

# BLACKHAWK SKI CLUB NEWS

November 1998

## Thanks for the Wood Splitting

**A** Special thanks to Joe, Ben, and Nathaniel Brady; Pat, Beth, and Katie Remington, Lisa Wolff, Frank, Deb, Frank Jr, Andy, Patrick, and Michael Remington; Matt and Grant Frank; Jeff and Thomas Gabrysiak, Jim L'Heureux, Andy Huth, and Jim Remington, for cutting, splitting, and stacking wood at the east and west chalets. And a special thanks to Wade Cattel for lending the club his log splitter. We couldn't have done it without it! There should be enough wood, even for the coldest winter on record...



A picture perfect day to for wood splitting and brush cutting at the West Chalet

## Open House and Pot Luck Nov. 15

**Y**ou and your family are invited to a potluck and annual meeting of the members of the Blackhawk Ski Club. It will be held, rain (snow) or shine, on Sunday, November 15, from 12 noon to 2 PM, at the East Chalet (near the big ski jumps).

The club will provide hot dogs, brats, buns, condiments, and drinks. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass. We will eat from 12-1 and then hold a short meeting to give members an overview of the recent club efforts to promote downhill, jumping, alpine racing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, and mountain biking. We would also like to hear from you about ways to improve the club for you and your family. We hope to see you there. Please pass the word to other club members. Although this gathering is for club members, you could bring along a prospective member to give them an overview of the club. There will be an open house, specifically for new and prospective members, on Saturday, December 12, from 11-3.



## **A Mountain Bike Update**

**T**he 1998 mountain bike season has been a good one for Blackhawk. The club continued to co-sponsor the Wednesday night trial series in conjunction with the Wisconsin Off Road Bicycle Association. A total of 12 time trials were held between June 3 and August 26 (one rain cancellation). This year a rotating sponsorship was used with Budget Bicycle Store, Williamson Street Bicycles and the Trek stores sharing the responsibilities for technical support and swag (prizes) per event. As well, local bicycle clubs sponsored by these bicycle shops participated in timing, course setup and post race cleanup. The clubs involved were Mad Trail FORCS (Budget), Team Saris (Budget), Chain Smokers (Willie St.) and Mad City Cycling (Trek). Thirty to forty riders of various ages and abilities applied their skills over 2-3 timed laps. The usual mixes of steep climbs, challenging singletrack and fast descents were juggled to provide a variety of course alternatives. Some new trails were added and some existing trails were improved. This series is an excellent forum for introduction of new ideas and trails with instant feedback from various skill levels. For instance, everyone agreed that the introduction of the ground wasps as an obstacle was not a good idea. We hope to continue the series next year and for those of you thinking about getting into competitive riding, this is a great place to start.

On August 30, Blackhawk and Mad City Cycling hosted the first annual Mad City Melee mountain bike race. Local sponsors, Active Endeavors, the Great Dane BrewPub, the Trek Store, and Trek Corp. offered generous financial or merchandise support. Beginner, sport and expert classes attracted a total of 110 competitors for an exciting day of sun, fun and racing. A challenging 3.5 mile loop utilizing existing and new trails spread the competitors over the course, but allowed spectators to cheer their favorites from several different vantage points. Weather was cooperative, the watermelon, bananas and apples were plentiful and the atmosphere was laid back. Thank you to all the many volunteers who served as



course marshals, parking attendants, timers and judges. A very special thank you to our very own Blackhawk Ski Patrol who were present to provide first aid. The organizing committee was pleased with the feedback from the participants, spectators and volunteers and hopes to repeat and improve the event in 1999.

A final note on trail development for future use of Blackhawk members. The board has entered into discussion with surrounding landowners regarding access to adjoining property with the idea of developing

a trail network in the valley. At this point, these properties are off limits to Blackhawk members and it is important that we respect the boundaries of Blackhawk. We hope that in the near future, we will have favorable news to deliver on trail access.

*"I would like to thank Jim Bible, Jerry Daniels and John Peterson for the work they did to make the deck a reality between hills 1 and 2. The deck should be ready for the season shortly. Part of the donation from the First Flight Coaches to the Amanda Harbort memorial fund helped purchase the materials for this deck as a memorial to Mandi and a recognition of the First Flight Program, which she loved so dearly. " – Ron Poff President*

**Want to email a board member about an issue? Here is your chance....**

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**G**reat progress has been made on the installation on the new tow for the intermediate ski jumps. If you have been out to the club in the last few weeks you will have noticed that the road leading to the bottom of the hill has been slightly moved to accommodate the new tow.

There is also a new jumping coach for the club, his name is Kip Koepelke. He will be assisting with the First Flight program and coaching jumping. His e-mail address is [skifly@inwave.com](mailto:skifly@inwave.com).

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**T**here are a lot of projects to be done yet before the ski season starts, your help is always needed, if you see a project that needs to be done, don't be shy, just do it...

**A**nother 10 vertical feet and a new starting ramp have been added to the headwall this fall. This should be great addition for all the expert skiers.

