



SNOWMAKING REPORT

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Special Events

Snowmaking committee meeting: April 8 & 22; May 6 & 20
Delafield Library 6pm

Work Day April 26th
9-noon with lunch

laphampeaksnowmaking.org

Summer Solstice Live Music Celebration
June 21; Hausmann Nature Center

Snowmaking Committee

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2013-14 SNOWMAKING REPORT from the superintendent Paul Sandgren

This season provided good snow making conditions. With a number of cold nights near or below zero the guns were able to produce snow at a rapid rate. In fact there were a couple of days that a few guns had to be shut down because the pond was not able to be refilled fast enough to keep up with the snowmaking efforts. Fortunately this was late in the snowmaking season and did not delay getting the trail open.

The first days/nights of snowmaking were in November this year. This allowed us to get more snow made on Magic Carpet Ride. That hill is tough to cover with manmade snow because long extension cords and hoses are needed to service it. Also once natural snow falls it has to be open since all trails travel down that hill. As a result it often has the least amount of manmade snow on it. That changed this year.

Spreading of the snow began on December 8th opening up small sections of the manmade snow loop a little at a time. Continued good snowmaking conditions allowed the Lodi High School cross country ski team to host a high school race on Saturday December 14th. The event was moved from their normal race location because of lack of snow at the trail it is normally held on. Nearly 100 kids raced a loop consisting of a warmup loop and one outer loop of the manmade snow loop. It was a very good event.

Snowmaking was completed before the holidays. With the sincere winter which provided great snow conditions throughout the entire winter, the manmade snow was not relied upon as much as other years. Yet as one user said - "that manmade loop is in our back pocket ready to use".

The combination of man-made snow and natural snow have provided skiing at Lapham from December 9th well into March. As of March 21st, there have been 103 days of skiing and still counting.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

The Pump Campaign which started in June of 2013 yielded over \$34,000 this year. The Ski League had 48-73 participants in the adult classes each week and the high school and middle school added another 30 or so each week. We expect to gain about \$5000 from the League this year after such a successful season. The Loppet was also a good fundraiser that made almost \$3000. The Fright Hike security detail brought in \$1403.29. Our next event is the 8th Annual Bike Swap at Cushing School. Please check out the Bike Swap paragraph to see how that fundraiser turned out. As of the end of February, 2014, we have approximately \$65,000 in our snowmaking fund. We will add the Bike Swap net profits and more ski league money to that total. Thanks to Carol and Theresa for a successful Bike Swap! We have \$3750 coming from the state after we have purchased the new pump; moreover, we have just received word that we have qualified for another DNR grant for the pump campaign. We do not receive all the money until the pump is purchased, however. The ornament sales via Sandy Sugden, super salesperson, and John Hallett, super artist, were a huge success. We received over \$2000 toward our snowmaking project from them. John announced at the ski banquet that next year's design will be a classical skier.

BIKE SWAP NEWS from Carol Doebler and Theresa McDonald

The LPF 9th Annual Bike Swap is history, but not the memories of the experience. The day started out crisp and bright. The sun shone despite the cooler temperatures. Right at the start, volunteers and vendors were scurrying about, eager to set-up each space. Despite slightly lower attendance than in the past, the net profits for the Snowmaking Project were several thousand dollars. It was later learned that the local community newspaper did not advertise our Swap, due publication space. Although this is unfortunate, we are grateful to learn of this fact, and will keep it in mind for next year. We are also very grateful for the time and efforts of all of our enthusiastic volunteers. The enthusiasm continued during and after the event; "the volunteer work was fun. I look forward to it next year.", said Bruce Wydeven. Another volunteer, Andy Meyer, told us, "I was impressed with the extent of community participation."

The Annual Bike Swap again achieved its goal; it continues to be a fundraiser for the Snowmaking Project at Lapham Peak, while in the midst of the fun, it brings out the best in the community.