

# The Ranch Report

The Newsletter of Black Butte Ranch

## WINTER WONDERLAND

When January and February arrive you know you are in the thick of winter. Some people hibernate while others like to frolic in the frosty air. No matter which type you are, there is something for everyone at the Ranch during the winter days and nights.

The Lodge is always a cozy spot to get a cup of your favorite coffee, chat with friends or surf on your laptop. The winter menu at the Lodge Restaurant is astounding—some highlights include a Beef Carpaccio appetizer and long-time favorite, Alder Smoked King Salmon. The menu in the Aspen Lounge features favorites from Robert's Pub, which have been a hit. Remember, kids are welcome in the Aspen Lounge until 7:30pm.

Don't miss the very popular Vino Thursday at the Lodge on January 13 and February 17 where you can taste select Northwest wines. Many are available for purchase at the wine tasting.

In February, join us for the Super Bowl in the Aspen Lounge on February 6, and the homeowner dinner on February 11. The Lodge will be open on February 14 for a special Valentine's Day dinner and the President's Day holiday Monday for breakfast and lunch.

In between all of that is snowshoeing, skiing, and sitting by the Lodge fire pit sipping hot cocoa and enjoying the twinkling snow-capped mountain views.

So, whether you want to enjoy the tranquility of the Ranch or enjoy all the activity winter offers—there is a place for you.



*Create your own winter memories at the Ranch...*



# LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR

By General Manager Scott Huntsman



I really enjoyed 2010. I feel like we've accomplished many of the goals we set for the Ranch and it has been a joy to get more involved in the Black Butte community, and to get to know many of you a little better.

I'm proud the staff and the hard work they've put in to make this place a little better each day. We're ending the year on solid financial footing and our prospects are bright for 2011.

That's what really gets me excited...the potential that we have to make the upcoming year truly special.

We've put together a number of strategic goals for 2011, but there is one in particular that I could use your help with. It is a goal of ours to "devote time, energy and resources to improving the homeowner experience at Black Butte Ranch."

Some of the ways we are proposing to do this include:

- Creating a comprehensive homeowner orientation that welcomes new owners to the Ranch.
- Streamlining our homeowner billing process to allow for direct ACH payments from checking accounts.
- Improving the homeowner website to ensure that is a useable tool and captures interest.
- Evaluating homeowner discount programs to make sure they are effective and provide usable value for homeowners.
- Creating a unified approach to our Homeowner Services department that improves the quality, selection and responsiveness of the services we offer.

We could use some input on this initiative and if you have suggestions on what other aspects of the homeowner experience you'd like to see improved, I'd love to hear from you. Drop me an email at [shuntsman@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:shuntsman@BlackButteRanch.com).

In other news, we are excited to welcome the R.A. (Dick) Howells Co. as the new exclusive onsite realtor for Black Butte Ranch. Dick brings with him many years of real estate experience, a great team and true love for the Ranch. Stop by and see him next time you are around the Lodge.

Once again, we have scheduled three town hall meetings for this year and I am hopeful that you can find time to participate. While we have no major announcements to make, the interaction is very valuable as it is a candid forum for answering questions, receiving feedback, and providing you with updates on the Ranch. Places, dates and times are listed in the box below.

See ya around the Ranch!

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

**Friday, February 11**  
Seattle-TBD

**Wednesday, March 16, 6pm**  
Embassy Suites, Downtown Portland

**Saturday, March 19, 9am**  
BBR Community Center

**THE GENERAL STORE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
JANUARY 3-FEBRUARY 28**



## BOARD REPORT

The next Black Butte Ranch Association Board meeting is set for February 26, 2011 at the Community Center. All homeowners are invited to attend.

The agenda for this meeting will be posted on the owners website and will include a final presentation from the Lodge Area Task Force. The Board will also be reviewing and approving the 2011 Budget, discussing possible Master Design revisions and various committee reports (ARC, Finance Committee, Natural Resource Committee, and the Nominating Committee).

The Board has been reviewing and studying the current Master Design document for several months. Lynn Stafford initiated an exhaustive review of the entire governance documents last year and outlined the areas that are inconsistent and/or need to be revised. Bob Wollmuth, Sharon Dilley and Lynn Stafford have been working together to provide the Board with recommendations, which will be presented at the February Board meeting. The governance documents are available online at [BlackButteRanch.com/owners](http://BlackButteRanch.com/owners).

## NATASHA BACCA EXHIBIT IN GALLERY

Bend artist Natasha Bacca will be the featured artist in the Gallery at the Lodge for February – March. Recently Bacca's "Creation of Light" was chosen by Deschutes Brewery for the label of their seasonal winter beer Jubelale.

Bacca has a unique process for creating her art. She works in complete darkness and creates images using beams of light on photosensitive paper and designed different tools for this purpose. A U.S. patent has been granted for the process by which her art is created. Every piece of artwork produced is unique.



*Natasha Bacca at work*

An artist reception is planned; details will be posted on the Ranch website and in *The View from the Ranch*. Bacca's work is online at [luxartwork.com](http://luxartwork.com).

## BOARD NOMINEES NEEDED

Are you interested in serving the Ranch community as a Board member? Candidates are needed for the Board election at the Annual Meeting on June 25.

Three seats are open this year: Matt Baker, Jeff Reents and Doug Pollack, all of whom are eligible to run again. Last year, a great slate of candidates were presented and it is hoped that there is continued interest this year.

The time commitment to be a Board member is important. There are six Board meetings per year (held at the Ranch) and members are encouraged to attend finance committee meetings, which occur monthly.

The Board is responsible for being good stewards of Ranch assets and guiding the direction of the Ranch, all the while keeping homeowners best interests at the top of their mind.

For more information regarding running for the Board, email the Nominating Committee chair, Vanessa Wilkins at [vanessawilkins@comcast.net](mailto:vanessawilkins@comcast.net) or the co-chair, Mark Pilkenton at [mark.pilkenton@nike.com](mailto:mark.pilkenton@nike.com).

Candidate application forms are available on the owner's website at [BlackButteRanch.com/owners](http://BlackButteRanch.com/owners) and at the Ranch administration office.

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## WINTER CARNIVAL AT HOODOO

One of the winter traditions in Sisters Country is the Winter Carnival at Hoodoo on February 12. If you haven't been, you should make plans to go—you don't have to be a skier to enjoy the fun, fireworks and festivities.

The crowning moment of the event is the Dummy Downhill race, where teams build their dummy entry. The only requirement is that it has to be attached to skis. Teams are judged on their creativity and how far their dummy travels.

The entries are taken to the top of a short run that has a launch point in the middle. They are released at the top of the run and hopefully have enough weight and speed to make it up and over the launch point and come down intact.

There have been some very creative and wild dummies over the years, and this year Black Butte Ranch will have an entry. So come on out and help cheer for the BBR Dummy Downhill entry and enjoy the carnival.

## Super Bowl in the Aspen Lounge

Don't have tickets to the Super Bowl? Well then make plans to watch the game with your friends and family in the festive atmosphere of the Aspen Lounge.

Game day is February 6, and kickoff is at 3:25pm. There will be delicious appetizers and special drink offers to enjoy. Kids are welcome until 7:30pm.

This will be the 45<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl and it is being held in the new billion dollar Cowboy Stadium in Dallas, Texas. Of course, it's too early to tell who's going to the big game, but rest assured it is always exciting.

## VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE RANCH



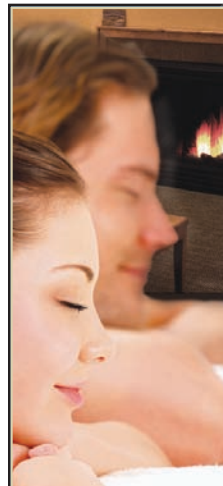
Valentine's Day Dinner 541.595.1260  
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## VALENTINE'S DAY *A Holiday of the Heart*

As early as 1797, printers had been commercially printing Valentine's Day cards with verses and sketches adorning them. This, coupled with the fact that postal rates had just been reduced, ushered in the less personal, but easier practice of mailing Valentines.

To assist you in celebrating this day of the heart, the Lodge Restaurant (which is normally closed on Mondays) will be open for a very special Valentine's dinner. They will be offering a four-course dinner with wine flight and the standard dinner menu.

This will be a one-of-a-kind evening, so make your reservations early. Call the dining podium at 541.595.1260 for reservations.



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## WINTER HOURS

### *Lodge Restaurant*

541.595.1260

Open Wednesday–Sunday

Breakfast 8–11:30am | Lunch 11:30am–2:30pm | Dinner 5pm–Close

MLK Monday 1/17 and Presidents Day Monday 2/21:

The Lodge Restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch.

### *Aspen Lounge*

541.595.1262

Open Wednesday–Sunday, 4pm–close

Weekdays, Happy Hour is 4–7pm

Saturday–Sunday,

Open 11am–close with specials all day!

Enjoy all of your favorites from Robert's Pub  
and watch the game!

Super Bowl Sunday 2/6 Join the fun!

### *Vino Thursdays at the Lodge*

541.595.1262

Thursday, January 13 & Thursday, February 17

Enjoy complimentary tastings from 5–7pm

Follow it up with Happy Hour in the Aspen Lounge from 4–7pm.

### *Lodge Espresso*

541.595.1298

Monday – Thursday, 7:30am–noon

Friday / Saturday / Sunday open 7:30am–2pm

### *Glaze Meadow Sports Shop, Rental Shop & Spa*

541.595.1258

Open Thursday–Sunday, 9:30am–5pm

### *Big Meadow Golf*

541.595.1500

Monday– Friday, 9am–3pm



## SNOWSHOEING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

The La Niña winter is here with the snow providing an abundance of winter activities. Snowshoeing is one pursuit the whole family can do to enjoy winter.

Snowshoeing can be done in many places in Central Oregon—there are specific snowshoe trails or blaze your own. At the Ranch, snowshoe at Big Meadow golf course (alongside the groomed cross country trails). There needs to be a minimum of six inches of snow, and please stay away from the roped off tees, greens and bunkers to protect the course. All activity on Glaze Meadow golf course is closed due to the renovation.

Snowshoeing technique is simple and the specialized gear is minimal—if you can walk, you can snowshoe. This spells freedom for kids who can basically step out anywhere it's white. As a family activity, snowshoeing has a variety of advantages over other winter sports, for one, it's very affordable. The Glaze Meadow Rental Shop has Atlas snowshoes of all sizes available (even wee ones.) All you need are good waterproof shoes or boots and warm clothing. Rentals at the Glaze Meadow Shop are \$9 for an adult ½ day; \$5 for a child ½ day; or \$12 for an adult full day, \$8 for a child full day.

The Recreation Department at the Ranch is offering two free family snowshoe outings with Jan Terhaar, Recreation Director: Saturday, January 15 and Saturday, February 19. Meet at 10am at the Rec Barn to carpool to the selected area. Sno-park permits will be needed, which can be purchased at the Welcome Center or the Glaze Meadow Rental shop.

Call the Recreation Department at 541.595.5879 for information on the outing and Glaze Meadow Equipment Rental Shop at 541.595.5877 for rentals.



## WINTER SERVICES

- ◆ Home Inspection Program
- ◆ Chimney Sweeping
- ◆ Snow Removal
- ◆ Ice Dam Removal
- ◆ Winterizing / De-winterizing
- ◆ House Cleaning Services

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## BBR POLICE FORCE

*Did you know that the BBR Police Department provides these FREE Homeowner Services?*

### *Vacation Check Program*

The Vacation Check Program (VCP) has been in existence for years, but not everyone is aware of it. Take peace of mind with you when you leave the Ranch for five days or more—simply sign up for our VCP. Blank forms are located in the PD lobby, which is open 24/7. For your convenience, forms can also be filed online at [BlackButteRanchPolice.com](http://BlackButteRanchPolice.com). A link labeled “Vacation Ck Form” is in the left column and will take you to the on-line form to be completed and submitted. The form will be encrypted for security and sent via e-mail directly to the BBR PD. Officers check these homes at various hours of the day and night. Generally, the checks include a walk around the residence checking doors, windows, and outbuildings. Often we meet owners and guests when we have not been notified of their arrival. We also find the occasional unlocked door and look for any weather related damage or downed trees.

### *False Alarm Response*

As one of our primary responsibilities to protect BBR homes, we offer our services to respond to false alarms. While most agencies charge a “False Alarm Fee” we are pleased to be able to provide this service at no charge to our homeowners. If you have any questions on either program, please call the station at 541.595.2191.

## BBR FIRE DEPARTMENT



*Everyone at the Fire Station hopes you had a wonderful holiday season.*

Now that we are in the middle of winter, the Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the cold snap we saw last year—take proper precautions in case we see a return of the severe cold again. When temperatures drop significantly below normal, staying warm and safe can become a challenge.

Extremely cold temperatures often accompany a winter storm, so you may have to cope with power failures and of course, the icy roads. Although staying indoors as much as possible can help reduce the risk of car crashes and falls on the ice, you may also face indoor hazards. Many homes may be too cold—either due to a power failure or because a heating system is not adequate for the weather. When people must use alternative forms of heat, the risk of household fires and carbon monoxide poisoning increases.

We all know that smoke alarms are necessary in all homes. All new construction is now required to have carbon monoxide detectors installed. It also appears that soon, all rental units or managed occupancies will need to have carbon monoxide detectors put in as well. If you have questions, feel free to call the station at 541.595.1290. The Fire Department will try to keep the property management offices in the area informed. Be Safe!

## AT YOUR SERVICE *Employee of the Year—Katie Williams*

The 2010 Employee of the Year was awarded to Katie Williams, executive assistant to Scott Huntsman, Sharon Dilley, and the Black Butte Ranch Association Board.

Williams has been with the Ranch since 2008 and has enjoyed taking on the many diverse tasks of her job. One of her favorite projects last year was the coordination of the “Live at the Ranch” summer concert series. Another task, one of the most important, is the coordination of the homeowners Annual Meeting and election of Board members. Additional duties include writing contributions for the Ranch Report, social media (Facebook and Twitter), running the Gallery at the Lodge, and coordinating Christmas décor around the Ranch.

Williams’ background is in sales, marketing, copywriting and commercial real estate development. Prior to coming to the Ranch, Williams managed a First American Title office in Redmond, which was closed due to the downturn in real estate.

In closing Williams said, “I love my job and I have great bosses. I am so honored to have received this award. I know it’s difficult to pick just one person because so many employees do an outstanding job.”



*Katie Williams,  
2010 Employee of the Year*



## NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITES!



*Scallops at the Lodge Restaurant*

## PAST TO PRESENT *Lodge Traditions Contest*

Revisit your favorite Ranch dishes and nominate your favorite dish from the past 40 years of dining at the Lodge Restaurant for the “Past to Present” contest.

To nominate a dish, submit the following via e-mail to: [decker@BlackButteRanch.com](mailto:decker@BlackButteRanch.com).

1. What was your all-time favorite dish at the Lodge Restaurant?
2. What year do recall the dish being from?
3. What made it your favorite?
4. What made it so memorable?

Please submit your name, phone number, e-mail with the description of your favorite “Past to Present” dish nomination. Each month, a winning entry will be selected. The name of the person with the winning entry will be featured on the Lodge Dinner menu with a current version of the dish for the month.

Each monthly winner will receive a \$50 gift card to dine at the Lodge Restaurant. Winners will also be posted at [BlackButteRanch.com/dining/the-lodge-restaurant/past-to-present-traditions-contest](http://BlackButteRanch.com/dining/the-lodge-restaurant/past-to-present-traditions-contest).

In May 2011, all winning dishes will be featured on the Menu at the Lodge. The Grand Prize winning dish will be determined by sales volume in the month of May. The Grand Prize winner will receive \$150 dining certificate at the Ranch and possible menu placement for the summer season of 2011.

## POSTAL AND BUSINESS CENTER NEWS

The Black Butte Ranch postal center operates as a Commercial Mail Receiving Agency (CMRA) by authority of the United States Postal Service (USPS). It is a private entity and a minimal revenue center with all net proceeds going back into the Black Butte Ranch Association.

Operating as a CMRA gives the Ranch post office the ability to accommodate and provide services to owners, guests and staff that would otherwise need to be done in Sisters.

They strive to make it a one-stop postal center by offering a variety of shipping items, occasion cards, and specialty retail items. They also offer UPS and Fed-Ex shipping as well as notary services and faxing. The staff at the post office would like to thank all of their customers for supporting and utilizing their services.

On January 2, 2011 the USPS increased the postal rates for first class, priority, and express mail. The price of a postage stamp will remain at .44 cents.

The post office will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Day and also on February 21 for President’s Day.

## PAST TO PRESENT WINNERS

### *October*

Crispy Roasted Duck with Cranberry Apricot Relish.  
Nominated by Ken Knox.

### *November*

Chicken breast stuffed with Dungeness crab and served with mornay sauce. Nominated by Linda Goebel.

### *December*

Lamb Shank featuring root vegetables, port wine and herbs served with mascarpone polenta.  
Nominated by Barbara Burkart.

### *January*

Steak Oscar with Dungeness Crab  
Nominated by Lynn and Don Bowler.





## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## MEETINGS

<b>Board of Directors</b> 1/28-29: Board Workshop 1pm & Budget Review Meetings 8:30am; 2/26 Board Meeting: 8:30am Bob Wollmuth, chair bwollmuth@comcast.net	541.595.1510
<b>Finance Committee</b> 1/28: 8:30am; 1/29: Budget Review Meeting 8:30am; 2/25: 1pm Jeff Reents, chair jeffandpaula@bendnet.com	541.595.1501
<b>Architectural Review Committee</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1/13, 2/10: 9am Glen Grader, chair ARC@BlackButteRanch.com	541.595.1503
<b>Police Service Board</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1/20, 2/17: 9am Randy Garcia, chair bbrpd@bendcable.com	541.595.2191
<b>RFPD Fire Board</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 1/27, 2/24: 9 am Rodger Gabrielson, chair ssowa@BlackButteRanchFire.com	541.595.2288 541.595.5655

*\*Schedules may change without notice—please call to confirm.*

## LOCAL ACTIVITIES

See [BlackButteRanch.com/Whats-Happening](http://BlackButteRanch.com/Whats-Happening) or [SistersCountry.com](http://SistersCountry.com) for details.

### January

- 1 Carriage Rides
- 8 Telefest at Hoodoo Ski Area
- 10 Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert Series—The Steep Canyon Rangers 8pm
- 13 Vino Thursday
- 15 Family Snowshoe Outings
- 17 MLK Weekend

### February

- 4 Ladies Luncheon
- 4 Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert Series—Tom Russell 7pm
- 6 Super Bowl Sunday at the Aspen Lounge
- 11 Homeowner Dinner
- 11 Town Hall Meeting, Seattle
- 11–13 Valentine's Day Specials at the Lodge Restaurant
- 12 Hoodoo Winter Carnival
- 14 Valentine's Day Dinner at the Lodge
- 17 Vino Thursday
- 19 Family Snowshoe Outing
- 19-21 Presidents Weekend
- 25 Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert Series—Moira Smiley and VOCO

## OWNER EVENTS

Reservations 541.595.1260

### Ladies Luncheon

Friday, February 4

11:30am Check in 12–1pm Lunch

### Homeowner Dinner

Friday, February 11

6–7pm Drinks 7pm Dinner