



## KNSC Nordic News March 2009

### Events Still to Come

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

This is a friendly competition for skiers of all ages. Race lengths of 7, 14 or 28km, can be done solo or as part of a team. The course will be groomed for classic and skate, with a mass start. Race starts at 11am. Registration is online on our website [www.kawarthanordic.ca](http://www.kawarthanordic.ca) or possible the morning of the race.

#### **Bennett Cabin Ski              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.

#### **KNSC BBQ Lunch      Sat. Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>    12:00-1:30pm**

Join us for a BBQ lunch at the WOODfine Chalet to celebrate another great season of skiing.

##### **\$5. ticket**

Muddy's Pit pulled pork on a bun  
baked good  
hot chocolate or juice

\*\*\*we will also have a veggie burger option

Everyone is welcome. Skiers who are part of the Jackrabbit, Track Attack and ADP programs will receive a complimentary ticket.

##### **\$3. ticket**

2 hot dogs  
baked good  
hot chocolate or juice



#### **Moonlight Ski              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.

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## The Deck is On!

The deck on the WOODfine Chalet is up and many of you have already been enjoying it for its sunny southern exposure. Thank you to Gord Maitland and his crew for a job well done.



Many members have been wondering and asking questions about what looks to be the framework for a roof over the deck. Yes, the deck will have a roof. The roof will be very important for the long term maintenance of the Chalet. The south wall has 5 doors and receives a lot of natural light (UV) and weather exposure. The roof will protect the log structure by blocking the sun during the summer but will still allow sunlight into the Chalet during the winter. The roof will also protect the deck while reducing the snow load and will offer some protection from freezing rain. The roof should also control the amount of passive heating to the upstairs which, on many sunny days makes it too warm. The design of the roof is such that there will be ample sun for those seeking it while sitting out on the deck. As with all aspects of the club and its programs, we are always open to your feedback. The roof will be added later this year. Please send your comments to: [contact@kawarthanordic.ca](mailto:contact@kawarthanordic.ca)

## The Bennett Cabin



If you head north on the Kenner, past the junction with the PL road, and then keep going for about 4.5 km on a wilderness trail (snow machine packed periodically but not track set), you are heading in the right direction to reach the second cabin built by members for the club back in 1983-84. Just as you are feeling like you will never get there, the Bennett Cabin appears out of no where: a picturesque and welcomed site up on a rise. The cabin does not see many visitors in a season but for those looking for a good physical challenge, plan on making a day of it, with lots of water and snacks to stay fuelled for the return trip!

## Tom and Mim Bennett

By Dave and Irene Kirk

The RCMP's loss was the Kawartha Nordic Ski Clubs gain when Tom retired from a 21 year career in the RCMP. Mim and Tom chose Peterborough as their new home and in 1976 settled in with their 3 sons, Gary, Jeff and Bruce. Tom's career included the Musical Ride and postings in Whitehorse, Labrador and a variety of places in Ontario. This groomed him



for Nordic style adventure, and so it was natural that he should seek out similar interests here in the Kawarthas. Contact with Doug Tanney brought them into the KNSC fold in 1977.

Tom, prior to his settling in with KNSC, had worked on trails in Whitehorse and in Barrie, so he naturally gravitated to trail clearing and grooming when he joined the club. Tom is tall and stronger than most, and having spent many hours working on the trails with him, I can vouch for his huge capacity for work and his ability to cover a lot of trail in a short period of time. At the end of the day I was exhausted having attempted to keep up with him.

Tom and Mim were both very involved with all aspects of Nordic Ski Patrol. They spent many weekend hours patrolling the KNSC trails, as well as being very involved with the training courses that are required to become and to maintain a patroller's certification. Tom and Mim were both Nordic Ski Patrollers at the 1988 Calgary Olympics of which they have fond memories and are very proud. Both are qualified officials for S.O.D. and National races.

For a number of years the KNSC hosted Cross Country Skiing Time Trials for Special Olympians from the local area. Both Tom and Mim were integral parts of that effort and both the club and the Olympians gained from the experience.

Tom served KNSC in a variety of positions, including, Director, President, Trail Manager, and Ski Patrol, and Mim served as Membership Manager and as Newsletter Editor. Both were familiar with hammer and nails and spent many hours helping to build the Tanney, Laderach, Cossar, and Bennett cabins. The latter named to honour their contribution to KNSC.

Tom and Mim still reside in Peterborough, but unfortunately Tom's health has been compromised and he is no longer able to participate in one of the highlight recreations of his life. When we visit him; however, we are able to relive some of the glorious times we had on the trail.