

## **President's Message**

Welcome to the 2018-2019 season! As I write this in early October there is a chill in the air and I am getting excited to start skiing. The executive and volunteers are hard at work preparing for the coming season. Trails are being cleared of debris, groomers under-going overhauls, the chalet being cleaned and painted. The wood has been chopped and stacked.

Even our website has been given an overhaul to make it easier to use. The executive wants to help you get ready as well. Membership should be up soon. We can organize waxing clinics to get your skis prepped for the season.

The club is volunteer driven, and as always, we need your help. Even two hours once a year helping with Get Active is a big assist. So, when purchasing your membership, check off the volunteer box and what interests you and we will be in touch.

See you at the chalet and on the trails.

Russell Walker  
President

## **Membership**

Once again this year, registration is online at [www.temiskamingnordic.ca](http://www.temiskamingnordic.ca). The process is similar to last year. You begin by checking off either family or single, or couple etc. Then complete the information requested for you or your members. The rest of the form other than the volunteer checklist is designed by Zone 4 and is beyond our control. It might seem endless so please read carefully to avoid making mistakes. For those of you who do not want to register online there will be opportunities to visit the A C F O office for help. The office is located at 59 Whitewood Avenue and times will be announced closer to November either via email or CJTT. Early Bird fees will be in effect until November 30 2018. Please note there is a 4% processing fee imposed by Zone 4 for all online transactions.

There is one slight change in our fee schedule for 2018-2019: a category entitled ``Couple`` has replaced ``Family of 2``. As before, new members will enjoy 2 free lessons, and 4 free rentals. Contact us at [temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com) to book.

New this year, we are offering a snowshoe membership. The cost is \$50.00 per person for the season. Children under 6 are free. You can register for the membership by going online at [www.temiskamingnordic.ca](http://www.temiskamingnordic.ca) and click on memberships. Please note your ski membership includes snowshoeing.

Wishing you a superb ski season,

Joanne Beeson  
TNSC Membership Director

## Special Events

Hello! My name is Monica Lapointe and I am the Director of Special Events for this 2018-2019 season. You may have seen me around the chalet as the “snack lady” the last three seasons for the Bunny/Jack Rabbit program.

There will be a short survey going out to our membership soon. Please take time to answer the questions as your feedback is very important. I am looking for information in regards to events held at the club in the past, as well as, new suggestions and ideas.

We have a schedule of events prepared for this upcoming season. Mark your calendars! Some of these dates may change and there could be new events added. Stay Tuned!

### TNSC 2018/2019 Schedule of Events:

Nov 3	Chalet cleanup – 10 am
Nov 30	Last day of Early-bird registration
Dec 1	Open House/Ski Swap – 12 pm to 3 pm (drop off at 10 am) Bunny/Jack Rabbit ski fitting – 1 pm to 3 pm
Jan 1	New Year’s Day Brunch
Jan 12	First day of Bunny/Jack Rabbit program
Feb 18	Family Day – ½ price day fees for everyone!
Mar 2	Bunny/Jack Rabbit Olympics
Mar 11 – 15	March Break – Monday through to Friday - ½ price day fees for kids
Mar 30	Challenge Ski
Apr 5	Year-end Banquet
Apr 12	Volunteer Appreciation night
May 15	AGM – 7 pm

Our first event is on Saturday, November 3rd for chalet clean up. We will need help cleaning and preparing the chalet inside and out for the ski season. If you are able to volunteer, even for a little while, your help will be greatly appreciated! Please be there for 10 am. We will be providing the cleaning supplies and pizza for lunch!

Keep us in mind while you are packing away all of your summer gear and pulling out the winter stuff. Perhaps you have some gently used gear kicking around in the garage or basement which could be a new treasured item to someone else? Our Open House/Ski Swap will be held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Come on out and join us for some hot chocolate and baked goods. Take a tour of the chalet. Members of the executive will be on hand to answer any of your questions. The Ski Swap will run from 12 pm – 3 pm. All swap items can be dropped off at the chalet starting at 10 am. Purchases can be made by **cash or cheque only** please! Keep in mind that TNSC keeps a 20% commission from all sales which goes towards running the club. For earlier drop off arrangements or, if you have any questions, contact Sylvain at 705-650-0108.

Bunny and Jack Rabbit program ski fittings will also be held on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> between 1 pm and 3 pm. Bring out the kids and have them sized for their equipment needed, if you don’t

have your own of course. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have regarding the program and expectations for the season.

The Porcupine Ski Runners will be holding their Cross Country Ski Swap and Expo 2019, November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the PSR chalet. See their website for details.

[www.porcupineskirunners.com](http://www.porcupineskirunners.com)

Until then, is it too early to pray for snow? We did have our first blizzard last Friday....

## **Help Wanted**

### **Chalet Monitors**

We are currently searching for volunteer Chalet Monitors, or as they used to be called “Openers” and “Closers”.

Duties of the Openers include: opening the chalet by 10 a.m., starting the fires, shoveling the front step, bringing in fire wood, and cleaning the chalet as is necessary.

Duties of the Closers include: stoking the fires, bringing in fire wood, cleaning as is necessary, locking the doors and turning off the lights at 5 p.m.

All monitors should report any issues to the executive, welcome skiers to the chalet and direct them to the day fee and ski rental areas as needed.

Training is provided for all volunteers.

Please consider this volunteer opportunity. Without people to open and close, we will not be able to have the chalet available for members’ use.

### **Director of Chalet**

We are in desperate need of a person or persons to take over as Director of Chalet.

Here is a description of the position:

“The Director of Chalet shall oversee the maintenance and day to day use of the club’s buildings.

This will include cleaning, snow removal, firewood and heating, and opening and closing of the chalet on a daily basis. He shall be responsible for seasonal repairs and painting. He shall

establish and chair such committees and/or duty rosters as are necessary to fulfill these duties.”

The Director of Chalet does not have to actually do everything listed – he or she has to oversee the tasks and ensure someone is completing them.

This position could be shared by a couple or any 2 people if that works for you.

Please consider volunteering. We could really use your help!

### **Get Active in Temiskaming**

We have been so fortunate to be a major beneficiary of Get Active in Temiskaming’s fund raising efforts for many years and are extremely thankful for their donations. Last year we received nearly \$2400.00. It is our largest donation most years, for just a little effort on our part.

We are required to send several volunteers to each of the 5 Get Active in Temiskaming events. We have a small core group of volunteers who work these events year after year. Thank you to all of you!

If we are lucky to be a major beneficiary again next year, please consider volunteering for an event. It is a small commitment of a few hours in the morning, usually from 8:30 to noon. There are 5 events: one in early spring, one in May, one in June, one in October and one in November. It is time for other people to step up and give the previous volunteers a break. We have a lot of members, so a small group should not have to work all of these events. The donations benefit everyone. Please volunteer!

### **Public Relations**

Our email address for the club has changed to: [temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com). I will be providing updates throughout the season to keep you posted on upcoming events.

The club had some ski boots repaired and we wanted to pass on the contact information as the workmanship was great and the cost reasonable. The shoemaker is Matthew Johnson and the name of the shop is Poor Boy Soles located at 36 Silver Street in Cobalt. Phone (705) 626-3600.

As noted above (in Special Events), we have a chalet clean-up scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM. The club will provide Pizza for lunch. Please consider coming out as more hands make for less work!!

Special thanks to all of our volunteers including those who volunteered for the Get Active in Temiskaming events. Our club relies heavily on volunteers from the community and we truly appreciate your efforts.

Stay tuned for more details. See you on the trails.

Francine Bolduc  
Public Relations