

News from *your* BV Cross Country Ski Club!



Hello and welcome back from summer! For many of you, cross country skiing is likely not front of mind these days, as we all try to squeeze out that last drop of summer before we give way to autumn.

But with October looming, it's time to start thinking about the upcoming ski season! ***Yahoooooo!*** Despite the fact we're not skiing yet, there's lots going on with the club, and some great events coming up that we'd like you to be aware of.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 23 - SKI SWAP and mini-AGM - Muheim School - 7pm

Desserts and refreshments by donation!

Lots of awesome gear for great deals!

Equipment drop-off 4-6:30pm

Swap doors open at 7pm

An email will follow shortly, with more details about the Mini AGM.

October 24 - Firewood Work Bee at the Lodge (TENTATIVE)

Keep an eye on your inbox for more details. There is still some labour required up at the lodge before "go time" and many hands make light work.

November 14 - Level I Officials Course

Contact Lea-Marie for more information: leamarie@justemail.net

AREA & TRAILS UPDATE

NEW TRAIL LINKING LODGE AND STADIUM TO UNDERPASS

With the addition of the ski underpass last season, we have had many suggestions of a new trail linking the stadium area to the underpass that would eliminate all road crossings.

Well, we listened and this summer, a trail was cleared allowing just that! This season there will now be the option to ski from the stadium past the biathlon range down to the underpass without ever taking off your skis!

With any new trail, the coming season will serve as a trial run, so please bear with us as we work out the best way to keep things groomed and in good condition.

NEW WATER STORAGE FOR THE LODGE

This summer it was determined that our water storage for the lodge water system was in need of an upgrade. The Board of Directors held a special meeting at the lodge to discuss the various options and determine an action plan.

Since that meeting, construction has begun on a new concrete cistern in the area behind the wax hut. This cistern is below ground and will have slightly larger capacity compared to our previous water storage system. Water will continue to be trucked in to provide safe drinking water to lodge users.

This work has been conducted with input from our supplier, BV Water and from Northern Health.

Thank you to the many people who contributed to this large and important project.

NEW CHIMNEY FOR THE LODGE

Last season our director in charge of lodge and area maintenance, Wally Lesawich became aware of a build-up issue in the furnace chimney. This created a need for frequent, labour-intensive (volunteer-powered) cleaning of the chimney as well as a significant loss of efficiency in our furnace. Since last winter, Wally and the board have been exploring options for rectifying the situation.

This fall, a new chimney will be installed to eliminate some of the sharp angles and horizontal run of the original chimney, thus greatly reducing the potential for build up of creosote. This new chimney will significantly improve the efficiency of our main furnace and just as importantly, will require fewer back-breaking cleanings!

Thank you again to Wally and all those involved in this large and messy project!

NEW HEAD COACH FOR THE BV NORDICS

After five seasons leading the BV Nordic racing program, head coach Chris Werrell will be moving on this season. Lisa Perry will be stepping in this fall to lead our racers through another

full season of training and competition.

Stay tuned for a more in-depth introduction of Lisa!

CALL FOR HELP

Is splitting wood not your thing? Manual labour isn't the only way you can contribute to our club! Club communications is a huge job with so many possibilities and so much room for creativity. As the Director responsible for Communications, I am seeking a group of keen individuals to help with whatever they feel they're best at. Possible duties include:

- Posting to the website and Facebook page
- Designing posters and advertisements for events
- Producing and distributing the newsletter
- General promotion of the club and sport

If you think you can spare a few hours each month to help spread the word about our great club, please let me know:

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