

SVNSC News

September 2017

Hello everyone and happy New Year!

September always feels like the new part of the year to me. It's been a while since the last newsletter and even though it's been the off season, quite a few things have been happening so let's get started.

Our **raffle** is almost ready to go! Thanks go to Dean and Sue Bergstrom for all the organizing and Joerg Jung, known as JJ, for carving our amazing prizes! We've sent in the paper work and are now awaiting approval. If all goes according to plan, we will sell 7000 tickets between October and February and the winners will be drawn after the Moose Marathon at the end of February. If we sell all the tickets, we'll make \$140,000 at \$20 each, minus expenses. In order to do this we'll need lots of people selling tickets! We're counting on the membership to really put some effort into this as we want to sell in Prince Rupert and Smithers and the executive can't do it all. Stand by for more info! Plans for spending the money include finishing the Dog Trail; a new rental shed; trail work; lighting work; and much more.

Cathy would like to remind people that all but 2 of the platinum passes have expired. Those 2 folks know who they are, everyone else will have to buy a membership this year. **Everyone can register online** now, or print off a **registration form**, both options linked from the membership page on the website. <http://tinyurl.com/svnsc-membership> Reminder: Early Bird rates available until Dec. 1. After that, the rates go up.

Make sure you read to the last page of this newsletter. We've got a terrific idea for your

winter vacation this year! You'll need to think about it when registering online at Zone4.

Once again CCBC is running a **competition** for club memberships across the province. We were close last year so we're hoping to do better and win this year! So register early and sign up a friend or 3! Our Club could win \$15 000 worth of free ski gear! To sweeten the pot, Cathy will weave another blanket for a draw at the end of October, and we're looking for a couple of other donations for a second club draw on Dec. 1. Any offers?

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 7 pm. Kids are welcome and **2 free day passes** will be given to each adult who attends. Luscious deserts will be served, we promise.

Dec. 30 is our **OPEN HOUSE!** We'll be calling around for volunteers to sign up. Last year we only had 9 people and although we managed, we were all feeling a bit ragged at the end. It's a lot of fun when enough people help out!

Jim and Dean are looking for **someone with a quad** that can pull our power mower to start mowing the stadium and trails before the snow flies. We'll pay for the gas if you can volunteer for a day. Call Jim (250 632 6055) if you have time and a quad. Some of that fire weed is almost head high!

The **Rabbits coaches** are looking for assistant coaches again this year. Training is available and you don't get left on your own. This is an ideal way to get involved with your child and get some exercise too! Email Travis at travisluvsbikes@gmail.com. And a huge thank you to all the returning coaches who do such a great job every year!

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We are looking for folks to help out in the **rental shed**. It's a lot of fun, it's a good fund raiser and a really effective way to bring new people into our sport and our Club. Ideally we'll have enough people so that we each only have to do one or two afternoons a month so it's not a huge time commitment either. Email Cathy at (snowvalleynordic@gmail.com) or me (ejthorne@telus.net) to help out. Training available.

You'll notice that there are quite a few **calls for volunteers** in this newsletter and that's because you are needed! The executive and coaches work very hard but we can't do it all. And the executive is shrinking.... Dan has decided to retire as president and we are so sorry to lose him. But after four hardworking years as Prez, doing all the fundraising for the new Grooming Machine, he says it's time to go skiing. And who shall blame him? We will need to find someone to replace him. Ideas? Volunteers?

So we need people to volunteer for **everything** to keep this club ticking. Everything: filling the wood box, cleaning the kitchen, sweeping the lodge, taking the garbage home with you (and putting it out with your stuff - but not if it'll cost you money), joining the executive, becoming a groomer (yes, we could use 1 or 2 more - I signed up to learn to drive the Prinoth), changing light bulbs, shoveling snow and throwing some salt on the outhouse steps, coaching, cooking soup for the SnowFlake cafe, timing at race events... There's a job for everyone, so please step up. We were feeling a bit frazzled last June.

If you've been out at the trails this summer you'll have seen that the Dog Trail completion has been logged. If you go out before the snow flies, have a look at the

growth rings on some of the stumps! Some trees were putting on a centimeter of wood per year for the last 20 years! It will need a Cat to remove the stumps and flatten one or 2 steep little hills (pretty much vertical actually) before we can groom it but anyone is welcome to rough ski it this winter if they like. The raffle will pay for the Cat work next summer.

The Club would like to thank Doug Gent who rebuilt our old beater bar that the snow mobile pulls to pack down the snow before setting track. Then he built us a second, new and heavier one for the Snow Cat to pull. Thank you so much Doug!

The Club would also like to thank Val Harlow for bringing out a generous donation of a whole bunch of cedar fire wood. All neatly stacked in the shed too (thanks to Abel and Blaise)! Jim would like to remind members that we save the cedar for kindling only. So if you like a fire, you get one piece of cedar, split it small and fire lighting is a cinch!

And finally, the long term weather forecast is for lots of snow this winter - so (starting now) **THINK SNOW!!**

And don't forget to read the next page.

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Cross Country BC, BC Punch Pass!

Explore More - ski once at seven clubs for \$49 (~\$100 value)

Nordic Nirvana - ski twice at ALL participating clubs for \$199(~\$500 value). BONUS: all Nordic Nirvana pass holders will get a Swix Gunde toque, first worn in 1974 by 6-time Olympic medalist, Gunde Svan (SWE).

Double the Fun - ski twice at seven clubs for \$89 (~\$200 value)

100% of net proceeds will go to BC clubs and programs. Pass is transferable. Please ensure your mailing address is correct and please allow up to two weeks for delivery. No cash value, non-refundable and nonreplaceable.

Expires April 30th, 2018.

Look for the BC Punch Pass on your club's membership registration on zone4.ca.

Participating Clubs are: Sovereign Lake, Telemark, Nickel Plate, Revelstoke, Overlander, Skmana, Toby Creek/Nipika, Black Jack, Fernie, Golden, Kimberley, Nelson, Valhalla Hills, Cariboo, 100 Mile, Caledonia, Bulkley Valley, Mackenzie, Morice Mountain, Nechako, Omineca, Whiskey Jack.

And of course, Snow Valley will be participating too. So don't forget to give a friendly welcome to any out of towners you might encounter on the trails!