



Whaleback Nordic Ski Club

## Whaleback Times

Hello again...great weekend at the ski park, bit chilly, but hey, it's early February!

### Provincial Masters

It was very nice to see some of our fellow skiers from across the province come back to the West Coast and brave the elements and ski our trails Saturday and Sunday. Regulars such as Gerry Rideout and Alf Parsons from Labrador City, Brian Reddick and his wife Helen from Grand Falls-Windsor, Andrew and Skylar May, and Charles Mitchell from Corner Brook. Not to forget our own Whalebackers who came to race, some to participate and support our club...very nice indeed.

Now down to business...the food provided by volunteers and volunteers working the kitchen was wonderful, social Saturday evening ran smoothly, no problem to obtain volunteers to serve as officials and forerunners...a satisfying weekend.

Thanks also to Diane and Sebastian...2 photographers out in the cold taking pictures of participants. A couple of dandy pics in today's Western Star and on the Whaleback Website. Results are also posted on our website. You should check it out.

### Grooming Protocol

A couple of weeks ago our grooming protocol was sent to our membership seeking their input/reaction. Never heard a word back! That could say a number of things...members didn't read it, members read it and had nothing to add, members read it and said what is the sense in replying or members read it and said, hey da boys are volunteers, trying their best to keep the trails in good shape, each day there are plenty of trails groomed to ski and I'm relatively happy with the way things are running.

Did you know that on Feb. 9th, we have been grooming trails for 2 full months? Yes, there have been a few errors in grooming but I feel that our track record is not too too bad.

If you have any suggestions or concerns about the grooming process, don't hesitate to drop Peter or I a line or two...we are always available to listen.

### Cross Country Canada Jack rabbit Toque Design Contest

During our last Jack rabbit session, a template was distributed to Jack rabbits, ages 5-9, encouraging them to submit a design for the contest. Deadline to have the design submitted is in 2 weeks. An email was sent out by Mark and the theme that you should follow was indicated.

Put your thinking caps on and Good Luck.

*continued on the next page...*

February 7, 2017



Whaleback Nordic Ski Club

## Whaleback Times

### [The Outfitters 47th NL Marathon - An event that some skiers plan to tour while others chose to race](#)

YES, it's at our ski park again this year. The Package with all information relating to the Marathon is 98% complete. Online registration will be available in a couple of days. Time to get your body in action. One month away!

**Highlights**...same course as last year!

First 60 skiers who register receive a complimentary Marathon T Shirt.

The Outfitters are organizing a bus to bring skiers to and from the Marathon. Picking up skiers along the way! Contact is Don Clarke at The Outfitters. Tell your friends out east.

Banquet will be at The Legion. Yummy.

Virtual Tour of course is on our website...have a gander at it.

### [Have you been following up on club activities?](#)

Pretty well everything that anyone wants to know about Whaleback Nordic Ski Club is on our website. The Who, What, When, Where and Why about our club...event results, membership fees, photos...Check it Out! We are at: [www.whalebacknordic.com](http://www.whalebacknordic.com)

### [Next fun event...Whaleback Memorial Loppet - Feb. 25th](#)

It won't be the same without you.

Till next time

February 7, 2017