



## *Running with the Pack*

*May 2010*

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

April 10<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a nice sunny day for the annual membership meeting and BBQ at the State Park. We only wish more folks would have taken more of an interest and attended. About 25 folks attended and enjoyed hot dogs, burgers, and a great assortment of salads and sweet things. After everyone had a bite to eat President Wayne Christiansen called the meeting to order.

All of the club's business and activities of the past year were discussed and four board members were elected. Dennis Fairbanks and Ron Ringel were reelected and two new board members were elected to the board, Mike Anderson and John Delaquito.

When the meeting adjourned the new board called a meeting to order to elect officers. The officers elected for this year are, President Corky Matthews, Vice president Bill Fair, Secretary Harry Holt, and Treasurer Ron Ringel.

Minutes of the annual meeting and the board meeting can be found on the website.

### **New and improving trails.....**

When the snow returns and we hit the trails again, you should be seeing some great improvements on a couple of our main trails.

In April, Corky Matthews, Randy Arndt, Wayne Christiansen, Barry Simpson, Harry Holt, Dennis & Linda Fairbanks, and Mike Anderson formed a work party.

We spent two days clearing brush, building reflective tripods, driving carsonite reflector posts, and marking trees from mile 17 on the Eureka Trail to the Tyone Tie. We also cleared and marked a safer alternate route for Big Foot, up Selick Ravine on the Moore Lake Trail.

A couple days later Randy informed the group he had begun to mark a trail to the top of Nipple Mountain. We all gathered once again and spent most of a day clearing and permanently marking a route to the top.

Hopefully by next fall the Tolsona Trail will be adjudicated and we will be able to groom it with Big Foot all the way to Tolsona. We did some more surveying, upon DNR's request. Starting at mile 21, Tolsona Trail, we surveyed a bypass trail down a seismic line that intersects with the Crosswinds/Tolsona Trail. This will hopefully be the last hurdle we have in getting this trail into our system.

Dennis and Linda Fairbanks have also marked, and tracked with a GPS, a loop route on the Mendeltna Trail. Using existing seismic trails and the Mendeltna Trail they were able to map out a loop starting at Lake Louise going to Mendeltna and return back to Judd Lake, on the Eureka Trail.

### **More changes ....besides the weather....**

You may be wondering how our new website has come about this year. I guess, we on the board, kind of got pushed off "top dead center" when Alice Desroches said she no longer wanted to be the webmaster. She has done a bang-up job since day one! In fact she also set up and the one for LLNP too. She said it was time to do other things and no longer had the time. Thank you Alice.....Job well done!

We weren't quite sure what we were going to do, till Bill Fair said he had some ideas and would take on the task. If you haven't checked it out lately be sure to do so.

<http://www.lakelouisesnowmachineclub.com/> You will find a links to LLNP's weather station located at Lake Louise Lodge, all the current minutes to the Annual meeting and board meetings, Trail reports, and Wolf Pack clothing. Even the photo album is getting some new pictures.

### **Wolf Pack Clothing**

Since its debut, on Wolf Pack Weekend, all the new Wolf Pack Clothing and merchandise has been selling quit well. The clothing committee worked super hard to get it all together this year. Thank you gals! You have a great assortment of items. If you haven't gotten a chance to buy something yet, go to the web store link and choose what you would like and order from there.

### **The season is a changing!!!!!!**

By now most everyone has most likely gotten the yard all raked and ready for the grass to start to grow. Where are the snow machines? Pushed back in a corner of the yard with a tarp over them? Or unloaded in the garage with "stuff" already accumulating on and around them? Do yourself a big favor while things are fresh in your mind.....!

Go check over your machines and trailer for what needs to be fixed before next year.

First thing get out the degreaser and pressure washer and give everything inside and out a good wash! You won't regret it when you have a nice clean engine compartment to work in or the underside of your trailer is free salt and road sand. Believe me it is time well spent.

If I don't have the time to fix the things that need to be right now, I at least write a note telling myself what does, and tape it to the dash or tie it to the handle bars. This is also a good time to order any parts, so you're not making a mad scramble for them this fall.

## **Enjoy the summer!**

Hope everyone has a great summer. "Think safety" while doing whatever activities you have planned.

Wear your helmet when riding the ATV and PFD when boating.

Don't forget to let someone know where you are going and when you plan to be back....!

We all think it won't happen to us, but keeping these things in mind, could just save your bacon!

**Have fun.....see you when the snow flies again.**