

# Whaleback Times

# Hello again:

Last WT for the year. Thought I would share some news before I get my rifle and welcome in the New Year!

## **Trail Conditions**

The trails that are opened; held up pretty good from all the wind and rain received Friday. In fact, today it was similar to spring skiing...that is, if you skated. Sugary and corn snow throughout! Unfortunately, Beaver Tail Flat needs more snow before Kenny can lay a decent track. Overall, lots of smiles on member's faces... more snow expected Sunday. If you're wondering about what is groomed and what is not, check out Trail Conditions on our Website. Carter has a daily entry.

#### **Volunteer Chalet Schedule**

Jr. Composite Team - 3rd. place

Thanks to Sandra, our schedule is ready to kick in on Monday, January 2nd. Sandra, by the way, contacted most of last year's volunteers to determine their interest in returning for another season. The schedule is very similar to last years. If you forget your slot, it is posted on our website.

We do have 1 slot open on Thursday from 12:00 - 1:15, please contact me if you want to join in...great working conditions, plenty of chance of upward mobility and great pay. How can you refuse? Might I add, you (and guest) will be invited to a steak/chicken dinner in May! Contact me if interested in filling that slot.

# **CCNL Tickets**

If you skied today and signed in when you entered the chalet, you could not help to notice the tickets spread out over the desk. The fact that members received their tickets was another reason why they were smiling today. Members who sold tickets in previous years were again provided with tickets this year. There are lots of tickets on the chalet desk if I left anyone out.

Tickets sell for \$5.00 each, great prizes, draw will take place after the Marathon banquet.

Thank you for helping out the club by purchasing or selling these tickets.

### **Lockers**

The list of members who had a locker last year is now on the chalet desk. Cost is \$40.00 for the season and locker fees are now being accepted. Deadline to pay for your locker is Jan 21st...after that date, your locker will be rented to a member on the waiting list.



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### **Jackrabbit News**

Jack Rabbit Registration will take place from 1:00-3:00 PM, Saturday, Jan. 7th and Sunday, Jan.8th from 12:00-1:30PM at the chalet.

Cost again this year is \$25.00. This will allow a child to participate in the JR program only.

If a youth (12 years and under) or Junior (18 years and under) joins the club, they participate in the JR Program and permitted to ski on our trails throughout the ski season. Youth fee is \$58.00, Junior fee is \$87.00.

Please note: Any family who registers for JR on Saturday, Jan. 7th will receive free rentals and a day pass for that day. We want parents of JR children on the trail.

The first JR session will take place from 1:30-3:00 PM Sunday, Jan. 8th.

## **Twigs and Branches**

What a mess on the trail today as a result of all that wind Friday! I have to share a calorie burning story. I skied 12.5 km of trail last Thursday and today I skied the same distance on the same trails. Do you know what my trusty Garmin watch told me? I burned 650 more calories today than I did Thursday. Why you ask? Today, I stopped and sometimes I used my ski pole to remove twigs and branches on the trail. What a great way to rid myself of calories. You should try it sometime...I did leave a few twigs and branches on the trail for you! Hopefully the snow tonight won't hide them.

### Don's Den receives a visitor

It seems a visitor dropped in Don's Den and put up a ski rack! Who could it be? No one seems to know. Rumor has it that it was the Phantom from Noel's Pond! Hmmmm.

#### **Dates to Remember:**

NL Cup Race #2 (Ye Olde Christmas Race) - Jan. 14-15 at BMD

Snowy Owl Classic - Jan. 28th

Provincial Masters - Feb. 4 & 5