

# *APRIL 2024*



**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** I am very happy to share that we are back in Idaho and were able to visit the mountain Friday March 22.

Guess What!!!! NO SNOW However, today it started raining and the snow line is coming down.

The mountain has A LOT of needles. Thank you, Randee, for your head start on raking them.

The trees have shredded some branches and Rick has cut some things down at Cindy's request.

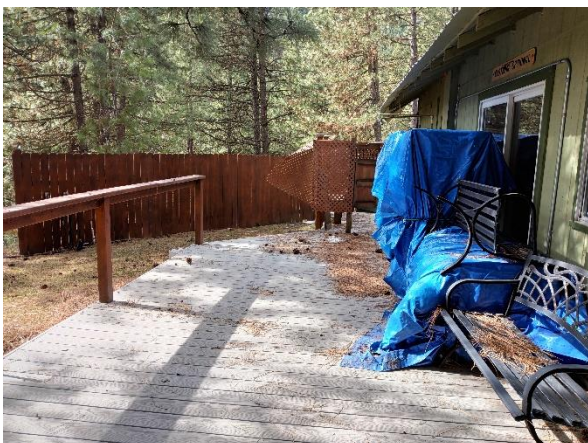
So, all of this means, it is time for us to all get up there on good days and start raking.

We will be moving back to the cabin on Friday (March 29) so if you need me, please use the phone line 208-383-4572.

Don't forget Robie Creek Run is April 20.

See you all soon. Ken

Here are a couple of pictures that Ken took when he was up at the mountain last week.



Recently we received word of the death of one of our former members. Tina was a beloved member of Bare Mtn for many, many years. She had a smile that would light up the world around her. The world, and those of us who knew and loved her, will miss her.

## Tina Poulton

1948 - 2024



Remember the Dash

IN 2023, Ken was always asking for the completion of questionnaire by visitors and sometimes the people answer the questions about what they liked best, AND, what they liked least about their visit. They were told that the answers would be in the ROAR.

Two or three of each questions/answers will be posted every month in the ROAR.

### What did you like best about your visit to BMR?

6/16/2023 The hospitality and freedom with the open acceptance of us

6/10/2023 All the kind friendly faces.

### What did you least like about your visit?

No walking path to pool from the clubhouse. (Barefoot is a bit rough in front of the outhouse.)

Not being able to stay longer

**From our land chair:** Because it looks like we will be able to get in to the mountain a little bit sooner than in the past year or so, we have adjusted the work schedule to match. This overrides the calendar sent out last month. Please read all the way through.

April 19: Bringing Dump trailer up for needles

April 20: Robie Creek Run

April 21: work on needles if you can come up to the club



WEATHER PERMITTING!!

Most of the camp needs to be closed for Road Repairs and tree trimming...April 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

May 4: Need help hauling materials. Ted and Cindy will haul poles for fence

May 5, 6, 7, 8, 9: Need help during the week to do pickets

May 10: Pick up auger

May 11: Auger and set poles in concrete

May 17: Rake needles



May 18: TRAILS – Gary’s work party, with lunch, for those volunteers



May 24, 25: Rest of pickets on fence. If not finished, work on during the week

Thank You, from the Land Chair

### **Additional Calendar reminders thru the end of June:**

April 13, Board Mtg 10 am MDT online (Google Meet)  
April ??? Hopefully Mtn opening – to be announced  
April 28 General Membership Mtg 10 am at the clubhouse  
May 27 Memorial Day Bar B Que  
June 8 Paint party at 4, sponsored by Susan and Ed  
June 29 Champagne Party and Concert sponsored by Ginger and Steve  
**Contact Lisa to add an activity to the calendar – there are still a lot of empty dates this summer**

### **NOTES FROM THE NUDES NEST:**

8/22/19, First time here . has been amazing! The dogs and us will be back soon, John

8/29/19, Epic experience . TJ



A blast from the past - anyone recognize this sweet woman? Watch future ROAR editions to see more old pictures and learn who was highlighted the previous month.

*WE STILL NEED HELP for the membership committee head:  
this position is one of our most important jobs on the  
mountain... and we need someone that can delegate the  
responsibilities*



*I thought I should toss in a couple of pictures from the Magic Circle. The first is a huge rock art dragon created by a former marine by the name of Suzi Q Valentine. It took her 5 months, 500 hours and a little over \$200 to create this. Thank Heavens, the BLM protects any and all rock art.*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> picture was taken about a week ago (about a block from our motorhome!), just a friendly reminder that the desert isn't ours.*

One of our past presidents, Ron W., is a member of The Naturist Association (TNS) and receives their quarterly magazine. The 2024 Spring edition has an awesome article about our very own Bare Mountain Resort. Ron scanned the article and sent it to the new board and it was decided that we would contact TNS to see if there would be any chance that they would allow us to share the article with all of our members in the ROAR. So, we emailed the author Kathy Blanchard (Kathy and her husband came to visit the mtn last year in August), then the editor of the magazine (Nikki Hoffman) and the editor agreed!!! Not only did she send us four free copies of the magazine (that we can put in our clubhouse and two cabins) but also sent us a digital copy so we wouldn't have any trouble with a clean copy. Read on to enjoy this wonderful Article.

Again, thank you TNS!!

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# Hiking and Streaking at Bare Mountain Retreat

Kathy Blanchard





**S**itting to the southwest of Idaho's rugged Boise National Forest, Bare Mountain Retreat is home to friendly and inviting nudists. Going by the name "Bare Backers" as a non-landed club begun in 1981, and after they acquired 136 acres of land 35 miles from Boise later in the 1980s (calling the grounds Bare Mountain Hideaway), the group adopted their new name in 2022 while retaining their sociable sense of fun.

Bare Mountain Retreat was one of the few western nudist clubs my husband Mark and I had yet to visit and were happy finally to do so in September 2023. The weather is usually delightful this time of year, with sunny temps ranging in the 80s. The club grounds are usually open from May through mid-October, with snow at this 4000-foot elevation keeping most members away during colder months.

The property sits along South Fork Robie Creek at the base of "Bare Mountain," and getting from the clubhouse/office to the pool, or to where one is camped, can be a bit of a climb. Bare Mountain Retreat will tighten your leg muscles, as the terrain is steeper than most flat-land nudist sites. Winding dirt roads, trails, and sets of stairs make maneuvering about camp easy enough, though.



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The hillside setting provides vistas of gorgeous mountain slopes and ponderosa pines. The club boasts over five miles of trails rich in views, in part on neighboring property administrated by the Bureau of Land Management. Members claim hiking as a popular clothes-free club activity, but water volleyball is emerging as the favored choice.

Other goings-on for the 80-member club include table tennis, dinners, theme dances, and game nights. Their main annual event—now in its fifth year—is the well-advertised 4.6k Streak to the Peak nude run open to the public. With a 1200-foot elevation gain to the top of “Bare Mountain” behind the club, it attracts many competitive runners, although about three fourths of the participants walk it for fun. The club was prepping for this year’s race while we were there, with runners arriving for the next day’s event. Maybe it was the additional young and fit naked folk walking about, but naturists in their 60’s –like my husband and me—were in the minority. There was no “graying of naturism” here.

The vibrant health of Bare Mountain Retreat was invigorating. The swimming pool and spacious deck is the club’s social center most days, with a hot tub down by the clubhouse going unused during our visit. The club offers a community kitchen, refrigerator, and outdoor grill for members and guests. There are two rental cabins, plus sites for tent camping and small RVs or trailers. Bare Mountain Retreat leans toward the rustic side of nudist camps. They have hot and cold water for showers and washing, but filtered potable water is limited to that found in the clubhouse and clubhouse shower, so visitors should bring their own drinking water (and food). The club sits on seven gold mine sites from the 1800s, and what water they get comes from a spring running out of one of the old mines. The water serves most purposes, but it’s not rated for drinking.

To visit Bare Mountain Retreat, you need to contact the club first. They have an online system to prepay for overnight and day use, and after you make arrangements, they’ll email directions to you. For more information, see [bareidaho.com](http://bareidaho.com), or phone 208-322-6853. The club is associated with The Naturist Society Foundation and the American Association for Nude Recreation and offers discounts to members of both groups. **N**

**Thank you to the TNS for this marvelous story and your willingness to share it with us.**

