

# Whaleback Times

### Official Opening of Don's Den and Earl Hunt's 80th Birthday

Lots happening this Sunday at Don's Den...leaving chalet at 12:45PM to ski into Don's Den. Everyone welcome, Earl, and Freda will be leading the group to classic ski using Beaver Tail Flat. Those wishing to skate ski are welcome to use main trail. The sign above which was created by Ester will be hung on the exterior of Don's Den. Cake, soup, and tea, will be available for those who ski in or anyone who drops by for a chat. Come along as we celebrate the opening of Don's Den and Earl's 80th birthday.



Can't wait!

### Results from Whalebackers on the Road

This is what was passed on regarding John St. Choix who participated in the Eastern Championships...

- 1) 3km. Prologue Skate 40th out of 59
- 2) 7.5 km Skate with interval start 24th out of 58
- 3) 15km. classic mass start 39/54 (Took a tumble on the big hill with sharp turns and smashed his fancy sunglasses and gave himself a snow facial on that one). Sounds like its a great trip overall.

As for Bruce Legrow and Dave King who are attending the World Masters...

15km Free: Dave placed 29th with a time of 53:44

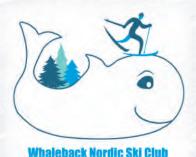
15km Free: Bruce placed 16th with a time of 59:50

10km Free: Dave placed 40th with a time of 35:53

10km Free: Bruce placed 19th with a time of 38:37

Weather has been very mild as they skied in a mixture of light rain and snow for the 10km. Trail conditions have been very challenging and competition tough. It rained Monday and Tuesday is a rest day.

All the best in there upcoming events.



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### Fund raiser for John St. Choix who is going to the Nationals

John and his Mom are working on a fundraising campaign to offset the cost of attendance at Nationals in the Yukon, estimated to be in vicinity of \$3000. Thanks to Jackie Legrow and Roma Blundon for contributing towards a very nice bath basket which they will be putting up on tickets. The cost for these will be \$1 each and the draw is planned for March 13th.

### More on the Road...

We wish the very best for those travelling to St. Anthony to participate in the High School Championships and those skiers competing in Cadet Biathlon this coming weekend.

#### Tid Bit...

Did you know...that as a result of heavy use in the entrance of snow mobile shed, we had to spend \$528.13 to repair the floor and ramp. The snow mobiles going in and out has taken its toll...not bad though...I recall Kenny saying that the snow mobile shed is 18+ years old.

## **CCNL TICKETS**

A big thank you to the members who turned in their tickets, for those who haven't, when you think of it, please turn them in the next time your skiing. Thanks.

#### **Whaleback Memorial Loppet**

Set aside Saturday, March 6th as we ski and remember Whaleback members who have passed away. Just 3 weeks away! Details to follow.

#### **Sleepy Canuck and Big Climb**

Its time to start preparing for the Loppett and Marathon. Carter, our Trail Man informed me that it will be groomed today. Its OPEN, get the kinks out of your body and like always, exercise caution towards the bottom.