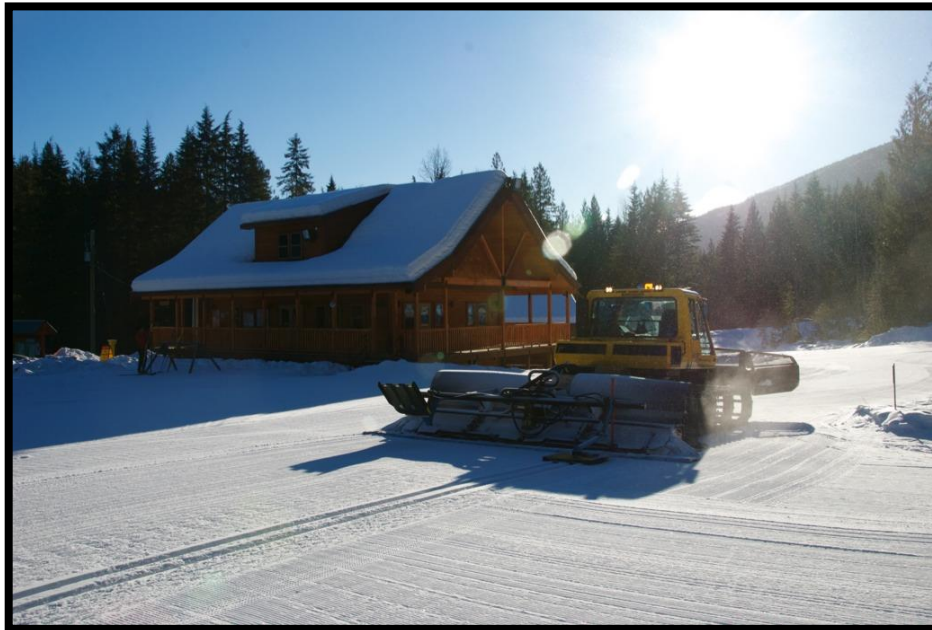


Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club

Annual General Meeting



April 13, 2015

Revelstoke Nordic Ski Lodge

Revelstoke, BC

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Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
7:00 PM April 13, 2015
Revelstoke Nordic Ski Lodge

Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Review of 2014 meeting minutes
3. President's Report –
4. Treasurer's Report – Terra
5. Manager's Report - Natelle
6. Membership Report – Debbie
7. Ski League Report – Robyn
8. Coach's Report – Matt
9. Facilities Report – Rob
10. Communications Report – Brendan
11. Trails Report – Jeff
12. Dog Users Report – Paula
13. Election of Directors – Dave
14. New Business
 - a. Special Resolution – A motion to amend Bylaw Article 38 to read: 'The fiscal year shall end on the thirty-first day of March each year.' (The Article currently reads: 'The fiscal year shall end on the thirtieth day of April each year.')

Vice Presidents Report 2015

As the snow is slowly melting in the early spring rains it is time to reflect back on what has been another action packed season for the RNSC. I'm writing this Report as Vice President because the RNSC still doesn't have a President. The Board members have been taking turns Chairing the meetings this year and Dave Kaegi stayed on a Past President but the lack of a President has made it more difficult this year. We have gotten the Club business done but we are all hoping to have a President in place after the AGM.

The look back on this season has to start with what happened last summer, which was quite a bit. First Dave managed to get adequate funding in place to get lighting installed on Mickey's, Evelyn's, Dynamite and Titan as well as the Stadium Area. Not only did the new lights provide great skiing in the evenings all season but the project came in under budget so we could use the extra funds to do some needed trail work and, with additional Funding from the City, we purchased and quad machine on tracks that will be very useful in many ways. The second major event from last summer was the purchase of 50 sets of used rental packages from Sovereign Ski Area. This has allowed us to start renting skis at the Lodge. The rental program has been a great success with many locals and tourists taking advantage of the rentals at the Lodge to get out skiing on our great trails.

The other major development from last summer was the hiring of a Lodge Manager. Natelle Fitzgerald was hired last fall to look after the Lodge Thursday through Monday. Her duties include selling tickets and renting skis as well as lots of other Lodge related duties. Having Natelle at the Lodge has been a great addition. With her regular presents at the Lodge it has been much easier to keep track of ticket sales and we could not have had the rental program without her there. I'm sure we have all appreciated seeing her smiling face when we stop at the Lodge.

Now to the actual winter. I'm sure you will all agree that the Nordic skiing has been great this season. While the alpine skiing has been mediocre at best this winter our volunteer groomers have kept the Nordic skiing in great shape. The season started early and has stayed great all season.

So a very active season for the RNSC. I think we now have the foundation in place for the Club to continue to grow and provide great xc skiing for Revelstoke locals and tourists for years.

Keith McNab
Vice President/Secretary

Treasurer's Report- Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2015

The club financial assets were \$114,978.44 at the end of the year.

Club Operations

The Club Operations had a surplus of \$36,900 on revenue of \$128,730. With the unexpected increase in memberships and day users, the club had exceeded its expectations for revenue. The club was also successful with its rental ski program.

Ski League

Ski League had a surplus of \$18,800 on a revenue of \$65,900. The surplus from this year will be used to offset next years costs as this was the last year that they will be receiving the Alta Gas grant. They have been looking at other ideas for fundraising. This year they were able to raise \$7500 from various fundraisers such as selling Coopers gift cards, bottle drives, concessions and raffle tickets.

BC Cup

The BC Cup hosted by our club in January was the most financially successful race to date, netting a profit of \$9,100

Capital Projects

The Trail Lighting Project funded by grants from the CRSD, Columbia Basin Trust and the City of Revelstoke was completed under budget. The remainder funding was used to complete repairs on a bridge, expansion of the stadium as well as enclosing the area under the deck. Later in the season additional funding was received from the City of Revelstoke to purchase an ATV for grooming.

Terra Park

RNSC Treasurer

RNSC Assets as of March 31, 2015

Club Operations	RCU Account	59785.47
	Membership Shares	62.24
	Member Rewards	34.00
	Bond Holding Acct.	3344.10
	Capital Replacement Fund	15103.41
	hut float	40.00
Ski League	RCU Account	27847.37
	Gaming Account	2.26
	Athlete Support	1008
Capital Projects	RCU Account	9611.48

Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club Annual Budget

Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club 2015-16 Budget

Club Operation	Fiscal 2015 Plan	Fiscal 2015 Actuals	Fiscal 2016 Plan
Income			
Day Use Fees	18,000	27,895	22,000
Ski Rentals		9,245	8,000
Membership fees	55,500	74,848	70,000
Parking Lot Fees	1,000	690	1,000
Donations	1,400	4,673	
Columbia Basin Trust	8,000	8,750	
Ministry of Forests and Tourism	2,500	2,500	
Misc.		129	
	86,400	128,730	101,000
Expenses			
Advertising/Website/Newsletter	1,000	1,308	1,500
Athlete Support	1,000	1,214	1,400
Book Keeper	2,000	2,444	3,000
Race Equipment	3,000	448	
CCBC Registration Fees	6,700	12,678	12,500
Club Events	1,500	2,199	1,500
Communications	1,500	1,374	1,500
Day Lodge O & M	8,500	8,482	8,500
Groomer - Fuel	12,000	11,187	12,000
Groomer - Maintenance and Parts	5,000	5,668	6,000
Groomer - Major Overhaul	15,000	15,427	5,000
Insurance - buildings & equipment	2,600	2,819	2,850
Misc	500	280	500
Office & Admin Supplies	550	1,899	1,000
Shop O & M	2,000	2,391	2,000
Snowmobile Groomer O&M	1,500	2,851	2,500
Trail Maintenance	5,000	1,216	2,000
Club Manager	12,000	12,151	15,000
Snow Removal	2,000	1,890	2,500
Lodge Capital Replacement	1,000		1,000
Trail Lighting	1,500		1,500
Rental Skis		3,542	2,000
Bank and Interest Expense		355	375
	0	85,850	91,823
Net Income	\$ 550	\$ 36,906	\$ 14,875
Ski League			
Income			
Grants	8,000	10,500	
Donations		410	
School Program	900	600	2,500
Fundraising (bottle drive/Coopers)	9,500	7,469	8,000
Coopers Cards - Purchased 2014/Sold 2015		11,200	

Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club – 2014/15 Annual General Meeting Report

SKI LEAGUE INCOME CONT.				
Ski League Registration Fees	15,000	14,470	16,000	
Ski Lessons/Clinics	600	2,935	3,000	
Ski Race Hosting	2,000	9,100	2,000	
Head Lamp Heroes	300	224	225	
Net Income	36,300	56,908	31,725	
Expenses				
Coaching Courses	3,500	2,337	3,500	
Head Coach - Expenses	4,500	4,095	6,000	
Misc		422		
Head Coach - Wages	24,000	28,301	30,000	
Assistant Coach - Wages			1,500	
Ski League	2,500	510	1,500	
Race Expense		100	1,500	
Wax Expense	1,000	2,342	3,000	
	35,500	38,107	47,000	
Net Income	\$ 800	\$ 18,801	-\$ 15,275	
Capital projects				
Revenue				
Timber Sales		3,633		
CBT/CSRD/City -Trail Lighting	225,000	220,000		
CBT			8,000	
BC Tire Stewardship Grant			2,500	
Club Contribution			7,900	
City of Revelstoke		13,000		
	225,000	236,633	18,400	
Expenses				
Timber Sales - stumpage		971		
Trail Lighting	225,000	199,346	8,400	
ATV		25,900		
Bridge Repairs		6,235		
Stadium Expansion		1,026		
Pole Barn			14,500	
Rubber Flooring			5,100	
Deck Enclosure		2,275		
	225,000	235,753	28,000	
Net Income	-	880	-	9,600

*2016 deficit to be taken from 2015 Capital Projects surplus

Manager's Report

This was the first year that the RNSC hired a paid Club Manager and one of my goals was to keep track of how I spent my time in order to establish expectations and duties for this position. The Manager position was for 30 hours/week and the duties, as outlined at the time of hire, included the following:

- Opening and closing of Day Lodge facilities
- Ticket office sales
- Nordic Ski rentals (incl. maintenance)
- Membership registration
- Marketing of Club services and programs to hotels, booking agencies, etc.
- General administrative duties
- Answering visitor enquiries (phone/email/web)
- Custodial duties
- Regularly update trail conditions (website/snow phone/facebook)
- Update and manage website
- Coordinate and edit monthly newsletter
- Purchasing of supplies
- Minor lodge maintenance and repair
- Coordinate grooming schedule
- Board support (meetings, communication, events)

This proved to be a realistic summary of daily and monthly expectations, the majority of which were met throughout the season. I found the job rewarding and particularly enjoyed helping new skiers get out on snow with our rental equipment. During the busy season, the majority of my time was spent with rentals, on custodial tasks and collecting day fees. Going forward, my sense is that the Club Manager would benefit from tackling administrative tasks and marketing efforts early in the season before things get busy.

TICKET OFFICE: The ticket office had its most successful year to date, selling \$27,895 worth of trail fees. This breaks down to approximately 2,790 visits, a 56% increase from the previous year. We had many visitors from far and wide, most of whom came back with big smiles and overwhelmingly positive comments about our trails, grooming and facility. Including rental fees, the ticket office brought in \$37,140 in total revenue.

The ticket office was supported by the help of many volunteers, particularly over Christmas break. Volunteers included: Kathy Bellis, Sally Thompson, Josie Woodman, Terra Park, Rana Nelson, Jasmin Brackenbury, Jeff Acton, Tanya Wolgram, Darryl Nitsche, Pat Anderson, Tracy

Buckley, Lucie Perusse, Ruth Harvie, Vivian Mitchell, Lillian Lambert, Sue Davies, Barb Bay and Amy Torungund. Head coach Matt Smider helped out a great deal with rentals and trail fees as well. Thank-you everyone for your help.

RENTALS: At the beginning of the year, the RNSC bought 50 sets of skis, boots and poles in partnership with the School board. The rentals generated \$9,245 for the Club with approx. 500 people renting some combination of the equipment. The program was hugely popular and allowed many new skiers to try Nordic, some of whom later came back to buy memberships. The addition of a boot dryer and a ski rack built by Keith McNab will were welcome additions to the office space. The point of sales terminal, allowing us to accept credit and debit cards was also a welcome addition.

Thank-you for a great season everyone. I hope to see you when the snow flies next year!

Natelle Fitzgerald

Club Manager

Membership Report

RNSC	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
Gross Income	\$75,653.00	\$51,229.00	\$42,560.00	\$42,397.00	\$31,122.00						
less Donations	-\$805.00	-\$498.00	-\$294.00	-\$861.00	-\$760.00						
less Insurance to CCBC	-\$11,484.00	-\$5,710.00	-\$4,730.00	-\$4,940.00	-\$4,590.00						
Total Membership Revenue	\$63,364.00	\$45,021.00	\$37,536.00	\$36,596.00	\$25,772.00						
Returning Members	493	449	369	357	338	285	266	270	286	237	256
New Members	161	126	104	135	121	71	66	83	64	34	85
Total Members	654	575	473	492	459	356	332	353	350	271	341
% Increase	0.14	0.22	-0.04	0.07	0.29	0.07	-0.06	0.01	0.29	-0.19	
Women	0.59	0.6	0.63	0.64	0.6	0.58					
Men	0.41	0.4	0.37	0.36	0.4	0.42					
FAMILY	46	44	31	32							
INDIVIDUALS	414	358	310	317		largest age groups are 39 & 40 year olds @ 26 & 20 each					
YOUTH	36	19	20	32		eldest member is 88 years					
						largest group are kids ages 5-12					
1 COMPLIMENTARY	Pigeon Family					next largest group are 39 year olds					
5 LIFETIMES	Mickey Olson					room for improvement are older teens & 20 yr olds					
	Al & Evelyn McInnes										
	Brian Abear										
	Lionel Wheeler										

Debbie Koerber
Director, Membership

Ski League Report

This year brought many successes and opportunities for the youth and families involved with the Revelstoke Nordic Youth Programs. We were fortunate to renew our Head Coach Contract with Matt Smider and witnessed much growth in our Nordic Youth Community and great enthusiasm through his leadership and the support of the Athlete Development Committee. Our programs were successful thanks to the countless hours contributed by our team of volunteer coaches: Kendra Von Bremen, Pat McMechan, Dominique Paquin, Nikki Norrie, Amelia Brown, Hailey Christie-Hoyle, Simone Palmer, Koreen Morrone, Brendan MacIntosh, Angus Woodman, Janette Vickers, Gabriella Draboczi, Ann-Marie Gill, Mandy Kellner, Sylvia Wood, Louis-Marc Simard, Bart Larson, Bruce Granstrom, Clare Peacock, Maxine Opatril, Daniel Blackie, and Rory Luxmoore. Below are a few of the many noteworthy highlights from the season:

15. Another increase in youth enrolment over last year with 89 kids enrolled.
(20 Bunnies, 11 Rabbit 1, 14 Rabbit 2, 6 JRabbit 3, 9 Rabbit 4, 16 Track Attack, & 11 Junior Development)
16. New for the 2014/15 season was the addition of Tuesday Night Jackrabbits session (4-5pm). Our dedicated volunteer coaches offered a one hour skate ski focused group session for Jackrabbits 1-4 from early December through March.
17. Team Scream was a 'Rockin' event for young and old thanks to the leadership of Sarah Newton.
18. The Pancake Breakfast was a welcome start to our 14 week Ski League Program (The Brackenbury's flipped a real feast). Terrain Park Bonanza, Downhill Day, Little Dippet Loppet, and Mini-Olympics continue to make our Skill Development Program wildly fun.
19. Our race team donned new uniforms from a new supplier thanks to the efforts of Koreen Morrone.
20. The Coopers Card Fundraiser was a huge success this year thanks to the efforts of Natalie MacLeod and Vanessa Morrow. Our bottle drive team put in a big effort while our Dirty Feet Trail Race and Five Peaks volunteer team charted new ground!
21. Our race team had many accomplishments with numerous skiers achieving personal bests. Our club was well represented right through to the Nationals. As a result, our club jumped several places in the overall standings!
22. BC Cup # 2, hosted by our Club in January, was a grand success thanks to the volunteer commitment of our Club. Revelstoke was very well represented with many of our young athletes competing for their first time! A special acknowledgement to the Organizing Committee (Dave Kaegi, Sally Thompson, Richard Brittin, Penny Page-Brittin, Sarah

Newton, Brad Park, Keith McNab, Debbie Koerber, Matt Smider, Wade Viznaugh, Mike Thomas, and Natelle Fitzgerald).

The Athlete Development Committee (ADC) is a group of volunteers that meet on a monthly basis to plan and implement the delivery of youth and adult programs. The Committee consists of:

Robyn Thomas, RNSC Board Member – Director of Youth Programs,

Matt Smider, Head Coach,

Janette Vickers, Jackrabbit Coaching Coordinator,

Bruce Granstrom, Race Team Support and Liaison,

Penny Page-Brittin, Fundraising and Wax Technician.

We continue to seek a volunteer to coordinate/liaise with the Masters community and a volunteer to step into the role of Bunnies Program Coordinator.

This Athlete Development Committee will continue to work/meet through the off-season to ensure Fund-raising and Programming tasks are completed including:

- Track Attack and Junior Development athletes will continue their development and training activities in the dry land program, starting in July. Head Coach Matt will develop training plans and coordinate these activities with the help of Bruce, Clare, and various other volunteer coaches.
- Parent information meeting for Bunnies/Rabbits/Track Attack level athletes regarding equipment requirements and equipment maintenance.
- Inventory of current club skate skis (lending program for R3 & R4) to ascertain shortfalls.
- Determine the program details and fees before the advertising starts in July.
- The Trailblazer program did not run in 2014/15 but can be offered again as need arises and volunteers become available. Trailblazers are those athletes wishing to further their nordic skiing skills, without the racing component, while learning safety and survival techniques for the winter environment (program aimed at 11-13 years olds).
- Work to set up Zone 4 Ski League registration prior to September Mass Registration.
- Planning for NCCP Coaching Courses in the Fall (ICC, CC, L2T). All volunteer coaches receive training at no cost (paid for by Ski League).
- Recruit volunteer coaches and other volunteers to ensure our programs can continue to run as planned.

The Ski League program is founded on the efforts of dedicated volunteers. Please contact

any member of the Athlete Development Committee if you are interested in getting involved.

Thank you on behalf of the Revelstoke Nordic Youth and the RNSC Executive Board to all the parents, coaches, and volunteers who have invested in our Youth Programs!

**Robyn Thomas
Director of Youth Programs
RNSC**

Coaches Report

2014-15 was another successful season for the Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club! For the past three seasons, Alta Gas has generously provided financial support for the club's Head Coach position. This support has been paramount to the club's ability to grow and develop its youth programming, in addition to increasing the profile of Nordic skiing within the community. The Head Coach is directly involved with coaching the Ski S'kool, adult classes, clinics, private lessons, the Revelstoke Nordic Ski Team and coordination of Headlamp Heroes.

Our Ski S'kool program effectively provided Nordic instruction to 84 3rd and 4th grade students from Arrow Heights, Ecole des Glaciers, Columbia Park and Begbie View. Each group took part in four weekly, three-hour sessions at the Macpherson Nordic trails. In addition, 40 1st and 2nd grade students from Begbie View were offered the opportunity to try Nordic skiing with a one-day introductory session. Finally, a new partnership was forged with the Revelstoke Secondary School and four physical education classes ranging from grades 8 -12 were each offered two, three-hour session at the Macpherson Nordic trails. Thanks to the generous support from our local school board and teachers, parent helpers and coaches, namely, Louisa Fleming, Nancy Martin, Tayla Koerber, Kendra von Bremen and Rob Evans.

New for the 2014-15 season was the addition of Adult Beginner classic and skate classes. 15 students participated in the beginner sessions, offered on a weekly basis over the course of eight weeks. Our technique-based Adult Intermediate and Advanced classes alternate between classic and skate technique for ten weeks. This program continued to be successful with 12 participants partaking in the five-session offering and three skiers opting for the full ten-session program. 11 skiers took part in the January One Day Clinic and 15 skiers sought private or semi-private lessons. Finally, the Wednesday Night Open training sessions gained momentum as a growing crowd of fitness enthusiasts were dedicated to the intensity-oriented sessions.

In its second season, the Headlamp Heroes Wednesday Night Race Series provided entertainment and competition on a monthly-basis. The series begin with a classic interval start event in December; King's Court-style skate sprints in January; a skate mass start in February;

and a mixed-technique relay in March. 140 participants took part in the race series, which was generously sponsored by Skookum, The Village Idiot, Valhalla Pure and Flowt. Thanks to Wade Viznaugh and Debbie Koerber for their respective leadership roles with course setup and registration.

The Revelstoke Nordic Race Team enjoyed much success during the 2014-15 season. There were a dedicated group of 17 Track Attack skiers (aged 9 -12) and 11 Junior Development skiers (aged 13+). Formal training sessions were offered twice weekly in the summer; two to four times weekly in the fall; and three to five times weekly while on snow (frequency dependent on level of development). In addition to formal group training, seven Junior Development skiers followed a year-round training program. Superb coaching support was integral to the program's success, with newly trained T2T coaches Rory Luxmoore and Bruce Granstrom providing consistent support for the Track Attack and Junior Development skiers. Clare Peacock also offered coaching support throughout the entire season, while Matti Little led our summer program. Nikki Norrie and Revelstoke Nordic Race Team alumni Hanna Thompson and Brittany and Megan Evans generously offered their coaching services when available. Finally, a huge coaching thanks to Phil Wood and Zina Kocher for offering their expertise and enthusiasm at our Holiday Camp and Revelstoke BC Cup, respectively. Penny Page-Brittin was instrumental in her role as lead Wax Technician, receiving assistance from Lucie Bergeron, Beverley Brosch, Brad Park, Janette Vickers, Rory Luxmoore and Bruce Granstrom. In addition to the aforementioned coaching and waxing aides, a big thank you goes out to the parents and families of skiers for providing ongoing support throughout the season.

The 2014-15 began with our Revelstoke skiers attending Spring and Summer Talent Squad Camps in 100 Mile House, the Fall Regional Camp in Vernon and the On-Snow Talent Squad and Regional Camps in Whistler and Vernon. In December, racing season kicked off with the Sovereign Lake Open, the Rossland NORAM and the Okanagan Cup in Salmon Arm. January saw skiers head to the Prince George BC Cup, the Kamloops Okanagan Cup, the Western Championships in Canmore and our first-ever local BC Cup in Revelstoke. In February, a hardy crew trekked to the BC Midget Champs at Mount Washington and ended the month at the BC Championships in Kelowna. One Revelstoke skier, Emily Suchy, proudly represented our club at the Canada Winter Games in Prince George. Finally, the month of March brought Ski Nationals 2015 in Thunder Bay. Here are some highlights from the 2014-15 season:

Western Championships

- 1st Emily Suchy, 4km & 5km Para Nordic Sit Women
- 4th Simon Blackie, Midget Boys Skate Sprint
- 5th Simon Blackie, Midget Boys Skate Mass Start
- 6th Simon Blackie, Midget Boys Classic Interval Start
- 8th Beth Granstrom, Juvenile Girls Classic Interval Start
- 8th Elizabeth Elliott, Juvenile Girls Skate Sprint

8th Beth Granstrom, Juvenile Girls Skate Mass Start

9th Erik Brosch, Midget Boys Skate Mass Start

5th place team at BC Midget Championships

2nd Emily MacLeod, 2003 Girls Classic Interval Start

2nd Alexandra Luxmore, 2004 Girls Skate Sprint

3rd Nelson Luxmore, 2003 Boys Classic Interval Start

3rd Alexandra Luxmoore, 2004 Girls Classic Interval Start

Tied 5th place team BC Championships

1st Isobel Wilson, Atom Girls 3 Classic Mass Start

1st Tayla Koerber, Kate Granstrom and Sarah Newton, Open & Master Women
Classic Relay

2nd Isobel Wilson, Atom Girls 3 Skate Interval Start

2nd Alexandra Luxmoore, Bantam Girls 1 Classic Mass Start

2nd Beth Granstrom, Juvenile Girls 1 Skate Interval Start

3rd Alana Brittin, Juvenile Girls 1 Classic Mass Start

2nd Ruby Serrouya, Pee Wee Girls 1 Aggregate

2nd Beth Granstrom, Juvenile Girls 1 Aggregate

3rd Lillian Vickers, Pee Wee Girls 1 Aggregate

3rd Alexandra Luxmoore, Bantam Girls 1 Aggregate

3rd Alana Brittin, Juvenile Girls 1 Aggregate

Canada Winter Games

1st Emily Suchy, 2.5km, 600m & 5km Para Nordic Sit Women

17th place team at Ski Nationals

1st Emily Suchy, 2.4km, 5.6km, 800m & 10km Para Nordic Sit Women

2nd Alana Brittin, Classic Interval Start

3rd Alana Brittin, Classic Sprints

5th Beth Granstrom, Skate Interval Start

5th Beth Granstrom, Skate Mass Start

10th Elizabeth Elliott, Classic Sprints

10th Elizabeth Elliott, Skate Mass Start

2nd Beth Granstrom, 2000 Girls Aggregate

3rd Alana Brittin, 2000 Girls Aggregate

5th Elizabeth Elliott, 2000 Girls Aggregate

The Revelstoke Nordic Race Team is proud of their accomplishments this past season and equally important is the continued growth in energy and enthusiasm for the sport of Nordic skiing. Congratulations to our Director of Youth Programs, Robyn Thomas and our Athlete Development Committee for their hard work orchestrating a successful year. Our club is grateful to Alta Gas for providing us the opportunity to develop capacity within our ski programs over the past three seasons.

Matthew Smider

Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club Head Coach



Members of Jr. Development and Track Attack teams with coach Smider. What a great season!

Facility Report

This season the lodge had the addition of a friendly and smiling face to greet you. Hiring Natelle was a huge asset for the club. House keeping and daily maintenance were kept up. Some issues arose with the lodge this year but with the help of generous and talented volunteers they were dealt with promptly and safely.

Last summer the deck on the west side of the lodge was fenced in and is now used to store netting and bamboo poles. A rock retaining wall was built to widen the stadium. This also resolved some complaints about large boulders being unsafe for kids to be playing on around the lodge.

Preparations for the upcoming season are well under way. We are looking into finishing the floors in the basement with interlocking rubber mats. The soft material is perfect for the hard and slippery soles of ski boots. A lot nicer for the ski league kids doing their warm down stretches. If all goes well there is a grant available for this recycled flooring material that will cover half of the cost of purchase and install.

Rob Jay
Director of Facilities

Newsletter and Awareness Report

We are making more use of email updates than ever before. Most communication has shifted to email information, as it is paper free, quick, direct and less expensive for the club. Communications were sent out by me (Brendan), our club manager, Natelle, and our club coach, Matt. We should consider reducing who sends out updates to our members to just one or two people, so that we do not send out information too often.

We produced two full newsletters this year. They were mailed out to our paper only members (about 10 of them), and emailed to the rest of the membership, with over 700 views for each of them. Newsletters seem to still be an important way to summarize events and information.

We encourage members to submit content to the website or the newsletters. Having personal stories, or high quality images from members enhances the personal feeling of the club.

The Lantern Ski was a big success this season. We had good attendance, and organizationally it worked very well. For the first year ever, there were actually more volunteers than necessary! The main change for the Lantern Ski 2015 was that because we have lights around Mickey's Loop, we set the kerosene lanterns up around Main Loop, as has been done in the past. The turn out for participants at the Ole Sandberg cabin was bigger than expected. For 2016, we will need to have more food and drink available at Ole Sandberg for this event.

The club executive has had a few discussions about how Fat bikes may or may not be integrated into the Macpherson experience in the future. At this time, no decisions have been made.

It was a great season for Nordic!

Brendan MacIntosh

Trails & Grooming Report

Despite our warmer than average winter and low snowfall, we had an excellent snowpack and Nordic conditions. The hard freeze in November and big snowfalls in December definitely helped to establish a good base to tide us through the rains and long dry spell in February.

The biggest trail improvement this past season was the addition of the lighting to the Mickey Olson loop, Evelyn's, Dynamite and Titan trails. This resulted in record numbers of skiers coming up in the evening to enjoy a night-time ski.

Thanks to partial funding from the Revelstoke Tourism Infrastructure Fund, the club was able to purchase a new piece of equipment to aid with grooming. This tracked ATV does a much better job of pulling and handling the Ginzu groomer sled than the skidoo. Despite arriving late in the season, it has proved to be a valuable tool, especially for early and late season grooming, and for quick touch ups between snowfalls.

This year we had 15 volunteer groomers take turns grooming the trail network, four of whom were new to the team this year. Between the two machines, approximately 400 hours were spent grooming, averaging about 3 hours per session. A big thanks to: Al McInnes, Dave Kaegi, Duane Dukart, Jim Martiniuk, Kevin Bollefer, Mark Davis, Mark Gunner, Mat Wallace, Pat Mcmechan, Rob Evans, Rob Jay, Ryan Burlingame, Tom Patry, Trent Kappler and Wade Viznaugh. In addition to grooming, Rob Jay, Al McInnes and a few others spent numerous hours repairing and servicing the machines. Thanks guys!

As for some statistics for this season:

First day of grooming: November 22, 2014

Last day of grooming: April 1, 2015

Number of skiing days: 131+

Have a great summer everyone and we'll see you on the trails next winter!

Jeff Ferguson

Dog Trail and Users Report

Two hundred and four RNSC members registered to ski with their dog(s) on the designated loop. This is an increase from 180 in 2013-2014 and from the initial 131 in the 2011-2012 season.

The dog loop trails are now clearly signed. New metal signs indicating dog access or restriction have been purchased and next season will replace the temporary short ones. As a result of member request four more trowel posts were added to Roadway Ramble and fifteen more trowels spread along the loop.

The trowel system has decreased the use of plastic bags while encouraging skiers to clean up after their dog.

A risk management statement from Cross Country BC was passed along to dog owners and posted on the RNSC website.

"Clubs that allow dogs on their premises are advised to inform dog owners that they are responsible for their dog's behaviour. The owner of a dog is responsible for maintaining control over his/her pet and to be in abidance of any bylaws , etc., that govern having a pet in public. If a skier is interfered with by a dog and suffers bodily injury, and they sue the dog owner and the club for damages, the club will be fully protected under the CCC/CRC liability insurance policy. However the owner of the dog has no protection and is personally responsible for his/her dog's actions just as they would be in other similar settings."

Again this season, there were no reported dog conflicts. The RNSC dog loop is also used by skiers without dogs. It is important that all members have an enjoyable experience.

Excellent grooming and a well-designing trail system made hundreds of members and their dogs happy this season.

Paula Hill

Dog loop liaison

Snowshoe Trail Report

This season the trail markings and mapping were finalized for the Seven Bridges snowshoe trail. The trail is marked along the 4.5 kilometer course with yellow diamonds attached to either brown posts, trees or bamboo wands. All intersections with ski trails are identified with Seven Bridges signs. Two trail heads exist near the lodge - at the NW edge of the stadium / lodge area and near Abear's bridge at the N end of Mickey's loop.

Specific maps are available in the lodge. Annual pass holders pay no additional fee and day users pay per vehicle for parking (either day or annual parking fee).

Seven Bridges snowshoe trail is dog-friendly. The trail was used regularly and no issues were reported.

Enjoy!

Keith McNab

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