

50th Anniversary Celebration is in the Books

The 50th Anniversary was a great success. We had hotter than normal weather, so the bike ride had a few less people than had signed up, understandably, with almost 90 degree temps. All those who rode had a great ride and arrived back at Plamann for the beginning of social hour. The club had 86 member's current and past signed on for the event. The warm weather did not get in the way of a great time. Those who did not want to be inside the building brought their lawn chairs for socializing and relaxing outside.

Jane Kurath, our historian, had an enjoyable montage of photo's running throughout the event for everyone to watch on a big screen. Deb Bramschreiber put together a nice display of this year's upcoming trips.

Post ride, the social hour kicked off with a large array of cocktails to choose from and a full appetizer buffet. Prior to dinner our current Sly Fox President, Bruce Kettner, introduced Chris Dachelet, who regaled us with some stories from the history of fun in the club. Chris contributed her networking skills among our former members to get them to the anniversary party. Sam Fontaine took over the floor following Chris. Sam has been a past President of the Sly Fox six times in the last twenty-nine years he has belonged to the club. He is our trip leader on the European and Western trips. Sam had some great stories to tell as well. To wrap it up, Paul Buechner, another long-time member and former President, provided a short speech and we toasted all of our members who have passed on to skiing the mountains beyond.

Following the presentations, everyone enjoyed a full dinner catered in by Cedar Creek with dessert to follow. Post dinner door prizes were given away. Marie Wurdinger donated a couple ski hats, one specifically had the Sly Fox insignia. A very nice gift. Several flower arrangements were given out for appreciation of attendance. The piece de resistance was the 50/50 door prize which the club decided to split among two winners. The 50/50 winners were Taj Jordan and as luck with have it, Taj's wife Bunny won the other half of the 50/50. Talk about luck. Congratulations to the Jordans. Following dinner and door prizes, many stuck around for the camaraderie and a chance to share old memories and catch up with their lives.

It was day to remember. An opportunity for old friends to gather and for all in attendance to look back at the good times that were, the present opportunity to make new acquaintances through a shared love of snow sports, and to look to the future plans and years ahead for the Sly Fox Ski Club.

Nancy Smith, Secretary
50th Anniversary Organizer



P.S. Sly Fox Thanks Nancy for an awesome job!