



## KNSC Nordic News February 2009



*Photo: Brian Hedney*

### The Tanney Cabin

Nestled in the woods just off the Kenner north is the Tanney Cabin. Those of you who have skied out to it, know it for its tame Black-capped Chickadees and Gray Jays (also known as Canada Jays or whiskeyjacks) which are always keen to share a snack. The Tanney cabin was built in two stages, with help from a Wintario Grant, and many dedicated volunteers. The foundation was laid in 1977 and then the remainder was completed in early 1978 so that volunteers could use it during the 1978 Kawartha Tour. The "warm up hut" as it was called then, was the first hut built on the KNSC trail system. It was the perfect place to take a rest and get warm for skiers, and for the many volunteers that were involved with that section of the Kawartha Tour.



*Photo: Mary O'Neil*

## Remembering Doug and Verna Tanney

By Marjorie Shephard

Doug Tanney and I were both employees of the Quaker Oats Co. of Canada in the 1960's. I was a cross country skier, and instructor at Devil's Elbow in those days, when cross country skiers locally skied on old railway lines and lumbering roads through the Burleigh woods. I went to the Canadian Ski Marathon (CSM) a few times with skiers I knew, and talked to Doug about the Marathon in the coffee room at Quaker. He was very excited by the whole idea of skiing through the wilderness/woods, with safety and timing involved. He talked it over with his friends John Pierce and John Bowes of



the Kawartha Tourism Association - and the first Ski Tour (Feb. 1975) was begun! Our first Tour was a great success and Doug was so very thrilled - it wasn't long before the group he had gathered together agreed to carry on the annual Tour - and history played itself out. Doug and Verna were both enthusiastic skiers - and Doug at the Board level never tired of giving his energy and enthusiasm to every part of the Club that needed attention. His dedication was the "beacon" for all of us involved in those early years - and it was very easy to name the first cabin on the trails after him. Doug died in 1988, much too soon.

Verna recently passed away on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009. She will be remembered for dedication to the club through her role as secretary on the executive, her enthusiastic support for all club events, and her passion for skiing. A donation to the Peterborough Special Olympics has been made in Verna's name by the club. The club has hosted the skiing and snowshoeing events for the Special Olympics in past years. There are currently 10 local area skiers who will be represented by Steve Caban in Boise Idaho at the World Winter Games Feb. 7-13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

If you are interested in reading more about the history of the club, be sure to check out Marjorie Shephard's book: *The Kawartha Nordic Ski Club 1974-2004. 30 Dedicated Years.*

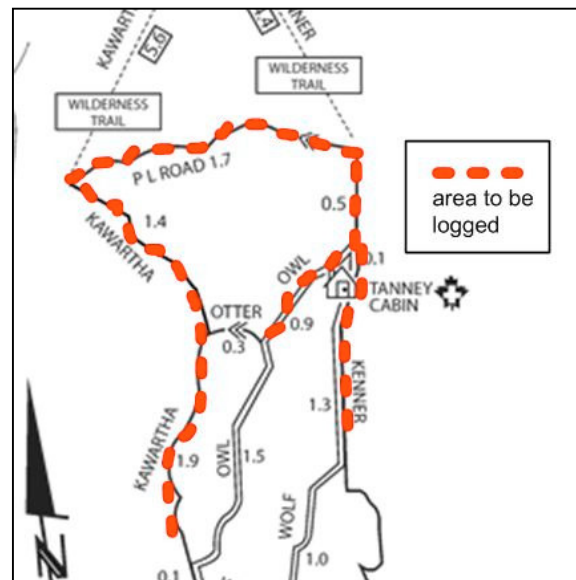
## From the Membership Desk

Congratulations go out to Ian Blaiklock of Peterborough who won the early bird raffle prize - a \$200 gift certificate donated by Wildrock Outfitters! Ian's was one of 241 memberships received by December 1st and entered into the raffle. KNSC membership has continued to grow in leaps and bounds this year and now stands at 350 memberships representing over 750 skiers. Many of the 150 new members this year reported discovering KNSC through friends or were day use skiers previously. So, talk to your friends and encourage them to join a great ski club. It's not too late to renew your membership for this season - conditions have never been better. Contact Bruce at [membership@kawarthenordic.ca](mailto:membership@kawarthenordic.ca) for more details.

## Logging at KNSC

We have been advised by the Ministry of Natural Resources that further logging will take place on the northern end of the trail system next summer. The majority of KNSC trails are on crown land and are managed under the Bancroft-Minden Forest Management Plan. The club has no direct involvement in this logging. Logging is being conducted by a logging company and has been approved by the MNR. Some members will recall the last logging activity nearly 10 years ago in the mid-portion of the trails around the Wolf. While it did change the nature of the forest, we have benefited from the trail improvements and the trees are filling in.

If you've skied on the Kenner north, PL Road, Owl, or Kawartha north this year you may have noticed flagging tape marking the boundaries of the planned logging. We have met with the MNR and logging operator to review the plans, and consideration is being given to our trails. They are planning to use some of our trails as roads during the logging operations and we are making arrangements to keep some of the culverts and bridges they install for future benefit to the trails. A buffer will be left around the Tanney Cabin and the area north of the PL Road, including the east wilderness trail to the Bennett Cabin, which will not be logged since it is a protected area. The map shows the approximate location of the planned logging (a more detailed map is posted on our [website](#)).



Logging will be completed in the next one to two years. We don't expect any major disruption to the trails next winter. The character of the affected trails will change; however, we have taken steps to ensure our trails are considered during the logging. Our club has a significant length of trails in the south and on our own property that are not logged. The directors will share any new information with members and as always appreciate input on trail development and any other club activity.

## Events and Programs 2009

### **Adult Ski Lessons**                      **Sundays Jan. 18- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Skate technique lessons run from 10-11:30am and Classic technique lessons from 1-2:30pm. You must pre-register for these lessons at Wildrock Outfitters in person or by calling 745-9133 by the Friday evening prior to the lesson date. Cost: \$25/person with all proceeds going to KNSC.

### **Après Ski Fondue**                      **Sat. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>**

4-6pm upstairs in the WOODfine Chalet

Come up for a ski and then join us for a glass of wine, and a fondue appetizer - cheese and chocolate!

Tickets: \$20. are available at Wildrock Outfitters or contact Diane at 741-4293  
dirogers.rogers@hotmail.com

### **Moonlight Ski**                      **Sat. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> and Sat. March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at 7 pm at the WOODfine Chalet for a potluck dinner followed by a moonlit ski. For more information call Jill Topping at 654-3049.

### **Bennett Cabin Ski**                      **Sun. Jan.25<sup>th</sup> & Sun. Mar.1<sup>st</sup>**

Meet at 10 am at the WOODfine Chalet for a ski to the Bennett Cabin — ski conditions depending. This is a challenging long ski. Any questions, please call Jill Topping 654-3049.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ski Enduro**                      **Sun. Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>**

This event is designed to be a friendly competition for skiers of all ages. Race lengths are 7, 14 or 28km and an option for solo racers, 2-person teams or 4-person teams is available. Each team member must ski a minimum of one 7km lap. Teams can be co-ed and there is no age restriction other than all skiers must be prepared to successfully complete a 7km ski loop. The course will be groomed for skate and classic skiers. There will be a mass start for each of the three races. Registration and more information will soon be available on our website.

### **Youth Programs**                      **Saturday Afternoons**

The Jackrabbit and Track Attack Programs, along with a new Athlete Development Program are in full swing on Saturday afternoons, January through to March, based out of the WOODfine Chalet.

### **KNSC BBQ Lunch**                      **Sat. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on Sat. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 2009 season. Families can join in on some of the Jackrabbit Festival activities that will be going on that day and all skiers will be welcome to buy a hot lunch at the WOODfine Chalet. More details to follow.