

SVNSC



NEWS

Presidents Message

Over the past ski season, you club numbered 129 members and 29 were enrolled in the Rabbit program. There were other skiers that joined us on occasion using day passes. Are you among those who are waiting to see snow before purchasing this year's memberships? First, although you may not have skied much last year, there were no extra charges in those previous years when you skied over a long and very snowy winter. Second, your club depends on your memberships to fund the expenses which occur with or without snow. As you know, this club has no paid employees but only volunteers, so all expenses are facility-driven and have to be paid regardless of skier usage.

Any club with membership, athletic program and extensive facilities such as yours, also requires volunteers to provide direction and structure. As you will have read in our latest club newsletter, our most dutiful volunteer (Someone Else) has retired from this club. Someone Else has left a large quantity of volunteer hours and duties that will need to be filled by members of your club. No

one can do everything although Someone Else tried to, but indeed, everyone can do something. Your club needs you, please volunteer. Think snow! Elaine

GROOMER'S CORNER

Well we've had a bit of snow, but only enough to be inconvenient, although this member went out and at least track-packed the Moose (just in case). The new tracks & shocks for the Alpine are in the garage and waiting for installation (hopefully the week of the 20th) and Martin has been in the process of installing the new filtration system on the Piston Bully.

The Bombi and container have been delayed for a while as the person that was going to deliver it had other commitments out of the country. The status of the new wood shed is still on hold as everyone is busy doing other things so that may not get done until next year.

We are waiting to hear if money is going to be made available to do the machine work along the lit trail system and that also should be known the week of the 20th.

The groomers are having a little meeting to go over some of the issues with the machines, so that we all

understand what we are to do and how, so that we make the most efficient use of the equipment available. We will also be covering some of the hazards involved and hopefully will be getting some input on future priorities.

We hope that this year we get a bit more snow and that all the hard work that has been put in by various members gives the rest of the club the opportunity to appreciate the facility that is being so well maintained by some dedicated people.

See you all on the trails
Cliff

Call Cliff @ 632-4039 if you'd like to get involved with facilities or grooming.

ATHLETICS

Registration has begun for the BC Rabbits Ski League program. Look for the blue forms in schools, stores and rec centers! We hope to get kids signed up early this year so we get everyone into the swing of things right from the start. Kids ski rentals are available through schools in Kitimat,

In Terrace, we plan to hold a registration and gear swap day on **Sat., Dec. 3 from 2 – 4 pm.**

There will be refreshments, games for the kids and

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advice for the parents and All Seasons will be there with a selection of equipment. Please pass this information around to any interested parties.

There will be a pre-season Rabbits session on Sat.

Dec. 10 at 10 am. It will be held snow or mud. Fun and games, refreshments and making sure the gear fits will be the theme of this session.

We also plan to hold **Adult Lessons** which used to be called Masters. Too many people thought this meant that you had to be a master skier to sign up though so we're changing it to just plain Adult Lessons. We plan to hold these on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings.

Announcing! The Beverly No Hill Billys! Do you know someone (not you or me of course) who has arrived at that age where hills and the possibility of falling have lost their thrill? Or maybe they just never had time to get into Cross Country skiing but always sort of thought they might like to but now they think it might be too late?

Well this is their year!!

This will be a Thursday evening class, 7 – 8 pm and will be held entirely on the flat. Get the word out! For information on any of these classes, please call Liz Thorne @ 632-6055

TALENT SQUAD

The Talent Squad has been meeting on Saturdays to hike

and run, build campfires and cook marshmallows. Our annual Nov. 11 trip to the snow turned out to be a lovely afternoon hike up Copper Mtn. that included the longest running snowball fight in history and the longest sled ride down! And it didn't rain!

From now on we will meet at the ski trails at 10:30 for some serious dry land training until the snow flies.

The Talent Squad consists of active youngsters, 10 and up who love to ski and may like to try racing. Call Liz Thorne (632-6055) if you're interested.

And speaking of snow flying... Club member Katherine Mueller was the first and only (as far as we know) to actually ski on last week's dump. Terry Brown and Danny Baldo get brownie points for slogging up Trapline Mtn. earlier this month.

HELP NEEDED

Due to family illness and work demands, as of this publication date I will no longer be able to continue as the temporary Editor or the temporary Secretary for this club. I will continue for one more year as athletics director.

Therefore, your Club is in urgent need of a Secretary (exec meetings are the 1st Tuesday. of the month except in summer.) and newsletter Editor (About 6 or 7 over the fall and winter.)

Templates for this or the fancier format are provided. Please call Liz Thorne if you can help 632-6055. Everything you need is provided to get you started.

Also needed are a few more Rabbits instructors; race committee members; social conveners; publicity people; a web meister; fund raisers; facilities fixers/builders; day pass person. None of these are big jobs, we just need a few more people to do them. Please call – guess who?! Liz Thorne – 632-6055.

THINK SNOW