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Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club

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2019/20 TNSC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

President: Russell Walker

Treasurer: Denise and Jamie Morrow

Secretary: Bev Foley

Special Events: Monica Lapointe

Membership: Joanne Beeson

Trails: Gerry Vachon

Chalet: Vacant

Instruction: Bill Gabbani

Racing: Vacant

Public Relations: Francine Bolduc

President's Welcome

The 2019-2020 Season is almost here. Soon we will be on the trails skiing, snowshoeing and enjoying our winter season. The volunteers have been out making sure the chalet and trails will be ready when the first snow comes.

The executive is planning a fun filled year, with special events, a jackrabbit program, loppet and challenge ski. One of our founding principles is instruction, and once again this year, adult ski lessons and waxing clinics will be run. We are open to any ideas, so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

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Our chalet and trails are very special. As president and a member of the club, I feel immense pride when skiers, coaches and officials from across our province tell me how wonderful our club is.

The club is a volunteer organization and this year we need our membership to step up and help. There are positions on the board that need filling; Race director and Chalet director. We need volunteers to help with opening and closing the chalet during the winter*. I cannot stress strongly enough that if there are no monitors the chalet will not open during the week.

Volunteers are needed for chalet cleanup, to help with the jackrabbit program and to help with any fundraising the club needs to do. So please when you fill out your online registration this year, please let us know where you want to volunteer.

I look forward to seeing all of you on our trails.

Russell Walker, President

*Chalet Monitor Update - At the time of this writing, we need 2 closers: one for Tuesday and one for Friday. For those that spend a portion of the winter away, please consider volunteering, even if it's a month at a time. It is important to note that without Chalet Monitors, the chalet would not be open during the week for members to benefit from a warm space to change, use the washroom facilities etc.

Membership

Well skiers, it's that time of year again. The TNSC newsletter arrives either just before or at the same time as the time change! That should give you the extra hour to peruse what TNSC has to offer in 2019-2020.

To obtain your membership, registration is online at www.temiskamingnordic.ca. The process remains unchanged: you **must** check off the category that applies to you i.e. Adult, Family etc. and complete the information requested for **each** of your members. Should you omit checking off the category, the program will allow you to proceed, creating an accounting error at the end and a headache for the membership director. So please read the form carefully. For those of you who do not want to register online, there will be an opportunity to visit the ACFO 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, 2019.

As before, **new members** will enjoy 2 free lessons, and 4 free rentals. Contact us at temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com to book.

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Some changes to the 2019-2020 season include new fees for membership, day use and equipment rental. As well, the senior category has been eliminated. (Fees to CCC, CCO and NOD remain at \$19.00). The cost of a snowshoe membership for a single adult has decreased and a family snowshoe membership has been added. Charts indicating these can be found on the website at www.temiskamingnordic.ca.

Your membership tags will be available to you within a few days of your registration. Find them in a container on the table near the door to the chalet. The container will be labelled and you are again asked to return your empty envelope to the back of the container for future use. Wearing your tag not only indicates your membership, but announces your appreciation for the person who prepared it. Besides, if you're not wearing it, the membership director will be sure to ask you for it! 😊

Looking forward to an eventful season of skiing.

Joanne Beeson, TNSC Membership Director

Special Events

I don't know about you, but my summer flew by like a snap of my fingers. I just can't believe it is already THAT time of year again! We have many of the favourites planned again for this 2019-2020 ski season. I hope to build on our special events, in terms of what did and didn't work from last year.

We have our schedule of events prepared for this season. Make sure you mark your calendars, so you don't miss out!

- November 2 Chalet cleanup – 10 am
- November 30 Last day of early bird registration
- November 30 Open House and Ski Swap
- January 1 New Year's Day Brunch
- January 4 First Day of Jackrabbit
- January 19 World Snow Day
- February 17 Family Day
- February 29 Jackrabbit Olympics
- March 16-20 March Break
- March 21 Family Sprint Relays
- March 22 Loppet
- March 28 Challenge Ski
- April 12 Closing Day
- April 17 Year-end Banquet and Awards
- May 13 AGM

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We will be starting off the season with the Chalet cleanup on November 2nd. We will need help cleaning and preparing the chalet inside and out for the upcoming ski season. Your help would be greatly appreciated. As you know, many hands make for light work. Please be at the chalet for 10 am. Bring your favourite rubber/latex free gloves if you like. Cleaning supplies will be available at the club. Last year, we completed the Chalet Clean-up by about 1 PM. Lunch (Pizza) will be provided to all volunteers.

Our Open House and Ski Swap will be held on Saturday, November 30, from 12 – 3 pm. Come out and join us for some hot chocolate and baked goods. Members of the Executive will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. If you have any gently used gear, boots, poles or skis you would like to include in the swap, please have them dropped off at the chalet starting at 10 am. Purchases can be made by **cash or cheque only**. Keep in mind that TNSC keeps a 20% commission from all sales which goes toward running the club.

Just a quick note of our neighboring ski clubs' upcoming events. The Porcupine Ski Runners are hosting their Cross Country Ski Expo on November 23 & 24 at the chalet. Visit their website www.porcupineskirunners.com for more details. North Bay Nordic is holding their Ski Exchange on November 9th.

More details will be sent out as they become available. Until then, I will see you on November 2nd. Can you believe that we were actually skiing last year on November 9th?

Monica Lapointe, Special Events Director

Instruction

Individual ski lessons for classic and skating technique will be available for those wishing to improve technique. The club also will be offering group instruction, for those who prefer working with a group. Lessons will not only include ski technique but will also include balance exercise; strength exercise; and stretching. The cost for a lesson is \$10 with new members allowed two free lessons. The contact person for individual and group lessons is Bill Gabbani.

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Volunteer Service Award

Temiskaming Nordic is an organization powered entirely by volunteers. We very much appreciate the enthusiasm and dedication of our volunteers who plan, deliver all programs, all the while providing a great facility and well-groomed ski trails. Volunteering for the ski club is also a great way to meet other people. For over twenty-five years we have provided a wonderful, very affordable, enriching experience to the ski community, local residents and visitors, thanks to volunteers like you.

The club chose Brian Ashley as the Volunteer Service Award Recipient for his many years of dedicated volunteerism. Brian has worn many hats over the years: monitor, carpenter, kindling maker, wood piler, snow shoveller, loppet and race marshal, and a dedicated helper to build the chalet addition. We can't thank Brian enough for all of his efforts over the years.

Vacant Executive Positions

The success of the club is its volunteers. Regrettably, a number of people after years of dedication have decided to step down this year. We thank the following people for their years of dedicated service to our club:

Treasurer Andre Lapierre has crunched the numbers and budgeted to keep us on track.

Matt Allen has worked behind the scenes keeping our website up and running and patiently listened to every wish from the executive.

Maria Story after many years of organizing races, loppets, sprints, and challenge ski and year end banquets has decided to take a break. Maria's experience on the executive will be missed.

Simply put, with our long ski season, we need volunteers to help. The needs include help on the executive to help with chalet duties, Jackrabbit and firewood. Most duties do not ask for a lot of time, and executive positions definitely can be shared.

In addition to 2 closing chalet monitors, the club requires a Chalet Director and Race Director. The Chalet Director can be split into two positions; one to manage the physical building and one to manage the chalet monitors. Please contact Russell Walker for more details.

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Position Available

The Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club is looking for someone to work weekends and holidays during the 2019-2020 season. The successful candidate would be our representative at the chalet and would be expected to greet people, help them with equipment rentals and answer basic questions they may have.

The candidate responsibilities would include but not limited to

- Meet and greet
- Helping with equipment rentals
- Waxing of skis
- Chalet cleanup

We are looking for

- An outgoing person with social skills
- A self-motivator who can work with minimal supervision
- And who is available Weekends, Christmas break, holidays and March Break.

Please submit your resume with references by October 31st to temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com

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General News

Please note that the club is off limits the weekend of October 18 to 20th due to a private booking.

Chalet Clean-Up – We wanted to highlight that for last year's clean up, we had approximately 14 volunteers who came to help out. The tasks were completed by about 1 PM. Please consider taking time to help out on November 2nd.

Emergency Plan

Please note that the ski trails are not patrolled. We recommend that you review the Emergency Plan posted in the chalet. In addition, we recommend that you ski in pairs and to carry a cell phone with you in the event of an emergency. As trail conditions vary, we caution you to ski at your own risk.

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Stay tuned for further details as the season approaches.

With warm regards,

Francine Bolduc
Public Relations Director