

Happy New Year Nightriders!

Hope you all had a safe and merry Christmas. The last meeting was held at Lookout Pass, a very special thank you to Phil for the presentation on their expansion, it was very informative. Teddy Groshong was announced as the new grooming chairman and Don Garr was announced as the new head of trail committee. The Tucker and PB are up and running. Big Creek, Rainy Dominion, and Deer Creek have all been groomed once and the Short Loop has been done twice. Groomers will be out this week, for any information check the website or feel free to get a hold of me. Just a quick reminder to wear you avalanche beacons, practice, and check the avalanche report before riding. Cooke City had 2 fatalities New Year's weekend.

ENTERTAINMENT: Meeting will be at Silver Express, January 7, 2012, 10:00 a.m. MST. Fun poker ride to follow along with scavenger hunt. Return to Silver Express for Burger Burn, results of scavenger hunt and prizes, and just good times with good people. Club will furnish two free drink tickets and dinner. Anybody want to volunteer to be the "burger burner"?

HAPPY HOUR: 6:00-7:00

DINNER: 7:00'ish

POKER RIDE: Saturday, January 28, 2012. Registration and ride starts at 9:00.

Pre-registration and bonfire to honor the Great Snow God "Elibomwon" Friday night January 27, 5:00-11:00 at the Silver \$. (For those who don't know: "Elibomwon" is "snowmobile" backwards without the "s.")

THEME; "WILD, WILD WEST"

Think saloon girls, burlesque, gunslingers, sheriff, blacksmith, outlaws, gamblers, soiled doves, cowgirls, rodeo queens... and come in costume accordingly. We will be having a can-can contest, a wild west shootout, costume contests for both men & women and whatever else we can dream up. There will be a jail house at the shelter that you can pay to have your friends put in and they have to pay to get out, or bribe the jailer. (This for charity, of course.)

We NEED 4-6 people to take the Saltese draw **who can stay sober**. This is critical because of the way we are doing the joker this year. That's right!! He's BACK!! We will add jokers to the deck at stations 4 & 5 (Saltese and Silver \$). The player will decide then and there where they want the joker stamped on the presented hand. We will use a special stamp for this so the judges can tell a "natural" winner from a "wild" winner.

The other change we will be implementing this year is the players must draw at all stations in the correct order (1-5) or their hand(s) will be disqualified. Station workers—DO NOT "catch up" a players hand if they miss a draw. If they legitimately missed a draw, the judges at the Silver \$ will make the determination of whether they can make it up or not. We had problems last year with people not wanting to come inside the Silver \$ in the morning and just skipping the first draw. This caused problems and questionable situations in the end run for the judges.

PERK: Did you know that paid-up club members don't have to stand in line at the first draw? You can come to the back room at the Silver \$ and there is a special draw set up just for you!!! And, each of you can bring a friend. Your name will be on a list and if you are one that list, this is your place to draw your first card.

In the next e-mail is a copy of the poster. Or, if you get your newsletter by snail mail, there is one enclosed. Please print out at least one copy and post it somewhere in your neighborhood. Everybody's help is appreciated. Business members: You will receive a hard copy of the poster in the mail.

A sign-up sheet for station positions, etc. will be passed at the meeting. Those of you who are grandfathered in, I've already got the blanks filled with your names unless you tell me differently. For the rest of you, there is always room for more at all stations so we would be pleased to see your name on the sheet. So, sign up or give me a call or something. We really could use a man for emcee. It seems like a deeper voice carries better. As an added incentive, whoever would like this position will be designated the "sheriff" for the entire weekend. If more than one of you want it, we'll draw names. Thanks, Brooke 406.678.4242, blincoln@blackfoot.net

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting and remember to think SNOW! Any suggestions, comments, concerns, or just want to ride please contact me at:

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