

February 28, 2018 (Wednesday), The I-MAC Annual Banquet, FFF

Contact: Please RSVP to Steve Ghan at steven.ghan@gmail.com or call/text 509-308-9023. Location: CG Public House, 9221 W. Clearwater Ave, Kennewick. Social starts 6:00 PM, dinner at 6:30 PM, presentation after dinner. Cost: \$25 per person, open to members, friends and family.

Come enjoy an evening of good food, good company and a fascinating presentation that will begin at 6:00 PM at CG Public House with a no-host bar followed by a catered dinner.

The program features mountaineers and backcountry skiers Trevor Kostanich and Forest McBrian highlighting their epic 34-day cross-country ski trip from Snoqualmie Pass to Canada last May. "It's by far the most ambitious ski venture attempted in Washington's mountains that I know of," according to Lowell Skoog, a backcountry skier and a documentarian of the sport in the Northwest.

Trevor and Forest are coauthors of the ski touring guidebook from Mountaineers Books, *Backcountry Ski and Snowboard Routes: Washington*. Forest is an internationally certified mountain guide and also works as an instructor and examiner for the American Mountain Guides Association. In the winter he serves as the Education and Operations Manager at the Northwest Avalanche Center in Seattle.

Trevor is a native Washingtonian who loves exploring snowy mountains. When not ski touring in his backyard at Snoqualmie Pass, Trevor has spent long periods of time skiing in India, Alaska, New Zealand, and Argentina. Trevor ski guides in a variety of mountain ranges, and is pursuing certification as a Ski Guide through the American Mountain Guides Association.

The buffet dinner will feature entrees of Tuscan Stuffed Chicken, Vegetarian Lasagna, wild rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables, spinach salad, and chocolate mousse. The restaurant needs a headcount two days before the banquet, so please reserve your spot by 9:00 am Monday, February 26. If you must cancel your reservation, please do so by then, as Steve must charge for no shows. Pay Steve with cash or cheque (to Steven Ghan) at the banquet.

At the event Trevor and Forest are accepting donations to Conservation Northwest to support research on the roamings of seven of the 300 endangered wolverines remaining in the continental United States.

Those who want to attend the presentation without dinner can do so for \$5 with RSVP or \$7 without. Net proceeds will be given to Conservation Northwest.

