

Friends of Tubbs Hill

Fall 2012 Newsletter



Four Seasons On Tubbs

By George Ives

Photo by Don Sausser

Having enjoyed a recent reading of Four Seasons in Rome, I could not help reflecting on my life's parallels with Doerr's who left Boise with newly born twins for a year-long fellowship during Rome's jubilee year. Alas, I hadn't enjoyed a fellowship since 1976, nor did I have children underfoot. In fact my recent travels have begun and ended within blocks of Sanders Beach. Yet as I looked back over the year, I found moments to treasure.

I clearly recall the exuberant laughter of my five-year-old grandson as he clambers to the top of yet another boulder outcropping now made accessible by Lake Coeur d'Alene's annual drawdown. It's late fall and the Ives boys are out for another Sunday stroll, infant brother secure in the Bob, bundled tight against October air. We complete the circumnavigation of the hill from East Tubbs Park to Hudson's Hamburgers in under two

hours — too slow for a confined 14-month-old, too swift for the adventuring lad exploring each niche of the shoreline, but just right for a doting grandfather. With a number of treasured Yellow Pine cones destined to serve as turkey bodies for next month's Thanksgiving table decor, we proclaim the day a success.

Snow whips off the lake as my wife and I peer through the flurries that obliterate the shorelines above Arrow Point and Three Mile Points. We're all alone. Tourists have retreated to enjoy the glassed in vistas from the Resort, but down vests beneath windbreakers keep us as comfortable in these elements as were the thousands of spectators who enjoyed last century's 4th of July regattas from this very spot. We bask not in sunshine, but in the adrenaline-fueled smugness of our winter exercise — where did we store those snowshoes?

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Photo by George Ives



Photo by Barbara Zimmer

headline

Ahhh spring! April's showers have truly completed their assigned task; beauty abounds from the mossy greenery underfoot, over the lichen-covered rocks and through the Serviceberries bloom giving way to the Syringa sprays that follow close on their heels. Even the olive drab Mistletoe clumps have a beauty, though I know these parasites suck the life from their hosts. How can one jog when each turn of the trail brings a new vista affirming the life reawakening within and without? Hope my cardiologist will be content with my languid stroll for today's exercise!

The murmured shrieks from City Park Beach rise up to us as we sit atop the rock outcropping overlooking the lake's seamless transition into the Spokane River. As sunset gathers color, the gentle breeze



from Cougar Bay lifts up to cool our sweaty limbs. The climb to the top of the hill may rise only 405 feet, but on this August evening that seems plenty, and the Rathdrum Prairie vista to the north and west

rewards our effort. We pause and ask ourselves, "When's the best season for a Tubbs adventure?"

And the answer is obvious: "Whenever we're here!"

Photo Above By Bob Thomas

Roving Reporter Julie Clark (Vice-President of Tubbs Hill Foundation) was on Tubbs Hill for a crisp September morning. Julie asked some happy hikers..."If you could describe YOUR Tubbs Hill in just one word, what would that word be?"



Judy said, "Jewel."



Brandon said, "Fun."



"Majestic," said Sara (shown with Stella).



Hurshel said, "Great" and Donna's word was "Beautiful."



Cathy considers Tubbs Hill her salvation and a "Paradise."



Rachel and Jerico find Tubbs Hill "Renewing."

Have Your Name or Company Logo Engraved On One of the Tubbs Hill Monuments

Tubbs Hill is comprised of 120 acres of publicly owned land, and has an abundance of tranquil, breathtaking scenery and hiking trails. Tubbs Hill is dedicated to the citizens of Coeur d'Alene and everyone is encouraged to use and enjoy its magnificent splendor.

To become a member or have a name engraved on one of the monuments, fill out the form below, attach a check or money order for your choice of membership or \$150 for each line of engraving and mail to Tubbs Hill, Inc., PO Box 3061, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-3061.

If you would like to engrave your company's logo on a separate corporate monument, the cost is \$500, plus the engraving charge. The maximum logo size is 4" x 4".

For more information please contact the City Parks Department, 208-769-2252.

Tubbs Hill Foundation Annual Membership & Engraving Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Annual Membership

(Both include upcoming newsletters)

_____ Individual Membership, \$15 _____ Family Membership, \$25

Engraving

The monuments are located at the Third Street Entrance to Tubbs Hill and at the East Tubbs Hill Park. Please designate which location you prefer:

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Please print the name as you would like it to appear below. Spaces count as one letter. Total cannot exceed 22 spaces. Please note IN MEMORY OF inscriptions may require two lines for a total cost of \$300.

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Mission Statement

Tubbs Hill, Inc. is a non-profit association dedicated to the preservation of Tubbs Hill City Park as a unique and natural lakeshore forest typical of North Idaho while providing for compatible public use. We act as advocates for the park; advise the city administration on issues pertaining to the park; and support volunteer efforts, fund raising, community relations, and other tasks as needed to achieve this goal.



Progress Being Made on East Side Accessible Trail Plan

The first step towards transforming a portion of the existing East Side Trail on Tubbs Hill into one of ease-of-access has been taken.

The local engineering firm of Welch-Corner recently completed all engineering and design work with the Engineer's opinion of the cost necessary for this project. The changes to the trail will end near the location of the old grandstand between markers 14 and 15, and the cost is projected to be around \$36,000.

Bill Greenwood (Parks Superintendent) and Monte McCully (Trail Coordinator) will be attending a grant workshop on October 24th. It is everyone's hope that the grant they subsequently write will provide the bulk of the funding for this commendable community project. There will probably be some work the Parks Department will be able to do which will cut costs. Different contractors will do the rest.

The Parks Department will be working with the Tubbs Hill Foundation Board every step of the way and will be looking to the Foundation for help with some of the remaining funding.

We wish Bill and Monte all the best as they enter the world of grant writing!

By Linda Wolovich

Notes from the Editor:

During this season of the year, we are very thankful for our many members who support our efforts to preserve Tubbs Hill by sending in dues for themselves or their families. Some of the dues funds were used to help defray a percentage of the cost related to the construction of the accessible trail. In the past we have provided some "match" funds for grants and have assisted with other improvement projects.

The Foundation would like to fill vacancies on the board. If you are interested, please contact us.

We would also like to thank Java for providing coffee for our Fall Clean-up.

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Our Sincere Thanks To Our Recent Contributors:

Andrea Bershad
Justin & Maj Stormogipson
Edith Campbell

Carl & Lyndall Cook
Pat & BJ Barber
Dave & Laura Umthun

Our sincere apologies if we have failed to include your name. Please let Editor Evalyn Adams know at 765-5535. We will be sure to print your name in the upcoming newsletter.

Facebook Us!

Friends of Tubbs may want to also friend our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/200223360036567/>.

The site, named Coeur d'Alene: Friends of Tubbs Hill, provides an interactive social media supplement to our "official" Internet presence at www.tubbshill.org.

With its notifications and other easily accessed tools, Facebook provides nice opportunities to share seasonal photographs, note-worthy events or any special moments enjoyed on our lakeside treasure.

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Tubbs Hill Monthly Meetings

Please join us for our monthly meetings held the second Thursday of each month, 7:30 a.m., at the Iron Horse Restaurant, 407 East Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene.

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