

# **March 18 Longboard Race Update... Get Your Boards & Outfits Ready!**

**THE RACES ARE ON!!!** The March 18, 2012 “20th, 60th, and 150th” Anniversary Longboard Revival Races will take place. Come help us celebrate and keep the tradition alive!

The snow on the race track was lookin’ good pre-storm Friday and new snow with dropping snow levels will only make conditions better... we hope! Maybe 2 feet fresh by Sunday but don’t quote me! The J’Ville forecast is for lots of snow tonight into Saturday morning with more showery precip through the Sunday afternoon award ceremony. It’s a surprise for the Sierra that we can be racing...150 years after the Onion Valley Boys started it in the Lost Sierra. We’re groomin’ the track tomorrow afternoon and getting’ the Intorf Lodge ready for a party. It sounds like it could be “perfect mountain race conditions”... ok, maybe storm racing. It’s all good...We got shiny badges to award to the winners! Don’t forget to wear your 1860’s Mountain Garb. Prizes!

Yeah, 150 years since the Onion Valley Snow Shoe Club started Americas’s first organized ski races. Miners were doing crazy things on hand made “travelin’ shoes” and racin’ longboards maybe 100mph... maybe. We go 20-40mph on a good day. Pioneer ski racing in Plumas and Sierra Counties is unique America ski history the Plumas Ski Club is proud to commemorate this with the now 20th year of the revival race series. Ok, yes, we did miss the 2007 race season for lack of snow... glad it didn’t happen again this year!

So, the 150and 20th anniversary are noted above. The 60 represents the sort-a 60th Anniversary of the Plumas Ski Club circa 1950-52. The Club held a World Championship Longboard Race in Johnsville in 1951. The club focus from the late 1950’s onward was to see to the operation of a community ski area, Plumas Eureka Ski Bowl. The Ski Club mission is to promote community skiing and promote the longboard ski history of Johnsville and Plumas County. This continues to be our goal.

The club is now working to support the efforts of EPRD...the Eastern Plumas Recreation District, who are now leading a community effort to bring a small chairlift, community oriented ski area back to Eureka Bowl. All support is welcome!

Basic race grub will be on the barbe...Byob as always...keep it under control. Keep dogs on leash in the park please. Drive safe! Bring them chains! All proceeds go to keepin’ the Plumas Ski Club doin’ its thing. Thanks!

OK, it’s race day the 18th, the “Lost Sierra Orchestra” is jammin’ on the deck. Unruly mountain spectators are spread out along the finish line cheering on the lunatic racers. The spirit is in the air. The Clampers are in position at the finish line and at the start gong. Skiers are doping up there bases and given the boards some practice runs. Organizers are scramblin’ to make the event go as authentically as it can... workin’ so that everyone has a grand ol’ time. The snow is probably falling as the gong sounds... over and over! Crashes happen, and the crowd will cheer and 2 new World Champions will be crowned... and flasks might be emptied. It’s gonna be a good day! Come join in the fun!

Long live longboards and the celebration of this truly unique ski history in the Lost Sierra!

Cheers-

Rob “Rats Race” Russell and the right honorable Plumas Ski Club Longboard Race Committee

# The Plumas Ski Club

“right honorable descendents” of the famed 1861 Onion Valley Snow Shoe Club and the 1867 Alturas Snow Shoe Club... Proudly Present the

## Historic Longboard Revival Series 20th Annual World Championships

<b>Sunday March 18, 2012 AGENDA of the Day's Right Honorable Festivities</b>	<b>Time</b>
* Activities Begin: Announcements, Racer Registration, Spectator “Donations”	9:27 A.M.
* Longboard <u>Racer Registration</u> , Longboard <u>Practice Runs</u> , Ski Preparation, “Doping”	9:31- 11:15
* Plumas Eureka State Park Updates- State Park Ranger Mike	10:34- 10:39
* Project Update- “Ski Johnsville” Chairlift -Rob Murray EPRD Chairman and/or Don Fragulia, PSC	11:01-11:06
* Offishial Welcome- 150 & 60 &20 Anniversaries! Rob Russell, PSC Right Honorable Race-Meister	11:19-11:21
* History Yaber Jaber- Pioneer Skiing & Longboard Racing, 1850’s-1917 & Early Revival Racing, 1920’s-1950	11:21-11:26
<u>Scott Lawson, Honorary Dopemaster and Curator of the Right Honorable Plumas County Museum</u>	
* More Recent History...The Plumas Ski Club & the Longboard Revival Series	11:26-11:32
<u>Rob Russell, Unofficial Plumas Ski Club Keeper of the History</u>	
* Women’s Number Draw and Raffle #1	11:33-11:45
* Longboarders “Snow Shoe” Commemerative Photo <u>Line-up</u> ...including pre-photo Yabber Jabber, Offishial Rules by the Dopemaster	11:56-12
* Camera Time! 20th Annual Longboarder “Snow Shoers” Group Photo	High Noonish
*Women racers and top starters climb up to race start. Race judges get positioned & all offishall.	12:07- 12:15
* Men’s Number Draw and race heat organization.	12:10-12:29
* Longboard “Snow Shoe”Race Heats	12:31- 3:32....
* Women’s and Men’s Final Races, Raffle #2	3:29- 3:43 ish
* Longboard Award Ceremony & Photos	3:45... or so
* Afternoon Lost Sierra Orchestra ho-down, End of Festivities... clean up time	4:01...or so

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## Historic Longboardin= Rules

### Yabber Jabber...GENERAL RULES AND REGISTRATION:

\* To begin with... NO CHEATIN= OR SPITTIN= !!! THAT MEANS YOU!

\* Race Format; single elimination 2-3 person races or as determined by officials

\* Leather Boots & some attempt at HISTORIC ATTIRE (circa 1870's) REQUIRED

\* Racers must sign up with the Offishial Race Registrar and pay fees to race and use club longboards in legal tender. For purposes of insurance yabber jabber, all racers via registration must be a paid Plumas Ski Club Member, be 18 years old minimum, and must sign a liality release waiver to partake in longboarding big time race competitions!

\* ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST UNDERSTAND THE POTENTIAL SAFETY HAZARDS OF LONGBOARDING INCLUDING THE LACK OF "SAFETY RELEASE BINDINGS" AND THE USE OF A SINGLE POLE TO STOP AT THE RACE FINISH. As noted, all racers must SIGN PLUMAS SKI CLUB/ Eastern Plumas Recreation District (EPRD) LIABILITY RELEASE.

\* Use of Plumas Ski Club apublic@ longboards available with entry fee on a first come, first serve basis- limited quantity of club skis available. Use "Club longboards" as designated by a 2" PSC "brand" burned into the ski surface.

\* If you have paid your registration feesa and are borrowing club longboards to race, DO NOT USE PRIVATE SKIS or Poles WITHOUT PERMISSION.

\* Racer Fees and donations... payable in gold nuggets or other legal tender. Longboarding costs include use of handmade longboards and wood pole, authentic handmade dope, basic technique instruction, women=s and men=s awards, unique entertainment, and general hurly burly. All longboard proceeds go toward keeping longboarding and the non-profit Plumas Ski Club community ski activities alive

\* Longboard "Snowshoe" skis are to be a 10 foot minimum length... maximum length... who knows.

\* All rules subject to random change & QUESTIONABLE judgements by designated Plumas Ski Club officials and the JUDGES from the ancient and honorable E CLAMPUS VITUS, Las Plumas Del Oro, Chapter #8.

## RACE START RULES:

- \* All RACERS MUST USE SKI LEASH SAFETY STRAPS so errant longboards don't get away nor do they go careening into the crowd of bystanders rendering possible harm, pain, and sorrow.
- \* From the start, RACERS SHALL START WITH BOOT TOES (NOT SKI TIPS) AT THE START LINE as directed by the judge. To qualify to win a race, RACERS CAN NOT FALSE START as judged by the right honorable start line judges. As deemed by judges, 1 false start by racer MAY result in "harsh and swift" RACER EXPULSION by judges along with possible spectator spittin' and wrath upon a DQ'ed dishonorable soul.
- \* The race starts after the start judge signals "racers ready" with racers poling madly away AFTER the sound of the gong!

## FINISH LINE RULES FOR WINNING THE RACE:

- \* At the finish line, to qualify to win a race, racers can not be deemed to to be seriously spittin' or cheatin' anywhere during the run as judged and spoken of by the right honorable start line and/or other offishiall judges.
- \* At the finish line, THE WINNER SHALL BE THE FIRST RACERS SHIN (NOT SKI TIP) TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE. To qualify to win, the RACER MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE FULL BOOT, FULLY INSERTED INTO AT LEAST ONE SKI BINDING during the crossing of the finish line... as judged and spoken of by the right honorable finish line judges.
- \* Finish Line Judging: All times and rules subject to the QUESTIONABLE judgements of designated Plumas Ski Club race officials and/or judges of the ancient and honorable order of E CLAMPUS VITUS, Las Plumas Del Oro, Chap. #8.
- \* Race winners will be judged and called by the above named desicknated offishialll judges whose right honorable decisions shall be FINAL... with no stinkin' use of photo finish cameras to determine race winners!

OK... BY ORDER OF THE CLUB, NO MORE DANG RULES!!!

LONG LIVE LONGBOARDS !

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION !!

# Historic Longboard

## Race Registration Fees

1. *PSC Membership required to race.*

\$15 annual fee (plus costs below)

2. \$15 Race Fee (total \$30 for PSC racers using **private** longboard skis)

*and*

3. \$15 additional fee for racers using **Aclub@** longboards (total \$45 for racers using **designated, PSC branded** club longboards).

Good Luck and No Spittin' or Cheatin'!

# **Historic LONGBOARD** **REVIVAL SERIES**

## **SPECTATOR FEES:**

**Well Hell... It's FREE...**

**BUT PLEASE...**

**ALL DONATIONS ACCEPTED!**

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Plumas Ski Club community ski activities alive.**

**WHY Give A Spectator Donation to the Plunas Ski Club Longboard event???**  
**The ski club sponsors these races for everyones enjoyment and to keep the**  
**amazing ski history of the "Lost Sierra" alive! The Ski Club is also working in**  
**support of the Eastern Plumas Recreation District effort to bring a chair lift**  
**and a viable sustainable community ski area back to Johnsville!**

**Long Live Longboards, the Plumas Eureka Ski Bowl,  
and the proposed "Ski Johnsville" Chairlift**