

# Ausblick Newsletter

2006/07 Season

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## President's Corner – Rick Ludwig 262-786-1240

Thanks to the cold weather following the December 1<sup>st</sup> snow-storm, Dennis and his snow-making crew worked their magic and made enough snow to open the Main run and the Bunny run on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Nobody expected the next 30 days to have temperatures above freezing. The amazing thing was that Ausblick remained open, while every other ski hill in southeastern Wisconsin (and even other ski hills around the State) closed during this warm spell. Ausblick was even able to host our Wisconsin Junior Racing race on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> for more than 300 junior racers. All the other ski hills were closed that day. I have always said that Ausblick has the best snow of any ski hill in the Midwest. This was again evident during the warm spell when Ausblick had the only skiable snow. Now as the temperatures return to normal for winter, we are again in the snow-making mode and will be opening the rest of our runs for your enjoyment. The experience and knowledge that Dennis, his snow-making crew and his grooming crew have is why Ausblick always has the best snow. Please thank them for their great contribution to our Club.

February is always a fun and exciting month at Ausblick. Two events that you don't want to miss are the Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and the Ski Patrol Carnival. The Ski Patrol Carnival on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> is the major fundraiser for our Ski Patrol, which helps them purchase the equipment they need to handle all the injuries on our hill. If you or anyone in your family has needed the services of our Ski Patrol, you know about the high level of service and professional care they provide for our injured members. Therefore, come to the Ski Patrol Carnival for a fun-filled day and to support your Ausblick Ski Patrol. I also encourage you to sign up and come to the Ladies and Men's days. Check the calendar in your directory for the actual dates.

**Just a reminder that children under 12 must be accompanied by a member sixteen or older, who will be responsible for them. This policy is stated in your directory.**

**I strongly encourage all parents to talk to their children about proper behavior on the hill and in our Chalet. Some of the things we see children doing are just not safe and others impact the enjoyment of the Chalet by other members. For their safety and the safety and benefit of all our members, parents please, please watch your children.**

In closing, I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the 2006 – 2007 ski season. Even when there is no snow left in your yard, we will have the best spring skiing conditions of any ski hill in the area, so keep coming to Ausblick.

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**Website** - It's tough to read the data on our web registration server site, but we get a lot of "hits", pages read and the like, suggesting that a lot of you go there for information. But, we know that most who go there do so to find specific info, not to look for changes, added pages, pictures, etc. We've thought about posting our Newsletters there for those who threw theirs away too soon. And, we can/have in the past, at least the flyer notices like the upcoming Annual Ski Patrol Carnival.

We'd like more of you to respond about interest in receiving your Newsletter by e-mail. A very few, like Steve Ristow, have, positively. So, please contact me via the web address or my own - [jimstein@wi.rr.com](mailto:jimstein@wi.rr.com) - and let me know, yes or no.

Finally, please re-read your "Club Rules" page. There will be a pop quiz.....

Jim Stein, Website Chairman

## YOU WANT TO READ THIS

First of all, I wish to thank all of my friends at Ausblick for your kind words of encouragement and understanding during what has become one of the most challenging seasons I have seen in my 35+ years. As I write this we are in the middle of a cold snap that is arguably a month late. We are making snow like gang busters and loving it! While we have not been able to provide all of the skiing we would have preferred we will spend as much or more on snowmaking and other labor due to the loss of 4 million gallons worth of snow during the rain and warm spell. We are proud of the fact that while other ski areas around us closed due to the loss of their base, we were able to stay open through the tough times.

I am sorry to have to speak to behavior in the lodge but I cannot contain myself. I must first confess that I feel we have been ineffective in communicating what the expectations are with respect to lodge use. Hopefully this message will be one of clarification. I always treat OUR building as though it were my own house and I have an expectation that all of us do the same. Cleaning of tables and kitchen use seem to be the biggest trouble this season. As a member or guest, you are expected to do the following: When you are through eating, your waste items should be disposed of and the table you used given a cursory wiping with a paper towel. If you or your children have deposited popcorn, chips, etc. on the floor they should be removed using one of the sweepers we have provided for your use. In the kitchen, the cleaning firm is contracted to wash only grilling utensils that have been used. Cups, dishes, etc. have magically accumulated over time and are free to use but must be washed, dried, and returned to the cabinets by YOU. Ausblick is not going to be doing your dishes for you at the lodge any more than we would come to your house and do them for you. We did not soil them. We provide dish cloths and towels that I routinely take home and launder. I am certain that if we all treat our lodge as we would our own homes things will look great and our interior furnishings will last longer.

As you know, we provide open storage cubicles in the bathroom hallway to help reduce clutter in the main lodge. Over time, unsupervised children have been using it for a jungle jim. A child finally fell from the structure and broke his wrist. There is no clearer example of why parents need to supervise their children at all times. Ausblick is not a day care.

Thank you for reading this and I look forward to renewed cooperation in keeping Ausblick the great facility it has been.

Dennis Evinrude  
General Manager

## Ski Patrol Update

Welcome to winter! As the snow flies the patrol is all recertified and ready to go for another year. Ausblick Ski Patrol has 44 patrollers, all trained in Outdoor Emergency Care, CPR, AED training, On-Hill and Toboggan proficiency. This recertification takes 16-20 hours each year. If any member is interested in joining the patrol for next year please contact Connie Cummings-in the Ausblick membership directory.

**Sunday February 11, 2007** is our annual Patrol carnival. Please join us in Ski and Snow games, lots of food and fun, and of course the well awaited Raffle. All raffle donations are now being accepted, we are a non-profit organization, **use us as your tax-write-off**. Please see any patroller for raffle tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. Please come out and support the patrol, as this is our once a year fundraiser to purchase all of our medical supplies to care for the members of Ausblick.

See you on the snow,  
Connie Cummings  
Ausblick Patrol representative