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Important Update on Charitable Donations and Recognition

Attention ALL donors to snowmaking! Thank everyone for making this incredible project possible. We are asking all OFFLINE and ONLINE donors to please check out your donation totals at <http://www.active.com/donate/laphampeaksnowmaking>. Scroll down until you find the list of ALL donors to the project. Note that online and offline donations will be separated...add up your total if you donated through checks and online. Let us know if you have questions about your donations.

Note the fundraisers for snowmaking net figures are also on the website:: the Bike Swap, Ski League, Loppet, Solstice and others. The next time you visit the park, check to make sure your recognition plate is on the correct plaque as all donation recognition plates have been updated.

Many of you are donating through third parties or matching gifts through your workplace. Please remember to designate Friends of Lapham Peak- SNOWMAKING as the designated beneficiary, not just the Friends of Lapham Peak. If that isn't possible, please email me at jmaki4@wi.rr.com and give me a "heads up" to watch for the donation.

Penguin Pal Campaign

Hopefully December 1st this year will find us recovering from a blizzard and purchasing new trail passes and park stickers as we enter the park for our early season ski outing. You may be handed a flyer and Penguin Pal envelope that requests a donation to help us with operating costs. We hope you will consider an immediate donation sent in the provided envelope. To acknowledge your contribution toward operating costs you will receive a little penguin pal [see photo] figure for your car window. Encourage your friends to get one too!



Ski Swap

Peak Nordic Ski club will hold its 2017 Ski Swap on Saturday November 11 from 10-2 at the Bicycle Doctor at 105 N. Main St., Dousman. Peak Nordic is a major donor to snowmaking and participant in the Lapham Peak Ski League. The Ski Swap is one of their fundraisers.

Please drop off used equipment on Wednesday November 1st from 4-7pm at the Bicycle Doctor.

For more information, please see:

<http://www.peaknordic.com/middleschool/equipment/ski-swap/>

Penguin Presence

Thanks to Jim Bostrom's amazing artwork, all skiers will be able to meet the penguins on our trail system this year.



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Significant activity has taken place since the end of the ski season to prepare us for improvements in the snowmaking process and manmade ski loop. Because of donations made throughout the year we have been able to fund several critical elements of snowmaking this summer and fall! Key improvements underway are:

- 2 new Standard Polecat Snow guns have been ordered at a cost of \$42,000 (for both) and will be delivered by early November for use this winter. These two new snow guns will create up to 4 times the amount of snow as our older fan guns and twice as much as our newer Kid Polecats.
- Extensive maintenance review of our SnowCat has been completed which is used to level our manmade snow whales and also till the trail snow surface during the season when needed. In July we delivered the SnowCat to Miller Bradford in Sussex. They are working on over 18 items that need repair (from hydraulic cylinders and hose repair to drive unit work, replacement of the driver's side rubber track belts and much more). These repairs will cost around \$10,000 and are being coordinated by Joe Stuber from our snowmaking committee. We want to be able to till the trail during the season when needed to keep the trail in the safest ski shape possible! (During part of last season the tiller needed repair and could not be used on the trail)
- A "Manmade Ski Loop Goals and Trail Improvement Plan" has been created by the snowmaking committee working closely with the DNR. Our goal is to implement many new changes this coming ski season. The 5 most significant changes are:
 1. Expand the instructional area by about 50% to allow more room for instruction, training and agility. Add two agility mounds in this area.
 2. Modify the entrance to the trail which will lead skiers towards an off the trail area just to the south of the existing entrance. This area will be covered with snow and will provide an area for skiers to put on or take off skis or stop/talk, while out of the flow of moving skiers.
 3. Widen both the race start and finish areas from about 28' to 35' to reduce congestion.
 4. Create four off the trail areas to allow groups of skiers to stop for either instruction or discussion. This will help minimize congestion on the main trail.
 5. Improve several of the trail corners for improved flow and reductions in congestion.

During the 2017/2018 ski season several of the Snowmaking Committee members will be available to obtain input from our skiers on changes made and ideas for the future. Put written positive suggestions into box in Evergreen.

Work has progressed on developing the Memorandum of Understanding with the DNR for snowmaking and getting this document approved. A draft of the document now exists and is under detailed review and editing. Our goal is to have the MOU in place this year so we can get more pipe in the ground in the spring of 2018. Your donations will help improve the manmade ski loop. Together we have made continuous progress; therefore, we thank you for the donations and input to date. During the past 6 years we have averaged about \$15000 per year in expenses to simply create the manmade snow loop and maintain/service the equipment. We usually spend on average, \$33,000 in capital improvements annually. Capital funding covers trail expansion, snowguns, snowcat, well and pump, etc.. We are also checking into the main water pump that feeds the pond since we have noticed a reduction in water output, a critical factor for snowmaking.

INPUT? Send it to LaphamSnowmaking@gmail.com