



September 2007

AGM

The Ski Club AGM will be held on Wednesday, Sept 26 at 7 PM in the Banquet Room at Mt Mac. Most of the board members are returning for the 07/08 season, however President Bill Curtis is stepping down after 6 busy years, so we need to fill that position. We also need a new Volunteer Director. Job descriptions are available through the club office.

Early Season Discount

Memberships are 10% less from now until Oct 13, the Ski Swap. Buy early and save \$20 on an adult membership and \$15 on a senior/youth/student membership. A membership form is enclosed for your convenience. Memberships are on sale at Icycle and Coast Mountain Sports until October 13 and at the Ski Base



throughout the season.

Fee Increase

There has been a \$10 increase in the membership fee to cover the increase in fees charged by Cross Country Yukon. A large part of the increase goes toward liability insurance coverage. Cross Country Yukon fees also go toward coaching and officiating courses, squad programs, elite skier development and community support.

1000th Member

For three or four years the club membership has slowly risen to near the 1000 mark, with the highest tally at about 985 members. This year the club will offer a free membership to the 1000th.

Volunteer Reception and Thank You!

November 3 at 8pm, The club is hosting a reception for all volunteers from last ski season. Over 225 volunteers were needed last year to run programs, groom trails, officiate at the Canada Games and other events, and to help with day to day administration and other club needs.

The reception will take place in the Grey Mountain Room (upstairs) at Mt Mac. There will be snacks, refreshments,

a presentation of volunteer awards and gifts, and a draw for an adult ski club membership for the current season. Here is your chance to socialize and relax without having to glance at a stopwatch!

Many volunteers remained active over the summer painting, brushing, counting power poles and planting trees! As we head into the fall please review how you can contribute to the club. We are always looking for different ideas and new energy. Most of the time volunteering is fun... even at -25 as was proven by those who were outside during the Canada Winter Games! Whether helping out for a single event such as a race or participating in a longer term project like strategic planning, your assistance is welcome.

Ski Swap

The Big Day is **October 13** this year! Make some cash and support the ski club by taking part in the Swap! ! Doors open at 9am on Saturday morning so be there early to get the best deals. Cross country, downhill, skating, snowboarding, hockey, camping, climbing gear – all winter sports gear is welcome!

The swap depends on you to bring items to sell. To make selling more convenient, you may bring equipment to the Ski Base (ski club office) on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening Oct 9-11 or to the Mt Mac banquet room on Friday, October 12 between 6 and 9pm.

There will be a \$1 fee for each price tag, to help cover the cost of tags. All tickets will go into a draw for prizes. The club has been told that GST must be charged on items sold at the swap, so this year there will be 20% taken from each item sold. The club will get 14% which is down 1% from previous years and 6% will go to GST. For details, call the ski club office.



Volunteers Needed for the Ski Swap!

We need volunteers to help with equipment drop off from 6 to 9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening at the Ski Base, and on Friday evening in the Grey Mountain Room, Mt. Mac. Volunteers will also be needed on Saturday morning from 8am until noon for the swap and on Saturday from noon to 3pm for the payout and cleanup. Please call the club office at 668-4477 for details and to sign up.

Bus Tour to Anchorage



Anybody who might be interested in taking part in a bus tour to Anchorage is encouraged to sign up by emailing or signing the message, posted in the wax room. There has been talk of chartering a bus so that some of the younger skiers can participate in a Besh Cup race in Anchorage. Non racers could go to try out the 200km trail network or the great trails at Kincaid Park. There is also plenty to see and do in Anchorage. More information about the dates and costs will be posted, but for now there will be a need for a coordinator and some indication as to how many members would be interested in this proposal.

Northwestel Yukon Loppet – 25 Years!



A loppet Chairperson is needed to get the planning underway for the 25th running of the Northwestel Yukon Loppet, which is scheduled for March 1, 2008. The Loppet chairperson is responsible for recruiting and coordinating volunteers to look after the banquet, prizes, and other non-technical items. A Chief of Loppet will also be needed to organize the course, stadium, timing, results and other event details. The Chair and Chief will work together with a committee to ensure that the Loppet is a success. Please contact the club office if you would like to take on this great event!

Funding

Thanks to the following funding bodies for their generous support of WCCSC activities:

Lotteries Yukon has provided \$15,000 for upgrades to the trail lighting system.

The **Community Development Fund (CDF)** has provided \$19,000 to create a ski playground and associated landscaping in the stadium and club areas.

The **City of Whitehorse** has contributed \$5000 for club activities.

Thanks to our supporters, including Coates Construction for donating the fill for the Terrain Park project, Northwestel for supporting our Info Line and Loppet sponsorship, and Allwest Glass for repairs to the Harvey's Hut windows. Thanks to the many other supporters – check out the Supporters board in the Wax Room for more details.

Doggie Do's and Dont's

Skiers with dogs are welcome on Dog Trail, to Harvey's Hut and all trails south of Crossroads Junction. Since the trail system is within the City of Whitehorse, dog owners are subject to city bylaws. There is a limit of two dogs per skier. The ski club requests that dogs be on a leash in marked areas which includes the Canada Games Centre and Mt Mac parking lots, the ski stadium and trails leading to the junction of Dog and Ketzka.

Dog owners are requested to clean up after their pets, especially around the Rec Centre and stadium and when there is a hazard for other skiers. There are garbage bins located in the stadium area and the Mt Mac trailhead. Dogs must be tied up in the designated area while using the Rec Centre.



Dog Training Workshops

Want more control over your dog while dog walking, hiking, or cross country skiing? This course will offer a number of tricks for getting off leash control. If you can't get your dog to come reliably when called and walk or ski close to you when necessary, it might be YOU that needs the training. Prevent accidents before they happen! Four one hour outdoor training sessions are offered on the trails at Mt. Mac. Saturday Sept 22, 29, October 6 and 13th, at 10 am, \$120. For information contact Rosanne Konrad at 633-4696 or behaviour.matters@yahoo.ca.

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Jackrabbit & Bunnies Program

The Jackrabbit and Bunny program starts Jan 6 and will run on Sundays from 1pm to 3pm. Registration begins Nov 1 at the Ski Base. Our Jackrabbit Leaders will teach your child the basics of skiing in a fun and safe environment. New Jackrabbit Leaders are needed – we will teach you and will help you improve your own technique! Technique clinics are planned for volunteer leaders. There will be coaching courses in November. All Jackrabbit leaders and helpers must be certified.

Jan 6 – Mar 9 (Sundays 1 – 3pm) or (Tuesdays 4pm – 5:30pm – limited enrollment)

Bunnies – 4 & 5 year olds

Jackrabbits – 6+ year olds

Fees: \$40 (plus ski club membership)

Join the Nordic Ski Patrol



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- Learn advanced first aid skills
- Improve your skiing and get training
- Meet other skiers
- If you are out skiing anyway why not become involved?

Training sessions run throughout October.

Contact: Tim Sellars @ 668-6095 OR

rtsellars@northwestel.net

Canadian Ski Patrol System – Yukon Zone

Trail Lights Project

The first phase of the trail lights upgrade has been completed. Old lights have been removed from the 5K trail between the Interchange and KK Hill and the 3.5K Connector. The old lights have been standing since the mid 70's and most of the poles are at least 60 years old, since they were recycled from other areas.

There will be two loops of about 2.5km in use this winter. The Dog/Copper loop which includes Ketz Connector and the Stadium is about 2.5km

and the World Cup 5K loop, including the Sumanik Drive bridge and Interval Hill is about 2.5km. Comments and suggestions regarding the next phase, are welcome. For information about Phase 2 and 3 please refer to the website and the Wax Room display.

Terrain Park and Landscaping Project

Work is in progress in the stadium. Three play features are being enhanced and some associated landscaping is being completed by the end of September. Thanks to Kim Winnicky, Amanda Deuling, Marc Champagne and others who are working on the project. The work will see improvements on the ski hill at the south end of the stadium, the ½ pipe and the stadium hill.

Coast Mountain Sports Wax and Wine



The first Coast Mountain Sports Wax and Wine will be Oct 26 at 7pm. Start the season with some waxing tips and an opportunity to connect with fellow skiers. Basic waxing and other special topics will be covered but hands on advice will be offered so bring your skis along. Three more Wax and Wine evenings are scheduled during the winter: Nov 23, Jan 25, and Feb 29. Watch the newsletter, club emails and PSA's for more information.

Mountain Bike Jump Park

A group of mountain bike enthusiasts are proposing to build a bike terrain park with jumps at Mt Mac. The park would be located just north of the Sumanik Dr overpass in the cleared area that was developed for wax testing for the Canada Winter Games. It would also include the open area between Olympic Trail and Nighthawk Trail. More details will be provided through the club website, as this project unfolds.

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New For First Time Mt Mac Skiers!

For skiers who are new to Whitehorse or would like to try cross country skiing for the first time, the club is offering a Try it! Like it! Pass. Pick up your day pass at the Ski Base, the ski club's service centre in the Wax Room. Adults \$5 and kids/seniors are \$2.50

Buddy Passes

Members, introduce a friend or family member to the great skiing at Mt Mac and pay half price for a buddy pass! Each member is allowed two buddy passes per season.

Lockers

Locker fees are due by Oct 31. Members with lockers have the first right of refusal for the coming season but must renew their membership and pay fees by Oct 31. After that, lockers will be assigned to the waiting list. To remain on the waiting list, you must be a current club member. Lockers are generally shared between 3 or 4 skiers so it is possible to store 2 pairs of skis, poles, boots and a small wax box. At present the wait time for a locker is about 2 years, so if you want one, you should be on the wait list. Or on the committee for expanding the Wax Room so that more locker space can be made!

There are lockers available in the change rooms. They are \$40 per year and can be used for storing a change of clothes and shower/sauna supplies.



Fall Trail Work

A crew of mowers has been out cutting brush on most of the trails. However, a lot of work can still be done. There is a continuous need to trim willows and limbs along most trails. Willows should be trimmed back a metre from the trail surface and limbs trimmed as high as possible on trees that hang over the trails. This work allows

for more snow to hit the trails and makes it safer for grooming.

Thanks to Tom Fairman, Gerry Kuhn, Doug Knutson, Craig Thur and Yves Titley (so far) for trail work.

Thanks also to Patch Groenwegen and friends and Yves Titley for maintenance work on Harvey's Hut.

Winter Trail Grooming

Once again we will be recruiting groomers to ensure that our trails are in the best possible condition.

There will be two grooming clinics offered this year.

See below for details.

Grooming crews will generally consist of 3 or 4 volunteers depending on snow conditions. Crew leaders will be scheduled a week or two ahead and crews will be scheduled on a weekly basis when possible. Grooming is usually done from 7:30pm to 10pm and 6am to 9am. However when there is new snow, some grooming will be done during the day and at unscheduled times. Newly groomed trails require an hour to harden up so avoid skiing right behind the groomers!



Grooming Clinics:

Basic – Nov 4th, 9am to 12 noon, MMRC Wax Room. Open to all interested volunteers.

Introduction to snow machines - safety, operation, maintenance. Learn when and why to pack, grade and renovate and become familiar with club policies and priorities. Hands-on demo and practice.

Advanced - Nov 25th, 7pm – 9pm. Open to experienced packers. Learn about tracksetting - best line, tracks on corners/hills/etc, skating vs classic events and so on. Learn about decision making regarding snow types and when to groom. Hands-on learning with snowmachine and tracksetter.

**We've moved to 6098 6th Avenue,
just off Main Street.**

www.sportees.com

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Ski Information Line



This line is sponsored by Northwestel. Beginning in October, the Ski Info line will be updated daily to provide current trail and snow conditions, wax of the day and event and program information. Call 668-7742.

The Website

The club web page has been long overdue for an overhaul and thanks to Darryl Bray there will be a new look before the snow flies. Darryl is a web site

designer and can be contacted at www.elviowebdesign.com.

The Ski Base

The Ski Base is the ski club's service centre for members and day users and is staffed by Mike Gladish, Heather Stevely, Scott Meikle and Will Stevely. The Ski Base is the place to buy memberships and day passes and also provides equipment rentals, waxing and repair service and an assortment of ski accessories.

2006/2007 WCCSC Board of Directors (valid until September 27th AGM)

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Ski Base Staff	Sarah Murray, Nansen Murray, Will Stevely, Scott Meikle

Club Hours of Operation

Month	Ski Base Hours	Wax Room Hours	Lights	Sauna
September 15 - 30	T/Th 4 - 8pm Sat 1 - 4pm	T/Th 3pm - 8 pm Sat noon - 4 pm	—	When wax room open
October 1-14	T/W/Th 4pm - 9pm Sat 10am - 5pm	T/W/Th 9am - 9pm Sat 9am - 5pm	—	When wax room open
October 15 - 31	M to F 9 - noon 3:30 - 9 pm S/S 10am - 5 pm	M to F 9am - 10pm Sat/Sun 9am - 6pm	M-F dusk to 9 pm -off if colder than - 30	When wax room open
Nov 1	M to F 9am - 12 noon 3:30 - 9pm Sat/Sun 10am - 5pm	M to F 9am - 10pm Sat/Sun 9am - 6pm		

Fall and Spring hours are variable, check website or call ahead - 668-4477

Mailing Address: #200 - 1 Sumanik Drive, Whitehorse YT Y1A 6J6 Email: xcski@northwestel.net



the Skier Service Centre at Mt Mac

Ski Rentals, waxes, poles and accessories as well as expert waxing and equipment advice. Snowshoes, Nordic walking poles and Nordic blade rentals also available.

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Ski Club Activities & Events

(Includes Cross Country Yukon Events)

Sept 15		Ski Club Memberships/Season passes go on sale
Sept 22	10 - 11am	Training on the Trails – Dog Training Workshops
Sept 26	7:00pm	Ski Club A.G.M - Mt Mac banquet room
Sept 29	10 – 11am	Training on the Trails – Dog Training Workshops
Oct 9 - 12	6 – 9pm	Ski Swap – equipment drop off at The Ski Base
Oct 12	6 - 9pm	Ski Swap – equipment drop off at Mt. McIntyre banquet room
Oct 13	9am to noon	Ski Swap and Membership Sales - Mt. McIntyre
Oct 13	10 – 11am	Training on the Trails – Dog Training Workshops
Oct 26	7pm	Coast MountainSports Wax & Wine #1
Oct 29	7pm-9pm	Officials Level 1 course - Intro
Nov 1		Jackrabbit registration starts – Ski Club office (The Ski Base)
Nov 3	8pm	Volunteer Thankyou Reception and Ski Club Social
Nov 4	9am – noon	Basic Grooming Clinic - Snow machine safety and operation, packing, grading
Nov 5	7 - 9pm	Trailgrooming Workshop – plan, policy review, priorities
Nov 19	7pm	Level 2 Officials Workshop (Chiefs) for Level 1's or Level 2 refresher
Nov 23	7pm	Coast Mountain Sports Wax and Wine #2
Nov 24		ALPINE BAKERY Free Ski Day
Nov 25	9am - 12noon	Tracksetting/Advanced grooming Clinic
Nov 26	7pm	Level 1 Officials Workshop (Tentative)
Dec 1		Christmas Pass booklets on sale until Dec 24
Dec 5	6pm	SUBWAY 5K #1 Free technique – Individual starts 2.5K or 5K
Dec 8	12:30pm	Don Sumanik #1/Arctic Winter Games Trials Classic Tech
Dec 9	12:30pm	Don Sumanik #2/Arctic Winter Games Trials Free Tech
Dec 22	10am - 4pm	The Ski Base Dawn to Dusk Relay Freestyle – Shortest Day (Club event)
Jan 6	1pm	Jackrabbit/Bunny– program starts
Jan 12	10:30am	SPORTEES Sprint Free Tech open
Jan 19	11am	SUBWAY 5K #2 Relay 4x5 or 4x2.5 (classic and free technique)
Jan 25	7pm	Coast Mountain Sports Wax & Wine #3
Feb 2	11am	SUBWAY 5K #3 5K / 10K / 15K Freestyle
Feb 9	12:30pm	Marsh Lake Loppet
Feb 15	all day	School Challenge
Feb 16	12:30pm	Mt Lorne Classic
Feb 29	7pm	Coast Mountain Sports Wax & Wine #4
Mar 1	11am	Northwestel Yukon Loppet - 30K, 20K, 7.5K, 3K
Mar 10-14		Arctic Winter Games - Yellowknife
Mar 19	6pm	SUBWAY 5K #4 freestyle/classic Duathlon 2.5K, 5K, 10K
March 22		Buckwheat Ski Classic – Log Cabin
March 29	12:30pm	Yukon Championships/Volunteer Recognition



There will be regular email updates about events. Check the Ski Info Line for Event and Program Information.

