## Whaleback Times

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Hello Folks,

When it comes to cross country skiing, I must say "...times are hard in the Maritimes." sums it up perfectly. Suitable snow conditions to hit the trails are non-existent...and it's that way all over the province. What's going on?? I recall just a few years ago, Snowy Owl Classic which was scheduled at its usual time - late January, sending out a note for participates not to use high end skis cause there were rocks, bits of bog and dirt lodged in the classic track...there were even places on the Snowy Owl route that, because of lack of snow, a track couldn't be set. So, there you go!

## Four staff hired from Covid 19 Funding

Whaleback Nordic welcomes Nathan White, Janet Jesso, Nicholas Jacobs and Stephanie Budden. These four individuals will be staffing the chalet from 9:30AM till closing everyday of the week. Last week, they received First Aid training, orientation to the chalet, snowmobile shed and groomer garage, familiarization with the equipment rental room, training on proper sanitization methods and a review of our membership system with emphasis on Zone 4 registration.

Great to have them onboard...they, like you, are truly wishing a good dumping of the white stuff.



Not only does this picture have our 4 workers wearing appropriate face mask and practising social distancing, but it also shows ways in which the chalet has been arranged allowing the safety of members/non members - arrows on floor indicating direction of exit, floor stickers reminding of social distancing and a (new)window inserted on exit door so that people can see who's coming and going...preventing as much contact as possible.

## **Jack Rabbit Registration**

This year, like no other, parents can go on our Whaleback website (whalebacknordic.com) to register their child for the JR Program. To do this, go to Membership and Programs on top of the homepage, click on JR Registration and off you go. Complete the necessary information and email it to Megan Ryland. All the information is available for your safety and convenience. Parents are advised to read and become familiar with Covid 19 Guidelines as they relate to JR Program.

## **Equipment Rental and obtaining a Trail Pass**

Again, this year, like no other, in order to rent equipment or obtain a trail pass, visitors must go to our Whaleback website (whalebacknordic.com), go to 2021 Season on top of the homepage and find Equipment Rentals, fill out the necessary information and email it to <a href="mailto:whalebackskiclub@gmail.com">whalebackskiclub@gmail.com</a>

All information is provided, remember, participants must use charts provided to determine their ski and pole length.

That is the news for the time being. Stay safe and keep on truckin...I mean walking. Showing my age!

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