

Hello All!

It will soon be winter...are you ready? Er, wait, while writing this I just received photos of National Development Team members skiing on a groomed section of upper road to Callaghan Lake the other day! Winter IS here!

A five pointer update for you:

1. CLUB MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As we head into our 2nd year of existence we have been steadily updating our membership list as the registration forms are received. We are about 100 members right now, with a healthy mix of returnees and newbies. We have already surpassed our kids program numbers from last year and 8 keen club members completed the Introduction to Community Coaching Workshop in October.

These are all good signs for the future as a core of free-heelin' skiers is beginning to take shape.

Dave Jevons continues to handle registration while I'm attempting the email blasts for the next while (this being first one, so bear with me).

This has gone out to those who have sent in their membership/program forms and fees for the 08/09 season and those we think are planning to. If you want off the list or you received more than one of these, please let me know.

The annual registration of members starts in late summer/fall. We have to send in our first batch of names and fees by Oct. 15 each year to Cross Country BC. October 15th signals the start of a new year for membership and continuity of our annual insurance coverage.

I am currently exploring adult ski technique improvement opportunities for this winter. If any club member out there has adult instruction/programming experience (as a CANSI instructor or coach), ideas, or a bit of time, I would love to hear from you.

And just in case those registration forms have been eaten by your pet gerbil...

2. POTLUCK DINNER AND SEASON KICK-OFF SOCIAL Saturday, Nov. 22, Squamish Rod and Gun Club Hall, 5:00pm - 9:00pm.

Rather than do the "All Things Nordic" event we successfully held for the town's intro to Nordic skiing last year, we've decided to try an "old fashioned" large potluck social for club members.

The potluck follows the same day, season's opening of Whistler Olympic Park and the grand opening of the new lodge, so it should make for a few hungry skiers, some tall tales, a fun event for a club of our current size and...

- a convenient membership sign-up/drop-off opportunity. Forms will be available.
- Members can bring stuff to sell/swap, too. No, you can't sell your kids.
- Club toques will be for sale.
- Digital image show if those who took pics last winter put some together on a disc/stick.
- a bit of swag for draw prizes
- possible ski prep/waxing demo on the (out)side?
- and no speeches longer than 1 minute!

The SRGC hall has a kitchen area and large adjacent room. It is located 600 metres past the Forest Service Office/ Brennan Park rec centre on the main gravel road alongside the Mamquam River. Take a right at the club sign, the deceiving house-looking hall is located another 100 m down a narrower gravel road.

More details to follow as the potluck date draws closer. We could use a few extra vollies to help with some pre-date preparations and day-of setup.

3. LEVEL 1 OFFICIALS COURSES

Our neighbour XC clubs still have 2 course offerings and openings available. And latest word, there is still a need for volunteers at the upcoming Nor Ams at WOP in mid-Dec/08. The more local XC officials we have in Sea to Sky Corridor bodes well for future competitions, big and small.

The courses:

Nov. 22: Vancouver via Hollyburn Jackrabbits Club. You can sign up on-line at <https://www.zone4.ca/register.asp?id=230>.

Dec 5/6: Whistler, via Whistler Nordics and assistance from VANOC. Contact: Nicola Kilfoy, [Coordinator Cross-Country Skiing, VANOC](#)
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4. FIRST YEAR CLUB REPORT

Attached is a summary of the club's first year (Word doc) and is similar to the presentation at our first AGM last June. The room was so noisy and packed to the walls with boisterous members it was hard for many to hear the delivery (ha, yeah right...).

5. CLUB WEBSITE

Our site is currently under construction. At this time it is primarily being used as the site for the December XC Nor Ams. We will soon start posting club info.

....'nuff for now. Any thoughts or ideas on club development, please let me know. We can always use a few more warm bodies and fuzzy minds to help create a club we can all enjoy!