



SNOWMAKING REPORT

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Special *Events*

Snowmaking committee meeting: , June 16th and July 14th
Delafield Library 6pm

Summer Solstice
June 20th 6-9pm
Hausmann Nature Center

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SPECIAL EVENT

Come one, come all to the Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday June 20th from 6-9. Tom Klein and the Front will be playing at the Hausmann Nature Center. Tom Klein has been a loyal supporter of Lapham Peak events since our inception in 1989 with the Lights for Lapham Peak campaign and all ski events and Colorama events since. Please come and support Tom for this friendly and musically pleasing event at your favorite park. Beer from the Delafield Brewhaus and other foods will be served. Put this event on your summer calendar now!

NEWS AND UPDATES

1. 2014 snowmaking grooming report: Approx. 35 days of skiing on manmade snow ONLY! Rangers made smaller piles to achieve 12-18" base instead of 24" to cover more area, open loop sooner and hope Mother Nature would help out. Started making snow November 16th but rain Nov. 23-24, 45 degree temps , 40+ degrees on Nov 29th , and Dec 14-15th with sun and wind nearly melted all snow made by Christmas. Then, temps dropped just before New Year's allowing rangers to make a lot of snow in a short time. Finally, Mother Nature helped with 15 inches of snow in Jan/Feb plus low, low continuous temps kept snow around all winter. The last day of skiing was Mar 15th, but snow on top of Tail End stayed until May! (Thanks to Brett Johanen for this information)
2. Thank you to Theresa McDonald and Carol Doebler for a very successful 10th Annual Bike Swap. \$2440 will be added to the snowmaking fund.
3. A dedication to Mr. Don Taylor and his wife Carol in the form of a beautiful donated bench will be held at Lapham Peak at 5:30 on the night of the Summer Solstice. Mr. Taylor has a very special relationship with Lapham Peak and has supported many of our events and projects , including snowmaking, since 1989, the founding of the Friends of Lapham Peak.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Our latest treasury report shows a balance of just over \$50,000 in our snowmaking fund. After several meetings with rangers and our engineer, John McCarthy, several decisions have been made. In order to continue to make snow efficiently, the rangers would like to purchase one more PoleCat snowgun, the high efficiency kind that has served us well for the past two years. This would leave about \$35,000 for trail expansion. John McCarthy submitted an application to the DNR on behalf of the Friends for a Federal



Recreational Trails Grant to expand the snowmaking trails. The grant request, if approved, would be for the area shown in red on the map, and would require a 50 percent match from the Friends. We'll find out in August if the grant request is approved, and for how much.

Phase 3 is in red on the map ABOVE. The Phase 3 snowmaking trail expansion will involve the installation of water piping, hydrants, electric wiring, and outlets to supply water and power along the trail for the snowguns. This would result in the addition of about 1.1 kilometers of manmade snow trails.