

Revelstoke's NORDIC SKI REPORT

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Message from the President

The club is starting the next season in the best shape ever, with a new groomer and an improved trail system. Thanks go to Brian Abear and Al McInnes for leading these projects. See page two for the whole story.

At our Annual General Meeting in April, we voted to increase the trail use fee and the membership fee. We felt it necessary due the large expense of our new groomer and the price of fuel. The new fee schedule appears on page two.

Our other good news is that we have signed a ten year agreement with the Ministry of Forests regarding the use of the trails on Mount MacPherson, which is in effect our license of occupation.

As always, we thank our trail crew, the corner stones of our club. Al McInnes, Mickey Olsen, and Brian Abear worked hard to find a groomer. They were also instrumental in getting the upgrades to the trail system laid out and constructed. The Forest Service looked after some of the installation costs and repair work at the trailhead kiosk and the Ole Sandberg cabin.

Graham and Wendy Harper have again graciously allowed us to store the groomer at MacPherson Lodge. That kind of security is highly appreciated.

We thank Larry White and the crew that did the hut duty for us last year. This year we are looking for a new hut duty coordinator. Larry tells us it is a great way to meet people if you are new to town.

Thanks also go out to Nadine Smith for organizing last year's Pot Luck Dinner. It's great to be able to end the ski season with such a feast.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the club's executive. Sally Thomson and her group offer terrific Rabbit, Bunny, and Junior development programs. The kids keep on improving year after year. Bev Clark pays the bills and keeps the books up to date and coordinates our Lantern Ski event. Michael and Jackie Morris put the newsletters together and handle the website (with help from Diana Graham!). Rob Mohr provides the meeting minutes. Karen Bray keeps track of the membership and funding applications. Last year, Keith McNab led a review of our constitution and, with Cam Molder, organized the Team Scream event.

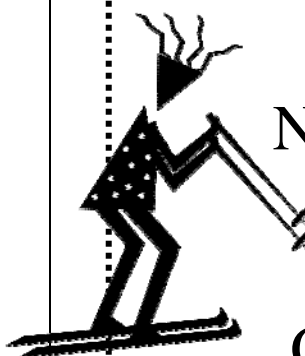
We begin a new season with Members Night on November 15. Come pick up your membership card, perhaps win a door prize, and hear about this season's club activities.

Ken Gibson

Members' Night

7:30 p.m.

November 15, 2005



Revelstoke
Community Centre

Club Acquires New (Used) Groomer

After an extensive search by Brian Abear, the club has purchased a replacement trail grooming machine, a 2002 Bombardier BR275 with 5672 hours on the clock. Our previous machine was 24 years old and was expensive and difficult to maintain.

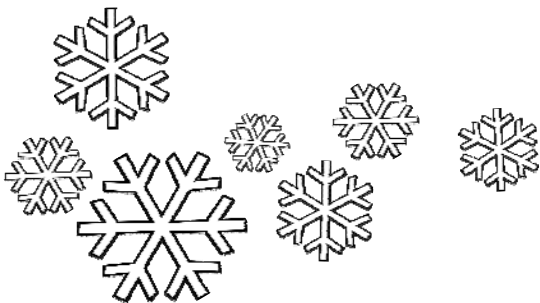
Our relatively new groomer has been refurbished with new hydraulic hoses, drive sprockets, and 58 inch semi-closed profile tracks. The new tracks are the most important maintenance item on the unit. The tractor will be 20 cm wider than our previous machine and the tiller will be 30 cm wider. Also included are new tracksetters and X-C combs on the tiller flaps. This comb is finer than the traditional downhill ski area type and is the same as what is used on the Sovereign Lake trails.

The new groomer will work faster and is expected to use less fuel per track setting session. It comes with a year and a half left on the Cummins engine warranty. All of the replaced parts have a 90 day warranty, while the hydraulic pumps will have a one year warranty.

The cost was \$101,121.00. This included taxes, delivery to Revelstoke, and our old groomer as a trade-in. Brand new machines like this cost in excess of \$250,000.00.

The club is able to afford such a purchase because of the farsightedness of previous boards of directors who stashed money specifically for this purpose over an eight year period.

Also, we applied for contributions from funding agencies, which made it possible to purchase a much newer machine than we could otherwise afford. A list of funders will be published in our next newsletter. Our thanks to Karen Bray for shepherding these applications.



Club Membership Fees for 2005-2006

Adult:	\$65.00	Day Pass:	\$6.00
Youth:	\$30.00	Day Pass:	\$3.00
Family:	\$140.00	Day Pass:	\$12.00

Trail Upgrading Continues

Al McInnes, on behalf of the club, constructed a cut-off trail from BCIT to Loggers Lane in order to eliminate two-way traffic on MacPherson Access. This will eliminate the need of having two-way traffic on the steep hill on BCIT.

Also, work has been done in a number of areas on the trail system-widening and installing culverts. The Ministry of Forests has committed to replacing the bridge at the Beaver Dam with a fish friendly culvert and to replacing a collapsed wooden culvert on Cedar Ramble with a steel pipe. These improvements should allow for more stable trail conditions in times of mild or wet weather.

Logs from the trail clearing were used to widen bridges on Creek Crawl, BCIT trail, and Cedar Ramble. Profits from the sale of the remaining logs paid for the use of the logging equipment and stumpage, with funds left over. We were fortunate to receive a number of used culverts from Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation, Downie Timber Ltd. and the Forest Service.

The annual brushing work parties took place on September 24 and October 1. If you want to know about these types of activities so you can volunteer in the fall, make sure you put an email address on your membership form. Diana Graham is great at getting out these messages to us.

Ski League for Children

The Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club offers the CCBC 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:

- Bunny Rabbits: for children age four and kindergarten with help from their parents.
- 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.

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 skills.

When: Saturdays, January 7 – March 4, 2006

Hours: Rabbits and Junior Development 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Bunnies 10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Orientation: Community Centre, January 2, 2006, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Fees: Rabbits and Junior Development: \$35.00
Bunnies: \$25.00

Includes: Junior competitor license, ski poster, glasses with case, award badges, and liability insurance.



Registration Deadline
Friday, December 9.



*For more information, please contact
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Junior Development Parent/Participant Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Members' Night, November 15th
Revelstoke Community Centre

To discuss this season's
program activities and races.

After School Program

Mondays 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Five sessions beginning January 16 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: \$25.00.

We Need Ski League Leaders!

Vacancies for part-time leaders in a co-coaching arrangement, or for coaching full-time, for nine Saturday mornings. All it takes is a commitment to certify with the Introduction to Community Coaching course, the cost of which is paid for by the club.



Important Dates

Members' Night	November 15, 7:30 – 9 p.m.	Community Centre
Lantern Ski	January 1, 5 – 8 p.m.	Mount MacPherson
First Rabbit Session	January 7, 10 – 12 a.m.	Mount MacPherson
First Bunny Session	January 7, 10:45 a.m. – noon	Mount MacPherson
Fun Race	February 18	Mount MacPherson
Awards Supper / Potluck	March 26	Community Centre
Annual General Meeting	April 18	Forest Service Office



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For updates on trail conditions call:

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Web Site

Trail map, local ski history, and more!

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