



Dear Members,

Here is an update for the events held the past two weekends. It is snowing as I write this newsletter so there is still time to get out and enjoy some late season skiing. As always, use caution on the trails particularly at this time of year when conditions can be icy.

Sprint Relays Update

We had 42 participants attend this event on Saturday March 19th, including many from Sudbury and others from as far away as Waterloo.

The first place costume prize went to the Spring Goddesses team of Alison Godwin and Elizabeth Priebe from Sudbury. The second place costume prize went to the local Pirates team of Avery Juurlink and Chandra Juurlink.

Loppet Results

We had 49 participants in the Temiskaming Nordic Loppet which took place on Sunday March 20th. The conditions were excellent for this event despite the mild temperatures. The results are posted on our website in the news section <https://www.temiskamingnordic.ca/>.

Annual Challenge Ski Update



7 AM Crew for Challenge Ski.

Temiskaming Nordic's annual 10-hour Distance Challenge took place on Saturday, 26 March. Skiers also had the option of attempting to ski their personal best distance during the week leading up to the Saturday event.

Two skiers skied 75 km or more in 10 hours: Ray Duval (102 km) and Joel Boucher (80 km). Congratulations Ray and Joel! Both of them completed their distances on Wednesday, 23 March, when trail conditions were relatively hard and fast. March 26th brought fresh snow and warm conditions slightly above zero, which led to slower trails. Sixteen skiers persevered and completed 25 km or more. Isaac Desilets and Ian Schaffer both skied 60 km. Four skiers met their 50-km goals: Jean-Francois, Blain, Jason Desilets, Taya Schaffer (who is only 12 years old), and David White. An additional ten skied between 25 km and 50 km: Kerry Schaffer (45 km), James Goldsack (36 km), Jean-Marc Mathieu (31 km), Russell Walker (30 km), Celine Leger-Nolet (26 km), Warren Schaffer (26 km), Nicole Aubin (25 km), Bev Foley (25 km), Noah Juurlink (25 km), and Jack McClinchey (25 km).

Though not reaching the 25-km target to have their names engraved on the plaque in

the chalet, the following five skiers merit "honourable mentions" for skiing in challenging conditions on March 26th: Stacy Desilets (20 km), Gail Menard (20 km), Emmersyn Tuinema (15 km), Myles Desilets (15 km), and Leo D'Hondt (10 km).

Poker Ski/Snowshoe

The TNSC held a Poker Ski/Snowshoe on Sunday March 27. Although the cooler temperatures and winds may have kept a few away, we did have 11 skiers and 4 snowshoers participate. Winning in the Snowshoe division was Chris Barkhouse. The Skier division was a 'family affair' with father, Jacque Butler winning the Adult division and daughter, Alise Butler winning the Junior division. The freshly groomed trails were in excellent condition and all participants seemed to enjoy themselves.

XCSO Challenge Update

As of Monday March 28th, our club has recorded approximately 16,200 km skied putting TNSC in 4th place for this challenge (provided other clubs have updated the spreadsheet). I will provide a further update in the next newsletter with the results up to March 31st. What a great accomplishment for our community. Way to go TNSC members.

Facebook Auction Fundraiser for a new Well

We continue to accept quality items for our Facebook Auction Fundraiser. Your support is key to making a new well possible. Please contact us at temiskamingnordicskiclub@gmail.com indicating "Auction Item" in the subject line. Every donation will make a difference. We will be happy to pick up items by Thursday April 14th, and ask that you include a description and approximate value of the item(s) for advertising purposes in the Facebook Auction. The items will be sold by auction on Facebook between April 18 to 23rd.

See you on the trails!!

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