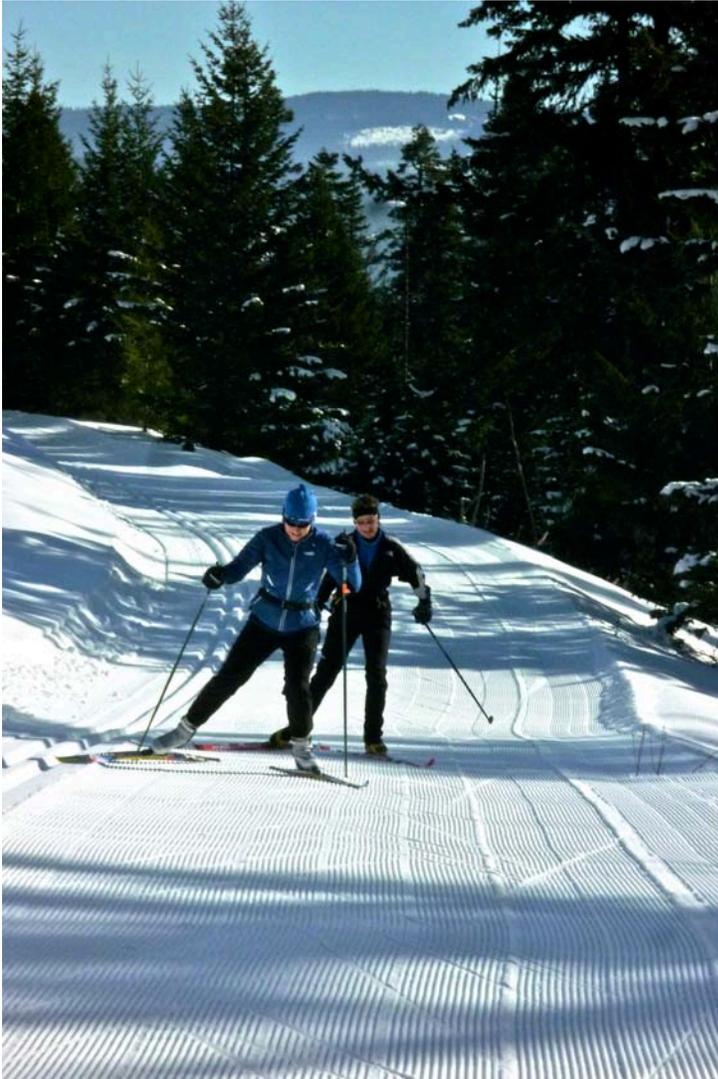


It's Time to Renew Club Dues!

Late September: It's Snowing

First autumn storm has skiers in a fit of expectation for more



BMNC is a better club with you than without you

Your club membership matters. A lot. Last year, our membership declined to 46 member/families. Yes, last year and the year before were low snow years, but that's not to say that there weren't good tracks at Meacham Divide throughout the winter. The photo at the left attests to this, as do other photos throughout this newsletter. We need your support, now more than ever, in order to grow the club and to ensure its future viability as an important public service to our communities. Your membership is SUPER important since we still have operating expenses (mainly for insurance and ONC dues—which covers ski area insurance) and upkeep on our groomer. Your support is essential. Cross Country skiing, too, is essential to having a healthy lifestyle throughout the winter. Please, support the BMNC with your membership. You can join now by simply clicking this link: <http://www.onc.org/Blue-Mountain/Blue-Mountain-Nordic-Club/Become-Member>

Good News About Sno Park Contracts

Sno park passes are going up in price \$5 this year, but the result is that the Meacham Divide Sno Park will be allocated more funds for plowing roads. Our contract runs for 1 more year, but the State will draw up a new 5 year contract reflecting an increase in funds available to plow Meacham Sno Park. In the past we had \$4,700 for the year. This will increase to \$5650. Mark Hodgson has agreed to plow the road again this year, too, so that is set.

BMNC/SNO-DRIFTERS STORAGE BARN

Club members, Bruce Johnson and Jim Byars recently discussed with George Hagerdorn the possibility of having the electrical wiring done in the new pole barn. It has since been permitted and the wiring took place on Saturday, September 14. Because the electrical bill came in under budget, we will have enough money to purchase three more items and have them installed at a cost of \$905: rain gutters, snow-stops, and door flashing.

The club has three more items to complete on the RTP grant that will enhance our ability to more effectively maintain Meacham Divide. These include the purchase of another heavy duty Stihl weed whacker, limb-pruning shears, and having a new sign made for Meacham Divide. Mike Boldt has agreed to take

responsibility for having the new sign made, which we will be able to install this fall. Jim Byars will take care of purchasing the weed whacker and additional pruners.



BMNC/Sno-Drifters storage barn with rain gutters, snow-stops, and door flashing installed.

ANNUAL TRAIL CLEARING SCHEDULED

The BMNC annual trail clearing day at Meacham Divide falls the weekend between deer season and the start of the first rifle elk hunt—October 19 and 20. Trail clearing events are a good way to become active in the club. You meet other members, and you also have the pleasure of taking part in an important club activity that enhances the ski experience of everyone.

Please join us both days if possible, but we would be just as happy to see you either day. Meet in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and we'll divvy up the work that needs done. Bring work gloves, loppers, water, and a lunch.



BMNC members enjoying a sunny morning at Meacham Divide Nordic Ski Area.



WELCOME DAVID MOYAL

David Moyal has joined Wayne Williams as one of our groomers as well as lending a hand with maintenance. They did the annual fall check up of the Bomber last week and found it in good shape. The groomer started, seemed young and frisky, and ready to set track.

What it's all about



Calendar

October 19:

Trail Maintenance Day at Meacham, meet at 9:00 a.m in Parking Lot.

October 20:

Trail Maintenance Day at Meacham, meet at 9:00 a.m in Parking Lot.

You can find maps of the area and get the latest conditions report and weather:

www.onc.org/bmnordic

Get the latest reports on conditions and when Meacham is open for skiing:

<http://www.onc.org/Blue-Mountain/Trail-Conditions>.

BLUE MOUNTAIN NORDIC CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete this computer-ready form, then print (completed form cannot be saved) and mail it to:

BMNC, PO Box 2764, La Grande, Oregon 97850

Name _____ Phone# _____

E-mail _____ (We will send you club updates and regular Meacham ski condition updates. We will NOT share your email with any other group, agency, business.)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business and donor memberships:

- \$1,000 Lifetime Divinity \$250 Yearly Archangel \$100 Yearly Angel \$75 Yearly Associate

Individual/Family memberships:

- \$50 Yearly Family \$35 Yearly Individual

Please check all that apply, below:

- Want to Volunteer? Trail Maintenance Phone Calling Fundraising Helping with, or hosting event

Other (please describe)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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