

Awbrey Glen Golf Club Explorers



Winter Sports Dinner Tues, Nov 28, 2017

The business section of the **Winter Sports Dinner** was called to order at 6:49 pm after members enjoyed a buffet dinner. Jerry Spetz, CEO welcomed our new members. Laury Riley was recognized as the person responsible for starting the Explorers group at AGGC.

Jerry introduced the Explorers board of himself as CEO, Bill Kuffner and Erika Johnson (absent due to travel). Board members Diedre Lemp and BJ Mills are rolling off the committee and rolling on are Jerry Mills and Susie Smith. Diedre and BJ were thanked for their work with the Explorers.

Jerry Spetz thanked new AGGC GM John Thomas for joining us.

Winter Activities

Snowshoeing – Bev Maul announced there are 4 snowshoe leaders planning activities this winter: Bev, Jerry Spetz, Wendy VanDam and Ed Hausman. The first snowshoe activity will be Monday, December 4th to Dutchman Flats. Meet in the AGGC's Upper Parking Lot at 9:00 am to carpool, bring your Sno-Park Pass, water, and snowshoe gear. The schedules of snowshoe activities are on the AGGC Website. They have planned 2 moonlight outings and also once a month snowshoe outing including dogs. Sno Park passes are available from ski shops, REI, and DMV. "If you can walk you can snowshoe!"

Downhill skiing – Jerry Spetz reported - AGGC skiers carry two way radios and use channel 11.14. Come to the mountain and use your radio to see if other AGGC members are skiing and meet up to ski together or meet for lunch.

Nordic Skiing (Classic and Skate Skiing) – Laury Riley reported for Gary Chandler who was not present. Gary has not planned any group outings. Recommends Virginia Meissner and the Nordic Center at Mt. Bachelor. Hoodoo also offers Nordic Skiing trails. A show of hands was taken for those interested in Nordic Skiing as a group. Laury will advise Gary of the interest.

Laury will schedule a **Fat Tire Snow Bike** activity, weather permitting and on her availability. Members would need to rent their own Fat Tire Bike and bring to Wagnoga Sno Park – trails are hard packed snow, a 3-mile trail and a 6-mile trail. Tony Turrini reported it is a lot of fun and it is also fun to go on Forest Roads.

Laury also reported on **Ski Biking** offered at Hoodoo Ski Area. The bike has skis instead of tires, aim downhill and go. You turn and slow down like you do downhill skiing. Hoodoo also offers a 30-minute lesson on Ski Biking.

Winter Golf – Ron Lemp asked if you are interested in winter golf to let him know, or if you are already signed up on Bob Johanson's Monday Golf list you will be notified if and when they will play. Courses that offer winter golf (depending on snow levels) are Eagle Crest, Crooked River Ranch, and Prineville.

Jerry Spetz reported on the **Christmas Lights Boat Parade** sponsored by Tumalo Creek Kayak and Canoe on December 15. People decorate their boats and put on the river by Tumalo's dock. Last year was cancelled due to the river being frozen. Jerry is looking for some kayakers to join him on the water. Besides boaters we also need a bridge crew that provides warm beverages for our boaters.

Jerry Spetz encourages everyone to read the **AGGC's Weekly E-Bulletin** for all the Explorer activities. Activities fill up fast – another Dinner and Theatre evening is being planned – watch for details!

Jim Palmer spoke about **Bend's Annual Christmas Parade**. AGGC provides a float along with golf carts and golf boards decorated and loaded with presents that are donated to Mountain Star Family Relief for needy families. Bring your wrapped present to the lobby by Friday (please mark on the outside what the gift is so it can be distributed properly. Jim asked for volunteers to carry the AGGC Banner in the parade – Dianne Bennett and Patty Stark volunteered. This year's parade is Saturday, December 2 at noon.

At 7:16 pm, Jerry Spetz introduced our **featured speaker – Dave and Aleta Nissen, owners of Wanderlust Tours**. Dave gave us an energetic and fact filled discussion of many aspects of our beautiful central Oregon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.
Respectfully submitted by B.J. Mills