

Hello Members,

I am sending this email from sunny Panama. I understand the trails are in great shape and that I'm missing out on some of the best skiing this season. I will be back soon and look forward to seeing you on the trails. I'm hoping the weather remains as moderate as it has been when I return.

Our Special Events Director Monica Lapointe provided an update on our recent World Snow Day event which brought new snow the night before. Did you get out and celebrate your love for snow? It was wonderful to see those who were able to dig themselves out of their driveways to come and enjoy a hot pancake breakfast with sausage and fresh fruit salad at the chalet.

### Swag Update

Monica placed our second order for the new TNSC swag! Remember, for those who have placed an order, or who would like to place an order, arrival time is approx. 2-3 weeks. See the items on display at the chalet. All pertinent information (i.e. colour options and sizing) is in the yellow duo tang on the bulletin board.

### Ontario Cup #3

Last weekend, five TNT team members travelled to the North Bay Nordic Ski Club to compete in the Ontario Cup #3. Those skiers were, Sarah D'Hondt, Kaitlyn Lapointe, Ian Schaffer, Sam Lapointe and Emmersyn Tuinema. The weather left more to be desired, however our team persevered and did their 'thing'. The team did an amazing job and were pleased with their results. This was Sam's and Emmersyn's very first time racing and they should be very proud of themselves! This race was also a qualifier for the Ontario Winter Games being held in Orillia from February 26 to 28th.

Monica provided an update: Both Ian and Sam qualified for the Ontario Winter Games. Congratulations to you both. Wishing you both success in the upcoming event.

### Ski the Trails in Reverse

Some members have been asking, "When are we Skiing the-trails-in-reverse?" Our very first day is this Sunday, January 26. Please respect the signs and ski the trails in the direction indicated for your own safety and the safety of the other skiers out on the trails. You might be amazed at the different views, sounds, or wildlife you notice when you are not skiing in the familiar direction.

## Family Day Social Event

Our next social event at TNSC is Family Day, which is Monday, February 17. We will be having most of the same events that we had last year since they were a big hit! The day consisted of 'Ski-the-trails-in-reverse'; Maple Syrup Lollipops on the snow and a candy hunt for the youngsters. We are adding a Pancake Breakfast this year. We will provide more details closer to the date.

## JackRabbit Update

Our Jackrabbit program is progressing nicely. It is great to see those little rosy, happy faces when they come in for snack time. This program starts the kids out with the fundamentals, emphasis on FUN, for cross country skiing as this is a sport that can be enjoyed for life. The Jackrabbit Fun Olympics is slated for 29 FEB, which is the last day of the lessons. We encourage everyone to participate. The kids love showing off their new skills.

For those of you looking for other skiing events in our area, North Bay Nordic is holding their annual Chocolate Race and Blue Sky Loppet on 16 FEB. Check out their webpage [www.northbaynordic.ca](http://www.northbaynordic.ca) for more information.

## Donations to our club

Our sincere thanks to the One Foot Forward Foundation for their generous donation. The proceeds were put to good use to update our snowshoe equipment. Featured below is Claire Hendrix from the Temiskaming Foundation posing with the new equipment. Special thanks to Jean Marc Mathieu who for building the snowshoe storage racks. Don't they look great!!



Happy Skiing Everyone. Hope to see you on the trails soon.

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