

November 12, 2009 Monthly Highlights: Gary Lawton, President

The first ever **Sekani Trail Run** was held Saturday, October 17, with more than 150 participants. Runners times are now posted on the Parks and Recreation web site. Previously Sekani served as a Boy Scout Camp and is now being renovated with bike trails and other features. Proceeds from this event will go to trail and area improvements.

A fundraiser for Spokane's first City **dog park** is scheduled for Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26, 9:00 am, at High Bridge Park. It's the second annual Thanksgiving Day Dog Walk sponsored by SpokAnimal CARE. Monetary donations in support of the proposed dog park will be accepted. For more information please call SpokAnimal CARE at 534-8133.

The **Ice Palace** in Riverfront Park has opened for the season with Group Health Cooperative sponsoring two days of free skate rental. For class and rental details and hours of operation please see the Riverfront Park web site.

The best teams from throughout the northwest will compete in the **Spokane Turkey Bowl** to be held November 21 and 22 at Andrew Rypien Field. It's a double elimination tournament with trophies and t-shirts going to the winners. Register your team today by going to the www.spokaneparks.org web site.

The **Looff Carrousel** in Riverfront Park is currently closed for annual maintenance. This year the maintenance schedule is a bit different than in previous years, but don't worry, there are plenty of opportunities to take a ride this season as maintenance is scheduled around the US Skating Championships in January. The Carrousel will reopen November 21. We encourage you to come and take a spin and feel like a kid again!

And as you plan ahead for the busy holiday season you'll want to mark your calendar for the annual **Holiday Lights at Manito Park's Gaiser Conservatory**. This year an estimated 30,000 lights will join beautiful and intricate holiday plants, flowers and displays. The Conservatory is open 8 am until 7:30 pm with the best viewing of the holiday lights after 4 pm. Holiday Lights takes place December 11th through the 20th.