

MOUNT TAHOMA NEWS

MTTA Gala 2006

The MTTA Gala Fund-Raiser will be held at the Seattle REI auditorium, November 4th. The event will start at 2 p.m. and run until 6 p.m.

This is your first opportunity to get winter Reservations!

Admission fee this year is \$10 per person.

As usual, we will hold our traditional activities. So come prepared to make your Hut Reservation like always, buy something from the Silent Auction, catch up with old friends, and make a donation to the MTTA. Remember, this is our annual fund raiser event, we all need to pitch in and do our part to keep the Trail System functioning. Help Purchase A New Snow Cat!

For directions, to donate auction items, and to let us know you are planning on attending, go to our Web Page.

www.skimtta.com

OCTOBER 2006

CALENDAR & SHORTS

MTTA

Gala 2006

November 4th, 2006

REI's Main Seattle Store
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Winter Pre-Season

November 11 - Dec. 28

Winter Season

Dec. 29— March 30, 2007

Winter Post Season

March 31— April 29

Summer Season Begins

May 1— November 2007

MTTA Board Meetings

Second Saturday of each month

September thru May,

9 :30 a.m. (Ashford)

Call 360-569-2878 for location.

Board Elections

This year all members will be required to vote to maintain their membership. Any member can nominate any other member for the two open board slots this year. Ballots will be mailed with the December News and must be mailed back, postmarked no later than January 8, 2007.

Recent Good News

This summer we had over 120 people stay overnight at the Huts. We had over 2600 overnight stays this past season, best year ever.

In the last week two new snow roller groomer arrived and all of our grooming equipment is ready to go and in the best shape ever.

Need Information?
Try our new Web Site
www.skimtta.com

President Speaks/ Elections and Your Membership

December is our month for MTTA elections. This year, two Board Director positions need to be filled for three year terms. We need qualified and interested candidates to run for these jobs. The five Board Directors make the crucial decisions needed to run MTTA and guide our group into the future.

There will also be a proposal to change our Articles of Incorporation in order to conform with our present organizational structure. I urge you to take the time to vote since our incorporation rules require 75 percent of existing members to approve a change in the Articles of Incorporation. Since this is such an important matter, our present Board has decided you must vote or your membership will expire. You would then have to re-join the MTTA.

Our present Articles of Incorporation state that nine Directors are on the Board, five MTTA members, an Eatonville Chamber of Commerce member and three landowner representatives. An attorney has reviewed our present operations compared to the incorporation rules and he has determined that we need to change our corporate rules or comply with them. The Eatonville Chamber of Commerce and the landowners have had no interest in being on the Board for many years.

Nominations for the two Board positions can be made from now until the end of November. You can email a nomination to MTTA or send a nomination to our post office box address. You should make sure the person is interested in running for the job. Then, candidates should consider providing a statement regarding their background and any platform issues for publication in the December newsletter (1/2 page max.).

Ballots will be mailed in December and should be mailed back, postmarked by January 8 in order to be counted for the January Board meeting.

Again, I want to urge you to vote as the Board has determined your membership will expire for failure to vote. This decision insures that 100 percent of members will be counted as voting since a 75 percent member approval is required to change our Articles of Incorporation.

We hope to have a pdf posted on the web page of the old articles and the proposed new Articles of Incorporation. Remember you have to vote to retain your membership this year, your dues will need to be current. Red dot on back page means your dues are due.

Cover: Don't Forget Gala November 4th at REI Seattle's Main Store!

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Membership Application Short Form – Mail to MTTA Office



LAST NAME	FIRST NAME
ADDRESS	CITY, STATE & ZIP
HOME PHONE	WORK PHONE
E-MAIL ADDRESS	DATE

- I would (check box) like to receive my news via e-mail
- \$30 Regular Family (All Members of a Family Annual)
- \$20 Regular (Annual Individual Member)

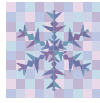
To Help even more I am enclosing an additional donation: \$_____

GROOMING PLEDGE: If you like groomed trails, check one or both boxes below. You will be billed at the end of the season. \$0.01/mile for actual snowmobile mileage, \$0.10/hour actual snow cat hours, or both. Your max. bill will not exceed \$25 for each box you check. Pays for fuel, maintenance and equipment

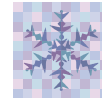
Snowmobile Miles **Snow Cat Hrs**

Newsletter materials/articles should be sent to News Editor: Bob Brown at P O BOX 2 Elbe, WA 98330. Phone (360) 569-2878 OR E-Mail material to mttam@msahell.com. Material must be typed, e-mail (or attachment file), 3.5" disk (MS Word). In order for articles to be included in the next Newsletter they must be received by the 20th day of the month prior to publication. Short announcements may be received as late as the last day of the month, prior to publication. Mount Tahoma News is published and distributed to members eight months each year, not published or distributed in May, July, September, or November. Business advertising space is limited to eight 2" x 3.5". \$25 for one issue or \$20 for more than one issue purchased at the same time.

For MTTA Information try our Web Page at: www.skimtta.com



FALL GALA



This year's GALA will be held on **November 4th** at REI's main Seattle store in the Auditorium once again. So mark your calendar for this important date!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the REI Auditorium, it is upstairs in the Seattle REI store located at 222 Yale Avenue. The REI facility is conveniently located near the Stewart Street exit from I 5 or the Mercer St. exit if you are approaching from the south.

The GALA will have the same format as last year which I believe made it easier for some of you from Seattle to attend. Just like last year, the GALA will be held **Saturday afternoon from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.**

The Admission Fee will be \$10 per person which covers the cost of our Gala.

When you want something to eat, you can purchase food at the World of Wraps Café in the REI store. If you haven't tasted one of their wraps, you ought to try one. They're delicious! I especially like the salmon wrap sandwich. There are other items on the menu that are just as good so you'll have lots of variety to choose from.

As usual, we will hold our traditional activities. So come prepared to make your **Hut Reservation** like always, buy something from the **Silent Auction**, catch up with old friends, and make a **financial gift** to support the MTTA.

Remember, this is our **Annual Fund Raising Event** and your gifts do so much to help keep the Trail System functioning and thriving. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. This year 1/2 of all donations will help purchase a brand new snow cat. At this point in time we are past the 50% point in raising the \$150,000 to purchase this new grooming machine.

If you'd like to help out with the GALA you can contact Judy Scavone at 360-569-2878. If you have auction items give Maria Reed a call at 253-847-8647. You can also find additional information on our website. Just go to..... <http://www.skimtta.com>.



As always...Happy Trails,

Michael Smith
Vice President

Use the donation form on page 6 for auction items that you acquire for this years Gala Auction!

Volunteer

For The

2006 GALA AUCTION

The auction committee (Marie and Delbert) will need help the day of the Gala with the following:

- Setup—arranging the auction items on the tables with bid sheets. 3 people.
- Assisting with last minute donations—taking in donations, assisting members in filling out donation forms and assigning a bid number. 3 people.
- Closing tables—circling winning bid and collect bid sheets (white copy). Take bid sheets to cashier. 2 people.
- Cashier—takes bid sheets, organizes bid sheets in file system, collects payment from bidders and puts payment with corresponding bid sheets. 3 people.

Contact us at 253-847-8647 as soon as possible to help. THANKS for your support. Marie & Delbert

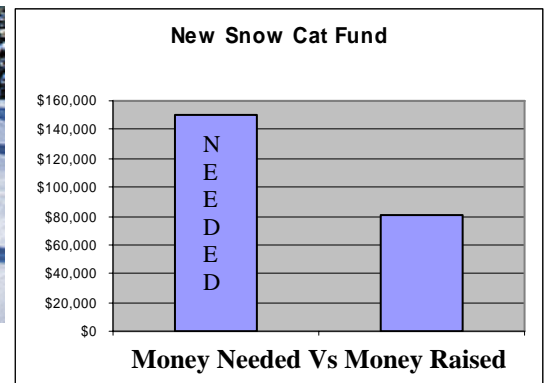
TO HELP WITH GALA

Hut Reservations & Other (Judy Scavone at 360-569-2878)

Auction (Marie Reed 253-847-8647)

1/2 of all donations this Season will go to the purchase of a new snow cat

MTTA was awarded a \$75,000 grant to purchase a new snow cat. The MTTA board voted at the September meeting to place 50% of all donations this year into a snow cat purchase fund. In the last three weeks we have raised \$5500 in matching money. Be part of the solution this year and make a donation and help keep the trails groomed. We have raised \$80,500 and need \$150,000 to purchase a new machine. This machine will come with a service contract to insure many years of reliable service.



For years we have dealt with used equipment and all the Associated repair and maintenance problems. Last year a new snow cat would have allowed us to keep the middle snow park on the one road open and the trail to Puyallup Ridge Groomed. We are already over 50% in our fund drive, please donate and purchase auction items.

MOUNT TAHOMA TRAILS DONATION FORM



DONOR/CONTACT PERSON: _____

BUSINESS (FOR LISTING) _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

DONATION: (ONE DONATION PER FORM)

VALUE: \$ _____ PLEASE DESCRIBE IN DETAIL: _____

STATUS OF DONATION:

TANGIBLE ITEM: _____ TANGIBLE ITEM ACCOMPANIES THIS FORM
DONOR/PROCURER WILL DELIVER TO _____ ON _____
(LOCATION) (DATE)

_____ PLEASE CALL ME TO ARRANGE PICKUP
OTHER-PLEASE EXPLAIN

GIFT CERTIFICATE: _____ SIGNED GIFT CERTIFICATE OR LETTER ACCOMPANIES THIS FORM
_____ MTTA PLEASE MAKE UP THE GIFT CERTIFICATE
_____ EXPIRATION DATE
_____ PLEASE CALL ME TO ARRANGE PICKUP
_____ OTHER-PLEASE EXPLAIN

SIGNATURE OF DONOR (KEEP LAST COPY): _____ DATE: _____

PROCURER'S NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

The auctioned items are donated by involved people and businesses to support MTTA and the trail system. MTTA is a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Donations to the Mt. Tahoma Trails Association may be considered tax deductible contributions-consult your professional tax advisor for further information. TAX ID # 91-147-5988

In gratitude for your donation, you or your business will be listed in our Gala auction catalog. For further information write our office: mtta@skimtta.com or MTTA, PO BOX 206, ASHFORD, WA 98304, 360-569-2451.

Thanks for your contribution to Mt. Tahoma Trails. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to distribute this form to potential donors.

White copy MTTA Yellow copy with item at sale Pink copy to donor

Electrical System Updates



It's been a busy summer for the electrical update team. In total, they have almost 500 hours into designing, implementing and installing new solar electric control panels in the four huts.

You'll see the results when you visit the huts. Each hut has a new panel with a main equipment box, and DC and AC breaker boxes. These devices are mounted on a nice sheet of birch plywood, donated by the Graham Lumbermans.



The main equipment box, from Boeing Surplus, cleanly mounts all solar electric equipment, and protects them from tampering and theft. The breaker boxes protect against over-currents, provide public emergency disconnects, and select either the solar panels or AC generator for charging the batteries. All power cables are cleanly routed through steel conduit. The same design is used at all huts, to simplify usage and maintenance.

This month, we'll be working on adding new outhouse lights, powered by the hut electrical system. If there's time, we'll also be adding a master timer switch connected to all lights. This will prevent lights from being left on all week – a situation we saw many times last winter.



The implementation team to-date is: Mike Dunn, Randy Singer, Jim May, Gregor Smith, Merv Archer, Bill Liechty and Dan Burh. Jim May donated the use of his shop in Puyallup. Design consultation was provided by Bob Kirchmeier of Tacoma Power and by Brad Basset of AEE Solar. Thanks also to Bob Brown, Judy Scavone and Nancy Barker for helping with transportation and providing dinners.

Rick Burleigh,
Hut Electrical Systems Manager

Ski Patrol Training

Ski Patrol Training will be hands on at the MTTA Office and up at the Huts this year. If you want to be on the Patrol you need to show up at 10 a.m. at the Ashford Fire Hall on one of the following dates: October 15,21,28 & November 11th. Plan on a full day and a trip to the Hut's.

**Check out our PayPal Gift System at www.skimtta.com then go to:
Online Gifts, giving has never been easier! VISA, Master Card, etc.**

Important Gala Tips Regarding Winter Reservations

With winter fast approaching it is time to look forward to snow in the hills. Your first opportunity to get reservations for this winter season 2006/2007 is at the November 4th Gala. It will be held again at REI's main store in Seattle, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Entry into the hall is \$10/person, this covers our Gala cost.

Winter reservations start November 19th, 2005. First opportunity for winter reservations including preseason will be at the November 4th Gala.

Tips:

- If you want winter reservations for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights (or Presidents Day Week) you will need to make your reservations at Gala. Most of these nights are booked at Gala! Cash or check only (no credit cards).
- We advise the person making the reservation to collect money from each member of their party, so you won't be left holding the bag in case of forfeiture.
- Remember MTTA doesn't make the trail policies. These are set by the Trails Operations Oversight Group (land owner and skier representatives). There are no exceptions to these rules!
- Remember that the reservation processing fee (\$5 per person per night) is used to run the reservation system (insurance, utilities, postage, printing, phone, etc.) It does not pay for propane, pumping outhouses, or maintenance on the huts. **Please consider a donation when you make your reservation!**

Red Dot Means Your Dues Are Due Before Mid December →



MTTA OFFICE PHONE (360) 569-2451 >Approximately December 31, 2005– March 31, 2006 Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. until 5

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