



# SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Bitterroot Cross Country Ski Club  
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## EDITOR'S NOTES FOR MAY

This is our last meeting for this season. Enclosed are the minutes of both March and April 2004, since the editor (yours truly) goofed and reprinted the March 2003 minutes. Also enclosed is a map directing you to Jeannie Lippert's house for the Thursday, May 13 at 6 p.m., potluck dinner.

## APRIL, 2004 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**APRIL 8, 2004**

**By Judy LaSalle**

President Sony LaSalle called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. There were 30 people present.

**Membership Report by Leo Joron:** The membership is at 446 members.

**Treasurer's Report by Jean Lippert:**

Income, \$845; Expense, \$459.22; Net Income, \$385.78; Savings, \$8,092.14; Checking, \$2,359.

**Old Business:** Annie Creighton reported that the Extravaganza was a success and the Club made that \$400.

Dues are now changed and the new form with the new prices should be used when sending in your dues for 2004-2005.

**Trails Report:** Ed Hastings spent a day in early April at the ski area with Forest Service personnel marking 900 trees as hazard trees along the trails. Sonny has recommended to the Forest Service that they be removed this summer. Some of the trees have signs on them and there will be a workday this summer to move these signs to other trees.

**New Program Chairperson needed! Please Help!!**

Contact Sonny at 375-0871 if you are interested. Also we want to give Diane Boyd a very special thanks for her interesting and informative programs this year. She donated a lot of time and effort to this endeavor.

THANKS, DIANE!

**New Business: The May Potluck will be held on May 13, 2004 at 6:00 PM.** It will be at Jean Lippert's home in Victor. Look for direction in the newsletter. Bring a dish to share and your beverage. Coffee will be served.

## MAY PROGRAM

**POT-LUCK DINNER**

**6:00 p.m. • MAY 13, 2004**

**JEAN LIPPERT'S HOUSE**

(Map in this issue to Jean's house.)

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SONNY LASALLE

Hello Ski Club members. May 13th we will have our last meeting, until next September, at Jeannie Lippert's house. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Diane Boyd for an outstanding year of exciting and informative programs. I also want to encourage all of you to take a hard look at what you are contributing to our Club. Diane has moved to Helena and we need a program chairperson for next year. As in most clubs less than 5% of the members are actually active in club management. The program chair is critical to getting Club members, and others, to attend the monthly meetings. We really need someone to step forward and take over this responsibility and I hope this will occur this spring so we can start our meetings next fall with a great program. If you miss the potluck at Jeannie's, I wish you a great summer and look forward to seeing you next September at our annual September work day.

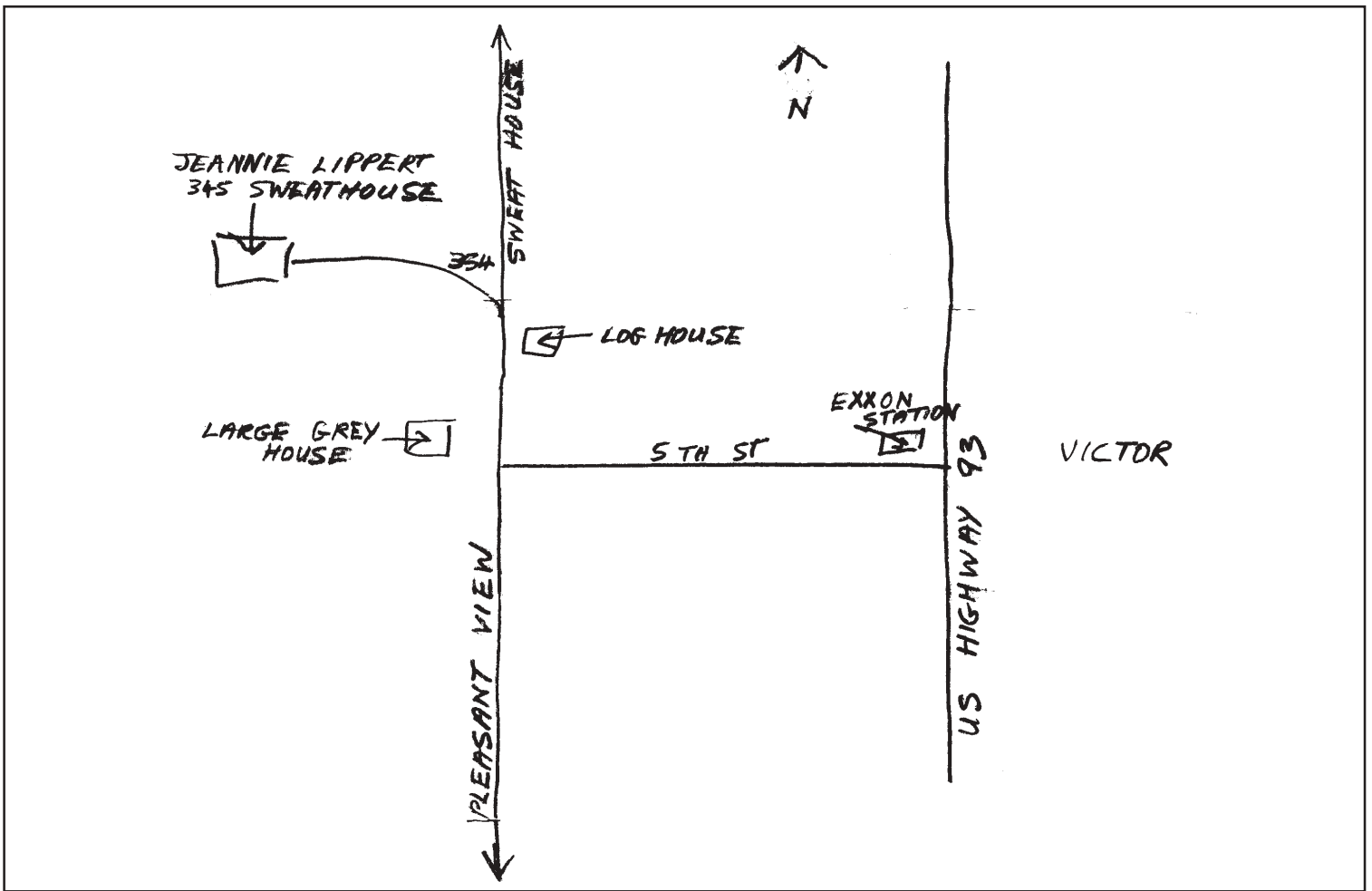
Sonny

Sonny and Judy LaSalle

**The Fall Workday will be Saturday, September 18, 2004 at the Hut.** The main focus will be on firewood for the winter season.

**Program:** Jarod Raithel gave a very interesting power point presentation on "Elk Calf Survival." Monitoring of calf survival will continue this year in May. Jarod is looking for volunteers to help with this information and data gathering. If you are interested please call him at 406-244-0500 (home) or 406-793-5570 (at game range headquarters).





**MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**MARCH 11, 2004**

**By Judy LaSalle**

President Sonny LaSalle called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. There were 30 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report by Jean Lippert:

Income, \$712.76; Expenses, \$590.80; Net Income, \$121.96; Transferred \$1500 into Savings; Savings, \$8092.14; Checking, \$1977.37.

**Old Business:**

**Issue of Insurance:**

Correction on last month's minutes was that only Gordon Reese had been contacting the insurance companies. Sonny defined "Torte Liability Insurance" as coverage in case someone was suing the club or members of the club and "Workman's Comp. Insurance" as coverage to protect the groomers. The Workman's Comp is affordable for the club but the Torte Liability Insurance is not. More discussion will follow when the USFS finishes their evaluation.

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**Membership Renewals / DUES**

**Annual Memberships EXPIRE November 1!**

**Renew your membership now!**

INDIVIDUAL - \$15 • FAMILY - \$25

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUAL - \$30

SUPPORTING FAMILY - \$40

LIFE MEMBER - \$500

**Membership Dues**

**Nov. 1, 2004 - Oct. 31, 2005**

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*March Highlights, continued from page 2*

**Issue of widening of the trails** was discussed. Sonny will put an article in the March issue of the newsletter for clarification and will also cover the feelings of some of the club members.

**Trail Report:**

**The last time for grooming is March 19th. THANKS SO MUCH, GROOMERS!**

Wednesday, March 10th, there were 50 school children from the Wisdom and Jackson schools at the ski area. They were taking part in a "Conservation Education" session put on by the Forest Service from the Beaverhead and Bitterroot National Forests. They snowshoed in.

Drawing for the Extravaganza was held and the Winners were:

Gourmet Dinner and Night's

Stay at Chief Joseph Hut: **KATHLEEN MYERS**

Sula Country Resort Cabin for 1 night

stay and breakfast: **MARGE LEWIS**

Sula Country Resort Cabin for 1 night

stay and breakfast: **EARL PHILLIPS**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**Program: Bob Schumaker presented a slide show of his climb up Mt. McKinley in Denali National Park in 1983.** It took from the 8th of May to the 2nd of June and the distance was approximately 20 miles. The peak is 20,300 feet in elevation.

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