

Revelstoke's

NORDIC SKI REPORT

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President's Message

Now that we are into the fall season, your executive and key club members have been busy getting things ready. The Pisten Bully is serviced and ready to go. The trails have been brushed, ditches cleaned, firewood collected, new signs put up, outhouses cleaned and painted. All we need now is snow. The executive has also been working on some house keeping items to clean up the club's constitution and lining up events for the winter. We will be holding a Lantern Ski on January 1. We also hope to hold some sort of fun race or relay sometime in late winter.

Our club's strength is its volunteers. The dedication of our volunteers, especially the grooming crew, has enabled the club to be so successful. The Ski League program of Rabbits and Bunnies has flourished. We have had well attended social events like the lantern skis and cookouts. And now after years of saving, we are in a financial position to purchase a newer groomer for next season.

After two years of co-ordinating hut duty, Kathy Bellis has stepped down. Outside of keeping the trails groomed, this is the club's most important position. The club brings in about \$3000 per year from the booth and collection box. Also, the presence of the booth encourages people to join the club. Kathy's work over the last few years has been greatly appreciated. It is through efforts like Kathy's that the club now is in a financial position to purchase a new groomer. Thanks for hard work, Kathy!

The club is now in need of a hut co-ordinator. I can't stress how important this position is to maintaining the club's financial well being. If you are interested, please give me or one of the other executive members a call.

At Membership Night (7:30 pm, November 16, Seniors' Centre) the club will be looking for other volunteers, including a co-ordinator for the second Lantern Ski in February and an organizer the year end potluck dinner. Without volunteers these events will not happen.

We will also be looking for people that we can call on to help out at the various events and to put a shift or two in at the hut. It is so important that everyone try to contribute some time. A small contribution of time in helping out at the hut or a special event will keep the club successful in achieving all members' expectations. It is also a way of supporting the efforts of the hand full of club members that contribute ever so much – our grooming crew.

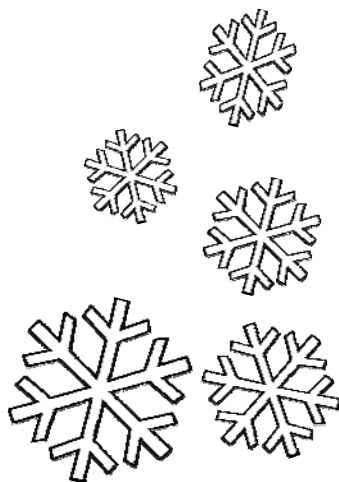
*--Ken Gibson, President
Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club*

*See you at
Membership
Night!*

November 16

7:30 pm

*Revelstoke
Seniors' Centre*



Membership News

Membership Night will be held on November 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Seniors' Centre. Enjoy a social evening and hear what's new with the club. There will be sign-up sheets for helping out with our activities, and of course, you can renew your membership at the meeting. Door prizes, too!

There is a membership form included in this newsletter. Please complete the form in advance and bring it along to Membership Night. If you can't attend Membership Night, please mail it with your cheque to Box 1618, Revelstoke, V0E 2S0.

There are a couple of things to note:

- **Please check that the correct signatures are on the waiver on the back of the form.**
- This year's membership form includes a space to make a donation towards the new groomer. This is our final year of fund-raising before we purchase the new machine!
- If you would like to receive your future newsletters by email (in PDF format) please check the appropriate box.
- There is a line for your email address. This is so we can notify you of club events, send reminders, tell you about workshops, etc.. Your email address is for internal use only. It will not be passed on to other clubs or to businesses, and it will not be displayed to other members receiving the same notification.
- The membership form is now available as a PDF download on our web site at www.revelstokenordic.org.

New Owners of MacPherson Lodge

Welcome to Graham and Wendy Harper, and their children Thomas, Delyth, and Joseph. The Harpers are the new owners of MacPherson Lodge.

The Harpers moved here from Reigate, England (just south of London). Graham has worked internationally in the telecommunications field, and Wendy's career is in social work. Seeking a lifestyle change, they had the entire world to choose from, taking a year to narrow the field to Canada, then British Columbia, and ultimately Revelstoke and MacPherson Lodge. They intend to continue operating the lodge as a bed and breakfast with the long-term plan of adding cabins for longer stay guests.

The Harpers are pleased to continue the relationship of providing a home for the club's tracksetting equipment and are looking forward to learning how to ski.

In the event of an emergency, MacPherson Lodge offers a phone on the front porch and can be reached on skis from Roadway Ramble by following the set tracks on the east side of Highway 23. Trail maps are available from the Chamber of Commerce or on our website.

The club wishes to extend our thanks to Lisa Longinotto for her assistance on many events while she was the proprietor of the lodge. Lisa remains among us, based now from her home near the golf course.

--Michael Morris

Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club

Board of Directors

Ken Gibson	President
Bev Clark	Treasurer
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Brian Abear	Trail Coordinator
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Cam Molder	Director
Michael Morris	Director
Sally Thomson	Rabbit Coordinator

Trail crew

Brian Abear
Alan McInnes
Mickey Olsen

Hut Coordinator

Vacant

Newsletter Crew

Jackie Morris
Diana Graham

Web Master

Joni Morris

2004/2005 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Date	Event
November 2	Newsletter #1	January 17	Start Rabbits After School Program
November 16	Membership Night	January 22	Newsletter #3
December 10	Newsletter #2	February ?	Lantern Ski #2 or fun race (tentative)
January 1	Lantern Ski #1	February 21	Final advanced Rabbit session
January 1	Orientation BC Rabbits / Bunnies	March 5	Final Rabbits / Bunny session
January 7-9	NCCP coaching course	April 9	Last Grooming
January 8	Start Rabbit / Bunny Sessions	April ?	Year end potluck
January ?	Novice Instruction Session	April 20	Annual General Meeting



Ski League for Children

The Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club offers the Cross Country British Columbia Ski League Program at the Mount MacPherson Trails. The sessions emphasize fun, games, and special events aimed at developing skill and fitness. The program offers three levels:

- **Bunnies:** for children age four and kindergarten (parent participation required).
- **Rabbits:** for children in grades one to six.
- **Junior Development:** for children in grades four and up, who have advanced skiing skills and wish to participate in ski races.

Cost: Rabbits & Jr. Development: club members - \$25 per child, non-members - \$30 per child; Bunnies - \$20 per child. Registration fees include a junior competitor license, ski poster, water bottle, fanny pack, award badges, and liability insurance.

When: Saturdays, January 8 - March 5
Hours: Bunnies 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.; Rabbits & Jr. Development 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Orientation: Community Centre, January 1, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

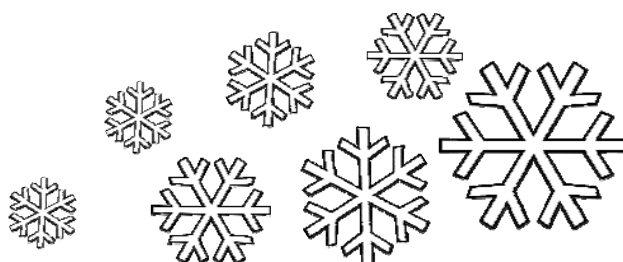
On snow: New Year's Day Lantern Ski

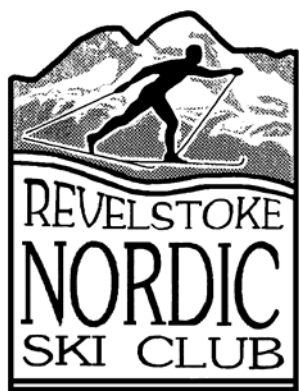
After School Program: Mondays 3:45 – 5:00 p.m.. Five sessions beginning January 17 designed for children in grades 2 and up who have basic skiing technique and are interested in fine tuning skills. This is **not** an introductory program. No charge for those registered in the Ski League program. Non-members, \$25.

Groups are lead by volunteer Ski League Leaders and NCCP certified coaches. Assistance from parents, students, and club members is welcome, *regardless of skiing ability*. We can help you with your skiing and leadership abilities.

- **National Community Coaching Program course for leaders:** *Applicable to any sport.* January 7-9. Sixteen hour introductory level course on proper coaching practices. This is not about ski technique. No charge for leaders with the Ski League program. All others, \$65.

For more information, contact Sally Thomson at 837-5784 or sally_thomson@telus.net





Selkirk Graphics, on First Street, has our logo in their files. You can ask to have it embroidered onto any item – hats, shirts, whatever you like. Remember that our club colours are blue and white. Christmas is coming!

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Snow Phone

For updates on trail conditions call:

837-7303

Web Site

Trail map, local ski history, and more!

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