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THE KAWARTHAS' BEST CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

November 1999

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOTICE: If you have not renewed your membership, do so prior to December 1, 1999 to take advantage of the early membership discount!

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership and also to the volunteers who helped with the trail work this fall. Again this year, the fall season was spectacular - a wonderful time to be on the trails!

We have met with the logging company and have been assured that all logging west of the *Kenner* trail will be completed by freeze-up. The *Wolf* and *Owl* trails will be noticeably different from what they were in the past! New maps have been produced to show changes in the trail system. Take a few minutes to review them.

Your executive has decided to discontinue access from Haultain, so henceforth the only access to KNSC trails will be from the Simmons parking lot. The Simmons parking lot is currently being expanded to accommodate increased parking.

Our Ski Swap this year was a great success, far surpassing last year. Thank you to all those consigned equipment and a hearty thank you to Dave and Irene Kirk and their assistants for coordinating it and making it such a success.

Elsewhere in the newsletter is a list of upcoming events. Please mark them on your calendar. This is the last newsletter for the millennium, so I would like to wish each and everyone a prosperous Y2K!

Barry Diceman President K.N.S.C.

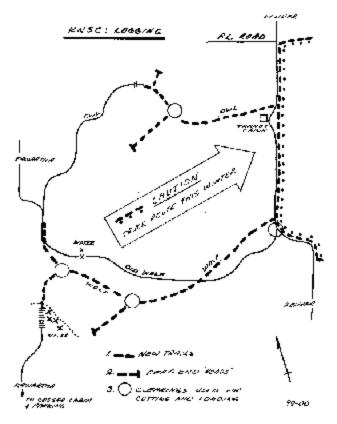
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Trail System Changes at KNSC

There have been a number of changes to the trails and parking lots at the KNSC over the past few months. The Haultain parking lot will be permanently closed with no access for skiers. Very few people were using this entrance. We actually collected less from day uses passes than it cost to keep the lot open. There has been some rerouting at the south end of the *Kenner* from Haultain to the *Adam Scott*, this trail will now be used ONLY for snowmobiling!

Some renaming of the trails has been approved by your executive. The *Kawartha* will be located along the total length on the east side of the trail system, the *Kenner* along the west. The junctions where they meet/split will be at the southern end of the *Adam Scott* and at the Bennett Cabin in the north.





The logging map, shown on the next page indicates what has happened this summer. Sections of the logging roads are now our trails. They have smooth trailbeds - better for grooming, track-setting and skiing. The *Owl/Kenner* junction, which was at the Tanney Cabin is now 100m north of the cabin. The new location is clearly marked.

One caution: This winter logging trucks will still use part of the *Kenner* north of the Tanney Cabin. Our tracks will be set to the side of the road in order for us to ski safely.

The above changes are shown on this year's map and on the junction maps. Because of a rough trail bed and constant under use, the Pussy Cat trail has been eliminated. Distances have been changed on the map where necessary.

The first trail was built 25 years ago for the initial Kawartha Tour. Our trail system is constantly improving; ever evolving.

Skis, Skis, Skis.....

The KNSC Ski Swap, held Nov. 13th at Kirk's was a resounding success, generating over \$260.00 for the club as well as providing publicity and a service to the local skiing community. Thanks go out to the Shepards, Hills, Ann Cossar and Tom Bennett for making the second Swap such a success. A special thank you to Dave and Irene Kirk who allow the use of their house for the Swap.

Thank you to all those who donated equipment to the club. Don't worry if you missed the Swap as there is still a considerable amount of equipment (especially skis) that will be **for sale** throughout the season from the cabin keepers at the Cossar cabin.

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SKI 2000

To celebrate the year 2000 the KNSC is sponsoring **Ski 2000**. During the week-end of Feb 5th and 6th, we will try to collectively ski 2000 km!!! To do this we will need the support of all club members. **Two thousand kilometres** represents approximately 181 trips to the Tanney Cabin or 333 trips to the Laderach Cabin. For those more adventurous souls, 115 circuits of the *Kawartha/Kenner/PL Road* loop would suffice!

Please come out and ski, enjoy the day(s) and then, register your distance to contribute to the "Club Total". This is a great opportunity to drag out some of your more sedentary friends or family members to come and enjoy our fabulous trails and get some exercise. A cumulative total of distance will be recorded in the Cossar cabin.

We will need some volunteers to help with the administration and are also looking for prizes. If you have something to donate or would like to help please contact David Woodfine (749-0465).





SKI PATROL REPORT



This year the ski patrol has 17 members, four of which are rookies. We are just finishing up our training and are looking forward to another great year of accident free skiing!

On Saturday, January 8th, Nordic members from all over the Kawartha Zone will be visiting our trails to renew on trail certification.

On Saturday, January 23, you will see all the members of the Kawartha Nordic Ski Patrol participating in a search and rescue operation. This activity is set up to allow patrollers to practice the formalized plan in case of an actual emergency. During the search and rescue, patrollers will be working in groups to comb the area for a mock accident victim. Radios and whistles will be used to communicate during the search. The Patrol Hut in the Cossar cabin will be used as a base for radio operations during the search.

If you are interested in assisting during the search, please mention it to the nearest patroller and s/he will let you know how you can help. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

For more information about the Canadian Ski Patrol System, visit the webite at www.csps.ca or speak to any patrol member. The Canadian Ski Patrol Kawartha Zone has it's own website which can be found at www.zvaios.com/skipatrol.

Lynn Kostuch Patrol Leader

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Nordic Skiing Safety Tips

- 1. Check the local weather forecast before setting out.
- 2. Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.
- 3. Dress in layers so you can adjust to the temperature and your level of exertion.
- 4. Bring water, snacks and extra warm clothing with you.
- 5. Sign in and out at the ski area.
- 6. Bring ski waxes with you in case conditions change.
- 7. Familiarize yourself with the area and bring a map with you.
- 8. Stay on marked trails.
- 9. Ski with a buddy.
- 10. Pace yourself. Know your limits.



Reminder...

Don't forget to give a friend or relative your complimentary KNSC day use pass which is included with your membership registration

This is a great way for people to get out and experience our trails!

Simmons parking lot expansion - Fall 1999. From L-R: Barry Diceman, Jim Elliot, Conrad Hill