

# **Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club**

## **Annual General Report**



**April 11, 2011-04-10**

**Revelstoke Nordic Ski Lodge,  
Revelstoke, BC**

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## President's Report

As I write this, it is the beginning of April and there is still incredibly good cross country skiing to be had at Mt McPherson with excellent snow coverage. What a ski season this has been!

On behalf of the Club Executive, I would like to thank all of the many club volunteers who have helped out this season with various tasks ranging from staffing the ticket office, assisting with our various special events, participating as leaders/coaches in our children's programs, and grooming our trails. As you know, our Club's backbone is the countless volunteers who help out with all of the various tasks required to run a Nordic Ski Club.

The club has experienced many firsts; new Day Lodge and Maintenance Facility, hiring of a Day Lodge Custodian, first races on the new sprint loop, record high membership numbers and day use fee collection levels, a slate of new groomers coming on board to assist with trail grooming, record high participants in our Children's programs, test run of a Dog loop trail, and near record level snow fall amounts and incredible snow coverage on our trails! It has been a very busy and productive season.

Our Club is growing! Our membership has reached a record high of 459 members. That is almost a 40% increase in membership from the previous year. To our new members, welcome. To our returning members, thanks for continuing to support the club. The other exciting news is the number of children and youth who participate in our ski league programs. This past year, we had 91 children enrolled in our various programs ranging from Bunnies, to Jack Rabbits, Track Attack and Junior Development. None of this could have happened was it not for the tremendous amount of volunteer time parents and coaches gave to the various programs. On behalf of the kids, thank you.

Despite the club having invested monies in our new facilities, we still have a very healthy financial balance sheet, to the envy of many other clubs and associations. Each year, we attempt to set aside monies in a reserve account to fund the eventual replacement of our large groomer. We were able to do this once again this year. We will have to make a number of expenditures this summer to complete some minor construction items for the Day Lodge and Maintenance Building, and possible bridge replacement on some of our trails.

With respect to the club's membership and trail fee structure, the good news is that there will be no fee increase for the 2012 ski season with one exception. The District Recreation Officer for the Sites and Trails BC with the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resources Operations has approved our request to charge individuals who use our parking lot to either access ski touring areas upslope from our facilities or to snow shoe the various trails radiating out from the parking lot, a \$2 per vehicle daily parking fee or an \$20 annual parking pass. In the past two years, the \$2 fee was by donation. For the 2012 season and beyond, it will be a mandatory fee.

As you know, this year we did a pilot test of a Dog Loop trail on Roadway Ramble, Easy AI's and BCIT. In accordance with the overwhelming support for the Dog Loop as determined from the survey results (see summary of results inside this report), your Executive has unanimously approved the continuation of the

Dog Loop trail at its existing location. Some minor tweaking of the direction of trail routing will occur for the 2012 ski season. In addition, permanent signage will be installed to clearly delineate the areas permissible for dogs, as well as other dog management items will be instituted. The management of the Dog Trail will be reviewed annually by the Executive.

Trail grooming was a challenge this year given the continuous snow falls we received. We also had a change in our trail grooming crew. We had eight new recruits sign up and train as groomers in addition to the continued service of Micky Olson and Al McInnis as the groomer elder statesmen. The number of days groomed was almost triple what we did last season. The Club recently received monies from the Columbia Basin Trust (approximately \$8200) to assist with the purchase of a snowmobile and a tow behind groomer (Ginzugroomer). I am pleased to announce that the club has purchased both of these items and they will be in use for next year. This new equipment will result in substantial savings (both in terms of fuel and maintenance costs) in the use of the Bombardier 275 groomer. The new equipment will be used to groom the trails in between large snow events.

This summer we still have a number of small projects to undertake at the Day Lodge to really complete the project. This includes staining of shingles, pouring of cement slabs by doorways and stairs, proper installation of information Boards and a few other items. We will be sending out calls for volunteers (yet again) over the summer to get these projects complete for next ski season.

Have a great summer and hope to see you at one of our summer work bees!

Dave Kaegi  
Club President

## RNSC Financial Report – Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2011

The club financial assets decrease this year from \$89,360.95 at the beginning of the year (not counting a \$68,000 donation earmarked for the lodge construction) to \$41,678.11 at the end of the year. The decrease of \$47,682.84 is offset by the new physical assets:

1. Day lodge & Caretaker's Residence
2. Shop
3. Stadium Sprint Loop
4. Expanded Parking Lot

Last year, in preparation for the expected operational costs for the new facilities the club increased fees by 25%. This was done on the basis of no increase in membership.

**Income** (not incl. interest)      2008 to 2010 = \$24,300  
2011 Income = \$43,205 (\$18,905 increase)

Largest increases in income are:

1. Day Use Fees      2008 to 2010 = \$5700  
2011 day use = \$11,851 (\$6,151 increase)
2. Memberships      2008 to 2010 = \$18,600  
2011 Members= \$31,122 (\$12,522 increase)

### **Expenses**

2008 to 2010 = \$17,300

2011 Expenses = \$28,600

The increase is attributed to:      Facility O&M = \$5,300  
Groomer Fuel and Mtce – \$4000 more fuel & mtce than usual

Bruce Granstrom  
Club Treasurer

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT – REVELSTOKE NORDIC SKI CLUB**

**Assets at March 31, 2009**

Credit Union account	\$12,360.53
Gaming account balance	\$0.42
Credit Union term deposits	\$145,000.00
	<b>\$157,360.95</b>

**Current Statement as of March 31, 2011**

**Term Deposit Assets**

18mo Variable Term	\$10,000.00
3yr Discovery Term	\$15,000.00
Apr 7, 2010 - 3 yr term 3%	\$3,000.00
	<b>\$28,000.00</b>

**Club**

<b>Income</b>	
Category	Total
Bank charges	34.93
Day Lodge	
Day Use Fees	11,851.44
Donations	784.00
Interest	4,560.03
Membership fees	30,362.00
Parking Lot Fees	128.00
RNSC - Rabbits	45.00
Shop O & M	
Grand Total	<b>\$ 47,765.40</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Category	Total
Bank charges	
Club Events	2,910.83
Communications	534.80
Day Lodge	211.68
Day Lodge O & M	3,218.09
Groomer - Fuel	8,321.02
Groomer -	
Maintenance and	
Parts	2,332.44
Hut Collections	261.23
Hut Float	40.00
Insurance	2,257.00
Membership fees	4,736.10
Office & Admin	
Supplies	424.80
Other Expenses	581.72
RNSC - Rabbits	315.00
Shop O & M	1,821.10
Snow Phone + Web	
Site	670.89
Grand Total	<b>\$ 28,636.70</b>

**Lodge + Shop**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Category	Total	Category	Total
Construcion Equipment		Construcion Equipment	50.00
Day Lodge	150.00	Day Lodge	348,387.06
Donations	335,350.00	Hydro installed	5,775.00
Hydro installed		Hydro to buildings	6,322.42
Hydro to buildings		Insurance	2,730.00
Insurance		labour costs	98.45
labour costs		Log Sales	4,771.00
Log Sales	15,451.62	Permitting, etc	1,500.00
Permitting, etc		Septic	19,040.00
Septic		Site Prep	36,488.30
Site Prep		Stadium	7,571.63
Stadium		Training	196.90
Training		Wages	105,348.82
Wages	73,806.91	Water	21,626.08
Water	336.00	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 559,905.66</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 425,094.53</b>		

Donations Transferred from Club Account	\$68,000.00
Club Contribution to Facilities	\$60,000.00
Less money spent last year on Facilities	\$(9,252.94)
<b>Total Income for Lodge &amp; Shop</b>	<b>\$ 543,841.59</b>

**Summary**

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>472,859.93</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>588,542.36</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$13,678.11</b>
(April 1 Assets + Income - Expenses - Term Deposits - Gaming Account)	
<b>Outstanding cheques</b>	
Expenses	\$2,331.89
Income	
<b>Actual Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$16,010.00</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>\$41,678.11</b>
(Actual Bank Account + Term Deposits)	

# 2011 Members hip Report

RNSC							
	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
Gross Income	\$31,122.00						
less 22 Donations	-\$760.00						
less Insurance for 459 members	-\$4,590.00						
<b>Total Membership Revenue</b>	<b>\$25,772.00</b>						
Returning Members	338	285	266	270	286	237	256
New Members	121	71	66	83	64	34	85
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>341</b>
retained almost all of last years members less 18 people + 121 new members							
			<b>14 Year Avg</b>				
Women	60%	58%	54%				
Men	40%	42%	46%				
<b>INDIVIDUALS</b>	158	158		<b>Age</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>%</b>	
<b>COUPLES</b>	45	90		0-4	6	1	
<b>FAMILY OF 2</b>	10	20		5-14	101	22	
<b>FAMILY OF 3</b>	3	9		15-19	21	5	
<b>FAMILY OF 4</b>	26	104		20	13	3	
<b>FAMILY OF 5</b>	7	35		30	92	20	
<b>FAMILY OF 6</b>	2	12		40	112	24	
<b>FREE BABIES</b>	18	18		50	73	16	
<b>COMP</b>	13	13		60	26	6	
<b>SDL</b>	93			70-100	15	3	
		<b>459</b>					
				largest age groups are 5 & 8 year olds @ 28 each			
<b>8 COMPS</b>	4	Harpers		eldest member is 89 years			
	4	Speerbreckers		largest group are kids ages 5-18			
				next largest group are 40 year olds			
<b>5 LIFETIMES</b>	Mickey Olson			room for improvement are older teens & 20 yr olds			
	Al & Evelyn McInnes						
	Brian Abear						
	Lionel Wheeler						
<b>DONATIONS</b>	\$5.00	3	\$15				
	\$10.00	1	\$10				
	\$13.00	1	\$13				
	\$15.00	9	\$135				
	\$20.00	1	\$20				
	\$30.00	1	\$30				
	\$65.00	1	\$65				
	\$72.00	1	\$72				
	\$100.00	4	\$400				
		<b>22</b>	<b>\$760</b>				



## Ski League Report

Ski League numbers have been steadily growing over the past few years and this season was no exception. This year, we had a total of 91 children enrolled in our program, the highest number ever. In a breakdown by groups we had 22 Bunnies (ages 4 – 6), 39 Rabbits (ages 7 – 9), 21 Track Attack (ages 9 – 12), and 9 in Junior Development.

The Bunny, Rabbit and Track Attack groups met every Saturday from 10 – noon. Thanks to the tremendous dedication of coaches Sally Thomson, Wade Viznaugh, Bruce Granstrom and Angus Woodman, the Junior Development and Track Attack teams also met on Wednesdays after school, enjoyed three months of pre-season training in the fall, and had many opportunities to compete as a team, complete with technical and waxing support.

While we are thrilled with our growing numbers, success comes at a cost. This season, we were challenged to meet the needs of all 91 children effectively with our current roster of volunteer coaches. Added to our challenge is the fact that this season was Cam Molder's last as Ski League's head coach. Cam has put in countless hours over the past four years as head coach and has left a legacy of inspired leadership. At this time, no one has stepped forward to take his place.

A number of exciting results this season, both in competition and in regular training, offers compelling evidence to keep growing our program and developing our young athletes. However, there is a limit to what can be accomplished with volunteer coaches, despite the level of dedication. Essentially, this season presents us with a decision: cut back the program to more manageable levels by capping enrolment, or hire a paid coach and continue growing.

A sub-committee was struck in March to explore the possibility of hiring a professional coach. Through the network of Nordic clubs in the province, we have gathered information on salary expectations and job descriptions. We have also compared program costs and found our competitive groups—Track Attack and Junior Development—at \$45 a season are significantly under-priced.

A decision was made to pursue hiring a paid coach for the coming season. One of the ways we will pay for this coach is through a significant increase in the fees for Track Attack and Junior Development. Fees for the younger groups may see a small increase. Even with a paid coach, the need for more volunteer coaches remains. We will run a coaching course in the fall, where we hope to generate some more interest.

Finally, our sincere thanks to all the volunteer coaches who help make the Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club's Ski League a fun place to learn. Thanks to: Cam Molder, Sally Thomson, Wade Viznaugh, Bruce Granstrom, Angus Woodman, Rory Luxmoore, Janette Vickers, Mary Clayton, Cornelius Suchy, Penny Page-Brittin, Richard Brittin, Bart Larsen, Ian Brown, Kevin Bollefor, Eleanor Wilson, Natalie Simpson, and Emma Magarian.

Mary Clayton  
Director – Ski League

## Junior Development Report

The season started off in early October with a Regional Dryland Camp which was attended by other clubs from the Southern BC Interior. The camp was extremely successful and received high praise from other coaches and athletes. Eight athletes continued dryland training in earnest throughout the fall. In early November we had to become creative and resorted to climbing up Mt Revelstoke to access snow to have some time on skis. Once the snow came it was time to ramp up training to three days a week in preparation for the upcoming races in December. Training over the Christmas Holidays was also helpful. Mother Nature decided to make the race schedule difficult and prevented some of the team from traveling to two races in early January. The amount of snow that fell also made for some interesting days of training. The Team had to be creative and attend some events that are not usually part of our schedule. The Team went to Radium and attended a two day loppet and had some success. We attended the Western Canadian Championships, the BC Championships and Sent four athletes to the Canadian Championships. Each athlete was well prepared and enjoyed their season, Numerous medals were won and for the first time an athlete came home from the Canadian Championships with a Silver Medal ( Brittany Evans).

Wade Viznaugh  
Director – Junior Development

## Masters Program

The masters program was off to a tentative but good start, this year's initiatives were:

Group Skis - not well attended, either the addition of some adult coaching or some additional ski leaders appealing to a wider variety of skiers would probably help. Free beer night attracted 1 extra night skier. And also was to the benefit of 2 thirsty trades people working on the lodge.

Nordic Yoga - well received, both sessions broke even on short notice, I'd consider setting this up again next fall as a season warm-up Sept. to Dec., I think that time frame would be go over well if the pricing is good and more advance notice. Will depend on the new studio set-up too.

Level I Officials Course - Great to do but not that well attended due to conflict with out of town race, the club might consider doing another next year, and shop around regionally for a level 2 that a few people could attend. Nov. would be the time to do it and I think the applications are due this spring.

Local Race - the Jan. 29th race was fun with the prizes and all (I won a sweet pair of one of a kind prototype OR gloves). I'd suggest the club set up a race committee for organizing future races, setting dates to co-ordinate with the junior programs and associated adults would be beneficial.

Regional Races - a few skiers to Masters World Cup and some of the loppets, probably with a bit of coordination a small group of dedicated racers would attend some more races next year.

1 waxing clinic was held. Also the Nordic Ski Conditions Facebook group is up and running with about 20 members, it's been working well the last few weeks with reports on spring conditions a few times/week.

All in all I think a successful modest start and some good areas to build on. Thanks for all the help this year!

Pete Smilie  
Master Program Coordinator

## Newsletter and Awareness Report

There was a lot to write about this year!

Changes included moving towards a full digital newsletter. We are generally sending out less than 15 paper copies per newsletter. The other major advantage to having a managed, accurate email list is that we can inform 95% of our members of last minute events or updates. It was also a huge advantage for the membership survey we performed this year. It was much easier to poll all the members electronically. If we work out a few details of electronic surveys (ie, how to make sure that each member gets a chance to vote, but not more than one), we could use them more regularly if we wanted to.

I am happy with how the newsletters are turning out. I would like to do more personal content, like interviews, and I will work towards this if I can find more time!

Our web site was also updated and improved this season. The new site is more user friendly, and easier to manage. I will work towards more updates on the site in the next season.

As always, I encourage members to submit content to the website or the newsletters. Having personal stories, or high quality images from members would enhance the personal feeling of the club.

The Lantern Ski was a big success this season. We had good attendance, and organizationally it was the best year since I took it on. Changes for the 2012 lantern ski will include; asking the junior development team to help with the cleaning and filling of lanterns, lantern storage at the new maintenance facility, and changing the hours of the ski from 5-9pm to 5-8pm. We will also encourage members to come out in two waves; one at 4:45 pm, and one at 6:30 pm, to try to make the flow through the Ole Sandberg hut more manageable.

We ran just one Skate Ski Clinic at Macpherson this year. It was very popular. For the 2011/12 ski season, it would be good to have 3 or 4 of these clinics. Hopefully this task will be taken on by our paid coach.

That's about it. It was the most exciting ski season the club has ever had!

Brendan MacIntosh  
Director – Membership Services

## 2010/11 Grooming Report

Well, it was a challenging year for snow, this time almost too much if that's possible! A huge thanks to Al and Mickey for pulling so much time in the cat grooming and training. This year we trained 8 new groomer to help Al and Mickey. Thanks to all those volunteers who put in all the time!

The season started on November 26, 2010 and the last tracksetting....well we're still at it. The groomers trackset 89 days this season to April 2<sup>nd</sup> (a few days needed two groomings, given the amount of snow that fell).

All in all, we had another successful year and I would like to acknowledge the groomers (Al McInnes, Mickey Olsen, Dave Kaegi, Daryl Ross, Wade Viznaugh, Tom Patry, Rob Evans, Jim Martinuk, Ralph Koerber and Stan Smith) for their tireless contribution to the club (also anyone else that helped out). These guys put in huge hours tracksetting our trails...THANK YOU!

Year	First Setting / Last Setting	No. of Skiing Days	Number of Tracksettings	Revelstoke Snowfall (cm)
2010/11	November 26 – April ???	137+	89+	lots
2009/10	December 16 - March 19	93	35	?
2008/09	December 6 - April 7	123	49	384
2007/08	December 3 - April 6	125	48	505
2006/07	November 4 - April 8	155	56	465
2005/06	January 10 - April 1	81	37	224
2004/05	November 25 - March 5	100	N/A	221
2003/04	November 20 - April 3	135	N/A	409
2002/03	December 28 - March 29	91	N/A	198
2001/02	November 30 - April 9	130	N/A	377
2000/01	November 26 - April 1	126	N/A	299
1999/2000	December 7 - April 9	124	N/A	330
1998/99	December 11 - April 4	114	N/A	417
1997/98	December 20 - March 20	90	N/A	231
1996/97	November 16 - March 30	134	N/A	584
1995/96	November 12 - March 31	140	N/A	349
1994/95	November 20 - March 25	125	N/A	263
1993/94	November 27 - March 19	112	N/A	291
1992/93	November 28 - March 19	123	N/A	374
1991/92	November 29 - March 14	106	N/A	344

Kevin Bollefer  
Director - Trails

## RNSC Dog Loop Survey March 2011

Question #1: good decision	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Yes	69.3%	81
Somewhat	17.9 %	21
No	12.8 %	15

Question #2 :permanent	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Yes	77.9%	88
No	22.1 %	25

Question #3 :Policy followed	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Yes, few or no issues	60.5%	69
Sometimes infractions	35.9%	41
Rarely, many not	3.7%	4

Question #4 :Change	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Yes	42.8%	45
No	57.1%	60

Question #5 :What changes	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Answered with suggestions	49%	57
Did not answer	51%	60

Question #6 :Favour new trail	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Yes	75%	81
No	25%	27

Question #7 : Where could new trail be?	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Answered with suggestions	62%	72
Did not answer	38%	45

Question #8 :Fee for Dogs	Percentage	Number of Respondents
Yes	44%	49
No	56%	62
Did not answer		6

<b>Question #9 :Membership years</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>
10 years or more	33%	37
5-10 years	21%	24
2-5 years	21%	24
1 year	26%	29
Did not answer		3

**Question #10: If 1st year why joined?**

**Question #11: Anything to add?**

Paula Hill  
Dog Liaison Coordinator