



# Newsletter



Snowline Community Club

Spring 2006



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a great year for those who enjoy winter activities at Snowline. With over 200 inches of snow pack at Mount Baker, there will be skiing well into springtime. Preparations are already underway for our spring and summer activities and although many of us enjoy the snow, I suspect we are all looking forward to a few more hours of sunlight.

## News from the Board Room

We continue to work on several community issues carried over from last year. Foreclosures have resulted in 2 delinquent accounts being satisfied and one remains in the redemption process. We expect closure this year on the B&B situation discussed at the AGM last fall. As a reminder to all and per discussion and motion from the floor at the AGM, at this time no other business operations are allowed to operate within Snowline. In addition, this year we will be evaluating our current insurance policies relative to present and future needs, focusing on liability coverage and our exposure via rental properties.

Also, as a result of health concerns and owner complaints we will be drastically reducing our duck population at the

pond. The high number of ducks (56) last year placed our pool operation in jeopardy as unwanted material is tracked in from the surrounding grass areas to the pool area. Well, enough said, you get the picture! We have been fortunate to find three farms in the county to which we will try and relocate most of the ducks and are grateful to Snowline owners who are assisting in this process. In an effort to keep the future duck population at a minimum, please

**Do Not Feed the Ducks!**

We continue to address other issues and concerns brought before the Board, and stay involved in the management and care of our community. We are all volunteers, and welcome your inputs, and can be reached in various ways at Snowline, on our website, or through Chuck Soles, Resident Manager.

## Your Computer and Snowline

Did you know we have a website? You can locate online information about Snowline and our community at:

[www.snowlinecommunityclub.com](http://www.snowlinecommunityclub.com).

It is continuously being updated and changed, offers basic community information and provides other links for local area businesses and events. Please let us know what else you'd like to see on the website.

Back by popular demand, this year we are again offering a limited number of clothing items which may be purchased either through the manager's office or on-line through our supplier. Once on the supplier's website you may select a Snowline logo, select a product, pay by credit card, and have the item(s) shipped directly to your home. Additional information is included on a flyer with this mailing, on our website, and also posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

### **Coming Events**

This year we have a full slate of social events planned, including a repeat of last year's New Years Eve gathering. Last year's party was a last minute addition to our Social Calendar. We apologize to those who did not receive notice in a timely fashion and we will do better this year. A full 2006 Snowline Social Calendar has been included with this mailing. There are a really great group of Social Committee volunteers who plan and organize our events, and additional support or volunteers are always welcome. If you'd like to help, please contact a Social Committee member or Chuck Soles.

### **Progress**

We can all be pleased with the health of our Snowline Community. For those who choose to rent, the numbers of rental days through this winter was very high (thank you snow!) and we experienced few problems as compared to the past. And for all owners, we have seen stability and an increase in our property values. New construction projects this past year are at their peak and have kept our Architectural Committee busy. All of the above activities show a strong desire by others to visit or become a part of our community.

### **Closing**

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we look forward to serving through the coming year and welcome your input and assistance in supporting our Snowline Community projects and activities.

**Don Larsen**

### **2005 AGM MINUTES**

If you would like a copy of the unapproved AGM minutes of October 15, 2005, please email your request to Bev Albinet at [balbinet@telus.net](mailto:balbinet@telus.net). Or you may call 604-944-0059 or 360-599-3265. A copy of the unapproved AGM minutes will be included with the Notice of AGM scheduled for October 21, 2006.

### **UNSIGHTLY CONDITIONS**

We have received a large number of complaints lately regarding unsightly conditions on many of the lots within Snowline Community Club property. These complaints relate to various lots which store utility trailers, snowmobile trailers, snowmobiles, plastic gasoline and other containers, and have junk (including beer cans and bottles, plastic bags, and construction materials) strewn about and visible from both common and neighboring properties, creating unsightly conditions. The Board of

Directors has issued a number of letters to those lot owners providing notice of their violations of the Snowline Community Club Covenants. We would like to take this opportunity to remind all lot owners that we, as owners (whether owner occupied or rented), are fully responsible to ensure that our properties are maintained in a clean, orderly condition at all times and kept free of litter, junk, containers, equipment, trailers, etc. in accordance with our covenants.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Last year was the first year that your Board of Directors has actively pursued collection of delinquent accounts. Foreclosure proceedings were halted on two properties after payment of all accumulated fees and disbursements was received by our lawyers. A third property is in the redemption period within the foreclosure. It is our plan to continue this collection process in order to avoid severely delinquent accounts.

We thank our members who have promptly paid their 2006 annual dues and other charges. As a reminder to those members who have accounts that are over 90 days past due, the Board has discretionary powers to invalidate gate access cards for non-payment of any assessed fees. In fairness to those who pay their dues on time as required, we will take this action regardless of the amount owing.

### **ACCOUNT PAYMENT POLICIES**

Accounts are due 30 days from date of billing.

Interest charged at 10% on overdue balance (minimum \$2.50 per month).

Payments are applied to finance charges first then against the overdue balance.

Accounts 90 days delinquent are treated as follows at the Board's discretion:

Gate card is disabled.

Lien filed against the property (fee is \$100 and this will be added to the amount owing).

Accounts 180 days delinquent will result in foreclosure action being commenced. Any fees associated with this action will be added to your account.

### **WILL THE BEARS RETURN?**

There were no bear problems within Snowline last year. The most important thing we can do to continue to prevent bear problems is eliminate any food sources around our cabins that might act as attractants. These include: birdfeeders, birdseed, garbage cans, pet food, barbecues, and other potential sources of food or food odors. Something as simple as an unwashed empty pet food can in a closed garbage container on your back porch could result in a close encounter with a bear. Typically more caution is needed in residential areas in the spring months. By summer, backcountry food sources are available and bears have moved on. Remember, we live in the forest, which is the bear's natural habitat. It is our responsibility to become a bear safe community to protect both ourselves and the bears.

## POOL OPENING

What better way to start off the summer season at Snowline than with a dip in the pool with a beautiful view of Church Mountain! Scheduled opening is Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>, the US Memorial Day weekend. Pool opening activities are weather dependent and as a result are often delayed into June. After Memorial Day weekend, the pool will be open weekends only, weather permitting, until mid June, when the weather warms and the schools begin letting out for the summer. During the main pool season, it is open every day from 9:00am to dusk through Labor Day weekend. The pool season will phase out the same way as it phases in, weekends only, weather permitting. Look for information posted near the pool and clubhouse in late May for any updates regarding the opening date.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### **Fishing Derby & Potluck!**

Snowline's annual Jody Ziebell Children's Fishing Derby will be Saturday, May 27, 2006. Registration starts at 9:00 AM and is open to all children 12 and under. The Derby starts at 10:00 AM and ends at 12:00 noon, with a limit of two fish per child.

Lots of trophies will be awarded for the first, last, biggest, smallest, and "special weighted" catch, and prizes for all the participants. Bring your fishing pole and bait for a great day of family fun!

A potluck dinner will start in the evening at 6:00 PM, featuring Baron of Beef. Please bring a generous side dish, a serving utensil and pre-slice your dish if necessary.

The success of each Snowline Community social event depends on volunteers like you. If you would like to volunteer to help with an event, please contact the social committee through the Snowline Manager's office, or [rbucklar@hotmail.com](mailto:rbucklar@hotmail.com) or [patrick@spanitz.com](mailto:patrick@spanitz.com). All assistance is appreciated!

### **Mark Your Calendars for Snowline's 2006 Social Events**

#### **JODY ZIEBELL FISHING DERBY – Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Registration starts at 9:00 am and is open to all children 12 and under. Fishing from 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Lots of prizes & trophies to be won.

**Potluck** featuring Baron of Beef begins at 6pm

#### **SPORTS DAY RACES – Saturday, July 1st**

Open to all ages. 10:30am to 12:00 noon. Prizes for all.

**Potluck** featuring pulled pork and chicken begins at 6pm

#### **AGM & OCTOBERFEST – Saturday, October 21st**

Annual General Meeting 12:00 noon.

**Potluck** featuring Brats and hot dogs

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, November 25th**

Registration required by November 13<sup>th</sup> and is open to all children 12 and under. Refreshments will be served.

1:00pm to 3:30pm Crafts, Santa, and sing-a-long

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY – Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

Open to all ages. 8:00pm-12:30am. Children's pajama party upstairs, dancing downstairs

**Potluck** featuring appetizers and desserts

## ROAD AND PUBLIC SAFETY



**Speed Limit**

**15**

Miles per Hour

**Keep To the Limit**

Did you know we have over three miles of improved roadways within Snowline. Our roads are a shared resource by all in the community. Whether driving in your vehicle, walking, biking, running, or other activity, road safety is the responsibility of all Snowline owners, guests, and tenants.

This year we have received a number of complaints on vehicle speeding on our roads. We ask that all drivers respect the rights of others using our roads and not exceed the **posted 15 MPH speed limit** while on Snowline property.

Safety is our main concern. With summer approaching and more kids and families participating in outdoor activities, we ask that you

**Obey the Speed Limit!**

We now have radar, don't be the first in our community to receive a speeding citation!

### High Speed Internet "Down the Road" for Glacier

The January 12-25, 2006 Foothills Gazette reports that internet provider Telcomplus is still considering bringing high-speed internet service to the Glacier area, but is still collecting names of interested residents. "We're still looking into that and hoping to do that a little further down the road," office manager Mary Rawlings said. Twenty people must be committed to the service for a year, including an initiation fee to cover wiring costs. Ms. Rawlings says that Telcomplus currently provides wireless high speed internet service to the Birch Bay area. They would also provide wireless service to the Glacier area if there is sufficient interest to make it feasible. Glacier-area residents interested in the service should contact the Telcomplus Bellingham office at (360) 380-7587 or by email at [plus@telcomplus.net](mailto:plus@telcomplus.net) and provide their name, location and telephone number.

**\*\* We live in beautiful country....**

**....Please don't litter! \*\***

# Control of English Ivy in Snowline



Efforts have been underway for some time in Snowline to encourage the eradication or at least control of English Ivy, a plant native to Europe that was introduced to North America in colonial times. English Ivy invades natural areas such as Snowline, growing over other plants depriving them of sunlight. As a climbing

vine, the weight of this plant can cause trees to be more susceptible to wind and storm damage. As a groundcover it grows in a thick blanket prohibiting the germination and growth of other plants. The leaves and berries are poisonous and can cause dermatitis in some people.

Small infestations of English Ivy can be hand dug or pulled from the ground. Dug or pulled ivy should not be left on the ground as they may re-root. The area should be revisited to ensure that no regrowth occurs. For ivy plants already in trees, the vines should be cut at waist height and the roots dug out. The remaining portion in the tree can be left to die.

English Ivy is being eradicated or controlled wherever it is found in the Snowline common areas. Members of the community are encouraged to remove or limit infestations on their own property.

## **Native Plant Alternatives to English Ivy**

### Benefits of native plants

Many native plants are drought tolerant and do not require irrigation once established.

Native plants provide food and habitat for native wildlife.

Native plants do not require fertilizer or pesticides, which protects our water quality and soil health.

Native plants can be as ornamental and functional as non-native plants; many are better at stabilizing soil and slopes than the shallow-rooted English ivy.

Native plants do not pose a threat of escaping and becoming economic or ecological pests.

### Alternatives to English Ivy

The following native plants are adaptable, require little or no maintenance, and provide an evergreen canopy that is disease and pest resistant: Pacific Blackberry, Sword Fern, Salal, California Honeysuckle, Oregon Grape, Kinnikinnick, Slough Sedge, Beach Strawberry and Thimbleberry.

The following native plants plus the above plants can be the elements of a diverse ground cover planting that can be an ivy substitute:

**Climbers:** Western Trumpet Honeysuckle.

**Groundcovers:** Bunchberry, Canadian Dogwood, Dewey Sedge, Hendsen Sedge, Fringe Cup, Foamflower, Inside-Out Flower, Large-Leaved-Avens, Lyngby Sedge, Piggy-Back Plant (Youth-On-Age,) Twinflower, Vanilla Leaf, Wild-Ginger and Wood Sorrel

**Ferns:** Oak Fern and Lady Fern

**Subshrubs and shrubs:** Common Juniper.

### Additional Information

For more information about English Ivy, please contact the Whatcom County Noxious Weed Control Board at (360) 354-3990 or visit them online at :

[www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pubwks/noxious/noxious/htm](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pubwks/noxious/noxious/htm)

Look for native plant alternatives to English Ivy online at: <http://ivyout.org/ivyalt.htm>. For a list of local native plant nurseries, email Jeremy Standen at:

[jeremy.standen@earthlink.net](mailto:jeremy.standen@earthlink.net).