

# **Whaleback Times**

### What is happening at the Ski Park?

This week there wasn't too much accept, did it ever snow? Even today, mild conditions in the morning, white out conditions most of the afternoon. We decided to close the park for the day...looking back, maybe we should have opened again for Night Skiing. Not the case however...oh my, all this snow augers well for a long ski season. Night skiers, I hope you're not too disappointed.

#### Claire and John St Croix attend Eastern Races in Quebec

I was in the chalet Wednesday, drinking coffee, keeping the fire in the woodstove going and who shows up but John St. Croix. He was telling me that both Claire and himself had some great skiing while at the Eastern Championships. He told me that there is one hill that was steeper and longer that the Whaleback located on our own Ravens Ridge! By the time his race took place, he figured there was over 80 skiers already climbed that hill while skiing in other events! What a state...snow all chopped up...a real mess. He managed to conquer it but it was hard going. He finished by saying if Kenny was around, that hill would have been firmer!

Hats off to both Claire and John...two Whalebackers who skied in Quebec against some fierce competition.

#### Next Saturday, Feb.18th - A Day in the Park

Make sure you come up to the park next Saturday. Here is the plan...

- 1. Members are invited to bring a friend to go skiing/snowshoeing for the day. No charge for rentals and no charge for a ski pass. Now, how good is that at all? It's your chance to expose a buddy to the great outdoors. We can guarantee that the friend you bring will still be your friend afterwards. I challenge members to bring somebody to tag along with you.
- 2. A Bake Sale will be taking place in the chalet. Georgina, our Kitchen Director is organizing cookies/cakes/homemade bread that would put Betty Crocker to shame. I can't wait. More details to follow All happens next Saturday...11:00AM 3:00PM.

## **Outfitters, 47th Marathon**

As I type, 11 skiers from around the province have signed up for the Marathon scheduled for March 4th. Remember, the first 60 skiers who sign up receive a complimentary Marathon T Shirt. Don't be left out in the cold...without a T shirt. To sign up, please go to our website... www.whalebacknordic.com

#### **Whaleback Memorial Loppet**

It's 2 weeks away, join the gang, support the club, come out for a relaxing ski, variety of distances offered. Moose pies available from the kitchen. Win - Win. More on this event next week!



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# **Intermediate Skating Clinic**

Anyone interested in taking an intermediate skate ski clinic can contact Graham at grahamoliver5@gmail. com, or you may register on the signup sheet at the ski chalet. The time for the clinic has not yet been determined. It may be held on the weekend so as to accommodate a maximum number of skiers. This clinic is for skiers who already know how to skate ski, but would like to be exposed to more advanced skating techniques. The cost for the clinic will be \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. All fees raised from the clinic will be donated to Whaleback.

Have an enjoyable weekend.