



The Bruderschaft Friends Blue River Society

December 10, 2018

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The snow is falling, helicopters are flying and everyone is excited about the 2018/2019 helicopter ski season. As we gear up at Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing, this marks the 23rd year for the Bruderschaft Blue River. We celebrate *friends in the mountains and friends of the mountains* while providing short term critical care for the residents of Blue River and for the extended Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing family.

The Bruderschaft Friends Blue River Society, originating from the Bruderschaft St. Christoph am Arlberg in Austria, is a brotherhood/sisterhood organization of those who come to Blue River to heli-ski, hike or live and share a love of being with friends in the mountains.



Photo by John Schwirtlich Photography

News & Events

The Annual Andy Aufschneider X-Country Ski Race

The Bruderschaft Friends Blue River Society continues to actively collaborate with Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing to focus on the maintenance and development of the Blue River

X-Country trails. In honor of Andy Aufschneider and his tireless work promoting physical fitness and youth sport, we look forward to hosting the 5th Annual Andy Aufschneider X-Country Ski Race February 21st, 2019.

This race is the highlight for many students from the North Thompson Valley. Children of all ages and abilities get to learn, improve and compete in a thrilling outdoor sport in a safe environment.

After the races, lunch and an award ceremony is sponsored at Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing.



Photo by Deanna Kristensen

Annual Membership Dues

We have donated at total of CDN \$29,322 to friends in need in 2018.

- \$3,222 awarded to Becca Beaton for loss of income due to hip surgery.
- \$8,000 awarded additionally to Jenny Critherlet to continue her recovery of an ACL & meniscus injury.
- \$5,000 awarded to Callie Braham and Brian Wynee after losing their 8 year old son in a tragic bike accident.
- \$8,100 awarded awarded to Jenny Critherlet to assist in her recovery of an ACL & meniscus injury.
- \$5,000 awarded to Barb Quinn to assist in financial support while caring for her husband who has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary disease.

We welcomed 87 new members during the 2017/2018 winter season and broke a milestone by reaching the 1000 member mark. This year, annual membership dues have been nominally increased to CDN \$75. Dues will be added to your helicopter ski folio prior to departure or, if you are not skiing in Blue River this winter, please submit your yearly membership by check or bank wire. You can [visit our website to view payment options and procedures.](#)



Sincerely,

Daniela and the Bruderschaft Board Members

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Unite those who share a love of life and the mountains.