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President's Report

Welcome fellow Nordic Club members to what will hopefully be another incredible winter! If the long-range forecasts are correct, the snow may be as plentiful and deep as it was last year. Regardless of the amount of snow we receive, I am sure this will be one of the best years for the club in our history due to the many changes that have occurred over the past year.

To start with, we are beginning this season with our new Lodge and Maintenance facilities fully built. You will see that we have completed (by the end of the work party weekend of Oct 22) the remaining trim items on the lodge, landscaped the grounds around the buildings, regraded the parking lot, widened the entry road into the parking lot, completed construction of our new 1 and 2 km connector loops on the Mickey Olson Trail, re-built the terrain park, installed new information boards beside the Lodge and Highway pg. 1 PG2: Custom Clothing PG3: Purchasing your 2011/12 Membership, and saving money! PG4: New Trails! PG5: Lodge rentals



Team Clothing

Jackets are back! If you would like to have a Revelstoke Nordic Jacket, now is your chance to get one. Jackets are available for \$120 plus HST if preordered, and \$145 if not preordered. This includes the jacket and the embroidery. Orders can be placed at Flowt Bikes and Skis. The sooner the better as quantities are limited.



Jersey's are also available. Please contact Wade at <u>dwmv@telus.net</u> if you would like to get one. Jerseys are (almost) exclusively available for preorder only, so now is your chance!



President's Report continued...

signs leading to the facilities (thank you Ken Gibson from MoFLN), constructed a new storage shed for the kids programs beside the stadium and brushed all 26 km of ski trails. In addition, we now have a snowmobile and tow behind groomer (called a Ginsu Groomer) which will be used this season to groom the trails (the larger groomer will still be used for big storm cycles). Finally, if all goes well, we should have our new Club Coach hired and comfortably living in our Custodian Residence above the lodge sometime in November.

That is quite the list of tasks completed. As usual, none of this could have happened were it not for the numerous volunteers who gave up weekends and evenings to make this happen. It is through the power of volunteerism that our club thrives and prospers.

Speaking of which..!.. as we enter the new ski season, the need for volunteers from the club membership increases exponentially. As usual, we need dozens of club members to volunteer time in the Ticket Office to sell trail passes and club memberships. Last year, the Club collected over \$10,000 in day use trail fees!! That is a huge amount of money that goes a looong way to help cover club expenses (for example fuel and parts for the groomer is about \$9,000 per season). Please ensure you sign up for a time slot on the Ticket Office roster. Nadine Smith (250-837-4575 or nadinesmith@telus.net) has graciously offered to coordinate the Ticket Office again this season. Please contact her directly or sign up at Members Night. Besides staffing the ticket office, we have need for club volunteers to help with the children's programs, trail grooming and club special events, including the Lantern Ski, club socials and fun races. Please help out with some volunteer task over the season. Many hands make small work.

Have a great ski season. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the trails or in the Lodge.

Dave Kaegi Club President







Race Programs

The Revelstoke Junior Development and Track Attack race teams have begun dry land training. The kick off to the season was hosting the Okanagan Regional Dry land Camp at the end of September. It was an awesome sight to see 63 kids roller skiing around Revelstoke! Almost every out of town athlete and coach remarked how lucky we are to live and train in our beautiful mountain town.

While we wait for our new Head Coach to arrive, Sally, Bruce, Angus and myself have continued to lead dry land sessions in order to prepare our club athletes for a busy race season. The race calendar starts with the Dawn



Mountain Challenge at the end of November and continues through March with the ultimate goal of qualifying Revelstoke athletes for the Nationals at Mt Saint Anne.

I would also like to extend thanks to all the volunteers who made both the Dry land camp and the bottle drive a success. A special thanks to Tammy Viznaugh, Sally Thompson and Sonia Cinelli for all your hard work.

When you see the club athletes training on the roads and trails give them a wave and a shout as they are representing our club and city proudly!



For the 2011/12 season, all memberships will be through Zone4 registration. This will drastically cut back on membership volunteer duties, and keep the club membership list better organized. Here's how it works!

To register online: go to www.zone4.ca. Under Club Registrations, scroll about 1/3 down the list to Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club 2011/12 Membership and voila, away you go!

For those who have never used Zone 4, the first time you put your information in you can choose to store yourself in the system. This will save you entering all of your information again next year. Zone4 is also the registration program for members with youngsters in Ski League.

There are 3 options for registration:

- 1. Pay by credit card on Zone4: \$2 fee for the 1st person and \$1 for each additional person plus 3% for the credit card.
- 2. Pay by cash or cheque for a \$5 processing fee. Register online, send payment and waiver to the Nordic address, drop it at the lodge, or drop it off at Flowt Bikes and Skis.
- 3. Pay by cash or cheque with NO additional processing fees on Membership Night only!

Laminated membership cards will be available for pick up at the ski lodge office.



Trail Report

As the snow starts coming down the mountain we can start dreaming of skiing! Currently, there are two new loops being built on Mickey's loop: a 2.5km and a 1km loop. This opens up some smooth, rolling terrain, and gives us more options for distances around Mickey's loop.

The weekend of October 22nd is the work party for brushing trails and lodge cleanup work. We've had a good start as our interm custodian has been busy brushing many of the trails.

Bridge replacement on BCIT and Creek Crawl has been held off until next summer as time constraints have impeded the work. It will be something to look forward to next year!!!

Ticket Sales

Nadine Smith has once again graciously offered to organize volunteers for ticket sales for the 2011/12 ski season. You can make her job easy by signing up for a shift. Sign up at membership night, or send an email to Nadine at nadinesmith@telus.net



The skis we are having built, assuming we get approved for funding, will look similar to this model



Tayla Koerber, Mark Arendz and Emily Suchy

Para-Nordic Program

Debbie Koerber has been working hard to initiate a para-nordic program for Revelstoke. Three grants have been applied for. A big thanks to the Live It! Love It! Foundation of Revelstoke for pledging \$800. You can check out this organization at <u>www.liveitloveit.org</u>. We are still waiting to hear back from two other grant applications.

The program will involve two sit skis, called sledges. One is sized for a child and one for an adult. Anyone with any nature of disability is welcome to access the program.

We are seeking a volunteer who would be interested in taking an introductory coaching course to help para-athletes through our club. No previous coaching experience is necessary (but always helpful!)

Cross Country Canada has a new website that features a para-nordic page, check it out at <u>www.cccski.com/para-nordic.aspx</u>. Please contact Debbie Koerber at debbie@apexrafting.com for more information.



Lodge Rentals

The Nordic Lodge is available for rentals. It's a great place for business or private functions. Rentals include a rusting and comfortable venue with:

-common room with tables and seating capacity up to 60

-sound system compatible with ipods – so folks can bring their own music!

-full kitchen with complete place settings to handle 24.

-large outdoor covered deck

-pellet stove adding an atmosphere you just can't get in town!

Our competitive rates are as follows:

-Non –Profit, Community Groups, Sport Groups Base Rental Rate: \$50, Refundable Deposit Fee: \$150

-For-Profit, Private Events (weddings, meetings, symposiums, workshops) Groups, Base Rental Rate: \$150, Refundable Deposit Fee: \$200, Kitchen Rental Fee: \$50, Cleaning Fee: \$50

Lodge Nordic Events

We want to let all club members know that the new lodge is theirs to use! It was built for the entire Nordic club and we want to encourage our membership to use this lodge and in doing so continue building our amazing Nordic community.

As such, we are actively seeking members with great ideas to champion a monthly/bi-weekly or even weekly event at the Lodge.

Some ideas we have discussed include: slide shows by members, a monthly potluck or dessert night for a nice social evening with friends, an organized evening club ski – maybe with a fun monthly theme, a day care day where parents can ski together for a change with older club kids entertaining the wee ones, masters events, a card night (cribbage etc) – the potential is limitless!

If you have a great idea then send us an email and we'll follow-up with you to make it happen! Send ideas to info@revelstokenordic.org.

Lodge Caretaker

A big thank you to Andre Cadieux who has been the Lodge Caretaker for the past eight months. He did a great job of taking care of the daily operations, and making things run smoothly and cleanly! Thanks for all your help Andre!



HMC Services

Thank you to HMC Services for regrading the parking lot, widening the entrance and providing all the crush. Services like this have been invaluable to making our club and lodge great!

Masters Programs

There are **level I and level II officiating clinics** being hosted in the interior this season. The club is always in need of officials for events. If you are interested in pursuing these courses please contact us.

This year's **race calendar** is posted on the Cross Country BC website. The Canadian Masters Championships provide a great training goal for the end of the season. This event will be in Golden on March 11-17. This is also a great follow up to last years Masters World Cup at Sovereign Lakes.

