



**Whaleback Nordic Ski Club**

# Whaleback Times

Hello once again,

Even with all the rain and warm temperatures, cross country skiing is still alive at Whaleback Nordic:

## Whalebackers at the Provincials

Congratulation to Sam Parsons, Isaac Blundon and Claire St. Croix who skied at the Provincials hosted by Aurora Nordic, St. Anthony. On Saturday, Claire placed 2nd in the 5.0 km classic, Sam placed 4th in the 2.5 classic and Isaac placed 2nd in the 5.0km classic. Great performance by all. Free style results were not available at press time.

## Trail Conditions

Today, I decided to hit the trails to determine their status. If you're still interested in going for a ski, please note the following:

**Foxtrot:** In excellent condition. Rating - 10/10

**Ravin's Ridge:** In good condition. Be careful on the downhill portion of the Whales Hump, the bottom of the Whale's Hump is collapsed on the right side. However, is skiable. Rating - 8/10

**Snowy Owl:** In good condition. There are small sections collapsed and small cracks in the base but is skiable. There is a hole in the classic track about 1.0km in the trail. Rating - 7/10

**Braveheart:** In good condition. Rating - 8.5/10

**Oliver's Twist:** In good condition. Rating - 8.5/10

**Rendezvous:** fair-good condition. Portions of the trail have collapsed...especially the left side. Rating - 7.0/10

**Abby Road:** Good condition...however, the trail is collapsed about 100 m from where it joins RR. Abby Road is a nice ski...the only concern is the 2 metres where I indicated the trail is collapsed. Rating - 7/10

**Deadly Descent:** No report.

**Hayes Hump:** No Report...looks soft.

**Beaver Tail Flat:** No Report.

## **Other observations:**

- I had no problem skiing the trails...never had to stop once to seriously maneuver around an area of concern. Great day skiing...trails mentioned above are an enjoyable ski
- There are no washouts, culverts are doing their job.

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- Trails are relatively firm considering the warm conditions. Rendezvous and OT had soft spots.
- Another upside, because of the relatively warm nights, there are no serious ruts. Also, the classic track is soft...should be a great ski with wax less skis.
- If you're not ready to take your bike out or find the sidewalks in town are covered in sand, cross country skiing is still an option for those members interested in some great exercise. I think I may be hitting the trails a couple of more times before I hang them up.
- Chalet door will be opened at around 9:00AM and locked at 8:00PM each day. Don't hesitate to put a log on the fire.
- Please bring your cell phone while skiing. The chalet number is 643-3841. There may or may not be anyone in the chalet to answer the phone.

### Chalet Attendants

Completely on a voluntary basis for this week. Please do so if you're interested in completing your slot.

### Volunteer Appreciation

Please reply to Peter by Thursday, April 13th if you plan or do not plan to attend.

Happy Trails

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