



## **BCRD Nordic Season 2008/2009 “Did You Know”**

### **What is new for this season?**

This year the BCRD is working hard with its partners to make Nordic skiing and winter fun as accessible and affordable as possible for the whole family. Kids 12 and under ski for free and we are opening the Quigley winter Park which offers families the ability to get warm, sled, learn to ski, snowshoe, and enjoy a fun terrain park. Also check out the great fun of staying at a Galena yurt and sled, ski and snowshoe at the lodge while also enjoying an incredible meal with Don & Erin!

### **Have season pass prices increased?**

Adult “All BCRD Trails” season pass prices have gone up moderately this year but Quigley only passes and dog passes have not scaled and kids under 12 are now free. While costs like gas for our groomers have doubled in the last year, we are working as hard as possible to get as many people skiing as possible and a season pass is still a relatively affordable and the most healthy winter recreation option. An adult season pass is also much less expensive than passes at other comparable Nordic resorts in the United States. A Methow Valley pass is close to \$250 for the year, a pass at Royal Gorge is over \$500 while a BCRD adult season pass during the discount period is \$169. The Wood River Trail also continues to offer more than 30km of groomed trails throughout the year at no cost to the community.

### **How can I provide some input and suggestions?**

We have an annual survey we use every year which provides vital information on the lodge and the trails. One can also give us a call at 788 2117 or email us at [info@bcrd.org](mailto:info@bcrd.org).

### **What does my season pass help to pay for?**

The whole Nordic operation for the BCRD includes over 130km of grooming and maintenance support for trails and continued capital and maintenance support for Galena Lodge. Annual operating costs alone total more than \$650,000. Season pass sales and day pass sales cover only 65-70% of these operating costs at this point which mandates fundraising support from the community to cover the remaining operating costs and annual capital costs associated with the operation.

### **What are long-term financial goals of the operation?**

Our goal is simply to get as many people skiing as possible while also ensuring the long-term financial stability of the entire system. We hope to increase day pass sales to our visitor community and season pass prices to cover 100% of operating costs in the future. That enables the BCRD to focus all of its continued fundraising efforts on the significant capital needs of the organization. Our goal is simply to ensure the future of this affordable community asset forever.

### **What are the health benefits of Nordic skiing for my family?**

Nordic skiing is fun, a great way to enjoy the outdoor beauty of the valley, and healthy. You burn more than 600 calories per hour, use all the major muscle groups, and do it through a low impact, high aerobic form of exercise. It is also very affordable and accessible for the family in general.

**What does the BCRD Trail system have to offer our dog users?**

Dogs are allowed on more than 100km of ski and snowshoe trails, more than any other system we know about. We welcome our furry friends every day!

**How can I learn to ski this year or get better?**

Contact Galena Lodge or the BCRD at 788 2117 to get more information on clinics and private lessons this year. You can learn at the lodge or at Quigley Canyon this year easily and affordably and also come visit us during some of our ski free days with a friend or family member to get started.

**How can I support the trails?**

Please consider upgrading your season pass to a gold or platinum pin to help us cover our operating costs and keep these trails viable. You can also contact us at 788 2117 for more information on how to make specific contributions to capital projects or scholarships for needy users. As always, this system depends on the support of the community and we thank you and everyone so much for their support!