

Whaleback Times

December 15 , 2020



Hello once again:

It's beginning to look alot like Christmas, everywhere I go...the white stuff is starting to build up, seems like it's here to stay...and the forecast for today and Wednesday, look out. Might get a chance to fire up the snowblower...who knows. Forget about all that...might get a chance to slap on my chitty, chitty bang, banged up rock skis. Can't wait.

Status of Whaleback Ski Club with Covid 19 knocking at our door

I got to hand it to our club's executive, they were burning the midnight oil reading and applying government restrictions, CCNL guidelines in order to have everything in place for the upcoming ski season. Yes, the chalet will be open and the trails groomed daily all in an attempt for us to enjoy the greatest winter sport. Please take a few minutes, go to the homepage of our website and read Covid 19 - Return to Sport guidelines. It's all there, some of our guidelines are similar as if you're going inside any business around town, remember, the theme for the year is safety first.

On another note, in order to assist the club carry out its daily function amidst Covid 19, Whaleback Nordic Ski Club received a provincial grant of \$19,800.00. This money will be mainly used to hire staff, purchase sanitizers, other cleaning products, dispensors, implement the use of debit in chalet, offset money generated from not having any fundraising events and promotion.

Regarding hiring staff, please note the employment opportunity ad that will be circulated to members and the general public today or tomorrow.

Yes, you did read that debit will be the preferred way to pay for any expenses this year. We are trying our best to avoid handling cash. Debit can be used to purchase trail passes, equipment rentals, pay for lockers, and membership etc. etc.

Registration is Open

Peter, our trusty Membership Director got it all set up on Zone 4. It's been up and running for a week or so...remember, 5% reduction if you join prior to December 24.

For your information, again, because of Covid 19 we are trying to avoid handling cash as much as possible. Members are encouraged to register on Zone 4, pay with credit card when you register or pay with Debit card or cheque at the chalet. *Credit cards will not be accepted at the chalet.*

Equipment Rentals and Trail Passes

In an attempt to reduce congestion at the chalet entrance during those times when one or more people are looking for rentals, this year equipment rentals and trail passes can be booked online. All you have to do is visit our website and click on the appropriate link. The link is presently under development...more news about this in next edition.

CCNL Tickets

Covid 19 didn't put an end to our one fundraiser this year. They have arrived and I will be eagerly distributing them in the new year. Hey, I bet you didn't think that some eager beavers have requested over 90 tickets so far. Must be stocking stuffers??

Thanks once again...

To the Paint Shop for giving us a great price on anti slip floor paint. Over the next couple of days Kenny will be touching up the chalet floor giving it a fresh new look for the year.

To those members dropping off recyclables at the depot. Talking to Derrick O'Rielly the other day...he dropped off 6 bags of recyclables in the ski club's name.

To the wood chuckers who harvested wood along a recently cut survey line...Carter, Greg A., Jack and Kenny. See pictures below.

Other tidbits...photos below

A picture of Bruce LeGrow and Dave King who went to Menihek Nordic, Labrador City to get some early season skiing...da boys skied 20 kms a day. Hope they don't peak too early!!

Finally, a couple of pics of young Norwegian Spruce that were planted on Percy's Path during the spring of 2017 and 2018. They are coming along just fine.

