



Newsletter



Snowline Community Club
Fall 2009



Fall on the Peaks

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It's AGM Time! Plan on attending the Snowline Community Club Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17th. Mark your calendars, come with your neighbors and participate in spirited and lively discussion.

It's been quite a year, late snow and high winds in April, record high temperatures for several days in July, and now the season is about to change with the onset of Fall colors and cooler temperatures.

The picture above was taken in late September of 2008, the day after the first snow last Fall. While the snow was only around a day or two, it reminded us of how quickly seasons change. Let's hope for another great year on the slopes and all the other winter sports activities around the Snowline community, including the 2010 Olympics!

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATED

The Board has reviewed and updated the Snowline Rules and Regulations as of September 5, 2009. A copy is enclosed with this Newsletter. The Articles changed are: 2.3, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, 4.5, 4.7 and 7.2.

YOUR COMPUTER AND SNOWLINE

Have you visited our updated website? Rob Lehew has done a great job of redoing and maintaining it. You can locate online information about Snowline and our community at:

www.snowlinecommunityclub.com.

This Newsletter, the updated Rules and Regulations and the whole AGM Package are available to you at this site. If you would like to receive future Newsletters by downloading them in PDF format from the website

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info@snowlinecommunityclub.com.

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HIGH SPEED INTERNET UPDATE

The Whatcom County Economic Development Council continues to work on bringing high-speed Internet to the foothills area. Their Communications Taskforce is now working with The Washington State Rural Broadband Cooperative (www.warbc.net) to achieve this goal. Please read on.

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The Tulalip Tribes are stepping into the telecom business with an effort to use federal stimulus funds to bring high-speed Internet to other tribal areas and rural communities in Snohomish, Whatcom and Skagit counties. The Tulalips, working with Seattle-based technology firm Cascadeo, have created a nonprofit cooperative and applied for \$12 million in federal stimulus money to push that network into remote parts of the state that have been beyond the reach of broadband.

"We want to be that hub and we've got the facilities and capabilities to do it," said Greg Keith, assistant director of Tulalip Data Services, who helped draft the tribes' application for the federal stimulus funds.

The network could eventually connect communities that have largely been ignored by cable or telecommunications companies, a major consideration of a report released in July by Gov. Chris Gregoire's Broadband Advisory Council. The report said the state "should actively support broadband proposals that effectively and demonstrably target 'recognized' unserved or underserved geographic areas of the state."

The Washington State Rural Broadband Cooperative — founded by the Tulalips and Cascadeo — is trying to deliver on that mission. The nonprofit group expects to hear by November if its proposal wins a small portion of the \$7 billion broadband stimulus program. If those federal funds are received, the nonprofit could start connecting "anchor institutions" such as schools, libraries and tribal centers next year.

Ophir Ronen, a principal at Cascadeo, said the fiber-optic network could "level the playing field" in the communities by providing broadband connections at unusually fast speeds — a jump he likened to going from Fred Flintstone's foot-powered car to the Starship Enterprise.

Ronen said the typical home in a metropolitan area has an internet connection at 5 to 10 megabits per second. The Rural Broadband project envisions deploying fiber-optic lines to "community anchor points" such as libraries, school and chambers of commerce, providing an Ethernet cable connection of 1 gigabit per second and wireless internet of up to 54 megabits per second, Ronen said. A second phase envisions extending fiber to people's homes and businesses with speeds of 1 gigabit per second.

The project has already won support from various groups in the region, ranging from the Mount Baker School District to the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office. In a letter of support, Whatcom County Sheriff Bill Elfo said the network could enhance public safety systems. For example, it could allow the office to connect to state and national crime databases or retrieve vehicle licensing information.

"We believe that making broadband available in the Foothills area will provide our community, and many others like it, with the infrastructure, systems and services needed to address this serious lack of broadband connectivity," Elfo wrote. "This low cost solution may be the only realistic option we have available and comports with our increased use of satellite technology."

Small communities would require fiber optic lines to connect to the Tulalip-based exchange, which are costly to install. However, Ronen said Black Rock Cable, which has a footprint in parts of Snohomish, Whatcom and Skagit counties, has available "dark fiber" — or fiber that's not being used — that could be tapped for the project.

As the hub grows, each new entrant would join the cooperative as a member, and take on some of the cost on pro-rated basis. The Tulalips also hope to sell their own tribal broadband services — including cable television, Internet and telephone services — to the newly connected communities (other companies could sell broadband services on the network as well).

"It is a model. The technical expertise is there. There's no reason why the Tulalips can't provide those services," said state Rep. John McCoy, the public face of the Tulalips whose legislative district includes the reservation. "If we can bring a robust broadband network into rural areas, it leads to economic development."

RESTROOM REMODEL AND POOL UPDATE COMPLETED

On May 23, 2009 the newly remodeled restrooms were opened to the Snowline Community. They feature updated fixtures, beautiful tile work and in-floor radiant heating. Restrooms are also accessible directly from inside the clubhouse. If you have already seen them we think you will agree that they are a vast improvement.



The long awaited refurbishing of our pool was completed on May 22, 2009. The bull nose tiling at the pool's edge had deteriorated over several winters. The plaster surfacing of the pool and tile needed replacing as well. The new bull nose was made with poured reinforced concrete designed to withstand freezing weather, the new plaster and tile are expected to be more durable as well. Many of you have commented on the excellent results.



Unfortunately in mid-August the pool heater had a severe breakdown. Plans are in place to have a new heater installed in time for next year's pool opening.

ROAD AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Thanks to everyone who has observed the Snowline speed limit. You make the community a safer place for families to enjoy!

Obey the 15 mph Speed Limit!

DOG CONTROL

Have you ever pulled into your driveway and stepped out of your car into a pile of smelly dog poop? Over the past several years owner complaints regarding dogs have been on the increase. We remind all dog owners that pets must be under their control at all times within the Snowline boundaries, and be respectful of the rights of property owners as well. Picking up after your pet is a chore no one enjoys, but it is required at all times.

Snowline has installed two pet stations including a dispenser with bags for waste pick up and a receptacle for waste disposal. We ask that all pet owners pick up after their dog and dispose of pet waste properly.

ADOPT-A HIGHWAY

The Snowline Community Club participates in the Adopt-a Highway program to keep Highway 542 clean from milepost 33, just west of Glacier, to milepost 35, just east of Snowline. If you wish to aid in this clean up effort, please contact Ken or Maggie Schacht who lead this activity for Snowline. To volunteer, you may contact them at 599-1949 or email at:

schachtslandandhomes@verizon.net

RECYCLING CENTER

The Recycling Center continues to be well used this year. We have been at or near our capacity all summer and on a couple of occasions had more recycling than container space. Last year we processed an estimated 16 tons of recyclables. We will exceed that figure this year.

According to Rodd Pemble, the SSC Recycling Manager, all recyclable material collected is processed and sold. Only a very small portion is sorted out as non-recyclable and sent to a landfill.

There are more items than ever before that are acceptable. Bottle and jar lids, both metal and plastic, are recyclable, but should be removed and deposited separately. Single serve plastic cups and their lids are accepted. Remove lids and throw away straws. Paper frozen food boxes, butter boxes and frozen pizza boxes are accepted with mixed paper unless they are dirty or contain food waste.

Rodd says the largest problems they have with collected recyclables are plastic bags and mixed paper included with cans and bottles. Don't throw plastic bags into any recycling bin! Either recycle them at your favorite supermarket or place them in the trash.

Please remember to flatten cans and plastic bottles to save space in our bins. Rinse out cans, jars and bottles before depositing them. Flyers with recycling information are available in the Recycling Center.

Thank you for participating in the program and a big thank you to our volunteers!

[SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT](#)

Please see the enclosed flyer for information on upcoming Fall/Winter Social Events at Snowline.

Summer Events

Snowline's annual **Fishing Derby** went off without a hitch. We had over 50 participants, and at least that many fish caught. Trophies were awarded for the first, last, biggest, smallest, and youngest fisherman, and ribbons and prizes were handed out to all the participants. The potluck that followed featured a delicious baron of beef.



We had beautiful weather for the June 30 **Sports Day Races**. The 3 teams went head-to-head with a treasure hunt, races, balloon toss, and tug-a-war. The potluck that evening was another delicious feast, featuring hamburgers and hot dogs and the wonderful side dishes provided by all who attended.

The AGM and **Oktoberfest** is just around the corner. Be sure to join us at Noon for the meeting, and at 6 PM for the potluck and festivities that evening. We'll have pumpkins available for a carving contest, with fun activities and entertainment, following the potluck.



The success of each Snowline Community social event depends on volunteers like you. Cleanup is 10am, the day-after all events. In as little as 15 minutes we can be done with as few as 4 helpers! With only 1 or 2 volunteers it takes us considerably longer. We will greatly appreciate anyone who can help during this regularly-scheduled cleanup. Please meet at the clubhouse, 10am the day after all potlucks.

If you would like to help with an event, or have ideas for new events please contact the social committee through the Snowline Manager's office, or jackie@spanitz.com. All assistance and ideas are appreciated!

[SNOWLINE SKI TO SEA TEAM UPDATE](#)



The picture says it all! Probably the only team that had a pit stop! A great time was had by both Snowline spectators and participants, and plans are to do it again next year. The race results are classified, but where else can you find oysters on the half shell in the middle the bicycle leg during Ski to Sea! A hearty Congratulations to all Team participants.