



Whaleback Nordic Ski Club

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Hello again:

Some news from the club executive, chalet and out on the trails...

HIGH PARK SKI CLUB RETURNS TO WHALEBACK NORDIC

Thirty-six members of the High Park Ski Club of Toronto, Ontario returned to Whaleback Nordic Ski Club on Sunday, February 19, 2017 - some eleven years after their first visit. In all, two of their numbers were returning for a second time while the remainder were looking forward to their first visit.

They were treated to a very enjoyable day of exploring the club's excellent trails as well as sampling some very basic but tasty Newfoundland cuisine as served up by Whaleback's kitchen team of volunteers. Home baked beans, fish cakes, moose soup and Newfoundland blueberry crumble were among the most popular items on the menu while trails like Snowy Owl, Hayes' Hump and Oliver's Twist challenged their cross-country ski skills as well as providing stunning views of the countryside. Fortunately the weather was ideal for x-c ski touring - mild, fresh snow and no wind - conditions all too rare in recent weeks and all those involved had a very pleasurable day by all accounts.

High Park Ski Club is Toronto's longest established travelling Ski and Snowboard Club, established in 1950 and has as a motto "We Ski Everywhere!" Membership is approximately 1100. The club is a volunteer-run organization that offers members cross-country, downhill and snowboarding ski trips and a variety of activities throughout the year. They are currently on a visiting ski tour of popular Western Newfoundland ski destinations.

Whaleback Memorial Loppet this Saturday!

On Saturday, Feb 25, Whaleback Nordic will be hosting the Whaleback Memorial Loppet. The Loppet is a recreational event featuring a variety of courses ranging from 1 - 20 km.

The routes are:

1.0km: Bunny Hop

2.5km: Foxtrot (FT)

7.5km: FT, and Ravens Ridge (RR)

13.0km: FT, Snowy Owl (SO), RR, Rendezvous, Abby Road, RR

20.0km: FT, SO, RR, Rendezvous, Deadly Descent, Braveheart, Oliver's Twist, Abby Road, RR

Whaleback Special Event parking arrangements will be in effect and that members are asked to study the charts in the chalet and park accordingly.

All skiers on the west coast are invited to come out and enjoy the trails at Whaleback

Registration will be at 10:15 a.m. with the start at 11:00 Fee is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family.

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Canadian Masters Results at Charlo

As I mentioned last week, 4 members from Whaleback Nordic Ski Club participated in the Canadian Masters. The event included a 10 and 20 KM classic and a 10 and 20 KM free technique. Congratulations to Bruce and Jackie Legrow and Flo King who earned medals in every race in which they participated. Unfortunately, Dave King was injured; he participated in the 10 and 20KM classic but was unable to ski in the free style races. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Two additional Marathon Sponsors:

Did you hear that Atlantic Minerals and Ready Mix Concrete has recently joined the list of sponsors for our Marathon? Great news.

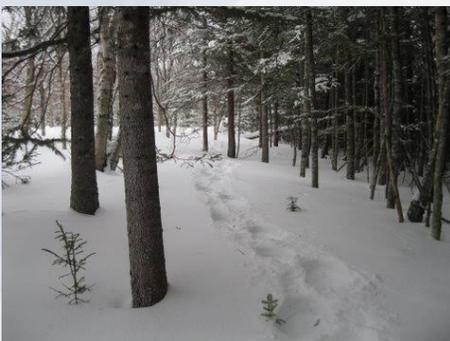
New Trail for Snow Shoers

Over the years requests have come in to develop a dedicated snowshoe trail in the ski park. In response to this request, we now have a new dedicated 3 km route and we are encouraging snowshoers to get out and stomp 'er down. The trail will provide an opportunity for snowshoers to get off the trails and truly experience the joys of tramping through the woods in fresh snow.

Members who desire to continue walking on our trails are welcome to do so. This newly developed trail is not a trail you must use.

Where is the New Snowshoe Trail Located?

1. Proceed down to the biathlon range
2. Look for the red ribbons to the right that mark the start of the trail
3. Follow the snowshoe tracks and red ribbons
4. The trail meanders between the FoxTrot and the Cemetery Bog for approximately 1,5 km
5. The route then circles the perimeter of a cutover before rejoining the trail that returns to the chalet
6. We be pruning branches and tying on a more red ribbons to help keep you on the trail
7. If there is a demand for more snowshoe trails we try to develop a network of dedicated routes.



Happy snoeshoeing,

Graham

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