

Whaleback Times

February 6, 2020



Whaleback Nordic Ski Club

Good day folks,

Miserable weather on the way, hopefully it will be cleared off by Sunday! Oh well, what do you expect when we live in the middle of an ice flow!

29th Snowy Owl Classic - Heart and Stroke Fundraiser

Reflecting back, the day was a huge success. I'm sure the excellent weather contributed to the great turn out, 65 in total, 24 from BMD next door. How great is that?

BIG thank you to the skiers and Jackrabbits who participated in the various routes, executive members who were in the forefront assisting with registration, kitchen, stadium set up, timing room, our sponsors, bib distribution, PR, members bringing soup/chili to the kitchen, Sebastian St. Croix for the terrific photos (check out the photos on the website!), and signs on the trails...

Speaking of trails, nothing but positive comments about the grooming conditions, which I shared with Kenny, our Expert in Grooming at Whaleback.

It was a lovely day, nice to see one of our Nordic pioneers, Jamie Graham in attendance. He goes back a long way.

I know you're on the edge of your seat wondering who won the Snowy Owl Cup?? It was very close but the Stephenville Sad Sacks(4561 pts) JUST managed to beat out the Blow Me Down Bubbles(4134 pts) and Kippens Crusaders(3186 pts)

Upcoming Events:

- Special Valentine's Evening - Feb. 14th

The Valentine's Dinner and Entertainment for February 14th is almost sold out!! **Just a few tickets left!! Tickets will be available until Wednesday, February 12th or when they run out – whichever comes first.** If you reserved tickets but have not yet paid and picked them up, please do so by **Sunday, February 9th**. Any tickets not picked up after that will be placed back in the tickets available for sale. **ALL TICKETS, RESERVED AND OPEN, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHALET DURING REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION.** Thank you for your support and enjoy your evening!

- Provincial Masters - Feb. 15-16 (Event information on website) Peter sent out race notice by email this week.

Buy and Sell

Did you know there is a page on the Whaleback website where members can advertise ski/snowshoe items for sale or looking to buy? There is one new "looking to buy" item added this week - Check it out! To have a ski or snowshoe item added to the website, send an email with the item's description to: whalebackskiclub@gmail.com.

Donation

We are currently seeking donations of skis, poles, and boots for children aged 5-10. The club is currently short of these items for different groups like the Jackrabbits, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

Lockers

I received a call from executive member Ivan Macdonald, he is rattled, frazzled and ready to throw in the towel. Why you might ask? There are several members with overdue locker fees. The deadline was January 22... If you have not paid for your locker yet, please do so **ASAP**. Ivan said he is willing to chase people down, but we are hoping it won't come to that.

University Students Visiting and Skiing Over Christmas

Since Christmas is long past and we are now heading into February month, I thought it would be a nice time to share some thoughts on the topic. We love to see students, visitors and past members using our trail during the festive season but there seems to be some misunderstanding or confusion over students skiing on the ski trails (without charge) when they visit Christmas. The answer is yes they can, they can come up and ski their hearts out **FREE** of charge, IF and only IF their parents are members of the Whaleback Ski Club.

Members in Action

Thank you to Greg Alexander who assisted Kenny repairing the broken track on our BR 250. Here is a photo of da boys in action...



And, to Luke Dunphy who brought the needed parts from Marble Mountain to Whaleback Nordic.

Big thank you to the Stagg and Stagg Lawfirm and Tabletop Chiropractic who joined us as a Bunny Hop Sponsor. They join our other sponsors and supporters: Paint Shop - Bunny Hop Sponsor,, Boyd and Bungay - Rest Stop Sponsor Marble RV - Rest stop Sponsor Classy Cuts Debbie's Video, Western Petroleum, The Outfitters - Presenting Sponsor for the Outfitters, NL Marathon, OK Tire - Rest Stop Sponsor Brian Dunphy and Victoria Hamlyn - Bunny Hop Sponsor Premium Print Supplies, Cycle Solutions - sponsoring neck warmers for upcoming Marathon..

Happy Trails!
Greg N