



## KNSC Nordic News July 2010

### Membership Fees and Services

The KNSC executive has some decisions to make and we would appreciate feedback from the club as a whole to help make these decisions. The overwhelming verbal feedback that we hear from skiers is positive. Skiers love the consistent conditions and the quality of the groomed trails. The reality is that the biggest operating expense at the club is by far the grooming. At present we own a Pisten Bully that was purchased with funds from a Trillium grant and it is an older machine with over 12000 hours on it. We are currently able to keep this machine running with the help of Haultain Service that is luckily located just across the road from the ski club. The second smaller machine we use is a Bombardier snow cat and it is used for grooming the narrower classic trails. The Bombardier is actually owned by one of the club members and we are able to rent it from the member for a cost that is much less than the true cost of owning it. We therefore are currently operating with 2 grooming machines that we have never had to purchase with club funds. As an executive we feel strongly that the club needs to start putting money aside in a Capital Fund to save for future expenses such as replacing the snow cat groomers. Current membership revenue (annual fees, day use fees and fund raising) supplies just enough money to allow the club to balance the books each spring; however, last year's revenue level will not sustain the club operations for the coming year, even without creating a capital reserve.

We have prepared a budget to address the required revenue and capital expenses (including HST) and it will require an average membership fee increase of 29% across all categories for the 2011 season which translates to an average fee increase of \$18.58 per member. This membership fee is still below the true cost of the service provided due to the extensive number of volunteer hours that club members donate and the generous donations that several members contribute each year. As members of the KNSC executive we feel this is the direction the club needs to take to ensure we continue providing high quality Nordic trails for years to come. We have prepared a survey to help us determine if this is the direction the club as a whole wishes to take. Please take the time right now to answer the questions on the following survey. This will give us important feedback about how you as members feel about the quality and importance of what the club has to offer in terms of trails and services.

Members will receive an email with a link to the online survey or a copy in their mailbox. The survey will close at 9pm on Sunday, August 15th.

Thank you,  
Diane Rogers  
KNSC President

## **Kawartha Nordic AGM September 13th, 2010**

The board of directors unanimously voted to move the Annual General Meeting for the Kawartha Nordic Ski Club to the fall. The financial year end still remains as March 31st, and the fall AGM will allow the accountants more time to complete the audit. The fall date will coincide nicely with the start up of membership renewals, trail work, and program and volunteer planning for the upcoming season. Election of the directors will happen at the AGM as it has in the past. If you are interested in getting involved with the club, as a director, member of the executive or volunteer, please contact us.

## **Celebrate 2010 Award Recipients**

Last December as Canada prepared to host the 2010 Olympics, Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough, put out a call for nominations to honour the local sports heroes that have made a big difference in the lives of our athletes and communities. We are pleased to announce that long time KNSC members and volunteers, Dave Woodfine and Barry Diceman, were successful recipients of the award for their respective contributions to KNSC. Thanks for Dave and Barry, the sport of Nordic Skiing was well represented in what some would call the “hockey town” of Peterborough.



**Barry Diceman**



**Dave Woodfine**

## Annual SOD Awards

### Jack Rabbit Award

The Southern Ontario Division (SOD) of Cross Country Ontario has awarded KNSC the 2010 Jack Rabbit Award for our programs. This award is presented to the club that contributes significantly to the development of skiing through leadership in the Jack Rabbit Program and it is the second time that we have been awarded it.

Congratulations and thank you to Jon Grimwood and all of the volunteer instructors with the Jack Rabbits, Track Attack and ADP programs who have developed and delivered outstanding programs for our youth.

### Cum Laude Award

Dave Woodfine was the successful recipient of the 2010 Cum Laude Award. This award was presented in recognition of outstanding contribution to the development of cross-country skiing in Southern Ontario over a period of years. Dave continues to fill a huge number of our volunteer hours with his skills, enthusiasm and passion for KNSC and the sport of Nordic Skiing.



Lucas Shewen, Jon Grimwood, Dave Woodfine, Ryley Hilker

## Fall Colours Tour

Saturday October 1st and Sunday Oct 2nd KNSC has partnered with Elmhirst Resort to offer the 2010 Kawartha Lakes Fall Colours Cycling Tour. Enjoy two days of fantastic cycling featuring rolling hills, scenic views and the beauty of the Kawartha Fall Colours. Suit your own energy and interest levels each day by riding the full route of 100 km or the shorter option of approximately 50 km. Maps, food stations and support vehicles are provided along the way. Space is limited please contact Elmhirst's resort for registration and additional information at: [elmr@elmhirst.com](mailto:elmr@elmhirst.com) or visit [www.elmhirst.com](http://www.elmhirst.com).

For more information please see: <http://wildrock.net/newsletter/kawarthacycletour.asp>

The proceeds raised from the cycling tour will be donated to the Kawartha Nordic Ski Club (KNSC) to assist with trail improvements and grooming expenses. The club is very excited to be the benefactor for the proceeds from the Kawartha Fall Colours Cycling Tour and will be looking for member volunteers to help out with the event if they are not participating!

How can you help...

1. Ride the tour
2. Recruit friends / family / acquaintances to ride the tour
3. Volunteer to help during the tour (see below)

## Volunteer Recruitment for the Kawartha Fall Tours Event

The Kawartha Falls Colours bicycle tour organizing committee is recruiting KNSC volunteers to support this fundraising activity for our Ski Club. While the tour is over two months away, we are interested in developing our volunteer program now.

KNSC member, Lynn Kostuch, is organizing the volunteers for the tour. Lynn has provided an outline of activities and an estimated time commitment required. You can contact her at (705) 749-0465 or through email at [lkostuch@cogeco.ca](mailto:lkostuch@cogeco.ca) if you are willing to volunteer time to support the Kawartha Fall Colours Tour.

A couple of quick notes volunteering:

1. You can volunteer for one shift or for one day only (i.e. you're not on the hook for the whole weekend!);
2. Exact times for start and finish of each shift will be finalized in September;
3. Route maps for volunteer drivers and locations for on-the-road aid stations will be available in September.

<b>Job</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Approximate Time Commitment</b>
<b>Signage</b>	Working with one of the tour coordinators, you will ensure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- signs are posted at Elmhirst on Friday night</li> <li>- road signage is in place on all routes (Saturday)</li> <li>- road signage is taken down on all routes (Saturday night)</li> <li>- road signage is in place on all routes (Sunday)</li> <li>- road signage is taken down on all routes (Sunday night)</li> <li>- signs are taken down at Elmhirst on Sunday night</li> </ul>	Approximately four hours on either:  Friday, Sept. 30 (evening)  Saturday, Oct. 1 (am)  Saturday, Oct. 1 (evening)  Sunday, Oct. 2 (am)  Sunday, Oct. 2 (evening)
<b>Registration Desk</b>	Working with one of the tour coordinators, with Elmhirst Resort staff and with 1-2 others you will assist at the tour registration desk	Four hours shifts at Elmhirst Resort on either:  Saturday, Oct. 1 (am) Saturday, Oct. 1 (evening) Sunday, Oct. 2 (am) Sunday, Oct. 2 (evening)

Job	Brief Description	Approximate Time Commitment
<p><b>On the Road Aid Stations</b></p>	<p>Working with a group of 2-3 people, you and your group will be responsible for activities at one on-the-road aid station. Aid stations will be positioned en route in order to support cyclists. This may include (but is not limited to...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- setting up / taking down chairs, tables and / or tent</li> <li>- carrying water, snacks to or from vehicles to aid station</li> <li>- providing snacks and hydration to cyclists</li> <li>- chatting, providing encouragement</li> <li>- monitoring cyclist progress through sign-in and sign-out</li> <li>- providing minor aid (e.g. sunscreen, band-aids)</li> <li>- communicating with tour coordinators, support vehicles and others</li> </ul>	<p>Four hours shifts in a location to be determined on either:</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 (am)</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 (pm)</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 2 (am)</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 2 (pm)</p> <p>Note that there will be four aid stations at different locations on Saturday and four on Sunday – each staffed with 2-3 people.</p> <p>Volunteers for this position must have a car and a cell phone (or have made shared driving / cell phone arrangements with their group).</p>
<p><b>Support vehicles</b></p>	<p>Working with a partner, you will drive the tour route to support cyclists as needed.</p>	<p>Four hours shifts on either:</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 (am)</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 (pm)</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 2 (am)</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 2 (pm)</p> <p>Volunteers for this position must have a car and a cell phone.</p>

<b>Job</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Approximate Time Commitment</b>
<b>Bike mechanic support</b>	<p>Working with a bicycle mechanic, you will provide support before tour start and after tour finish for activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- brake check</li> <li>- pumping tires</li> <li>- tighten / adjusting seats</li> <li>- clean / dry bikes (in case of rain)</li> <li>- other activities as needed</li> </ul>	<p>Four hours shifts at Elmhirst Resort on either:</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 (am)  Saturday, Oct. 1 (pm)  Sunday, Oct. 2 (am)  Sunday, Oct. 2 (pm)</p>
<b>End of day return sign in</b>	<p>Working in a group of 2-3 people, you will assist at the end of day return desk in order to ensure all cyclists have returned safely.</p>	<p>Four hours shifts at Elmhirst Resort on:</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 1 (pm)  Sunday, Oct. 2 (pm)</p>
<b>Inclement weather contingency crew</b>	<p>Depending on weather forecast, we may need additional volunteers for various positions</p>	<p>To be determined</p>