



Nordic Tracks

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Nelson Nordic Ski Club

SKI SWAP

Sunday November 4, 2001

Rod & Gun Club

701 Railway Street, Nelson

Close to Nelson Ford and across Cottonwood
Creek from the Tree of Life Market.

Times :

Equipment Drop-off 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Ski Swap 1:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Pay out to Sellers 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

*15% of sold merchandise goes to the club
\$2.00 charge for unsold items*

Purpose :

- Sell cross-country, Telemark and touring equipment plus Nordic Ski Clothing for cash
- Equip the whole family for some winter fun.
- Last chance to purchase an early season membership
- Come buy some baked goods from the Junior Racing Team

For more information &
volunteer opportunities call:

Joanne at 352-7675
stinson@netidea.com

Pre Season Membership Sales

Thursday Nov. 1, 2001

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM & 5 PM - 9 PM

Friday Nov. 2

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM & 5 PM - 9 PM

Saturday Nov. 3

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Sunday Nov. 4

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Chakho-Mika Mall Nelson

These times and dates are your opportunity to benefit from the pre-season membership fees.

- ✓ Please bring in attached membership form with ALL pertinent information filled in.
- ✓ Be sure to have ONE or TWO adult signatures on the bottom of the form where applicable
- ✓ There will be 7% GST charged on membership fees this year.
- ✓ Be sure to attach volunteer voucher to application if applicable ID's from 1997/98, 1998/99, 1999/2000 need to be brought with you at the time of membership purchase for replacement.
- ✓ If they are not with you at this time a \$5.00 replacement fee will be applied. NO EXCEPTIONS
- ✓ I.D's produced for the 2000/01 season will NOT be re-issued but need to accompany your membership application for the 2001/02 sticker to be adhered. NO EXCEPTIONS
- ✓ Incomplete applications can be refused.

If anyone is interested in helping out with this membership drive please call 354-4299



President's Message

The club has experienced a few changes over the summer. The biggest change for operations this year is the departure of **Robert Filippo** our head groomer and mechanic. Robert and the Filippo family have been committed supporters of the Ski Club since its inception. Robert was one of the pioneers who helped the club move from sno-mobile grooming to the machines that we have today. We will miss Robert's dedication and skills both as a groomer and mechanic. Thanks to Robert for his years of dedication to the club.

Replacing Robert Filippo is Alan MacDonald. Alan was trained by Robert to operate and maintain our equipment and so we expect a smooth transition into this season, thank you Alan for taking over the grooming position.

Like last year, all but one of the executive returned to volunteer their time on your behalf. Jim Fisher decided not to stand for re-election and we appreciate Jim's steady personality during the time of transition over the past few years, thank-you Jim. Kristyn McIntosh is a new addition to the Executive, welcome Kristyn.

This Years Executive in alphabetical order is: George Edney, Doug Hurst, Peter Lewis, Richard Marchand, Kristyn McIntosh, Doug Nottebrock, David Planedin, Roger Pratt, Brian Simms

Grooming Machines - We will have two grooming machines for the season this year. We have rebuilt substantial portions of our old machine the PB 60. Our newer machine, the PB 160 will probably be the mainstay of our grooming operations again this year. The executive will examine the viability and cost of using two machines at the end of the season.

Membership Fees - There will be no increase in the membership fees this year, except for the addition of GST.

Cottonwood Trail - As one of our more popular trails, we will make every effort to revive it this year.

Clearwater Trail - No logging occurred adjacent to Clearwater this summer as we had expected. We would like to start grooming a few more kilometres past our traditional trail end, just to add some more terrain.

Whitewater - No permits have been issued to allow development of their trail system. Whitewater has purchased a grooming machine dedicated to grooming nordic trails, but no solid plans are in place for operations this winter.

Ski Swap

Date : **Nov 4 Sunday**

Place : **Nelson Rod and Gun Club Hall, 701**

Railway, close to Nelson Ford and across Cottonwood Creek from the Tree of Life Market.

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Last Chance to get preseason rates

Sell old gear for Cash

Equip the Whole Family for some Winter Fun

Cheers, see you on the trails.

Doug Hurst

Memberships & Volunteers

I'd like to take this time to greet everyone and look forward to seeing you this coming up ski season. This is a reminder that the last chance to make up your volunteer hours to benefit this 2001/2002 ski season will be the up-coming membership drive and the ski swap. No hours are transferred from year to year, so we all start with a clean slate after Nov.5/01.

If you are applicable for a discount you will receive a voucher with this newsletter. This voucher must accompany your membership application at the time of purchase. If you feel you are eligible for a discount and did not receive a voucher please give me a call.

The application form will be separate from the newsletter, please read the procedure for this years

membership carefully. Also make note of the change of location for the Ski Swap.

I will have the N.N.S.C. T-shirts, sizes M-L-XL, available at this membership drive for \$22.00. They sure would make a great Christmas gift.

Any questions or concerns please call 354-4299

Thanks
Ann Popoff



B.C. Rabbits Ski Program

B.C. Rabbits is a cross-country skiing development program for children aged 6-12 years. The sessions will be held Sundays, 1:00-2:30 PM, from January 6 to February 24. Registration for the program will take place along with season pass purchases sales (see the schedule in this newsletter).

B.C. Rabbit Coordinator & Leaders Needed

The NNSC needs volunteers to help manage the B.C. Rabbit program for this season. You do not need to be an instructor. The registration is underway but we need help with coordinating special events. We also need more leaders to have fun with the kids. If you enjoy skiing and like to work with children, please consider this program as a way to pass on your knowledge of the sport. If you are interested, contact Catherine Locke at 825-4181 for more a more detailed description of what is involved.

B.C. Rabbit Leader Training Course

Cross Country B.C. Leader Training will be available on the weekend of November 17 in Rossland for those interested in helping out with the B.C. Rabbits program. This is an 8 hour course focusing on the successful delivery of BC Rabbits, not on learning to ski. NCCP Level 1 Technical is also recommended. The tentative date for the level 1 technical is Dec14-15 in Nelson.

For more information on the program, call me at 825-4181.

Catherine Locke



Treasurer's Report

Starting as early as 1985 the NNSC began putting money into a capital reserve account to be used to purchase new equipment. Funds from this capital reserve account were used to purchase the club's Piston Bully 160 snowcat from the BC Ministry of Transportation and Highways (MOTH) in April of 1999. In late 1999 MOTH decided that they'd need the use of the snowcat they'd sold to the NNSC and rented it back from the club for four months over the winter.

In September 2000 the club purchased accessory nordic track setting equipment required for the PB 160, depleting the capital reserve fund that had been accumulated to date. The newly equipped PB 160 was returned to us in late December last year, just in time to get our trail system groomed for the Christmas holidays - a very busy time on the trails.

Our older PB 60 snowcat was shipped to Penticton last September for an overhaul that was long overdue. By March 2001 the club had set aside \$15,000 in the capital reserve fund for these repairs. After paying for the PB 60 overhaul and other pre-season expenditures, we'll be starting the season with an overdraft balance of about \$6,000.

The rebuild of the PB 60 provides us with a backup tracksetter that can be used whenever the PB 160 is down for maintenance or repairs. Having two machines working to groom our trail system will help us avoid situations we've experienced in past years when our tracksetter was broken down and we couldn't maintain the trails.

We're budgeting for more grooming hours this year than we've used in the past few years. Funds reserved for capital expenditures will be earmarked for improvement of our facilities and upgrading our trails. Over the next year or so we'll also need to replace several of the bridges in our trail system.

Non-profit organizations can bring in up to \$50,000 before they are required to charge GST on any of their taxable fees. Due to an increase in club revenues in 1999 from membership fees and rental of the PB 160 to MOTH, the NNSC exceeded the \$50,000 threshold and has had to register for GST.

Club memberships are taxable for GST purposes if members receive a direct benefit from their membership in the club. Since NNSC members receive the equivalent of a season pass to our trail system, we are required to charge GST on club memberships. Day use fees have also been increased to \$7.50 per person to include GST.

With the first signs of snow appearing on the mountains around us, the club is preparing to get our trail system in shape as soon as we can possibly get out on the snow. Hope you all have a great ski season.

David Planedin



Nelson Nordic Junior Racers.

The ski season began in the middle of the summer for members of the Nelson Nordic Junior Racers. While most of us were applying sunscreen at the beach, BC Ski Team member Robin Simms, together with Heather Weberg, Amie Nottebrock and Mark Dodsworth were applying klister (and sunscreen, too) at glacier ski camps in Canmore and Smithers. These week-long CCBC sponsored camps provide excellent coaching opportunities, and a few incidental helicopter rides -- all at very modest cost to the athletes.

As I write this, the team is working out at Kokanee Creek Park with regional coach, Nicole Manhard, team coach, Doug Nottebrock and assistant coach, Mae Hooper. This Kootenay Region dryland camp involves roller skiing, running, and getting in the mental and physical shape required for a very full season of competition.

The 2001/2002 competition schedule will take the team to events in Vernon, Kimberley, Prince George, Rossland, Castlegar, 100 Mile House and Kamloops. Some athletes will represent the region at the BC Winter Games in Williams Lake and some will also take part in the Canadian Championships in Canmore.

The team has achieved a great deal in the past couple of years, consistently bringing home the Kootenay Cup and performing well in provincial competition. With excellent coaching from the Doug and Mae, and the sponsorship of Gerick Cycle and Sport, Nelson Nordic's junior racing team is looking forward to a terrific season.

Doug Nottebrock, coach.



Other News

NNSC Web Page

The NNSC web page has been constructed and can be found at <http://www.kics.bc.ca/~nnscl>. The web site provides information to locals and the world on the club. Anybody keen to help on this project by helping with content, design and technical advice should send an email to peterl@netidea.com.

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Mark Dodsworth in competition (somewhere on the planet) from sometime last season.

Photo: Alan Dodsworth