerings to children to allow them to enjoy Blackhawk to older ages.

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

- Develop competitive program for snowboarding with freestyle emphasis.
- Continue to combine 1<sup>st</sup> Flight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight, and X-Ploration Team programs to be one group.
- 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.
- Addition of a terrain park hill next to Hill #5 or by modifying Hill #3.

### **Additional Budget Items:**

- Video camera to tape students for analysis
- Additional freestyle items for hill #2
- Ski poles for children to use while in lessons

## **JUMPING PROGRAM**

Chair: Rand Schott

Purpose: Provide quality sustainable ski jumping programs for the full range of recreational to competitive skiers.

### **Summary of Accomplishments in 2009-2010:**

- Blackhawk skiers graduated to the 60 meter hill used for practice and competition

- Practicing two nights /week for 40+ weeks of the year
- About 12-14 Blackhawk skiers traveled to more than 6 events this year
- Two Blackhawk jumpers active on the National level
- One Blackhawk skier qualified for Junior Olympics
- One Blackhawk skier represented the US on an International level and was chosen to be on the four man Junior world team
- Two USSA Sanctioned Tournaments with in June (50 skiers) and Jan (88 skiers)
- Three non-sanctioned tournaments (one at the time of the Bash)
- Four training camps/clinics throughout the year
- Held the national Women's Development Camp in June with four women coaches from the US ski team as coaches and the US women's coach, and 24 skiers from four Midwest states and seven Blackhawk girls concurrently held boys training camp for mid west boys
- Five Blackhawk events have become must hit events for Central Skiers: Winter Tournament, May candy comp, June tournament, Halloween , BASH
- Blackhawk skiers participated in all Central ski jumping events held this year
- Sold Blackhawk merchandise sales to support activities, developed new products  
With Blackhawk logo, turtle necks, fleeces began on line sales
- Procured 1 pairs of skis, boots and 6 Silveretta bindings for 60 M jumpers and 4 pair of skis
- Improved the snow retention system for 60M and added a silo filler to decrease work of snowing towers
- Continue to introduce First and Second Flight skiers to the ski-jumping program.
- Continue with building the program by adding a Saturday intro to ski jumping
- \_\_\_12\_ skiers \_ took advantage of this program
- Worked out a coaching schedule to alternate coverage between 3 coaches and 1 assistant coach
- Begin the rebuilding roller ladder system for small hills rope tow
- Better use of web site to promote ski jumping

#### 2010-2011 Goals:

- Hold two sanctioned tournaments per year
- Jump at the candy comp in May, BASH, Halloween, last summer training in Nov  
To provide Central USSA venues.
- Host the National Women's Development team (third time for us)  
To include boys training camp at that time
- Conduct repairs and maintenance on the 60M tower and steps
- Improve the lighting on all towers and outruns
- Perfect use of the silo filler on towers
- Equip more skiers for Nordic combined

- Train Junior Olympic level athletes
- Complete the rebuilding roller ladder system for small hills rope tow

In Summary: The past season has been a big success. Efforts to recruit new skiers and provide recreational jumping have allowed many more Blackhawk skiers to try the sport. We had great press coverage for our winter tournament this year both in print and TV. The ski jumpers managed a very successful BASH while holding a tournament. Efforts to continue to support the Nordic combined portion of the program have gone well and will be continued.

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 Midwest jumping community is other clubs come to our events. Visitors leave Blackhawk 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.

### **Blackhawk 2010 Summer Improvements**

- 1) Create year-round schedule of training-physical, mental, jumping, create year schedule of parents/coaches schedule of events and projects to be done
- 2) 60M-Add length to K60M take off via advice from Karl Evenstadt. Add what is needed to speed snow making on landing hill and take off, make good starts and railings. Long-term fix of hill redesign when landing hill is too bumpy to ski? Get actual bar starts made. Fix lights/improve lighting and electrical needs (add power to video spot and add a coaches stand on knoll). Improve watering system for landing hill
- 3) 30M-add telephone poles to top and sides for more speed and better start area. Add bar starts. Great hill.
- 4) 15M-Redo inrun to match landing hill from added dirt. Create platform above start for shed with electricity (size to be determined) to watch videos and have sound system. Extra platform will help with machinery issues crossing the tow rope. Make bar starts-1 or 2 of them with a top gait for normal use.
- 5) 5M-increase standing area on top with easy entrance onto 15 landing hill. Improve and widen inrun for summer and winter to match landing hill. More length for inrun and add dirt to knoll
- 6) Address all lighting improvements and electricity needs for small hill area

- 7) Make flat area for training-bottom of ski area #2 or between the 60 and 30 area?
- 8) Make coaching/platform areas for each jumping hill, video areas
- 9) Create year program with all the other coaches to improve cohesion of all sports and its just good for the kids/programs. Added money to programs.

#### Year Plan

- 1) **May**-Increase endurance so by the end of May you can run for an hour at a good pace. Always a good pre/post flexibility work to done. Week 1-20-30min., Week 2-30-40 min., Week 3-40-50min., Week 4-60 min. This will give all of you a good base to build your strength from. This is based on the older skiers and the younger skiers will run and play games to get their endurance.
- 2) **June-July**-Skiers that are ready for weights will receive technique training and beginning exercises to increase their strength. Younger skiers will begin when they are ready but can do many exercises to strengthen their legs too.
- 3) **Aug-Sept**-Skiers will transition their base of strength/ into speed with circuit training, sprints, weighted plyometrics from a low position and a variety of other exercises.
- 4) **Oct-Nov**-POWER CONVERSION. This is when we take a skiers strength and speed to convert it to power and have them maintain this throughout the winter. Some off-time peaks to regain some strength during the season is necessary to continue to have POWER for the rest of the snow season.
- 5) **Nov-Mar**-Maintain and focus on skiing with a few peaks in weight lifting and plyo's. Lots of technique and skiing to be done!!

This is a brief overview of the entire season and how you build your strength year after year. Learning weight lifting, sprints, circuits, plyometrics, balance, coordination are some of the physical attributes a skier has at the top level.

Almost every world cup skier has these, so what separates them when they get on the hill? Simple-preparation with the following: skiing techniques, mental training(techniques, comp days, training days, physically training hard and not just getting thru a workout), waxing, equipment. Usually the physical base is the easiest thing to get and everything else is what separates the skiers.

#### **Goals for 2010**

- 1) Start year round program that can continue to create skiers that will be ready for the next level before they get there.
- 2) Have each skier plan, understand and know what is expected of them to reach their goals and make them a successful jumper.
- 3) Have each skier work on strength, techniques with jumping and mental training and work on videos to help each skier understand how it can help them. The skier must do the skiing and must take the time to feel how they are skiing and make the appropriate changes.

## **BLACKHAWK ALPINE RACING TEAM (BART)**

Chair: Jennifer Fox

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 Chestnut in Galena, Sundown in Dubuque, Cascade and Tyrol Basin. Two non-league year end races are held in March at Mt. Lacrosse and Ski Brule.

### **2009-2010 Accomplishments:**

Implemented two new BART programs, BART-USSA and BART-Development, in addition to the traditional BART program. BART-USSA skiers competed in both WIJARA and regional USSA races. BART-Development was developed for those skiers who have not raced in the past but have an interest in downhill skiing. BART-Development skiers had the opportunity to compete in the two local WIJARA races (Cascade and Tyrol Basin) held in February.

Retained three coaches; Jenny Dahlberg Mark Monkoski and Luke Bruckner. Luke also assisted MART (Madison Alpine Race Team) coach, Pat Slattery, at Wednesday night MART practice at Blackhawk. Retained coaching assistant Lou Reed. Added BART-Development coach Ryan Schmudlach.

Increased the number of BART program racers to 37: 24 - BART racers, 5 BART-Development racers, 5 BART-USSA racers, and 3 USSA racers Continued fall dry land training sessions during September and October providing conditioning for new and returning racers and coaches.

Placed 5th out of 12 WIJARA teams in year end team point standings. Earned four team trophies for 4th place.

Morgan Dykman, Ally Dykman and Nicholas Ronnie won multiple races earning “bump up” status.

Matt Oswald was the top point earner for the team among those individuals who did not bump up.

Danielle Goulette, Molly Kollman and Matt Oswald also competed in the High School league. Molly and Danielle both qualified for the state tournament. Molly qualified as part of her Verona High School team and Danielle qualified as an individual.

60M jumpers used the hill #5 tow.

Removed trees and brush from the area between hills #3 and #4.

Cleared brush widening hills 5 and 6.

Purchased waxing shed - Joel Dykman

### **2010-2011 Goals:**

Retain coaches Jenny Dahlberg, Luke Bruckner and Ryan Schmudlach.

Attract new coach due to the out-of-city move by Mark Monkowski.

Retain BART – Tracker. Joel Dykman.

Retain BART Gatekeeper coordinator. John Rader.

Retain Equipment manager. Mark Ronnie.

Retain Winter carnival coordinator. Joel Dykman.

Continue team atmosphere.

Continue favorable coaching ratio.

Improve communication between Alpine, Jumping and Nordic programs.

Increase participation of all BART programs to 40 skiers Continue to attract J6 age skiers to the BART program Increase the number of skiers who participate in BART-USSA and BART Development Improve the hill #5 tow sled and rope storage system.

Build a vertical gate storage box on the back side of the waxing shed. This would allow for dryer storage of gates and prevent gate damage.

Purchase 5 large bungee cords to wrap around gate bundles.

Improve safety fences.

Review lighting on the west of hill #5.

Consider timing equipment.

Purchase necessary replacement equipment Consider team trip to preseason ski camp

## **Madison Alpine Race Team/BART-USSA**

### **PURPOSE**

- 1. To provide a structured program that builds upon other Blackhawk programs so that each individual Athlete can reach his or her own personal goals and potential.**
- 2. To upgrade ski racing in our Community, our High Schools and within our Region 2 Division.**

3. To stress the improvement of skiing technique through racing instruction and gate training.
4. To compete in the USSA (United States Ski and Snowboard Association) Central Division.

**Chair – Joel Dykman**

**COACHING STAFF**

**Pat Slattery**

**Martin Frame**

**David Coop**

**Luke Bruckner**

**Members**

**35 Athletes supported by 28 families.**

**Summary of Accomplishments in 2009-2010:**

**Junior Olympics J3-J4**

- Five Athletes launched BART/USSA – training on Wednesday nights at BH.
- Eighteen Athletes participated in the USSA Central Division Junior Olympic Qualifiers in Marquette MI.

Ally Dykman, Morgan Dykman, Carly Cates, Abbie Homan, Ashley Derr, Riley Whitney, Loren Skibba, Katie Arneson, Melissa Derr, Avery Plautz, Tommy Arneson, Jeremy Gottlieb, Tanner Klein, Marcus Fennessy, Mitchell Homburg, Rock Cates, Milo Lingard, Carl Cortright.

- Three J3 Girls – Ally Dykman, Morgan Dykman and Carly Cates Qualified for the Rocky Central J3 Junior Olympics in Vail CO. March 3-10
- Two J3 Boys – Jeremy Gottlieb and Tommy Arneson Qualified for the Rocky Central J3 Junior Olympics in Vail CO. March 3-10
- Three J4 Girls – Riley Whitney, Loren Skibba, and Katie Arneson Qualified for the Rocky Central J4 Junior Olympics in Winter Park CO. March 17-20
- Two J4 Boys – Rock Cates and Milo Lingard Qualified for the Rocky Central J4 Junior Olympics in Winter Park Co. March 17-20.

**Central Division J2 Team**

- Ben Hutchins was named to the Central Division J2 Team (one of five from the central division) to compete in the J2 Nationals. This event will be held in at Sugarloaf in Maine.

**High School Racing – 2010**

The following Athletes competed in the High School ranks this past year:

Matt Oswald

Daniel Goulette

Molly Kollman  
Robert Bell  
Darek Thompson  
Laura Voegeli  
Luke Voegeli  
Leland Bradford  
Matt Gabrielse  
Ben Hutchins

**High School Nationals**

Laura Voegeli, Matt Gabrielse and Ben Hutchins qualified for High School Nationals and were named to the Boys and Girls All State High School Ski Team.

**Grade School Champions**

The following Athletes competed in the Grade School Championships held at Tyrol :

Ally Dykman  
Carly Cates  
Ashley Derr  
Morgan Dykman  
Tanner Klein  
Rock Cates  
Brett Anderson  
Abbie Homan  
Mitchell Homburg  
Marcus Fennessy  
Brett Anderson

Ally Dykman and Marcus Fennessy won this event on an individual basis. Stoughton River Bluff Middle School winning the team trophy.

**2010-2011 Goals:**

- Update MART Web-Site
- Expand MART/USSA program
- Add to Coaching staff
- Continue to assist in Hill 5/6 maintenance

**NORDIC SKIING**

Chair: Mark Torresani and Louise Jones

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

#### 2008 / 2009 Accomplishments:

- Provided instruction to over 150 youth and adults 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 Nordic Program Director for Nordic Programs
- Continued to improve trails by widening, leveling, and rerouting the Nordic Trail to connect to the Pleasant View Trails
- Relocated the biathlon shooting area to the northwest corner of the Blackhawk property
- Revived the Biathlon Program with regular practices and interest from youth and adults
- purchased new ski equipment for the new adult and the Nordic combined programs with donations of approximately \$6,000

#### High School/Middle School: Accomplishments

- 16 high school and 18 middle school skiers
- Age class and overall awards in:
  - Southern Conference Meet, Multiple HS Series races, State Championships (State and Madison Winter Fest), 1 J2 high school skier to Junior Olympics
- Practices held at Blackhawk, Pleasant View (Via Erdman Trail), Elver Park, Eagle School
- Traveled to races 5 weekends, one home weekend, and 3 weeknight Madison Nordic Ski Club races
- Hosted Blackhawk Games/Nordic Fun Days with costume distance race and biathlon
- Two head coaches and one assistant coach between the HS and MS programs
- Every 08-09 8<sup>th</sup> grader moved to the HS team
- Raised over \$2,000 from individual donations, Madison Nordic Ski Club Chili Feed Fundraiser and a BBQ Dinner

#### Introductory Nordic Program: Accomplishments

- Run by Chris and Sarah Lawn with assistance from approximately 12 volunteer instructors over a 8 weekly sessions
- 42 skiers participated with a set limit at 40 and had to turn away late registrations
- Creation of lesson groups with specific skill goals, activities and plans

#### Goals for 2010/2011

- 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 trail system and develop a biathlon loop.
- Continue to expand and improve the biathlon shooting area located in the NW corner of Blackhawk property. Including the construction of a backstop and side berms and lights.
- Obtain the approvals to hold a biathlon race on a 50 meter Biathlon shooting course suitable for .22 caliber biathlon rifles. ).
- Continue working with Jumping program to develop the Nordic Combined program
- Expand the biathlon program to include middle school through adult members and incorporate an evening race series into the program.
- Continue to work with the US Biathlon Association, WDNR and other area ski clubs to develop a biathlon program throughout Wisconsin.
- Expand coaching schedules for HS/MS and Kidski to create specific skill groups and coaches to accommodate diversity of ability and interest
- Promote Adult/Private Lessons through a specific time and equipment use schedule
- Develop a summer training program in conjunction with the Jumping coaches and athletes

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

Chair Steve Cohan

Director: Louise Jones

Co-director: Molly Sygulla.

Purpose: Provide a positive, 8 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.

Blackhawk hosted the fourth year of the Community Outreach program in 2010.

- Change in community partner, Goodman Community Center
- Fifteen students participated from the Goodman Community Center

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.
- Contracted with Lead Volunteer (Molly Sygulla) to run weekly practices
- Healthy snacks of oranges/apples, crackers/pretzels, and apple juice/hot chocolate

Changes for 2010 program:

- Possibility of two 4 week sessions with different groups or a few "Spotlight Days" where a larger group can come
- Create alternative plans for situations with bad weather in lieu of canceling

2009 Proposed Budget

- Contractor fee = \$1000.
- Maintenance/infrastructure = \$100
- Food, games, gifts = \$90

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.

## **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 contributing to program: Dan Osborne, Valerie Stromquist, Steve Loukin

Patrollers: Active patrollers include: Valerie Stromquist, Steve Loukin (Blackhawk/Tyrol).

2009 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 similar number of participants compared to last year, with many of last year's rank beginners returning to further develop their skills. Nearly three-quarters of participants learned to telemark ski through Blackhawk's Telemark Ski Night. About one-fifth 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. Informal instructional sessions were held at over 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 2009 (April 2009-March 2010).**

-Program had 54 participants this season, roughly equivalent to last year

-Provided telemark program opportunities for beginner to experienced skiers. Cross section of experience level includes: no telemark experience (20%), 1 – 5 yrs experience (45%), and > 5yrs experience (35 %).

-Cross section of Blackhawk telemark night skiers includes:

- Participants who learned to telemark ski at Blackhawk Telemark Night: 72%
- Experience Level: Beginner (32%), Intermediate (39%), Advanced-Expert (29%)
- Participation in other winter sports: X country – classical (85%), X country – skating (39%), Downhill (56%), Snowboard (7%)
- Age group: < 20 (4%), 20 – 29 (28%), 30 – 39 (16%), 40 – 49 (39%), > 50 (13%)
- Gender: Male (70%), Female (30%)

-Served as volunteers for Blackhawk Ski Club. Telemark skiers served as volunteers (28%) at Blackhawk Ski Club, contributing as ski patrol (9%), wood-splitting, brushing trails, slope maintenance, and served as volunteers for other programs. Approximately 54% of telemark skiers are interested in future volunteer opportunities at Blackhawk and 3 telemark skiers have offered to write newsletter articles to describe their learning experience.

- 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 and intermediate/advanced level 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

### **Goals for 2010**

- Continue to promote the sport of telemark skiing.
- Teach more beginners.
- Continue to provide more formal instructional opportunities for beginning to advanced telemark skiers.
- Provide additional instructional opportunities (i.e. video critique)

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES**

**Chair: VP Membership-Christine Gessner**

**Co-Chair: Pat Hackworthy, Mark Torresani, Pete Lemberger, Sharon Hoffmann, and Joe Mcarthy**

#### **Purpose:**

- Maintain club phone numbers and membership list. (Pat Hackworthy)
- Collect all applications; oversee communications to members. (Sharon Hoffmann)
- Coordinate all club social activities, including Bash Steak Fry and Winter Carnival. (Christine Gessner and Pete Lemberger)
- Coordinate with the chairs of the program committees. Develop uniform program descriptions in the spring to be ready for Court Data by June. (Mark Toressani)
- Maintain calendar of club activities; develop and maintain the club Website and email distribution list. (Sharon Hoffmann)
- Develop and maintain a list of voting club volunteers; Collect program information and post it on the 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.  
(Joe McCarthy)

### **Membership Registration/Website**

Chairs: Joe McCarthy and Pat Hackworthy

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

#### Accomplishments:

- New chair people took responsibility for this area
- Met with Court Data and planned out renewal process and timeline to meet this
- Updated website content and expanded FAQs in effort to reduce refunds, reduce volunteer time answering questions and make renewal process easier for members
- Collected program information and posted it on website for membership renewal
- Informed members of membership renewal through emails and printed letter
- Completed online membership renewal for club members and signup for all Blackhawk programs in September 2009:
  - Registered 461 members
  - Registered and collected fees 447 youth in Blackhawk programs: First Flight, Third Flight, snowboarding, ski jumping, BART and cross country programs
  - Renewal process occurred without any problems
  - Renewing members filled First Flight ski lessons in two days
  - New member registration was closed within 12 hours
- Continued collection of potential members on front page of website and informed them of renewal dates.
- Posted logos of Blackhawk Bash corporate sponsors
- Utilized website email capabilities to inform members of upcoming events, hill closings, event cancellations, program news, etc.
- Updated website with postings for events
- Utilized website to collect reservations for events such as Bash and steak fry
- Answered member questions throughout year via telephone and website.

#### Goals:

- Maintain contract with Court Data to host website and online membership renewal
- Continue to update and expand content and photos on website
- 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

## **NEWSLETTER**

Purpose: Oversee development and distribution of newsletter

### Accomplishments:

- Randy Andersen and Ida Carlin produced two editions of the newsletter: February 2009 and September 2009
- Mailed and emailed newsletter to members
- Posted editions on website.

### Goals:

- Determine weather to continue using our email system to notify members about club news, or work with Court Data Technologies to set up an E Newsletter.
- Encourage all the sports at Blackhawk to submit stories and photos for the newsletter.

## **BLACKHAWK BASH**

Chair: Christine Gessner

### Accomplishments:

- Utilized both a raffle and silent auction for the Bash to maximize fundraising.
- Recruited volunteers to coordinate: food, volunteers, grounds, raffle, events
- Received corporate support from: Park Bank, Culver's, Becker Law Office, Kay & Andersen, S.C. Attorneys at Law, First Webber Group, Coordinated Capital Securities, Inc, Pioneer Hi-bred International, Ballweg Family of Dealerships and Physicians Plus
- Utilized website to acknowledge corporate sponsors
- 600 members and friends attended event
- Reduced printing and mailing costs for event by utilizing website and emails to recruit volunteers and inform members of event.
- Raised \$7,420.00 from Raffle, Silent Auction, Apparel Sales, Food/Beer Donations, and Corporate Sponsors
- Recruited new 3 new vendors to the Bash

### Goals:

- Continue to recruit new volunteer leadership to coordinate event.
- Continue to utilize and expand raffle as fund raising source for event
- Attract 500 members and friends to attend event

- Explore and attract additional corporate sponsorships and general donations
- Continue to utilize website and emails to recruit volunteers and inform members of event
- Utilize website to acknowledge event sponsors
- Recrute more vendors to the event

## **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

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

Chair: TBD

Accomplishments:

- Met with potential donors regarding donation for disadvantaged youth program
- Added donation option for disadvantaged youth program via website

Goals:

- Recruit chair and volunteers for this committee

## **SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Chair. Pete Lemberger and Christine Gessner

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

Accomplishments:

- The Bash had great weather and attendance. Our food donations were greatly appreciated.
- Steak Fry attendance was approximately 60% that of the previous year. Primarily due to the extreme cold weather which came in the latter half of that week.
- The Carnival was well attended and skiers enjoyed the slalom gates on hill 2 and racing on hill #4.
- New volunteers helped out with all events.
- Utilized the website and e-mail to get volunteer lists and promote events.

Goals

- Pete Lemberger is the new Chair.
- Put more pictures of social events on website.

## **SKI PATROL**

Purpose: To 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; performing emergency care as necessary and promoting safety awareness to the membership. The patrol coordinates the need for snow making and grooming with other committees.

Chair: Kenneth Matusek

Members: M Anderson; M Englehardt; A Frey; P Hackworthy; J Hilgers; K Knauf; J Knauf;  
M Krakora; K Lemmenes; S Loukin; A Lucas; M Madigan; L McMurray; P Mooney;  
C Reikersdorfer; S Slattery; V Stromquist; F Theisen; J Theisen; T Wangard; P  
Wittenwyler;  
D Wylie and L Ziglin

### **2009 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 and second flight class.
- 4) Recruit three new patrollers.
- 5) Maintain standards set by National Ski Patrol System.
- 6) Obtain two new toboggans and repair one existing toboggan. Construct three storage silos for the toboggans and supplies.

### **2009 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 three candidate patrollers and completed their training.
- 4) Maintained standards set by National Ski Patrol System.
- 5) Obtained two new toboggans and updated an existing toboggan. Constructed three storage silos for the toboggans with help from Spence and Dan.

### **2010 Goals:**

- 1) Plan and complete annual OEC and toboggan refreshers.
- 2) Staff each shift as required by the club.
- 3) Perform safety orientations for all flight classes.
- 4) Recruit three new patrollers.
- 5) Maintain standards set by National Ski Patrol System.
- 6) Review and replenish first aid equipment and supplies as needed.

<b>Season</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b># of Days Skied</b>
2009-2010	12/05/09	03/08/10	89
2008-2009	12/06/08	03/15/09	84
2007-2008	12/01/07	03/16/08	79
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

Club Budget Requirements: Replenish splints, spider straps, collars and other necessary expendable supplies.

## **Snowmaking**

Chair: Don Wylie

Mother Nature didn't let us start until the first week of December, Thursday Dec. 3 and we were able to open only Hill #1 on our first Saturday (5 Dec.) This marks the 9th year in a row that we've had something open on the first Saturday in December. Hill #2 was ready on the 2nd weekend of December for the start of lessons.

We had an unusually large snowfall on Dec. 9th (18") which allowed us to open most of our venues and save us a lot of work. We only used about 75% of the water, electricity, and labor hours this year compared to previous years. Our last heavy December snowfall occurred in 2000 - ten years ago.

In spite of the early snow, we decided to continue making snow to provide a base because rains and meltdowns can occur in any winter. We survived to major rains on Christmas Day 2009 and January 24th 2010. Our hills survived so we parked our equipment for the season.

We had two equipment problems this year which is less than average. An electrical breaker on a snow machine caught fire. Fortunately the damage was restricted and Dan repaired it in a few days. One air compressor also shut itself down which was probably a malfunction of its protection controls. Since we had cold weather and could make most of our snow with the fan machines, we parked this compressor and will work on it in the offseason.

Snowmaking needs were increased with the addition of the Bunny Hill tow. This side of hill #1 is normally ignored during snowmaking and we use to ski it with mostly natural snow. It now requires grooming and consequently a machine snow base. We will be expanding our pipeline in this area in the future.

To take advantage of changes in the industry we will be upgrading our water pump. Newer equipment such as our ARECO fan machines are very efficient but require higher water pressure. Our ARECOs use only 1/6 of the electricity of our older guns

and will become even more efficient when we feed them higher pressure water. Part of the upgrade was done last summer by renovating our electric feed so we are now in position to change the pump and start experimenting with other newer equipment.

### **FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

**Chair (Treasurer): David Reddington**

Co-Chair: Don Wylie

**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.

**PENDING**