



Whaleback Nordic Ski Club

## Whaleback Times

Hello once again...Monday it was 15 degrees and today there is snow on the ground. Amazing! I thought I'd share items of interest...so much has happened since our last edition in April.

### Foxtrot upgraded

Since last year, quite a bit of work was carried out on our 2.3 km lit trail. A big thank you to Carter Powers and Dave King who refastened guy-wires on many of the poles, replaced lights and finally put a new arm/light on the pole that needed it so badly. NL Power provided da boys with all the materials to carry out the job...a donation that was greatly appreciated.

### Culvert "touched up"

Any one who has come down Racers Edge surely must remember crossing the culvert over the brook about 200M from the chalet. Well, under Carter's guidance, it should be free sailing over the culvert cause there has been 6-7 loads of fill added in that area of the trail. I can't wait to try it.

### Groomer ready to roll

Last May, the drag was dropped off to our friends at Marble Mountain. As a result of metal fatigue (the groomer is 10+ years old) there were several major cracks on both sides of the drag. Both sides needed to be replaced...each side costing over \$5000.00! Our friends at Marble came to the rescue...they had an additional used drag that was in excellent shape which they kindly "donated" to Whaleback Nordic. In October, we received a re furbished drag for our groomer which will hopefully last us for many years. The cost to Whaleback was about \$1200.00.

Another item that was cracked badly and needed repair was the aluminium bar which holds both track setters. With the assistance and cooperation of the welding class from CNA, Port aux Basques, Whaleback Nordic received a repaired aluminium bar as well as a new steel bar with the exact dimensions as our aluminium bar. Cost to Whaleback was 4 day passes + free rentals. Now how good is that!

### Don's new structure

The Pentagon doesn't exist anymore. Don's new structure is under construction and is located at the beginning of Oliver's Twist. A BIG thank you to the following who have assisted Don this fall...Don Gale, Jack White, Peter Sutherland, Carter Powers and Kenny Young. An attempt to add a used wood stove didn't work out so it looks like we'll be using the one from the Pentagon. Also, keep your eye on the "Name The New Structure Contest" which will be officially announced once when things start up. Prize...trip for 2 to Cuba.

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## CCNL tickets

Speaking of prizes...because of all the winners from Whaleback Nordic last year, Gerry Rideout decided to forward our CCNL tickets early in the season. In fact he sent me 600! I know this brings a smile to your face and I can't wait to distribute them.

## Plumbing in chalet

Last January, when things got into full swing on the trail and chalet, we encountered a problem with sewer backing up in the chalet. Greg Alexander and Kenny put in several hours trying to figure out the problem. Basically they temporarily fixed it for the ski season. This fall, with pick and shovel, Kenny dug up the sewer line from the chalet to septic tank. The problem was that the sewer line had dropped about 2 feet...waste had to flow upward to dump into septic tank. The line has been replaced and angle adjusted so that unwanted fluid and solid has easy entry into the septic tank. Yahoo!

## New full-time student membership

One decision the executive made during its first meeting of the year is to introduce a new fee structure for full time students attending a post secondary institution ie, CNA. It was decided that their rates be reduced to 1/2 the regular rates. If full time students join the club, their rate will be half the regular rate and if they just wanted rentals or ski passes, the rate will be half the regular rate. Please spread the word.

## New website

Our website address is changed to [www.whalebacknordic.com](http://www.whalebacknordic.com) It's a work in progress...by mid December everything should be updated. Check it out...comments are welcome.

## Dates To Remember

Open Meeting at the chalet - Dec. 6th at 2:00PM.

Pre Christmas Registration (5% discount on membership fee) - Dec. 8th - Dec. 22nd. Note...a member can again join at Debbie's Video during this period. While there, check out her video's!

Registration for JackRabbit Program/Ski swap - Dec. 19th in chalet