

RISKS... THEN & NOW

Bev Everts, MD Councillor for Division #3

What does a new Grandbaby, early in 2021, have to do with me being your Division 3 M.D. Councillor? For me, a great deal right now. Difficult to explain, but the accompanying photo adds context.

Wendy Ryan and I in the winter of 1988: back then we could still downhill ski with babes (Will & Bruce) on our backs, even ride T-Rex... all six of us (Marie and Matthew between our legs). Yep... seems kinda crazy now I agree, but when our little ones were born, we had a lot of opportunity to determine our own level of risk.



With the current government's removal of the 1976 Coal Development policy, without public consultation in June 2020, I feel that our ability to determine our and future generations' level of risk has come under serious threat. The risk to water quality and quantity, the risk to safe and secure food production, and even the risk to our lifestyles as we know them today, are all potentially threatened.

As your Councillor, I am proud to have worked with my fellow Councillors and administrative staff, in passing a unanimous resolution directing our Provincial Government to reinstate the 1976 Coal Policy. We also have joined with the M.D. of Ranchlands to advocate for no future changes to the current Oldman River Basin Water Allocation Order without meaningful public input.

While I respect the arguments for economic growth and local employment opportunities, the collective risks and lack of public consultation far outweigh any understanding of future benefits. Our Headwaters are our Grandchildren's future and the risk to their quantity or quality, in this Grandmother's opinion, is far too great.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY				
Night Skiing on Green Chai	r 14-15			
—— MARCH				
Alpenland Demo Days	TBA			
Beats in the Base Concert	20-21			
Fistful of Turns Banked Slalom	20-21			
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Beats in the Base Concert	27-28			
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Beats in the Base Concert	3-4			
Beats in the Base Concert	10-11			
Slush Cup	11			
Tentative Closing Day	11			

Finally, we all continue to face the risks of a global pandemic. That collective risk is mitigated by the wise choices the majority are making. To all of you helping to keep our community safe: my heartfelt thanks.

Respectfully, Councillor Bev Everts aka Nana Bev.

ALL NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Kevin Finn, President, Castle Mountain Community Association

On behalf of the entire CMCA Executive, I want to thank you all for your positive response to our membership drive. Membership doubled to almost 200 adults, and your financial generosity will permit the association to continue many of the initiatives and activities that have enhanced our community in recent years.

After several years of relative stability, a number of cabins changed hands this winter and our community gained many new members. On behalf of the community association, I want to welcome all new residents. At Castle Mountain we love our kids, we love our spouses, we love our neighbours, we love our dogs, and we love skiing. But not always in that order. Welcome aboard. We

are happy to share our special alpine playground with you.

I have a few pats on the back to pass around. We hear from the public that they welcome the security of our Covid measures. KUDOS to:

- CMR management for their daily diligence in operating the resort safely during a pandemic
- CMR staff for their grace and good humor every day on our front lines.
- The volunteers who patrol the base area, lift lines and daylodge encouraging compliance with provincial public health recommendations
- The thousands of visitors to Castle Mountain who understand that we are all in this together and if we follow the rules we can all have some fun.

This afternoon I took my dog for a walk on the Yeti cross country trail. Along the way, I picked up my dog's waste and the waste of three unidentifiable dogs. We must do better.

A big pat on the back to Castle Mountain Resort for recognizing that the term Siwash is derogatory to our aboriginal communities. Siwash is a term derived from the French word sauvage. Chinook is a term with real meaning here: The warm Chinook wind that occurs where the Great Plains meets the mountain ranges. Chinook remains one of my favourite runs on this mountain.

Finally, a great thanks to the MD of Pincher Creek for its thoughtfulness in giving a Grant in support of our community during this pandemic.

Stay safe. See you on the hill.

UPDATE FROM CMR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Brian McGurk, Chairman

Before updating anything, I want to give a shout out to our Inside & Outside Directors and all CMR staff, for working diligently to keep us all safe - ensuring guests mask up, socially distance and continuing to disinfect our facilities so we can enjoy a bit of normalcy in this COVID-19 world. While we are not out of the woods, we have successfully passed 50 days of operation and are half way to our commitment of 100 days.

Castle has enjoyed a real resurgence in families skiing together. The Blue, Green and Huckleberry chairs are the busiest places on the mountain. To all those families, skiers as well as new Castle homeowners, welcome to our Community!

We are connected! CMR and residents started receiving water via pipeline from the MD water system effective January 19th. The Board, CMCA members and our management team are working with the MD to complete an assessment of water costs, water meters and overall maintenance fees. We will continue to update the community as we work through the process.

Following the December Board meeting, we kicked off work on the business plan. A working group led by the Board has engaged the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) to assist us in developing a multi-year plan that aligns with our Master Development Plan. www.skicastle.ca/masterplan/

Despite some recent firm snow conditions, we have enjoyed a busy December and January. Many weekends we are seeing upwards of 1800 skiers on a Saturday, challenging staff to ensure all COVID-19 protocols are followed. We expect that even with our daily cap on skiers, we should surpass our previous high in skier visits.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for continuing to follow all Alberta's Public Health Recommendations and Restrictions to flatten the curve while we enjoy our slice of heaven.

Brian McGurk for the Board of Directors, CMR.

PARKING, PLOWING UPDATE

By Karen Harker

Good news! We've made some progress on improving our community parking and plowing woes. Thank you to all residents and staff who are moving their vehicles following snowfalls and responding to the notifications, so the snowplows can do their work more efficiently. It's making a big difference. New signs have been posted around the perimeter roads, which have helped to ensure our fire lanes are clear of parked vehicles and that fire hydrants are accessible.

Please remember to Al WAYS move your vehicle to a plowed location following snowfalls. We'll continue to send email reminders and post on the Castle Community Residents Facebook page, but our goal is that this will become a habit for everyone and we won't need to send those reminders anvmore.

Remember to tell your visitors too! (Winter Village Area Map at: skicastle.ca/villagemaps)

APPLAUSE PLEASE! The Finn Frasers and her team of great bakers, Prepared and delivered 162 Welcome Chili Dinners for staff on the hill. It's never BEAN done before! Thank you to Michele, Kevin & Jillisa for heading this generous gift!

The LiftLine Team of Michele F, Karen P, Carolyn A. & Caralee M. send out our thanks & healthy wishes to our very talented Graphic Designer Marisol Naranjo. While producing this spring edition, Marisol was still on the road to recovery after being ill with Covid. Thank you Sol for being part of our Liftline Team and always giving your best effort even when you are tuckered out!

JULIE HEINRICH 2020 DIETER AWARD WINNER

By Hamish Collins

In Australia we have a rather famous colloquialism, 'True-Blue'. It is used to describe a person who is unwavering in their commitment; extremely loyal. Like the (pronounced Deeter) Award' at Castle, it is one of the highest accolades you can bestow upon a person. Julie Heinrich is more than deserving of both.



In her illustrious time at Castle Mountain, Julie has had a plethora of roles & responsibilities both within the Resort and the greater Community. Continually, Julie has risen to the call of leadership, holding such positions as Frontof-House Manager, Custodial Supervisor, Volunteer Coordinator and is the current Vice-President of the Castle Mountain Community Association. Her extensive knowledge and sheer dedication have truly made her a much-needed staple of Castle Mountain.

Julie continues to follow her passions for learning about the physical and mental health of others & more importantly, how she can utilize this knowledge to benefit the lives of those around her. No doubt, many members of the Castle Community have been fortunate to experience either her rejuvenating massages or taken part in her revitalising yoga sessions. These are more attributes of Julie's love language. and those who have been privileged to experience this are enriched because of it.

Most importantly, Julie has been a dear friend for those who ski/board & live at Castle Mountain. She has always been there for those in need, no matter what. Julie is the kind of person who will always lend an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on, be a confidant, an advisor, laugh out loud with & certainly share a drink or two. Julie has given so much to the Castle Community and we are forever grateful for everything she has done.

Julie Heinrich is & always will be a 'Castle True-Blue' and I could not think of anyone more deserving to receive the Dieter Award.

GENERATIONS OF CASTLE STEWARDS

By David Carmichael

Castle Mountain has steeps, great snow, glades, vertical and mountainous beauty. However, perhaps the most important element that differentiates Castle from the many other ski resorts in the Rockies is our community - our feeling of fellowship toward one another that is the result of sharing a common attitude toward, and love of our remote and wild Castle Mountain playground. The quality of our community may perhaps best be measured by the number of multi-generation Castle Mountain families and the extent to which they continue to contribute to all of our experiences here. Some

Castle Mountain families can boast four generations that have slid down the mountain's slopes. That's pretty amazing and not at all common at other ski resorts.

Moreover, when you commit your time to help Castle Mountain out in one of the many ways that volunteers may contribute, you will find multi-generation family names over-represented in the volunteer base. Name a Castle club, event or organization - CMR and CMCA's boards, Westcastle Ski Club, Wild West Freestyle team, Huck Fest, Maritime Night, Drifter Days, etc - all owe their

foundation and continued success in large part to people whose commitment to Castle is so deep that it's passed along from parents to children, from children to grandchildren and, in the coming years, from grandchildren to great grandchildren. Today, new families are choosing to invest in and recreate at Castle Mountain and we're excited to welcome you all to our community. Once you settle in, you might be amazed to find out that your neighbour or the stranger sitting beside you on the Red Chair is descended from one of Castle Mountain's pioneers.

YES YOU CAN



Wrap up some treats for Staff, small or large quantities. They love home cooking. Drop off at the Main Lodge.



Snowshoe or skin up the UPHILL route known as Round UP

Trail. There are Yellow signs to mark the route. Remember to Pick up a \$10 Uphill Pass at the Ticket Office.



Have a picnic at Pebble Beach. Make sure you pack out your bottles.



Tour into the Cat Ski Area on Sunday & Mondays. *Some exceptions may apply.



LIVINGSTONE SKI ACADEMY DIALS UP

By Jason Clifton, Director of LSA



What a year it has been! With students across Alberta out of school last Spring, LSA was in limbo for months. Everyone was wondering if we would lose the 2020-21 season and we were prepared for disappointing news but, we were granted an exemption to operate. Working with the school division and Castle Mountain, we introduced extensive measures to improve the safety of our student athletes and mitigate risk, while allowing them to get on the hill for scheduled training. The time on snow with the kids has been a bright spot for all of us during a time of isolation and lack of athletic opportunities. Now more than ever, the kids need connection, friendships and goals to strive for; LSA is filling that need. It is great to see the kids enjoying themselves on the slopes in the company of their peers doing what they love.

Another silver lining for LSA has been the tremendous community support for the program during the last few months. When the LSA Society was forced to cancel our major fundraiser, the LSA Fiesta, the LSAS went to work on grant writing and reaching out to the community for support. The

municipality of Pincher Creek, the Shell Legacy Grant Program, and TransCanada Energy have all contributed to the LSA this past year. This tremendous support from the community has ensured LSA can continue to offer quality programming with low tuition rates for families.

Not only has LSA been able to continue operations, but we have grown our offerings for high school students to include a work experience program. This program allows LSA students to earn high school credits for helping coach their younger peers during LSA on-hill training. Best of all, the students can also work for Castle Mountain Snow School as staff and save for college. while completing work experience hours. We are currently piloting what we have dubbed the 'Home Grown Coaches Program' with one student, and it is going great. We look forward to expanding the program next year. Students who enroll in the Home Grown Coaches Program can gain certifications such as Level 1 Ski Instructor, Level 1 Avalanche Safety Training, IFSA coaching certification, as well as earn volunteer hours and a wealth of real-world experience.

This is the fifth official year of LSA. The program is no longer new. We overcame several challenges entering into this season, all of which have strengthened the program. We have solidified ourselves as a staple program in the school division and at Castle Mountain. We look forward to working with our community partners and Castle Mountain to grow the program by expanding the opportunities the program can offer to Livingstone School students. As the students graduate from LSA and come back to coach, we will be able to begin looking at what the LSA can do for the community. This is perhaps the most exciting aspect of what we are doing this year at LSA!

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POWDERDAY HAIKU

By Graham Czebere

From above flakes fall Skis, boards glide gently atop A Snowblader sinks

JEAN PATROLLIN'

By Graham Czebere, Castle Mountain Pro Patrol

Everyone understands the utility of a classic pair of blue jeans. A trusty pair of work pants when runnin' cattle, a dressy but comfy garment for that "business casual" dinner, a surprisingly flexible and responsive layer for your quarantine workout. My guess is that the wider world may not know how effective jeans are for the modern, blue-collar ski patroller.

There is a common knowledge gap between the general public and the fleet of ski patrollers you see performing avalanche running toboggans on the hill with injured patients, or evacuating a temperamental chairlift amidst hurricane winds. Simply because we patrollers wear snow pants on the outside, the skiing public misses the fact that underneath jeans are highly popular and the most effective on-mountain base laver!

Why jeans, one may ask? A fair question especially when we are encouraged to purchase the latest and greatest base layer to wick moisture, enhance mobility and reduce weight. While these may seem like realistic concerns, the benefits of jeans far outweigh the perks of any other pant.

First off, jeans are warm. They offer a superior heat to weight ratio that is commonly underrepresented. Not only do they offer warmth, but on a wild mountain such as Castle, jeans offer rugged

protection akin to medieval chainmail. Finally, jeans when ideally fitted (more of a bootcut than a skinny), allow for the perfect range of motion, not too much and not too little.

The final note to ensure that you take your skiing to the next level is to hem the jeans to land above the top of your ski boot. It is a bit longer than a "Daisy Duke" cut, and a bit shorter than simply flipping the cuff to avoid a puddle. Ultimately this comes down to individual preference.

Regardless, take it from a patroller who spends his life on the mountain, once you jean the difference, you won't go back!

FREESTYLE FUN IN '21

By Greg Stamp



The Castle Mountain Freestyle Ski Club welcomes athletes from all over Southern Alberta. It is organized by a parent volunteer board, and thankful to be underway this season. We've welcomed many new skiers to the FUNdamentalz group (ages 6 - 10) and maintained athlete numbers overall.

Saturdays, coaches Trevor, Mike, Eric and Dorian train athletes on moguls, the terrain park, big mountain, jumps and more. A club focus has been on technical skiing, ensuring athletes choose lines that are great, before they drop a cliff or cat track. Our Freestylerz CanFree & All Mountain Athletes (ages 9 and up) are learning spins, grabs, comfort on bigger jumps and fine tuning their jumping form. The FUNdamentalz athletes are honing turn techniques, small jumps and comfort with steeper runs and moguls.

Late January, we set the mogul course lines and laid out the big red airbag with the help of parent volunteers. Have you wondered what that beast is? It's just what it sounds like - a large bag filled with air! It allows athletes to practice iumps and tricks in a controlled

environment with a soft landing, and progress safely while learning to execute bigger jumps and tricks. Both sites are north of the Blue Chair and above the Green Chair. It's quite the sight to see the athletes flying off the jumps and landing on the bag.

Our delayed, 2 day Christmas Camp is rescheduled to the end of our season. With competitions canceled, we will be spending more time at Castle. If you see us in our navy blue Castle Freestyle gear, ripping down the hill or pulling off a nice jump, give a holler to let the athletes know you appreciate them!

For more club information and some great pics Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/castlefreestyle

THE CASTLE COVID COVERAGE PROJECT

By Sabrina Ryans, HR & Admin Supervisor

What a wild couple of months! As a community we've made it through uncertain times; opening a ski hill during a pandemic and seeing many back-to-back sell-out days. This could not have been accomplished without the many volunteers who stepped up in the base area and day lodge, by helping guests find their way around and reinforcing Covid protocols. 33 community volunteers have covered over 110 shifts. This has been an incredible support to staff, especially during our busy weekends and holidays. The time

given, not only gave our staff a boost from the daily grind of masking compliance duty, but helped cover the days where staff were self-isolating for runny noses and sore throats, helping to protect the whole operation. Speaking of which, I want to state a huge thank you to those staff that have, and continue to do, the right thing by staying at home and following the public health guidelines. This has meant that some have not seen family or friends outside of co-workers or households since Dec 8th. As we all know. social connections are why most of us love this place. For many, this has meant a huge sacrifice.

As we look ahead to the rest of the season, I encourage you to keep doing the right things to keep the season safe, and show kindness and compassion to the staff, so skiing remains something we all get to do everyday.

To get involved or to learn more about the Castle COVID Project please contact:

castlevolunteer@gmail.com

MOUNTAIN MOMENTS OF THE PAST

The following excerpts are from Kenworthy S (2014). The History of West Castle to Castle Mountain Resort 1965-2007 Pg 24-26 Castle Mountain Community Association

For skiers from outside Southern Alberta, West Castle's arrival on the provincial ski scene simply provided another choice of ski hills, but for Southern Alberta skiers, West Castle's opening brought big mountain skiing to their own backyard.

When the hill was operating and skiing was good some Pincher Creek businesses even started closing one afternoon a week to go skiing according to Brian Wright... "Skiing was born for many in the local area with the opening of West Castle

even though there was not a great lot of economic spinoff in the early years" said accountant Charlie Price.

Al Coryn was one of the Pincher Creek locals that skied West Castle in its first year of operation and he recalled the terrain being so challenging that staff were selective about who could go to the top of T-Bar #3 due to how rough the hill was.

"The only thing you could come down was the Centre run and at that time there was a wicked gully all the way down so you had to come down on skier's right. It didn't fill in until a lot later in the season. They would only let you go up to a certain point unless you looked like you could handle it."

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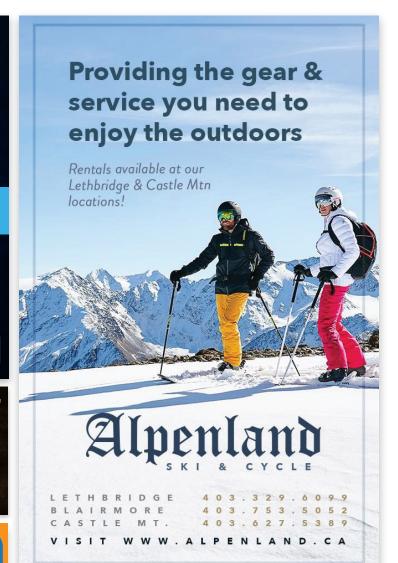
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