



NORDIC TRACKS

Nelson Nordic Ski Club Newsletter

Winter 2008

Message from the President:

What a late start we have had this year compared to the last two seasons. I'm writing this article the morning after our first significant snowfall. We finally have enough snow to get some grooming done. Let's hope for lots more.

The Annual General Meeting held in conjunction with the Ski Swap was a huge success. We didn't take a head count, but estimate that there were about 60 members in attendance. This is by far the biggest turnout we have had since I've been involved as a Director. I hope that everyone who attended found it worthwhile.

We had two of our long-time Directors retire this year. Richard Marchand and Jim Fischer decided to call it quits after years on the Board. Many thanks to all the work they have done.

We have been fortunate to have 5 new members step forward to take a position on the Board of Directors. The new Directors are: Dave Yole, Curt Nixon, Derek Marcoux, Dorothy Hatto and Kevin Johnson. Returning Directors are: Chris Mulvihill, Dave McIntosh, Kathy Johnston, Lorraine Douglas, Roger Pratt and Peter Lewis.

The Club was successful on two fronts in relation to our land use agreements. The first was the approval of our tenure expansion with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts.

The larger area gives us the ability to expand our trail system in the future. The second was the signing of a 20-year lease for the area covering the Apex shelter, the shop and the night loop. This provides us with much needed stability and allows us to go ahead with plans for the new shop. We appreciate the cooperation of the private landowners who agreed to the lease.

The grant proposal for the new machine shop was submitted to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch in late November. The latest we will be notified will be March 31, 2009. We will let the membership know as soon as we hear anything.

I wish everyone a joyful holiday season and enjoy the skiing.

Please feel free to contact myself or any of the other directors if you have any comments.

Chris Mulvihill



Photo ID's

Please be sure to wear your passes each time you go for a ski. This helps the fee collectors with verification of membership when on shift. Anyone requiring year stickers must do so ASAP. The stickers are available at either trailhead. Anyone still needing to pick up their passes may do so at Apex. Photos for membership will be taken at Apex.

New Employees

Debra Andrews will not be returning this season. I wish her luck on her future endeavours. We have hired Lisa Butterworth as our new Fee Collector for this season, along with two new groomers, Ralph Robins and Jake Roos, who are all looking forward to a successful ski season.

Theft and Vandalism

We are experiencing more and more theft and vandalism to our ski facilities. The roof off of the sign in kiosk along with sign posts (that were cemented in the ground) were dismantled and burned in the Busk parking lot. There have been items stolen from Apex and someone tampering with our fuel tank. There has been a formal complaint to the RCMP and I have asked if they could stop periodically to check things out. If anyone ever sees anything/anyone suspicious around please call the RCMP. This is our Club and the costs to replace or fix things are a cost to us.



Snow Report 354-4292

This is a great resource. We try to provide the most accurate information for your benefit. Here is the protocol:

Groomers are asked to fax an info sheet with their grooming plans along with temperatures, snow accumulation etc. prior to 7:00 a.m. and again after completion of their shift.

This fax is sent to me, groomer liaison, mechanic, and several directors.

The report is based on this information, and updated with any changes that occur during that day.

Report Lingo:

Sled and Ginzu: this is the snowmobile pulling a grooming attachment that grooms the trails for both classic and skate skiing

PB: This is the Piston Bullies, the large grooming machines that groom the trails for both classic and skate skiing.

Packing: This is when either the sled and ginzu or PB's are out "packing down the snow" after a snowfall

Storm Grooming: This is when there could be one or several machines out during the heavy snowfalls packing the trails to keep on top of the snow accumulation.

Classic/Skate: The trail system is groomed for both styles of skiing, and at times one or the other is "freshened" up with the sled and ginzu.

Compact/Soft: This describes the condition of the trails.

Web Cam

A great new resource added to the Club this season. You can check to see what is happening out at Apex. The photo is taken every 30 minutes. A reminder that this is connected to our **Snow Phone**, so you will experience some delays.

Fund Raiser

We have locally made toques and pill box style hats embroidered with Nelson Nordic Ski Club for sale at the trail heads. The costs are \$18/toque and \$20/pill box. They are available at both trail heads. Great Stocking Stuffers!!!



Christmas Holiday Passes

We are selling 5 Adult (\$40) or 5 Junior (\$18) passes for the price of 4 valid from Dec. 18/08 until Jan. 4/09. These are great for family and friends visiting over the holiday season. They are available at both trail heads.

Parking Lots

Our parking lots are ploughed by a local contractor. He is contacted after a major snow fall. He does a terrific job and at times (not very often) due to other contracts our lots may experience some access problems and if so will be mentioned on the snow phone report. Also, what can occur, is the highway contractor, when ploughing the highway leaves us a burm and at times restricts our access. During these circumstances we have used the PB 60 to clean the access. Even though the PB's have blades, they run on rubber and aluminium tracks, which can

experience some damage under this application, so we like to handle them with care.

Reminders

- * The stairs at Apex can be slippery, especially when coming down in your hard plastic bottomed ski boots, so use with caution.
- * Garbage: you pack it in you pack it out.
- * Kids Area in Warming Hut: please be sure to tidy up when done in order for everyone to enjoy!
- * Tobogganing: the area to the north side of the PB shop is delegated for tobogganing. There is no tobogganing on the Terrain Garden or on any groomed ski trails.
- * Trail Etiquette: there are signs posted at both trail heads, please take a moment to read them to ensure enjoyment on the trails for everyone.
- * Sponsor Board: This is located at Apex and consists of local businesses that have generously sponsored the Club for capitol projects. Please take a moment to read who they are. There is still space available so if you are interested please feel free to contact Ann Popoff 354-4299.

Volunteer System

We have a voucher system in place for volunteer work. The Club is always in need of volunteer work in many areas of operation. From executive, directors, groomers, treasurer, coaching, fee collecting, trail work to name a few.

There are 3 levels

Bronze Level: for 8 hours of volunteer work you receive \$30 discount towards the next season's membership fee.

Silver Level: for 16 hours of volunteer work you receive \$60 discount towards the next season's membership fee.

Gold Level: for 40+ hours of volunteer work or take on a capitol project, you receive a FREE membership for the next season.

There are no hours carried from year to year. After Nov. of each year, everyone starts with a clean slate.

Please call 354-4299 or email ajpop@netidea.com if you are interested in volunteering, and where your interests may lie.

[Ski Program News](#)

The Nelson Nordic Ski Club is pleased to announce the expansion of ski programming for 9-12 year olds in Track Attack.

Miriam Green, coach of the Nelson Nordic Junior Racers, will head up the program on Sunday @1:00 and Thursday 4:00 and will be joining John Boulanger (Sunday 1:00) and Denise Uhryuk (Tuesday 4:00) to coach the Track Attack skiers.

There will be a new format for Track Attack this year with skiers having the option to ski on Sunday and/or Tuesday and/or Thursday all for the incredible price of \$65.00. Programming is for 8 weeks and will wrap-up with the Mini Olympics and Midget Championships.

Registration deadline is December 31 for all youth programming.

To register call Ann Popoff at 250-354-4299 or info@nelsonnordicskiclub.ca



[The Nelson Nordic Ski Club Clinics](#)

The Nelson Nordic Ski Club will be expanding the Ski Improvement Clinic this year. Miriam Green has kindly stepped forward to facilitate two consecutive sessions of technical ski improvement. If you enjoy skiing and wish to improve your technique and fitness while having fun, these courses are for you! Miriam has national and international racing experience; has

been a volunteer coach for several years and is currently working on level 2 coaching certification.

Classic Ski Improvement will run every Wednesday night in January, that being Jan 07th, 14th, 21st, 28th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Register early as a minimum of 6 participants is required to ensure the course will be offered and a maximum of 10 participants to ensure quality time for all involved. Deadline for registration is December 30th. Cost will be \$75.00 per person for the session.

Skate Ski Improvement will run every Wednesday in February, that being Feb. 04th, 11th, 18th, and 25th from 6:00-7:30 pm. A minimum of 6 participants is required for this course to run up to a maximum of 10 participants, so register early. Deadline for registration is December 30th. Cost is \$75.00 per person for the session.

This is just the start of what could be much more programming for adult ski improvement and/or Master's racing programs for your Club. Participate now and it will grow by demand 😊

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[Junior Racers](#)

The Nelson Nordic Junior Racers started their season at the NorAm Races on Dec 6th and 7th at Sovereign Lakes near Vernon. Sonja Poole made the skate quarter final sprint heats, placing 14th out of 32 racers from across Canada and the USA. Lauren DeGroot came 16th. In the 7.5 km skate race on Sunday, Lauren DeGroot placed

15th and Sonja 19th out of 29 racers. The weekend placed Lauren and Sonja in 5th and 6th spot in BC in the Junior Girls category. Alberta Cup #1 in Canmore is their next race on December 20th and 21st. The first BC Cup race will be in Prince George on Jan 3rd and 4th, 2009.



The Kootenay Cup racing series schedule:

Kootenay Cup #1 Rossland January 11th
Kootenay Cup #2 +3 Nelson Jan.31st/ Feb. 1st
Kootenay Cup #4 + 5 Kimberley Feb. 14th / 15th.

We'll need lots of volunteers to help with our local Nelson races, **January 31st and February 1st**. If you are able to volunteer, it would be great to know ahead of time.

Please call or email
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.Thanks and see you out on the trails.
Yeah it is snowing.

