

BLACKHAWK SKI CLUB NEWS

September 1999

Second Annual Mad City Melee A Success!

On August 29, 1999 Mad City Cycling and Blackhawk Ski Area were host to the second Annual Mad City Melee Mountain Bike Race. The weather was perfect for a mountain bike race; cool and breezy which helped dry out the bottom of the course. The festivities began at 9 am with the Citizen (beginner) race. Two laps of a 2.5 mile course proved a challenge for approximately 40 racers. Many bikers distinguished themselves, but none more than our own club president Pat Remington who threw down the gauntlet each climb of hill # 6 dominating the 45+ field.

The Sport (intermediate) field got under way at 11 am and saw the men race 4 laps of a 2.9 mile course, with the women doing 3 laps. The Expert field raced at 1:15 pm over a 3.15 mile course with the men hammering 6 laps to the women's 5. Over 150 racers competed, many taking home

medals, cash or merchandise prizes. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, Trek, Trek Bicycle Store, Madison Chiropractic, Erehwon, Victor Allen, Pedros, Whole Foods and Outback Steak House, we gave away approximately 80 merchandise prizes over the three races. Many of our Blackhawk members were visible as racers or volunteers, helping park cars, marshall the race course and time the events. A special thanks to Ken Matusek and his ski patrollers who provided medical support for the event. They are like an insurance policy that you hope you never have to use, but it is comforting to know that they are there in case of disaster. As the name implies, this will be an Annual event and it is a great opportunity for club members to see what this mountain biking craze is all about. August 27, 2000 is the tentative date for next year's event, so lots of time to get into shape and challenge Pat. He may be on the climbs, easy pickins mud.



something
but he is
in the

Social Calender

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 17th! We will hold our annual members pot-luck from 1 PM to 4 PM in the East chalet. This year we plan to combine the potluck with the annual open house. Word of mouth has proven to be the most effective advertising in getting new members. So.....everyone please try to come to the potluck, and bring a prospective member! The club will provide hot dogs, drinks, and paper goods. We are asking all members to bring a dish to pass. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know the other members, both summer and wintertime users.

⇒ Wednesday December 29th - the Holiday party. Bring 2 dozen favorite cookies to share, hot cocoa will be provided. Watch future newsletters for time and other details.

⇒ Friday January 28th - Friday Fun Night. Bring tubes/sleds, enjoy a great meal. Details to follow.

⇒ Sunday February 13th - Winter Carnival, 1 PM. Games for all ages, and cookout/potluck.

⇒ Sunday May 7th - Summer Celebration. Come help do the spring cleanup. A picnic and bonfire will follow.

New passes for members

The day of the picture I.D. has passed. This season we will begin using a new yellow plastic Recreation Pass. Please keep your pass with you while using the facility. Retain the pass at the end of the season, as validation stickers will be mailed out in future years. The pass will not be transferable. Please continue to use your picture I.D. until you receive a renewal slip in the mail. Be sure to send in the renewal slip A.S.A.P.! If you have any questions regarding the new pass system, please call the answering machine at 233-4661. Your call will be returned. This newsletter contains a brochure with a membership form. Promote your club! Please pass it on to a friend.



10 Meter Jump update

The 10 meter jump has had a "facelift." The landing area is much wider and now covered with grass. The start at the top now has a wooden platform much like the bigger jumps. A new wooden takeoff is just about complete. The outruns of both the 10 meter and 30 meter jumps are being extended, and will be much easier to negotiate. Currently the jumpers are meeting on Tuesday and Thursday late afternoon/evenings to practice their jumping on "plastic." Anyone wishing to come out and give it a try should contact Don Wylie at 833-2744 or Don@blackhawkskiarea.org



Trail Development

Let's have a plan! Over the years, Blackhawk has benefited by many creative trail blazers. But, as the club has grown in the number of members, we have stayed static in the number of acres of land. And so it has become necessary to have a committee to regulate trail building. Paul Manley chairs the Adult Program and is in charge of all trail building and trail maintenance. He has chosen a Mountain Bike Committee (Spencer Fulker-son, Mark Adams) and names are being forwarded for a Cross Country Ski Committee and a Running Committee. These three committees will work on proposals for any new trails and discuss them with Paul, who will then forward them to the Board for discussion. We hope that this will allow short term needs to be balanced with the long term objectives of the club.

More improvements to the facilities:

The East Chalet has recently had new windows installed. They are double paned, so the chalet will be a little warmer than in the past. All that remains is some painting outside and staining inside.

Lost and Found:


Jon Wolff left his yellow Saloman skating boots at Blackhawk last winter. They have his name written on the inside. Someone was kind enough to call his house to report having found them, but no name or phone number was left with Jon's child. If you have his boots, please give Jon a call at 233-7321. Thanks!



Blackhawk Ski Club
2136 Van Hise Ave.
Madison WI 53705

What's inside:

Mad City Melee Update
Social Calendar
10 Meter Jump Update
Trail Development



Attention All Runners/Joggers/Skiers

We are working on an arrangement with the UW track team to hold a couple of fall clinics for our members. Areas of interest such as nutrition, strength training, "training techniques that work" and "do you really need a coach" will be presented. We hope to have at least one session at Blackhawk and another at a sight closer to campus.

We are still finalizing the details, but look for a special announcement in October for these sessions. We will probably combine this with a dry-land training clinic for skiers and a winterizing your mountain bike clinic (maintenance clinic) for bikers-all in a picnic atmosphere.

