



Larch Hills Ski Club December 2002

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NEW TRAILS JUST WAITING FOR SNOW

The new trails as shown on the Ski Club's Website "November 2002 Trails Map" and described in the previous Newsletter and Marcia's Newspaper report are ready for use as soon as snow arrives. Thanks to all the individuals and Club members who worked very hard to make this major expansion of our trail system a reality. Special mention should be made of the **Ministry of Forests** who provided access across Crown land. **Glen Ritchie** provided access through the woodlot he manages and through land owned by **Federated Co-op**. He arranged for **John Thielman** to log and build Sunshine. Glen also made arrangements for the **LeBlanc brothers** from Lumby to log and build Rollercoaster and the new portion of Skyview. Thank you, Glen! I would like to thank again **Rap Attack** for giving us a great start on the new non track set trails as well as doing all the preparatory work on Panorama. Thanks to all the Club members who came out for the annual Take Back The Hills work party and assisted with the trail work on



the various work days. Thanks to **Tammy Thielman** for her information on the Mara Pole Camp which you will pass when you go through Pole Camp Way. Perhaps someone would like to post a laminated outline of the various buildings still visible and their former uses? Some caution should be observed when going downhill on Blue Sky and Ridge Run. Blaine Carson - for Trails Committee

Reino Keski-Salmi LOPPET

January 18th is the Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet, our club's premier event of the season. The Loppet has evolved to appeal to a wide variety of skiers, from the serious racer to the enthusiastic recreation skier. We take great pride in hosting a fun, family-friendly event. As well as our traditional 36km competition route, there are three distances for recreation skiers and three routes for youths, including a 2km route for children six and under.

The Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet continues to be affiliated with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and the Yukon. We encourage you to consider forming a Cardiac Challenge Team, collect individual sponsors, or make a donation to the Heart Fund. Heart fund incentives are on display at Skookum Cycle and Ski. Information about the race and the Heart Fund is included on our registration form. Registration forms are at **Skookum Cycle & Ski**, Salmon Arm Rec. Centre, **John's Ski Shack**, and the chalet at Larch Hills.

Make this the year you ski the loppet!

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The loppet is looking for volunteers - two specifically for the loppet committee.

Len Lazzarotto, Chief of Calculations, needs someone to help him reprogram the data base he uses for the loppet from DOS to Access. Can you help, or do you know someone who can help with this problem?

Stan Thiessen, Chief of Race, needs a successor. Stan will stay on this year to show the new Chief of Race what the job is about. Please consider this position, it is fun and rewarding to be part of a successful event like the loppet.

We also need lots of volunteers for the day before and the day of the loppet.

Can you Help? Contact Pauline Waelti 833-0325



From the Club President

On behalf of our Ski Club's Executive a hearty, Thank you! to the many Volunteers who have contributed in so many ways to prepare for the coming ski season!

It's been a busy late summer and fall for our Club. New trackset and non-trackset trails have been built, improvements have been made to the Chalet, Pentti's Shelter has been built at South Hub, a new ski trails map/Club events sign will soon be in place north of the parking lot. All this activity and many other projects and services are the work of a quiet (mostly!), friendly (always!) and dedicated group of people who love the fresh air sport of cross country skiing. Thank you to each of you!

Each of us new and renewing Club members can look forward to a variety of Club events and programs that are both fun and skill developing through the coming season. While we're at it there's an opportunity to meet new skiing friends too! Please check out the Club Events Calendar and the Club Programs information in this Newsletter. As a member of Larch Hills Ski Club would you like to help in some way? Please have a look at the "Help Wanted Ad" section of this Newsletter. Your offer to **volunteer** will be much appreciated; you'll enjoy the company of some new and some old skiing friends. Our Club will be that much richer for your offer of support!

As we approach what many consider to be "the most wonderful time of the year" - the Christmas season, and as we reflect on the passing year and the year ahead, my wish for you is that you will enjoy many happy hours of skiing on the Larch Hills trails this season either alone or in the company of friends.

Happy Trails! - George Zorn

SKI FOR ALL

Larch Hills Ski Club invites new and beginner skiers to enjoy the cross country ski experience on our track set trails. Club members will serve as guides and hosts providing tips on waxing, technique and equipment.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14 AT LARCH HILLS CHALET

Morning session: 10:00am - Noon

Afternoon session: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

HOT LUNCH PROVIDED AT THE CHALET (Noon-1pm)
FREE (Bring your own bowl, spoon and mug)



To register contact Tom or Linda at
Skookum Ski and Cycle - Salmon Arm

Special rate on rental equipment available for
this event (\$10.00 / skier) from Skookum Ski and Cycle.
Family discount available.

Questions? Call John at 832-2946
or George at 832-9335

JACKRABBIT PROGRAM

Now is the time to register for the jackrabbit
program held at larch hills ski area.

7 Saturday morning sessions.

JANUARY 4,11,25, February 1,8,15,25, 2003

TIMES;

4-6 year olds - 10:30 A.M. (for 45 minutes)

7-12 year olds - 10:30-12:00

Hot chocolate will be served so bring your own mugs.

Register at Skookum Cycle and Ski, Mon-Sat 9-5 P.M.

Jackrabbit Leaders And Assistant Leaders Are Still Needed

Help our jackrabbits get off to a good start; your support and enthusiasm are greatly needed, these are volunteer positions. Larch hills ski club is offering a level 1 coaching course for new leaders who will volunteer their time to the jackrabbits. Call Anne @ 832-8625

We have a new REGISTRATION CO-ORDINATOR - - -

- - - Anna de Wolf@832-9832

A good time was had by all at the Ski Club's Pot Luck Social this evening! About 60 Club Members enjoyed a great Pot Luck Dinner. Thanks to Jim & Marcia Beckner for organising this first event of the season! Early Bird Draw Prize Winners are:



Grand Prize: Markuu Nikmo: MacPherson Lodge B&B, Revelstoke - based on double occupancy: 2 nights accommodation, 2 full breakfasts, 2 days X-C Ski fees, 2 days X-C Ski Rentals, 1/2 day X-C Ski Lessons.

Other winners: Mitch Milgram: Rossignal Cargo Ski Bag; Robert Allaway: Lil Sport Mitts from Skookum Cycle and Ski; Pam Low: Sugoï Toque from

Skookum Cycle and Ski; Jack Bowers: Kraft Thermal Socks from Skookum Cycle and Ski; Anne Nakagawa: Cheering Bell from John's Ski Shack; Dave

Saunders: Holmenkol Wax from John's Ski Shack; Alex Seal: Child's Fleece Vest from John's Ski Shack; Nora Kennett, Elizabeth Van Bergeyk, David Askew, Tom Day, Christine Boyce: 2 Gourmet Coffee Certificates each, from John's Ski Shack



Larch Hills Ski Club Calendar of Events: 2002/03

December:

- ❑ B.C. Rabbit Leader Training: Sunday, Dec. 8 at Larch Hills (Eileen MacDonald/ Anne Nakagawa)
- ❑ "Ski For All" – Welcome new and beginner Skiers – Sat., Dec. 14 (John Pagdin)
- ❑ CCBC Tracksetting Course @ Silver Star, Dec. 9 & 10
- ❑ "Turkey Glide" – Family Fun Race – Win a Turkey! Sun. Dec. 15 (Gullan Hansen)
- ❑ Club Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 17 – 7:00 p.m. Room #1 S-A Community Centre
- ❑ "Moonlight Lantern Ski" – Saturday, Dec. 21 – 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. (George Zorn / Patrick Shea.)
- ❑ "Santa Cruise" – Family Fun Race and Food Bank Charity Fun Raiser – Sunday, Dec. 22, 1:00 p.m. (Blaine Carson)

January:

- ❑ B.C. Rabbits Start Date: Sat., Jan. 4 – 10:00 a.m. at Larch Hills Parking Lot. Seven Sat. Sessions: Jan 4, 11, (no session on Jan. 18: Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet Day), Sessions continue on Sat., Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 (Anne Nakagawa)
- ❑ Chalet Coffee House & Musical Entertainment : Jan 10 - 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.– Youth Challenge Program Fund Raiser (Nadeen Person/Nancy Bepple)
- ❑ Larch Hills Fun Race, Sunday, Jan. 12 (Suggested 1:00 p.m. start) (Val Heckrodt/Jim Maybee)
- ❑ Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet – Saturday, Jan 18 (Pauline Waelti)
- ❑ Club Meeting: Tuesday, January 28 – 7:00 p.m. Room #1 S-A Community Centre
- ❑ Mid- Season Newsletter: last week of Jan./first week of Feb. articles to Rod Charlebois - thevoice@telus.net

February:

- ❑ Valentine's Lantern Ski – Friday, February 14 – 6:00 p.m. (Peter Mair & Bell Pole staff)
- ❑ Short Track Sprint Races?

March:

- ❑ Club AGM: Tuesday, March 4 – 7:00 p.m. Room #1 S-A Community Centre
- ❑ Slush Cup? & Season-End Pot Luck Social? – date to be determined

**Watch for updates to this Calendar of Club Events on the
Larch Hills Ski Club's Website:**

www.larchhillsskiclub.bc.ca

and in upcoming Club Newsletters

PENTTI VAKEVA MEMORIAL

The Pentti Vakeva Memorial Shelter is complete thanks to Master-Builder, Len Sept and his crew of helpers. Len is to be congratulated for choosing an excellent site next to the South Hub, guaranteed to catch the afternoon sun. Well done, Len! If you ever want to give up sign painting, we know you can take up design and construction. This structure will be dedicated to Pentti's memory at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 29, 2002. Please pass the word to anyone who might like to attend. Contact Gullan at 832 2988 for more information. If anyone is unable to ski up, we will have the Penttimobile available.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Memberships are coming in early again this year and the revenue that they have generated is now over \$11,000. The present balance of unrestricted accounts is a little over \$21,000; but the bills are starting to come in. (Fuel bills alone in the last month have cost the club about \$1800.) Our budget projects total expenditures of \$42,550 for the upcoming season, so we need to keep the money rolling in, as it has been.

Our Gaming Commission Grant from last year finally arrived. Of the \$13,000 we asked for, we received a disappointing \$3000; down significantly from previous years. We have received a donation from the RKS Loppet in the amount of \$1500. Our thanks to them! Our thanks too to the group that organised and ran the Ski Swap. Their efforts, after payouts and expenses, brought in \$1405.70. We are anticipating a donation from Shuswap Outdoors! to help pay the \$2000 to \$3000 annually for the plowing of the parking lot. Thanks to them as well.

One of our big goals this year is to set aside \$7200 in a Replacement and Reserve Account for the purchase, in the not too distant future, of a new tracksetter. Your memberships and donations are essential to meeting this goal.

John Pagdin, Treas.

INVENTORY OF CLUB ASSETS

At the Oct. 30th Club executive meeting it was decided to inventory all assets owned by the ski club. John Pagdin has begun a good basic list which was included in his last treasurer's report. As club secretary I volunteered to look after the compilation of a complete list. With this in mind I would like any club members who have club equipment stored at their residence to itemise these things and forward the list to me. Let's have Dec. 31st, 2002 be the deadline for forwarding the list of items to me. I can then prepare the complete list for presentation at the first general meeting of the new year. So please, if you have tools, grooming equipment, signs, lanterns, ski waxes, waxing equipment or other things in your safe keeping which belong to the club, please make an itemised list and forward it to me:

vheckrod@jetstream.net.

John Pagdin, our astute treasurer will then be able to make a fairly accurate estimate of our club's net worth and so all Club Members will know what the Club owns and is available to them.

Thank you,
Val Heckrodt, Sec.

LARCH HILL COFFEE HOUSE - JAN 10, 2003

The third annual Larch Hill Coffee House will be on Friday Jan 10 from 7:30 to 10:30. Local musicians (including many heard on the CBC) will be featured. \$5 includes great music and a selection of hot beverages and desserts. Come early and ski, or just come for the evening. Proceeds from the evening go towards the Challenge Ski Program out trips. Contact Nadeen Person at 250.832.2858 if you would like to perform or Nancy Beppele at 250.372.1925 to volunteer for set-up/desserts/etc.

When you're skiing around Larch Hills this winter, take some time to reflect on the little-known history of the area.

Loggers were among the first to explore Larch Hills, establishing many of the trails maintained and used today by skiers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Some of the earliest logging activity on Larch Hills began in the 1920's. A pole camp known as Bruin Camp once existed where Lidstone Connection takes off from Metford Road. Bruin Camp horse loggers hauled sleigh loads of poles, to the now-closed Grindrod Lumber Co. yard.

Another pole camp, the Grindrod Camp, was located where Gullan's Gulley branches off the Main Road, just before South Hub. Here, a bunkhouse, cook shack, and log horse barn made up the Grindrod Lumber Co. camp. Horses were used to skid poles out of the bush, and trucks delivered the poles to the company's Grindrod yard.

The late Peter Thielman, one of the original Grandview Bench (lower Larch Hills) homesteaders, was one of the first old-time loggers who worked in both the Bruin and Grindrod Camps.



Pioneer logger and Larch Hills homesteader, the late Peter Thielman, stands by his loyal draft team, Bugs and Ben, who he purchased from the BX Ranch in Vernon.

Early loggers used only brute force and simple hand-held tools -- like cant-hooks and pee-vee's -- to move huge logs.

Thielman broke an ankle -- a common old-time logging injury -- at the Bruin Camp. At the Grindrod Camp, Thielman saved a teenager about to be pulled into a jumble of huge, runaway logs, tumbling down a ramp, or "fly skidway." Thielman broke his back and was scalped when his head was rolled between two huge logs. Thielman, who recovered and continued logging, built a food cooler over Violet Creek, on Gullan's Gulley. A skeleton of this wooden cooler still stands.

Between 1910 and 1920, a large fire swept much of Larch Hills. Peter Thielman's future wife, Millie (nee Schindler) of Grandview Bench, told her children about seeing the fire when she -- at about age ten -- was picking berries. Sparks burned holes in young Millie's dress as she ran to warn the neighbours. Later, Peter Thielman logged the huge, standing-dead cedar left from the fire, hand-splitting the wood into posts and rails he sold and used to fence his own farm.

Another fire, in the late 1930's, swept the watershed area. Millie's father, Emil Schindler, back-packed 70 and 100 lb. loads of food up to the crew fighting the blaze.

Peter and Millie Thielman's sons, George and Edward, logged on Larch Hills in the 1970's and 1980's, mainly in the Ermine Frolic and Bilbo's Bog area, around the chalet.

The Thielman brothers operated a tie-mill -- set up in the former Grindrod Camp area -- sawing heavy 7" by 9" hemlock railway ties. The brothers hauled and hand-loaded thousands of ties into railway cars down in Grindrod, where Sure Crop Feeds is located today.

In the early eighties, when the chalet was under construction, the Thielman brothers also logged a 15 acre site that became the parking lot.

The Thielmans, however, prefer selective logging to clear-cutting. 'Clearcutting isn't the way we like to log, it's too obvious,' says Edward Thielman, now retired.

Edward and brother George, also retired, used small machinery and "low impact" roads to skid and haul logs. Many of these former logging roads became trails like Moose Hollow, Gullan's Gully, Camel's Hump, Bruin's Ramble, Cottonwood Cut-off, Mushroom Fantasy, part of Reino's Run, as well as side-trails off of Sky Trail.

Edward's wife, Mary Thielman -- a diminutive and gentle Grandma who loves to garden and do petit-point -- also ran sawmill, bucked logs, and drove skidder. George's wife, Gerry -- an avid gardener and baker, doll collector and great-grandmother -- ran sawmill, chainsaw, and helped with the logging.

Part of the original road to the chalet, known as "Fender Bender Lane", is on Edward and Mary Thielman's property. For years, the couple allowed public access until Larch Hills Road was built.

Today, "Fender Bender Lane" is known as the Ski Out Trail.

A third generation of the Thielman family also lives and works on Larch Hills. Edward's son, John (John's Ski Shack owner), and George's son, Peter, have also logged in the same area their parents and grandfather did. A teenage John helped log the parking lot clearcut.

Today, the Thielman cousins do selective and clearcut logging, sawmilling, and log for Larch Hills woodlot owner Glen Ritchie, and others. John and Peter helped develop the new Sunshine trail.

Some other early loggers to work on Larch Hills, were Alan Cadwell of Salmon Arm, Phil Cave of Salmon Arm, Tom Gill of Armstrong (worked in Mara Meadows area), Glen McKay of Salmon Arm, and the late Bill Daveyduke of Enderby, the late Alan McKay of Salmon Arm, and the late Henry Krebbs of Salmon Arm.

Many old time families in the Larch Hills area cross country skied.

"There was four feet of snow and no snow plows," says Edward Thielman.

Skis were hand-made from birch, with a simple leather toe-strap. Kids, like those from the Crandlemire family -- who homesteaded just south of the chalet/parking lot area -- would often ski to the Grandview Bench school or to the nearest road, where they would hide their skis and walk to town.

Since hard-working pioneer loggers established the original trails, many new trails have been built over the years, ensuring that Larch Hills will be a popular ski area for years to come.

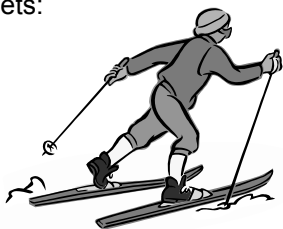
CHALET IMPROVEMENTS

Every couple of years the Chalet floor gets a paint job - both to lengthen its life and to brighten the place up. Since I am on the Chalet Committee and the job had to be done again this fall, I cheekily volunteered the Wednesday morning ski group, the Wednesday Wenches, to do the job. The gals were, thankfully, enthusiastic re: my offer, so we headed up on Wednesday, October 23rd to do the deed. Gullan Hansen, Tina Letham, Pan Thomas, Judy Murray, Susan Cawsey, Joyce Henderson, myself, and honorary Wench John Henderson comprised the work party. With generator and industrial vacuum in hand, we gave the rafters, walls and floors a thorough going over then washed the floor. Amazing what accumulates over a couple of years! John and Joyce, in the meantime attacked the new

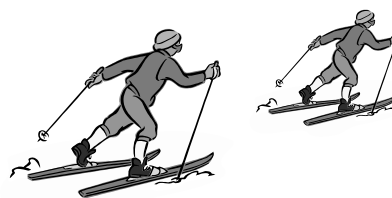
plywood floor - (many thanks to **Federated Co-op** for the donation of 20 sheets of plywood) which others had put down the weekend before - upstairs with paint and roller. The floor and counter paint job on the main floor proceeded without a hitch - the second coat went down the next afternoon. While the chalet job was being completed a threesome headed up to Cec's cabin to do the same floor and counter job. Greeted by the new door, we made short work of our labour then sat back and basked in the sunshine on the deck. There's something magical about Cec's Cabin and its location! So that's it for a couple of years! Many thanks to the inveterate crew of Wenches (plus honorary!) It's a fun and rewarding project. Marcia

JOIN the FUN---SKI the SERIES

Five Okanagan ski clubs, including our own, are sponsoring the Okanagan Loppet Series this year. A yet-to-be-disclosed prize will be awarded to all skiers who enter and complete either a recreation or competitive category in all five of the following loppets:



Overlander	Jan 11/03
Reino Keski-Salmi	Jan 18/03
Apple	Jan 25/03
Nickel Plate	Feb 22/03
Sovereign Lake	Mar 8/03



TRACKSETTERS

The Tracksetters have been busy preparing our three machines for the season and at this point they are all ready for snow. We welcome Curt Olson to our tracksetting crew and even though I said Bruce Motherwell was retiring, he will keep us on our toes by being on our Spare List so he won't get as much skiing in as he hoped! Ten tracksetters are going to the Tracksetting Course in Vernon. Thanks for sending us! We hope to get the chance to operate some of the new machines and have a better idea about replacement machines. Tracksetting the additional trails will be a challenge for us and we will have to see how they fit into our

routine. The old trails had us at our maximum for one operator and not refueling (7-8 hours). Now we will definitely need two operators and more fuel to do everything, unless we have a faster, more economical machine. So we will try to break our trail system into three parts, North, Central and South, and on any given day that we are tracksetting, we will do 2/3 of the system. As always we will also be emphasizing the Loppet Routes until after the Loppet. Some of our trails have to be left until there is lots of snow as they are not very smooth. Blaine

RACERS REPORT

The Larch Hills Ski Team has been working hard this fall to get in shape for the coming ski season. The racers are planning on doing all of the local races this year, and as a group we are planning to go to both the Kelowna and 100 Mile House BC Cup Races. For many of the kids this will be their first time at a BC Cup race. It should be exciting. We will keep you posted on their successes.

The racers are hosting the 'On Snow' regional camp for the Okanagan on the November 30th weekend. We are hoping that

we will have snow at Larch Hills before then, however if need be we will be trekking up to Fly Hills and doing some skiing up there. It is sure to be a busy weekend with lots of kids from the Okanagan enjoying some Larch Hills hospitality.

A big thank you to the racers' parents who have volunteered to do the fund-raising this year, organise the out of town races and help plan the regional camp. Your time and energy is appreciated. Lizzy

George Jackson family looking for Larch Hills Ski Team Shirt (for Spencer), size 12-14 - phone George or Mavis at 804-4353

MEMBERSHIPS

Thank you to everyone who has signed up or renewed their membership. If you have chosen to receive your newsletter by Canada Post I've enclosed your receipt and membership card. If you have chosen to read the newsletter on the Internet and would like a receipt and membership card please contact Christine at 832-7242 or pnychutch@jetstream.net. Of course if you haven't yet renewed, you'll notice that a membership form has been added to your newsletter. Thanks again and see you on the trails.

LANTERN SKI - - - Will Feature New Trails

Enjoy the Larch Hills Ski Trails on a pre-Christmas winter night. The moon is full on Dec. 19th. With a bit of luck, skies will be clear Saturday night, December 21st - the Eve of the Winter Solstice for our Club's "Moonlight Lantern Ski". 200 kerosene lanterns will light the one-way route over a 6k "new-trails" route: Sunshine, Skyview, Bilbo's Bog (2-way) and back via Metford Road hill to the Chalet & Parking Lot. Near the decorated Chalet enjoy Alois' Candlelit Christmas Tree, the Bon Fire, and a short Kiddies' Trail. Stop in at the Chalet for a hot drink, a sample of Christmas treats and a chat with your skiing friends.

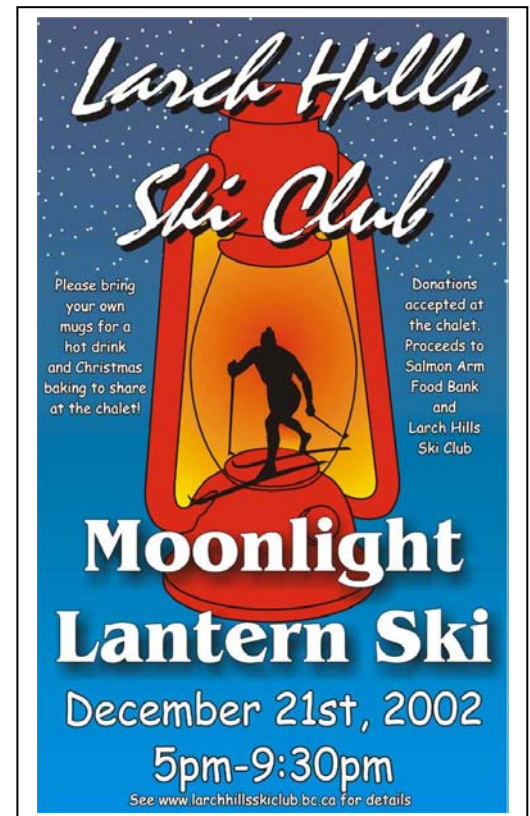
Donations to Larch Hills Ski Club and the Salmon Arm Second Harvest Food Bank. Time: 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Questions? or offers to Help! - Call George: 832-9335 or Pat: 832-3492. Please bring a mug and some Christmas Baking to share. Note: non-Club members will be requested to sign an Event Waiver and to receive information about membership with Larch Hill Ski Club. LHSC's **Valentine's** Lantern Ski is planned for Saturday, February 9/02 hosted by Peter Mair and the staff of **Bell Pole Company**. - Salmon Arm. Watch for more information about this event in the Club Newsletter and on the Club Website. Thanks to the **Shuswap Association for Community Living, LA Sign and Central Do It Centre** for supporting the Moonlight Lantern Ski!

SAFETY UPDATE

Shuswap Volunteer Search & Rescue (SVS&R) and Larch Hills Ski Club are co-operating to plan for the possibility of a lost skier in the Larch Hills area. Our current Ski Trails map has been provided to SVS&R, which may be used to set up search sectors and to provide search maps to SVS&R and LHSC Volunteers from the SVS&R's mobile command centre/bus. If assistance is needed to locate a lost skier, Don Reed of SVS&R (who spoke at the Oct. 30 LHSC meeting) suggested the RCMP or 911 should be contacted to initiate action by SVS&R. John & Tammy Thielman, owners of John's Ski Shack, have agreed to allow their business or home phone to be used/designated for emergency calls. Their business is located at the bottom of the Larch Hills Road. It's the nearest phone to the Parking Lot.

A third safety toboggan has been purchased from **Yamaha Sport Centre**, Salmon Arm. Our Club was given a discount by the Yamaha dealer. The new safety toboggan will be located near the top of "Metford Road" hill near "Jack Rabbit Lane". The two other safety toboggans are located at the "South Hub" and "Cec's Cabin". Red Cross signs will be posted at each of these locations along with a designation on the new Ski Trails maps located at the north end of the Parking Lot and around the trail system. Dr. Brian Ayotte will ensure that each safety toboggan is outfitted with a first aid kit, blankets, etc.

One Club Member responded to the notice and article: "Safety People Wanted!" in the October Club Newsletter. A Training session for interested Club Members on effective use of the safety toboggans, with and without snowmobile



assistance, is being considered. There will be an opportunity to discuss the "pros and cons" at the November 25 Club Meeting. Watch for e-mail notice of results of this discussion in the meeting minutes posted on the Club website. If we decide to go ahead with this training, for interested Club Members who ski regularly at Larch Hills, it could happen the first Saturday morning in January - January 4/03. Stay tuned!

A First Aid Kit will be located, for the ski season, in the Chalet in an obvious spot. Please contact any member of the Club Executive if you have a suggestion or concern regarding Club Safety.

In order to comply with CCBC's/LHSC's 2nd and 3rd Party Liability Insurance Policy requirements, non-Club members attending Club sanctioned and CCBC registered Club Events (e.g. Lantern Skis, Ski For All, Santa Cruise, Turkey Glide, Fun Race) are required to sign a CCBC Participant's Waiver form. Event Organisers are responsible to ensure this happens. The Club Executive reminded itself of this requirement at a recent meeting of the Executive. Non-Club members who ski on the Larch Hills Trails, but are not participating in Club Events, are not required to sign a Participant's Waiver. Non-Club members ski the trails at their own risk. The Club has a sign posted near the Parking Lot to indicate that to non-Club members.

CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Cross Country Canada has on sale their fund-raising calendar - Project Podium 2003 - for \$30 - the proceeds going to the National Racing Team. Anyone who would like to order one can contact Marcia at 832-3534, or go onto the Cross Country Canada website at <http://canada.x-c.com> (that's right there's no www)

Larch Hills Ski Club Planned Club Events "HELP WANTED" (2002/03)

Event/Date	Contact	Phone	Helpers Needed	Job Description
Ski For All Dec. 14	John	832-2946	7	Trail Hosts – experienced skiers willing to share their knowledge and have some fun with new skiers for 2 hours: a.m. or p.m.
			3	Coord. Prep. & Serve Lunch at Chalet, decorate Chalet
			2	Participant's feedback & provide Club membership info.
Turkey Glide Dec. 15	Gullan or Linda	832-2988/ 833-0165	3	Registration (1 ½ hrs indoors)
			1	Bib Collection (1 ½ hrs)
			2	Timing assistants
			1	Hot Chocolate – Prep & Serve (2 hrs)
Moon Light Lantern Ski Dec. 21	Patrick	832-3492	18 (9 pairs)	Skiing Lantern lighters & tenders (4-5 p.m.)
	George	832-9335	6 (3 pairs)	Skiing Trail Hosts to ensure participant's safety and to check lanterns, (5:30, 7:00, 8:30)
	"" ""	"" ""	2-3 Families	Prepare 48 Candle Bags for Chalet Decoration in early Dec. Set out & Light
	George	832-9335	4 Families	Event Hosts at Parking Lot (Welcome Skiers, answer questions, request non-club members sign event waiver, look after donation box, give directions at heated, lit, covered outdoor location) 4, 1 hour shifts (5:30 to 9:30 p.m.)
	Patrick		6 (1.5 hr each)	Chalet Hosts (5-10 p.m.) & Bon Fire Tenders (6-9 p.m.)
	Patrick	832-2492	10 (5 pairs)	Skiing Lantern Gatherers (9:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.)
Santa Cruise Dec. 22	Blaine	833-4008	2	Gather Auction donations from businesses and individuals in early Dec.
			2	Race timers
			2	Food Preparations
Larch Hills Fun Race Jan. 12	Val / Jim	832-2928 / 804-2033	1-2	Event Organizer / Coordinator
			3	Registration (1 ½ hrs indoors)
			1	Bib Collection (1 ½ hrs)
			2	Timing assistants (2 hrs)
			3	Race Results (2hrs inside)
RKS Loppet Jan. 18	Pauline	833-0325	"lots"	A variety of indoor and outdoor jobs are available
Valentine's Lantern Ski Feb. 14	Peter	833-1941	?	The staff of Bell Pole Co. Ltd. will sponsor this event

Club Executive Contacts

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