

Whaleback Times

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Hello again...some ski stuff to keep you in the loop.

Whaleback Memorial Loppet

A very impressive Saturday at the ski park. While fun, fitness and preparation for the upcoming Marathon was on some skiers minds it was rewarding listening to many skiers prior to the start speaking about our past club members. Fifty nine skiers answered the bell which was one of the better showings in awhile. Nice to see so many younger skiers, 12 skiers completed the 1.0 km, 3.5 or 7km loop...in the past this number was as low as 2-3. Great...hopefully we can build off that for next year.

Thanks again to Sebastian for providing the colorful pictures which are now posted on the website. Official Results are posted there also.

Michael Budden - Tearing up the trails!

Well, there is no other way of putting it, Michael cleaned up at the Special Olympics at the Canada Winter Games, 2020.

2.5km skate- Gold Medal

5.0km skate - Bronze Medal

7.5km skate - Gold Medal

Relay(3X1) classic - Gold Medal

What a speedster? To beat the band, he was interviewed on TSN!!! Check it out.

<https://youtu.be/Jsl-yPQo-Bg>

Big thank you to Brian Dunphy whose been providing ski tips along the way. Watch out, rumor has it he registered for the 12.0km Marathon course. Good job Michael...another skier passing me. Oh, my nerves.

Outfitters. 50th NL Marathon

As I type, we have 98 participants registered for the upcoming Marathon. Not too shabby at all considering in 2018, there were 78 participants. There has been several emails recently sent so I won't repeat information already sent about the Marathon. Excellent weather condition expected for the day, deadline to register is Friday evening. If you show Saturday morning and want to ski...not a problem, except you will not be timed and you won't be provided with a bib.

Oh, another thing...if you are skiing that day, please bring your cell phone, if you come upon a skier in distress requiring assistance, phone 649-4550. Please enter that cell phone number in your cell phone right now.

Jack Rabbit postponed this Sunday, March 8th

Spoke to Megan last evening. She informed me that many of the JR leaders are out of town this Sunday so JR will not be going ahead. In the same breath, she asked me (and of course I support her request) that JR consider participating in the Marathon Saturday, in place of the postponed session on Sunday. With that said, any JR interested in completing the 3.5km, 7.0km or even the 12.0km course should register online by Friday evening. Great idea Megan! Finally, she informed me that the final JR evening will be taking place on Saturday, March 28th.

CCNL Tickets

Folks, the draw is this Saturday. Please return your tickets to the chalet. Hey, don't trick me as one skier did in 2018...there I was, 20 seconds before the start of the Marathon and a member (name withheld) gave me \$30.00 in change...which I thanked them and off I went. Everything was fine till I got about 8km in the course and wondered what was the weight in my jacket. Curve in my spine or what!!

As I type there are 18 members with tickets...Be careful...you know how I enjoy inserting names in Whaleback Times from time to time!

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Thank You...to those members who frequently drop off recyclables at the depot.

Happy Trails
Greg N.