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Inaugural Snowball Dinner and Auction a Huge Success

A month has passed since the inaugural Snowball Dinner and Auction, and the Friends of NWAC and all of our volunteers are coming up for air. We are happy to report that the event was a tremendous success. A sellout crowd of 230 guests were rewarded with a delicious dinner, an entertaining show by auctioneer David Silverman, and a great opportunity to catch up with snow-loving friends and share stories. Quite a few left with a bit less money than when they arrived, as the event raised close to \$30,000 in support of NWAC and avalanche safety in the Northwest.

The Friends of NWAC thanks all of those who attended the event, and especially the many companies and individuals who donated to the auction or sponsored tables. We are all looking forward to making this an annual event, so stay tuned for the announcement next fall.



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Rich Marriott introduces Mark Moore receiving Biggest Snowflake Award.

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