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## Letter From the Chief

The signs are everywhere; the dusting of snow in my yard, the racers testing their skis at Larry McCulloch's office today, the Cross Country BC ski magazine that came in the mail and the first executive meeting of the season. Winter is coming, and I can hardly wait. That first crisp morning on fresh set tracks on the logging roads has me dreaming. Brant, if you need a hand to get the Piston Bully ready, just shout!

One of the best parts of our



club is the chance to make and renew friendships with a wonderful community of people. If you thought it was only about skiing, I urge you to get involved in any way you can. On Sunday the 18th I plan to be at the work bee to renew ski acquaintances, and possibly to do a little work around the lodge and trails. See you there! On the 30th, the annual ski swap is the perfect time to renew membership, sign up the kids for rabbits,

and check over some used and new equipment. See you there too! This season plan to ski 1000 Km., go in a couple of loppets, race in the BC Club Championships in Burns Lake, take a course or clinic to improve your skiing or become an official and volunteer for something. Make it the best year ever!

One of the highlights of the summer was the development of our club's relationship with Wetzinkw'a Community Forest Co. Geoff will be saying more on this topic, but I would like to thank WCFC for their assistance, especially at a time when many other grant sources have disappeared in the recession. I hope we can build a long term relationship with WFCF that benefits both our organizations.

Finally, visit our web site for information about the club, and for contact information should you need to talk to the executive members, coaches, coordinators or volunteers. Type "BV Nordics" into your search engine.

Pray for snow!

Stephen Howard,

Chair, B.V. Cross country Ski Club



BV Nordic welcomes Daena Bilodeau and Leanne Helkenberg as they begin their volunteer promoters position with the club.

*Good Day Ski Enthusiasts,*

*Daena and I would like to introduce ourselves as the club's 'Promotionists'. As your promotions team we will be promoting any club events by means of organizing all the advertising, posters and getting the word out. If you have any dates you would like to add to the calendar please contact Daena (daenab@hotmail.com) or myself, Leanne (helkenb@gmail.com)*



## BVXCC Develop Partnership with Wet'sinkwa Community Forest

Over the past 2 years the ski club has been working closely with the Wet'sinkwa Community Forest Corporation (WCFC) to develop an understanding of how our two organizations will co-exist on the same operating area in a way that is mutually beneficial. Some of the topics discussed include skier safety, aesthetics, impacts from harvesting on skier access, trail development, revenue sharing and access to timber. What has evolved from these discussions is a framework for a partnership relationship between the ski club and the WCFC.

The key elements of the part-

nership include: a Memorandum of Understanding that facilitates the ski club's input into forest management activities adjacent to the ski trails; a framework for revenue sharing on the profits from harvesting adjacent to the ski trails, and an opportunity for direct granting to the ski club to support delivery of our ski programs to the community. This year the ski club was very fortunate to receive \$25,000 in grant money from WCFC; and a further \$15,000 has been committed for next year. As part of the partnership the ski club is able to assist the WCFC in providing



recreational opportunities from the operating area for community enjoyment.

The WCFC is a joint venture of the Town of Smithers and the Village of Telkwa. In 2007 the corporation was successful in their bid for a community forest license and were awarded a tenure to operate in a defined area on Hudson Bay Mountain which encompasses the Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre. The community forest tenure is a unique forest tenure arrangement that

transfers decision-making to communities that wish to more fully participate in the stewardship of local Crown forest resources. It gives communities exclusive rights to harvest timber, as well as the opportunity to manage forest resources such as timber and plant products, recreation, wildlife, water and scenic views.

To date timber harvesting hasn't started in the area directly adjacent to the Nordic Center under this new community forest agreement. In the next year we can expect some activity near the ski trails. In particular we would like to address the mountain pine beetle killed trees and reduce the hazard from danger trees in the heavily impacted areas on the Pine Creek trails.



## Olympic Torch to Come Through Smithers

Smithers is honoured to be one of the 1,036 Canadian communities to host the Olympic Flame as it travels from coast to coast across Canada in the 106 days leading up to the Opening Ceremony of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay, presented by Coca-Cola and RBC and supported by the Government of Canada, represents an extraordinary opportunity to showcase our community to the world.

On January 30, 2010, the eyes

of the world will turn to Smithers as we host the Olympic Flame in an exciting evening celebration at Heritage Park. We have some truly memorable and inspirational entertainment planned to celebrate our day as an Olympic town. In addition, Coca-Cola, RBC and the Government of Canada have some wonderful entertainment prepared to help us celebrate this exciting occasion. The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay represents an incredible opportunity to unify not only our community but all Canadians, and generating tremendous pride on our country as we celebrate the coming of the Games.



## Rental of Ski Lockers for 09/10 Season

To club members who had ski lockers in the Buchfink Lodge last winter, you have until Wednesday October 28 to confirm if you would like to rent the locker again or not for the upcoming season. Please contact Brandin Schultz at 847-5199 or e-mail him at tyheelaketri@yahoo.ca before then.

Please make arrangements to provide him with a cheque (payable to BVXCSC) or cash for \$30 for the regular sized lockers, or \$40 for the new family sized lockers, prior to or during the ski swap night. Any remaining unrented lockers will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis at the Club Ski

Swap night on Friday October 30th.



## Rabbit Registration

Looking for all kids aged 4-14 interested in fun and skill building ski classes from January until Spring Break! Classes are led by CCBC qualified coaches and parent helpers, and are always followed by cookies and hot chocolate. Register at the Rabbit table at the October 30 ski swap, or until December 1st at McBike. For more information, please email Leslie-Jean at ljmcmil@gmail.com.

## Rabbit Ringleader Reinforcements Required:

Leslie-Jean and James are looking for new Rabbit coaches for the 2010 January to March ski season. Great skiing abilities are not required to coach the beginning groups, and we will provide coaching training free of charge to all coaches. James and LJ are hoping that parents with graduates from the BVXC ski programs will also consider returning to help with the next generation of Valley skiers. Please email jwcuell@gmail.com for more information.

Great Snow.  
Great Trails.  
Great times.

## Upcoming Events

October 30th 2009: **BV Nordic Ski Swap**

Where: St Joes Gym

When : 7:00 pm, drop off for seller 4:00 – 6:00pm

Details: Buy and Sell used cross-country ski gear. Contact Larry McCulloch (larry.mcculloch@lmfms.ca), Daena (daenab@hotmail.com) or Leanne (helkenb@gmail.com)

Oct. 31st- Nov. 1st: **Level 1 Race Officials Course**

Where: BV Nordic Center

Details: We are offering our Volunteers a Level 1 Race Officials Course Saturday evening and Sunday, all day. If you already have Level 1, we can get you into the Level 2 course in Burns Lake Dec. 11-13.

Please call (250-847-9366) or email (chief@bvnordic.ca) Steve Osborn as soon as possible to sign-up for the course.



In partnership with the BC Cross Country Ski Club and the Smithers Community Forest Society Present:

## Late Fall Nature Walk

*Spend midday with members of our community observing how our forest transitions into winter.*

**Saturday October 24th**

*Please meet at the BV Nordic Club day lodge at 11am.*

*Depending on the weather and amount of snow, we will take a walk on the Smithers Community Forest trail and come back to the lodge for lunch.*

*Please dress appropriately with good footwear and warm clothes. Pack a lunch.*

For more information contact Breeann at [breeann.doerksen@bvcentre.ca](mailto:breeann.doerksen@bvcentre.ca)