



Larch Hills Ski Club

September 2001

Ski Club Social - Saturday, October 20, 2001 5:30 p.m.
Kin Hall-Scout Hall on Auto Road at 25th St. S.E., Salmon Arm

Enjoy a Pot Luck Supper, adventure stories, travel slides, music & song with your skiing friends. There will be a brief Club update, "Early Bird" paid membership draw (see details in this Newsletter) and door prizes. If you would like to contribute to after dinner entertainment please call Jim & Marcia Beckner – 832-3534. Invite your friends who are new to town or considering trying X-C skiing for the first time.

Please bring "Pot Luck" food to share, plus your own plate, cutlery and cup.

Questions? – Call George: 832-9335

Our financial Situation - John Pagdin, Treasurer

We are presently in a lean but workable financial situation going into the 2001-2002 ski season. The good news is: unlike our municipal, provincial, and federal governments, we are now debt free. Over \$7200 of last years receipts went into paying off our loan with the Credit Union. Now that the debt has been dealt with, we can hopefully focus on the building of a contingency fund to cover the costs of major repairs or purchases in the upcoming years. We received a \$5000 grant from the BC Gaming Commission in mid July thanks to the hard work put in by Ian Clay on its application. (We had asked for \$7000.) Upcoming expenses include the costs of replacing all tracks on the tracksetter (\$5000), trail maintenance (\$1000), a memorial to Pentti (\$1000). Membership fees remain the same as last year; this, in spite of the fact that about 25% of our membership fees were redirected to CCBC last season after they significantly increased their fees. We'd really appreciate you all getting your memberships in early this year, and see if you can help us out with a "be a sport" donation.

Register early and WIN!

Return your club membership registration by Oct. 19, 2001 and be eligible to win a ski holiday in Revelstoke.

2 nights accomodation - double occupancy, 2 full breakfasts, 3 days X-C Ski passes,
3 days X-C Ski rentals, X-C Ski lesson at **Mt. MacPherson B&B, Revelstoke**
(adjacent to Mt. MacPherson X-C Ski Trails) Value: \$300
(www.macphersonlodge.com)

To be eligible for the draw your Club membership registration **must be received by the Registrar by Friday, October 19/01**. Draw will be at the Saturday, October 20 evening Ski Club Social at the Scout Hall.

Larch Hills Ski Club Planned Events 2001/02 (updated Sept. 7)

Trail clipping work party and Chalet Supper 1:00 P.M. Saturday, September 29

Meet at Larch Hills Parking Lot/Chalet: Bring hand tools and dinner (5 p.m.) to share. Questions? - Call Gullan: 832-2988. If you can't make it that day, ask Gullan about adopting a section of our ski trails to work on in preparation for the ski season. Please keep Gullan informed about what trail work you've completed so our Club efforts are co-ordinated.

"Take Back the Hills" – trail clipping work party 10:00 A.M. Saturday, October 20

Meet at Larch Hills Parking Lot. Let's finish off any ski trail work in preparation for the ski season. Bring hand tools. Questions? – Call Blaine: 833-4088

"Ski Club Social" 5:30 P.M. Saturday, October 20

See details elsewhere in this newsletter

Club Ski Swap Saturday, October 27

"The Gathering Place" – E. Free Church on S. Broadview. Early equipment drop-off October 22-26 at "Skookum Cycle". On October 27 equipment drop off/sign-in: 8:00-10:30 a.m., Sales: 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.. Equipment pickup, cheque pickup: 2:00-4:00 p.m. Hot deals and quick sales on used X-C, snowboard equipment and downhill ski equipment for both Kids and Adults. The Club retains 15% of the dollar value of each sale. Club membership registration and B.C. Rabbit registration. Questions? – Call Dave: 832-4565 or Roger: 832-2702

"Turkey Glide" 12:00 noon Sunday, December 9 or 16

(date depends on snow conditions) at Larch Hills: Ski the route for fun and win a Turkey! or...some Mistletoe? Questions? - Call Gullan: 832-2988 or Linda: 833-0165

"Ski For All" Saturday, December 15

Larch Hills: Club hosted "open house" day for new and beginner Skiers. Pre-registration, rental equipment and support from Tom & Linda Peasgood and staff at "Skookum Ski & Cycle". Club members serve as Ski Hosts for morning and afternoon groups to introduce our trails and the X-C Ski experience. Chill, Buns and hot drinks provided at Chalet. Questions? – Call George: 832-9335

"Santa Cruise" 12:00 noon Sunday, December 23

Larch Hills: Fun Race and Auction. Proceeds to Salvation Army - Salmon Arm Food Bank. Questions? – Call Blaine: 833-4088

"Moonlight Lantern Ski" 5:00-9:30 P.M. Saturday, January 5

Larch Hills: 180 kerosene lanterns light the way on 5K of track set trails. Enjoy a hot drink and a visit at the Chalet. **Donations to Club and Salmon Arm Food Bank.** Questions? – Call George: 832-9335 or Pat 832-3492

"Larch Hills Fun Race" Sunday, January 6

Co-ordinator required. Contact Club Executive if interested.

"Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet" 9:00 A.M. Saturday, January 19

Larch Hills: "Classic" (in every way) Loppet. B.C.'s best attended. Watch for more info on the new "Recreational Class" route. Enjoy the day and evening events. Questions? – Call Pauline: 833-0325.

"Valentine's Lantern Ski" 6:00-9:30 P.M. Saturday, February 9

Larch Hills: Enjoy a romantic ski by lantern light with your Sweetie through the forests and over the bogs. Glide on over to the Chalet after for a hot drink and a visit. Donations appreciated. sponsored by Silvatech Consulting Ltd. Staff. Questions? – Call Dave: 832-7740

"Slush Cup" Social End-of-season fun! Watch for details.

Thanks on behalf of all club members go out to:

Roland Huster and **Peter Navratil** for their donation of time and skill in building a trailer to hold and transport the Club's 180 lanterns (stored in 10 big orange boxes) and hangers for the Club Lantern Skis. The trailer and lanterns are stored at Roland's farm on the road up to Larch Hills.

Peter Navratil for the donation of new metal grating to replace the worn grating on the Chalet steps.

Pat Shea for the donation of lumber from CAE for future Club projects.

No Thanks!

Two sets of shutters have been destroyed and some shakes have been taken from the Chalet roof for firewood. Repairs are planned. Two outhouses have been pushed over near the Chalet. Forest Service will upright and repair. The Ermine Frolic warm up station, near Bilbo's Bog, has been damaged.

Photo Contest Results

The results of the Spring Ski Club Photo Contest are posted on the Club's website. Photo collages with a variety of the photos submitted are on display at *Skookum Ski & Cycle* and *Wearabouts* in Salmon Arm.

Is there a Club member interested in taking the production of a Calendar featuring Larch Hills Photos as a Club fund raiser for 2002 or 2003 Calendars?

Here are some projects currently being worked on:

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- Pentii Memorial Project (Len Sept, Don Huntington, Blaine Carson, Ron Everest)
- Updated Ski Trails map (Dave Wallenstein)
- New Recreational Class Loppet Route (Jim Beckner)
- Trails Committee planning new track set trails on the Raven's Ridge plateau in conjunction with Woodlot licensees Glen Ritchie, Curt Olson and Shuswap Outdoors (Dave Wallenstein)

Larch Hills Ski Club Phone Numbers for 2001/2002

President	George Zorn	832-9335
Past President	Dave Wallenstein	832-7740
Vice-President	vacant	
Secretary	Val Heckrodt	832-2928
Treasurer	John Pagdin	832-2946
Director	Marcia Beckner	832-3534
Director	Patrick Hutchins	832-7242
Membership Registration	Christine Hutchins	832-7242
Newsletter/Website	Rod Charlebois	832-0234
Track Setting	Blaine Carson	833-4008
B.C. Rabbits	Graham Gomme	833-4761
Racing Team	vacant	
Youth Challenge Program	Nancy Bepple	833-0553

Larch Hills Ski Club Planned Meeting Dates 2001/02

October 23: Salmon Arm Sr. Secondary School Library (N. Broadview)

November 20: Salmon Arm Sr. Secondary School Library (N. Broadview)

December 11: Salmon Arm Sr. Secondary School Library (N. Broadview)

January 22: Room #1 Salmon Arm Community Centre

March 5: Room #1 Salmon Arm Community Centre (AGM)

Ski Club meetings are held Tuesday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m.

All Club members are invited to attend!

Highlights of the minutes of Ski Club meetings will posted on the Club website

Larch Hills Ski Club website: <http://larchhillsskiclub.bc.ca>

Please Note:

- ✓ If you would like to have **e-mail notification** of Club newsletters & flyers postings on the Club's website please indicate that on the membership form along with your e-mail address. **We will save on mailing costs.**
- ✓ Please let Christine Hutchins know if your e-mail address has changed so the Club address book can be updated.
- ✓ 2001/02 planned Newsletter Deadlines:
 - Early season Newsletter: late November (submissions to Rod by: November 9).
 - Mid season Newsletter: late January (submissions to Rod by January 11).
 - late season flyer (after March 5/02 AGM if required)Please send to Rod Charlebois: **thevoice@sunwave.net**