

# BBSS NEWSLETTER

January 2017



*Happy 2017!* I hope the New Year brings BBSS members many great ski days throughout the valley. Here's an update on some of the work the BBSS executive and volunteers were up to throughout 2016. There are many important thank yous to be found throughout the newsletter. First though I'd like to thank the great team that forms the BBSS Board of Directors this year:

- Ben Ambrose / Vice President
- Brian Yamanaka / Treasurer
- Frances Sharpe / Secretary
- Curtis Cunningham / Communications
- Matt Mazurek / Ashman
- Mike Dunbar / East Boulder Creek & Membership
- Marie-Eve Arsenault / Events
- Hankin / Jay Gilden, Joe Pojar, Marie-Eve A., and Ben A.
- Directors at Large / Charlene Mortensen and Eric Dufresne

If you have any comments, feedback, or would like to get involved please contact us at [BBSSkiSociety@gmail.com](mailto:BBSSkiSociety@gmail.com)

- *Erin Hall* / President

## HANKIN WORK BEE

A great big thank you goes out to the 10 volunteers that came out to the Hankin work bee this fall. Despite the low turnout, we were able to cover almost all of the runs to clear blowdown and assess for safety hazards. Please contact us at [bbsshankin@gmail.com](mailto:bbsshankin@gmail.com) if you note any blowdown or other concerns.

As always, volunteers were treated to a great feed by Marie-Eve Arsenault and the generous donations provided by the Bulkley Valley Wholesale.



## SPONSORS

A big shout out to our sponsors for 2016 to 2018. We have the following fabulous sponsors to thank for helping to keep the road to Hankin ploughed throughout the winter:

Gold Sponsors:

- Bulkley Valley Credit Union: [www.bvcu.com](http://www.bvcu.com)
- Fireweed Motor Inn: [www.fireweedmotel.com](http://www.fireweedmotel.com)
- L B Paving Ltd. (250) 847-2761
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- Nature's Pantry: [www.facebook.com/pages/Natures-Pantry/317641954947855](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Natures-Pantry/317641954947855)

Supporters of the BBSS at events throughout the year include: Bulkley Valley Wholesale.

The local Forest Firefighters were hard at work for us this summer. We have them to thank for blowdown and danger tree removal at Evelyn. In addition they spent time doing falling training at Hankin which also helped improve the runs.



## MEMBERSHIPS

We're down a bit so far this year - the BBSS needs you!

Remember there are discounts at both Local Supply and Dawn 2 Dusk: 5% off hard goods and 10% off soft goods! For first time members there's an extra one-time 5% off at Local Supply until April 30/17. Local Supply Co. is also offering first time members 2 days free rental of an avi backpack with shovel, probe and beacon. Another



discount - 5% off Roger McColm's Northern Sun Tours avi awareness training. Your 2016-2017 membership also comes with a bonus goggle wipe printed with a map of Hankin!

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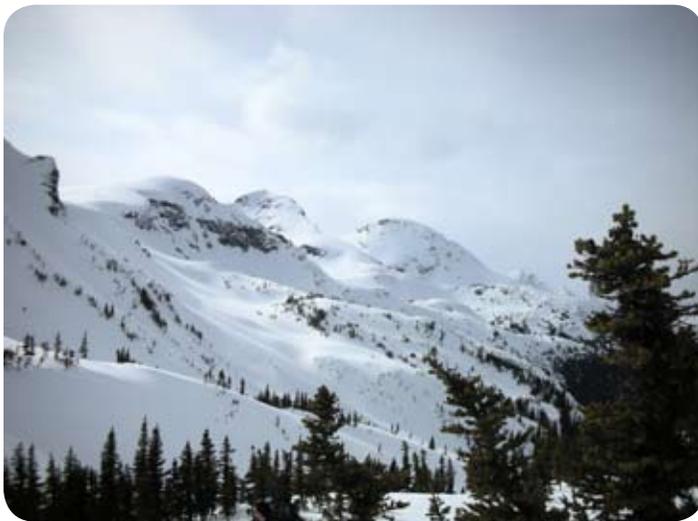
We lost a sponsor this year so your membership money is more important than ever for keeping the Hankin road open. Hankin snow plowing costs about \$10k per year. Thanks for showing your bumper sticker up there!

## SNOWCIAL

Matt and Marie-Eve organized another great Snowcial to kick off the ski season. A big thank you goes out to local guides Sean Fraser and Lucas Holtzman for their presentations. Ben Heemskerck and Brandy Hughes presented information about the new weather stations that are being installed at Hankin and Grizzly Plateau. These will be supporting the new hot zone reports for the Bulkley Valley. Finally thanks to Chris and Cat for their slide show and Curtis for his video.

## EAST BOULDER CREEK

Thanks to Recreation Sites and Trails BC, we now have approval to construct an outhouse for those of you keen to camp and ski in this fantastic area. Planned construction date is this upcoming fall. Give Mike Dunbar a shout if you are interested in helping with this project.



## ASHMAN RIDGE

Access to Ashman was significantly improved this fall as a crew of volunteers brushed the alder on the Cable. Hoping for much fewer face lashings and tripping hazards for those who head out there this year!



## HANKIN LOOKOUT CABIN



For those of you who are interested in a tour into the Hankin Lookout Cabin, you will be happy to hear firewood was delivered there in October. The wood was donated by our local fire fighting crew as arranged through Recreation Sites and Trails. The pilot estimated about 5,000 lbs worth of wood altogether. Our boomer contingent (see, the seniors are still good for something) were able to do all the stacking at the Lookout Cabin while the fire crew loaded the sling nets down below. It all went very smoothly.

So, everything you need to stay warm and cozy at the Lookout Cabin this winter is in place. If you are going there, remember to bring newspapers for fire starting and that the firewood is for indoor use in the wood stove only, not for outside campfires!

If you run in to them on the slopes or otherwise out and about, please thank Brandy and Joanne at RSTBC, as well as the firefighters and Canadian Helicopters for all of their support.

## AVALANCHE AWARENESS DAYS

They're coming! Stay tuned for further details. Likely will be held in early February.

