



President's Message

Don't give up hope. Despite a disastrous start to our ski year, with only a little snow and then balmy weather, we are now experiencing what appears to be a return to a snowy winter. If only it will last we can get in a few more weeks of snow at least.

We had our Director's Brunch on January 13th and although we had little snow evident in Peterborough, there was enough left on the trail to provide a "bit" of a ski for those most avid souls who brought their skis with them. For the rest of us, it was a great opportunity to walk in to the Cossar Cabin and enjoy some socializing. We estimate 52 people turned up to enjoy and support the event and it is most heartening to the organizers to see this kind of response in such poor skiing conditions. Our thanks to all who came out and special thanks to the organizers, Peter and Henny Tiesma, Conrad and Shirley Hill, Kurt and Anna Olsen, and Dave and Irene Kirk.

Unfortunately our Moonlight Ski was not held due to lack of snow. This event is usually a highlight for those who attend and I know they were disappointed to miss out this year.

Trail grooming is in effect now that some snow is evident. We try to get out after each snowfall to pack and groom the trails and thus help retain the snow for a longer period of time and to smooth out some of the bumps. Given enough time, we lay down tracks for skiing but unfortunately we can't track all of the trails, so you will sometimes come across packed trail that has to have the tracks skied in. At this time we do not have enough equipment to enable us to track all of the trails. The grooming is done using snowmobiles to pull the equipment and on occasion we've had the odd frown from skiers seeing the snowmobile on their cross-country ski trail. We try to have the grooming done prior to the weekend, but if you do see us out there you know we belong.

Our sweat shirt and toque sales are going well. They seem to be a popular item with our members. Don't forget if you are in at the Cossar Cabin on the weekends, ask our Cabin Keeper to show them to you. The sweater sells for \$30 and the toque for \$15, I think you'll be impressed with the style and colour of both.

We also have some used ski equipment for sale at the Cossar Cabin. It is on the left side as you enter the west end door. The price is marked on each piece of equipment and the transaction is based on your honour. Simply mark one of the parking lot envelopes with "Ski Equipment" and put the money inside and deposit the sealed envelope in the money box in the parking lot, or give it to the Cabin Keeper.

Hope to see you on the trail.

Dave Kirk



Chili Fest 2002

Our 2002 Chili Fest was held February 10th with limited success. Wouldn't you know it! The prior day was great with good skiing and the day after, the 11th was cold and sunny, but on our Chili Fest day we were cursed with a day of rain.

Actually for those of us who turned out the skiing was reasonably good although the tracks got faster as the rain accumulated. It was definitely a condition for waxless skis. And on our return to the Cossar Cabin after skiing, the hot chili and other goodies were great.

It's disheartening to the organizers to have such misfortune, but given the uncertainty of our winters, it's a condition we're learning to live with, and it's a circumstance each of our social functions have endured at one time or another.

This event has the potential to be very popular, given cooperation by the weather, so keep the faith we'll keep on trying.

Our thanks to the organizers Jim Elliot and Brian Backa and special thanks to June Elliot for her chili prowess.



Enjoying Chili Fest 2002

Special Olympics Report

February 9th we hosted our annual Special Olympics Time Trials with 39 athletes participating and in excess of 15 club members, and approximately 20 additional Olympic officials, coaches and parents in attendance.



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Our Cossar Cabin was fully packed and our trail, adjacent to the cabin, virtually closed off as we held our starts and finish there, and in between races, our participants gathered there to prepare for the next race.

As evidenced by the happy faces and joyful comments the success of the day for the participants was very evident. The race results I'm sure were satisfying but they pale in comparison to the satisfaction gleaned by these athletes through the comradeship and participation they enjoy through their involvement. For those of us helping out, the glad hands and hugs and those enthusiastic happy smiles make our day one of the most enjoyable of the year.

To those club members who came unexpectedly upon this event, planning to ski the trails, our thanks for your willingness to change plans and to ski routes, you hadn't planned on, to enable us to keep our racetracks clear of non-participating skiers.

As a club it's heartening that our facilities are chosen to host this event. The Special Olympics Association uses time trials of this nature, held at a variety of locations to select the participants for provincial meets and eventually national meets, leading through the same process of elimination to international Special Olympic Games. We are delighted to be part of this process.

Our thanks to Tom and Mim Bennett and to Barry Diceman for representing the club in planning for this event and for their help and for the help of all the other volunteers from the club who help make this event successful.



Participants in the Special Olympics held at KNSC



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Wood Supply – February Newsletter

On one of my visits to the Cossar Cabin it was evident those skiers using the cabin were using up the internally stored wood supply in the stove and enjoying the warmth provided with little concern for the dwindling wood storage.

Each year a number of volunteers working under the direction of the Director of Cabins and Lots (this year, Barry Diceman) cut and split deadfall wood to be used for burning in the cabins. While they provide the initial stock of wood kept inside the cabin, they are not expected to maintain the supply throughout the ski season.

Maintaining the supply of wood inside the cabin is the responsibility of those persons enjoying the warmth of the cabin, that's you, the skier.

Please, when you visit our cabins, consider your entry fee to be one armload of wood, deposited under the benches for future burning. This applies to all of our cabins on the trail system. Thanks.

OOPS

Our last newsletter contained a photo of the window being installed in the Cossar Cabin and identified the person working on the window as Conrad Hill. In fact that person was Dave Goslin, a long time member of our club. Dave came out that day to help install the windows in the cabin along with Barry Diceman and Dave Kirk. The same trio installed the new steel roof on the Tanney Cabin a few weeks later. Thanks Dave for the help and our apologies for the mix-up.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: KNSC logo sweatshirts! If you missed out last year we will be selling more. They are navy blue with a gold embroidered KNSC logo for only \$30.00 (Sizes S-XL)

New this year! Jersey knit 100% acrylic tuques in navy blue with gold embroidered *Kawartha Nordic* on the cuff \$15.00 (one size fits most)

Available at the Cossar Cabin ask a cabin keeper

KNSC EVENTS

**Join us for our last social event of the ski season
Spring Cook-out: March 3th 2002**



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Reminder:

All members received a complimentary KNSC day use pass. Don't forget to give it to a friend or relative as this is a great way for people to get out and experience our trails!

WWW Report

Our website continues to see a lot of traffic on our website more than 500 hits in January! We are working on an update but in the meantime please take a minute and complete our online survey it will only take a minute and the results will help us serve you better! Surf on over to www.x-c.com/clubs/kawartha and follow the online survey link.

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Anxious to start at the Special Olympics 2002

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