



Fall 2016 Newsletter

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Ski Season!

The Executive is pleased and proud to continue the tradition of offering the area a wonderful skiing experience. Great Trails for all levels of skiers, a Jackrabbit Program, Adult Instruction, Snowshoe trails, Special Events and a wonderful Chalet.

None of this would be possible without the help of our many volunteers, from people who look after the chalet, the groomers, Jackrabbit Instructors and many more. If you are able to give us one to two hours a month to help out please see one of our executive or mark down your area of interest on the registration form.

I hope to see all of you on our trails this season.

Happy Skiing.

Russell Walker President

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Chalet

The chalet is on its way to being ready for another wonderful season. As always we greatly depend on all you volunteers to keep the fires going, clean the chalet and help members and visitors have a great experience. Our first event requiring your help is the annual chalet clean up scheduled for the first weekend in November. A list of duties will be provided and any amount of time you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteers are also required as chalet monitors. Monitors can volunteer their time in the morning or evening during the ski season. Duties include unlocking and locking the chalet, making fires, cleaning around the chalet and of course being the first person to say hello and offer a helping hand to members and visitors at the Nordic.

Chalet monitors are essential to providing all users with a great ski experience at the Nordic. Please e-mail theocull@gmail.com or text Theo Cull at 705-622-2578 to schedule yourself into a time of the week that is most convenient for you. Orientation is provided to new volunteers.

Many thanks to the hard working volunteers who have helped this year to make these improvements reality.

2016-2017 Events Calendar

Sat. Nov. 5	Chalet Clean-up – All Volunteers welcome!
Sun. Nov. 13	Get Active in Temiskaming Chili Run (Pool Fitness Centre)
Sat. Nov. 19	Open House & Ski Swap 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Ski Swap Membership & Jackrabbit Registration 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Wed. Nov. 30	<u>Final Day for Early Bird Registration</u>
Thurs. Dec. 1	Get Active in Temiskaming Banquet
Sun. Jan. 1	New Year's Day Potluck Brunch (12 noon)
Sat. Jan. 7	1st Day of Jackrabbit
Sat. Jan. 14	Moonlight Ski at Social (7pm)
Sun. Jan. 22	Family Potluck Supper (5pm)
Sat. Feb. 11	Moonlight Ski at Social (7pm)
Fri. to Mon. Feb. 17 to 20,	Ontario Cup Races (Friday is practice day)
Sun. Feb. 26	Family Potluck Supper (5pm)
Sat. Mar. 4	Jackrabbit Olympics
Sat. Mar. 11	Moonlight Ski and Social (7pm)
Sat. Mar. 25	Family Sprints
Sun. Mar. 26	Annual Loppet
Sat. Apr. 1	Challenge Ski
Sun. Apr. 9	Chalet Closes
Sat. & Sun. May 6&7	Firewood Bee
Wed. May 17	AGM – 7pm at TNSC Chalet

TNSC Chalet Use and Hours

The chalet will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. this season, provided there is sufficient volunteer support. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, during the regular school weeks, the chalet will remain open until 7:00 p.m. due to race team and youth program practices.

Membership

TNSC membership registration for 2016-2017 will again occur online using the system the national sport-governing body, Cross Country Canada, has provided to clubs. Directions on the website will guide you through the process. Anyone who has difficulty with the online process can visit any of the three libraries in the area for help. For those members who requested a paper copy, there is an added \$10.00 charge for processing.

Judging from comments received last year, some clarification is needed regarding fees associated with online registration. You have a choice of Paying by credit card or by cheque, and the total cost for each option is shown on the screen before you complete this online registration process. In both cases, Cross Country Canada contributes \$1 per person to the cost of using this online system:

- 1) An online payment fee is applicable ONLY when paying online by VISA/MasterCard. (Approximately 3-4%)
- 2) If you register online but pay by cash or cheque, there is a modest fee with a final cost to you of \$1.

Some changes to the 2016-2017 season include new fees for membership, day use and equipment rental. Charts indicating these can be found on the website at www.temiskamingnordic.ca. In an effort to make membership fees more transparent, they have been broken down into two portions: 1) the club fee which includes HST but otherwise represents the amount the club retains from selling a membership, and 2) the Cross Country Canada / Cross Country Ontario (CCC/CCO) fee. The CCC/CCO fee is \$18.00 per person and is to be paid by each member, except children under 6 that are NOT in the Bunny Rabbit program.

Parents can register their child(dren) for the Bunny Rabbit and Jackrabbit programs online, along with their club membership. Updates regarding these programs will be given on our opening day, Saturday, November 19th from 1 until 3 at the chalet. The TNSC director and the Jackrabbit coordinator will also be available to answer your questions during that time. Everyone is welcome.

Open House

Saturday, November 19, 11:00 AM to 3 PM , TNSC has it's annual Open House , Ski Swap and Jackrabbit registration.

Come out and invite your friends for hot drinks, treats and an introduction to TNSC's chalet and trails.

Youth Programs

Register your children for our youth ski instruction program between 1:00 PM and 3:00 on Saturday, November 19. This is an 8 day weekly program beginning on Saturday January 7, 2017.

Ski Swab

Bring your surplus skis, boots and poles , between 11:00 AM and 12:00 noon, Saturday, November 19 to sell at our annual ski swap . Sales of equipment will begin at 12:00 noon.

Moonlight Skis

Moonlight skis will again take place on Saturday evenings as indicated on the club calendar. This year they will not include potlucks but will have a different recreational theme each evening. Games, bonfires and dance are some of the possible social activities this year. If you would like to help plan a social evening at the club give Barrie Story a call with your idea.

We will still enjoy potluck dinners on a couple of early Sunday evenings on dates that will be announced later.

Get Active in Temiskaming Update

We have had the honour of being a beneficiary of the Get Active in Temiskaming series again this year. The final two events in the Get Active series are the Chilly Run in New Liskeard on Sunday, November 13 and the Get Active Temiskaming Banquet on December 1 (location to be announced). Please consider attending these last two events to support this series and our club! Go to www.getactiveintemiskaming.ca for more information!

Adult Instruction

Temiskaming Nordic plans on providing ski instruction for both classic and skating techniques this upcoming season. The basics of hill climbing, downhill maneuvering and glide are some skills included with a lesson.

Barrie Story (705-563-2914) and Bill Gabbani (705-679-2118) are the official instructors. If you are interested please book individually or by group.

Temiskaming Nordic will also be providing basic waxing clinics throughout the ski season. There are no scheduled dates for these clinics, they will be held randomly depending on demand. Please contact Bill Gabbani for this service.

The instructors are also committed with helping individuals with proper ski selection. In order to glide efficiently it is important that your ski fits. If you are thinking of buying or renting be free to ask Barrie or Bill for advice. If you are interested in attending a CANSI Level 1 instructors course, please contact Barrie Story at (705) 563 – 2914 or Bill Gabbani.

Trails Report

Trails are presently being readied for the 2016-2017 upcoming ski season.

Summer deadfall, trees and heavy branches have been removed from the trails before using a brush cutter. For the past 15 years, a tractor and brush cutter used to clean the trails was donated to the Club by Jean Trudel of Trudel Equipment in New Liskeard. In most cases the tractor was driven the ski club and back.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Jean Trudel for his generous contribution to our Ski club over the years.

However this fall, things happened quite differently. There was no more driving alongside No. 11 Hwy with a tractor and brush cutter. We had our own tractor and brush cutter at the Club. Actually, this spring at a Special General Meeting, members approved the purchase of a 2012 Kioti 6010 , four wheel drive tractor equipped with a loader and brush cutter. This tractor is used for trail maintenance (brush cutting, trimming trees, grading) and for early season grooming. It is very useful and handy to have a tractor at the club and it is most appreciated by the volunteers working on the trails.

Again this year, more work has been done the trails. This spring, extended areas of the Blue, Red and Green Trails that were rutted and uneven were levelled and flattened with a bulldozer. The kioti tractor and drag was then used to smoothen out and pack the surface of the trail. In the last month the dozer was used to widen sections of our competition circuit for the Ontario Cup Championships, near the starting point. The Kioti tractor and bucket was instrumental in providing a flat and smooth surface.

Work was also done in the Play area rebuilding the bumps and dips and on the Green trail to smooth out some corners.

Many thanks to Barrie for supplying and operating a bulldozer at no cost to the Club. Thanks also to André Denis who has helped us operate the tractor this fall.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the trails this coming season.

Gerry Vachon (Trails Director)

2017 Cross Country Ontario Race Weekend!!

For the fourth year in a row, TNSC will be hosting a provincial cross country ski race. This year we will be hosting the final (fourth) 2017 Cross Country Ontario Race weekend, from February 17th to 20th, 2017. Races will be held for skiers age 9 (peewee) to open adult age categories, including para-nordic, with both skiing techniques: classic and skate. There will also be a sprint race day! Which is always exciting to watch so make sure you come out and cheer on the athletes! TNSC has received rave reviews for the race events we have hosted over the past three years.

The success of these events is largely due to the fabulous facility (trails and chalet) we have to offer but most importantly because of our volunteers. Without our volunteers these events would not be possible!

As with the recent three races, many volunteers are required to make this another very successful event. If you could volunteer in any way please contact Maria Story at maria.story@gmail.com and indicate how you would like to volunteer and include the best way for us to contact you or call me at (705) 672-5075 and leave a message.

TNSC Special Awards



For his many years of contribution to TNSC, Doug Worth was posthumously awarded the Shirley Yeates Volunteer Service Award. Daisy Worth accepted the award on Doug's behalf at the June 2016 board meeting.



Hannah Story-Korman was awarded one of two bursaries from the Temiskaming Foundation's Doug Worth Developing Skiers Fund for 2016. Daisy Worth presented her with the bursary at the June 2016 board meeting.



Norman Plante was awarded one of two bursaries from the Temiskaming Foundation's Doug Worth Developing Skiers Fund for 2016. Anthony Story presented the bursary to Norman on behalf of Daisy Worth at the May 2016 TNSC Annual General Meeting.

Notes to Members and Visitors

Pamphlets providing trail maps and ski rental information are available at the chalet.

IMPORTANT: Before hitting the trails, be sure to make sure you have paid your membership or completed the day pass information. This is very important for insurance purposes.

ALSO: Please put your email on your membership form so we can email you the TNSC newsletters!!