

# Ski Tracker

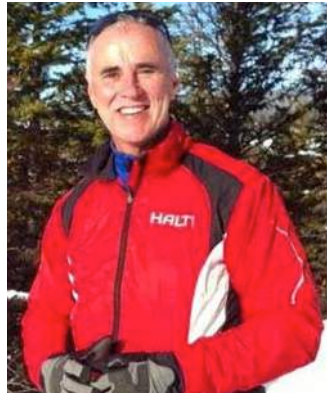
## Masters & Woodchoppers

## at Sawmill!

### From the President

**Mike Campbell**

As I sit in my palatial Bruce Ski Club Office watching snowflakes falling out the window, I'm thinking to myself I should get out the door and go skiing. Then a little voice in my head (let's call him Mr. Procrastination) says it's really cold out there, it's getting dark soon, I don't have the right wax on my skis, the roads are snowy, the trail will be icy, I'm too busy, I'm feeling tired, etc.....



Most days, I don't listen to Mr. Procrastination and hit the trails, and 9 times out of 10 I'm really happy I did. Even if my skiing is not great, I always encounter happy positive people of all ages, having fun and enjoying themselves, and that can't help but rub off on you. So next time Mr. Procrastination whispers in your ear, ignore him and get out the door skiing, you'll be happy you did.

On to club business. As you all know logging is continuing on Kiwanis section of the Sawmill Trail. In all likelihood all or part of the trail will be closed for the season. It's been fun skiing what we used to call "the Chute"



which is an old trail that we have reopened off of the Hairpin Loop. Please ski this trail in the direction from the Cross Roads trail and not up the Chute, There are a couple of blind corners on Hairpin Trail could be dangerous. Please be safe and ski all trails in the direction they are intended.



## COMING EVENTS

**Jan. 31 - Feb. 6 OSCCSC Trail Exchange**

**Feb. 13 - 20 - Glenelg Trail Exchange**

**Feb. 14 - Suntrail Special**

**Feb. 17 - CWOSSA**

**Feb. 20 - Moonlight Ski**

**Apr. 14 - AGM**

Our club just hosted the Ontario Masters Cross Country Ski Championships. I want to congratulate all of the club members that won medals and also the many members who raced for the very first time. Without your participation, this event would not have been the great success it was. I want to thank Ruth Scheel and her 30 plus volunteers who ran races over three days. We received positive feedback from skiers who travel from all over the province on how well organized it was and what great shape the trails were in.



# Registration

*Phil Johnston*

Our Zone4 database tells me that we have 670 registrations and I have a half dozen yet to enter. In spite of our crazy winter our grooming gang have given us absolutely the best skiing conditions possible. Thanks to everyone involved.

Just a reminder that if you still need a sticker for your Key Fob, stickers and Fobs are available at both Suntrail Outfitters in Hepworth and at Bikeface in Owen Sound. I also have a supply at home. If you are in the Port Elgin or Southampton area give me a call. \_\_\_\_\_

## Ed.

*Tom Hakala*

We thought we would add this mid-season eNewsletter to bring you up-to-date on a few hot items... Like the Masters and the unfortunate trail closings. In spite of this being a cursed "El Niño" year, we have been lucky to have had some pretty great ski days. The grooming has been top notch at all of our venues.



We had good skiing at Colpoys in late January for our annual "Get Away Weekend". But we still have to keep up the chant, "Snow, snow, snow!" \_\_\_\_\_

## Race Coordinator's Report

*Ruth Scheel*

On January 29,30 and 31st Bruce Ski Club hosted the Ontario Masters Nordic Ski Championships. This organization is devoted to promoting Nordic competitions for adults 30 years of age and older. I would like congratulate all the Bruce Ski Club members who participated in this event. Our club was well represented by the racers who participated as well the many members who volunteered their time to help make this weekend a success.

For some of the skiers this was their first time to visit our Ski Club and they were impressed by the great trails and positive attitude they experienced. (See photos from the Masters on page 4) \_\_\_\_\_



## Sawmill Nordic Centre

*Fred Scheel*

The Sawmill trail has been groomed for the last 33 days, Snow coverage is good and we have been able to groom with the Piston Bully for the last 2 weeks. The weather has been quite a challenge, ranging from severe snow squalls to plus ten degree temperatures, but the base is holding up well. On Jan 7th we had a very successful high School invitational event and this past weekend we hosted the Ontario Masters Championships. On both occasions, our volunteers did a wonderful job. Lets hope for another 2 months of skiing. \_\_\_\_\_



## Rankin Ski Trail

*Richard Bonert*

Everything is running as planned... Except for the snow. We need more of it. \_\_\_\_\_



## Colpoys Ski Trail

*Martin Kerr*

Despite a complete absence of snow in December, and a roller coaster weather ride through January, we've still managed to have quite a few good ski days at Colpoys. This is likely going to be one of those years where we will need to enjoy the fewer opportunities provided us by Mother Nature to get out there and ski. So... Get out there and ski!

Skiers may have noticed a single set of tracks where there are usually two sets. This was due to a lack of snow at the edges of the trail, leading us to set a single good set of tracks up the centre of the trail rather than have two bad sets. As the snow level increased we were able to get back to double tracking those parts of the trail. The porcupine trail has also been a bit "lumpy" due to lack of snow but still skiable. If you've never walked the trail in the off season you may not appreciate just how rocky some parts of the property

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are, and subsequently need a lot of snow to enable the safe passage of the grooming equipment. Groundhog weekend found our snowmobile stranded in the shop awaiting parts, and thanks to groomer Zane Davies who was able to rustle up a trailer and skidoo and get the job done. Thanks Zane! I try to keep the website reports for the trail as up to date as possible, so please check for current ski conditions before you drive out to the trail.

If you enjoy skiing at Colpoys and would like to become more involved in maintaining and or improving the quality of skiing at the trail, feel free to drop me a line at [ma247kerr@gmail.com](mailto:ma247kerr@gmail.com). I would especially like to hear from anyone interested in making trail improvements and organizing trail clearing parties in the fall.

Keep doing that snow dance and let's hope for a Fabulous February. 


## Jackrabbits

*Keith Day & Aimee Vereecke*

JR is off to a great start. Our group is 90 big and skiing really well. Thanks to all the enthusiastic parents and coaches for making this program fun and exciting for all of our skiers.

This season we are still looking forward to some great JR events. On Sunday, February 14 we are hosting the Suntrail Special at Hepworth, this race also acts as our annual JR race. All JR are registered free of charge. Get out there JR's and show us your best skiing! Families can take part in the Cookie Challenge-400m and cookies for all. All JR must register through email, your coach has details on how to get signed up.

Carnival is also coming up on February 20, wear your brightest colours, wacky hats and represent a Nordic country in this great winter celebration.

Continue to get out there and ski Jackrabbits. See you on the trails. 

## Georgian Bay Nordic

*Timothy Smith*

Well, we are knee-deep in the racing season now. After a long pre-season, the team has taken to the trails at events in Duntroon, Hardwood Hills, Parry Sound, Thunder Bay, Orangeville and Sudbury. We have had some tremendous efforts from our skiers including many podiums and several 1st place finishes. Congratulations to all our young skiers who do such a wonderful job of representing our club and our area.

Over the next six weeks there will be much more racing. Here are some of the expected highlights. The Eastern Canadian Championships, held outside of Ottawa are happening this weekend, Feb 5-6-7. Look for the GBN

team at the Suntrail Special on Feb 14. Ontario Midget Championships will be held at Kawartha on Feb 27-28. There is another O-Cup in Temiskaming, March 4-5-6. The season will wrap up on March 19-26, when five of our athletes will travel to Whitehorse, Yukon to participate in the Nationals.


You can follow the team's progress at [skigbn.ca](http://skigbn.ca) on the results page.

Our Awesome-Adult-Afternoon ski lesson was a huge success. We had 50 participants, including some brand new cross-country skiers, so look out for some new faces on the trails. Thanks to all those who volunteered and took part, and special thanks to our partners at Suntrail.

Please come out to our Moonlight Ski event: a catered evening of delicious food and enchanted skiing - sure to be a special time. February 20, tickets, \$20 each. (See poster on page 6 for more details)


Happy skiing! 

## Notice from Glenelg

This year our trail exchange with Glenelg Nordic Ski Club takes place from February 13th to 20th. Due to insurance changes at their trail, when you arrive at Glenelg you must fill in an insurance waiver. The waivers are located at the Day Use Fee area. You don't need to pay the day use fee - just sign the waiver and put it in the Day Use Fee box. Up to four skiers may sign a single waiver. Glenelg has some great trails so please take advantage of this opportunity. 

## BSC Skier heading to Cornerbrook

We have a Special Olympic skier in our midst. His name is Jonathan and he has been nordic skiing for about ten years. He joined the Bruce Ski Club and enjoys the trails at Hepworth. Catherine Mackinnon and Diane Speed are his coaches.

Jonathan qualified at the 2014 North Bay Provincials to attend Nationals at Cornerbrook Newfoundland in March 2015. He is looking forward to the event and would like to thank his coaches, family and sponsors for their support. 





# 2016 Ontario Masters Nordic Championships





# Suntrail Special

A Freestyle X-C Ski Race

Sunday, February 14th, 2016 • Start Time 10:00 am

**Sawmill  
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**NEW EVENT! Family Cookie Challenge**  
**400m mass start... Cookies for all!**

(Family Cookie Challenge & JR skiers must register with your JR Leader)

(1 km southeast of Suntrail Source for Adventure)

**Register online at: zone4.ca**  
**Registrations must be received by**  
**11:59 pm, EST, Feb. 11, 2016**  
**(No race day entries)**

***BSC Jackrabbits race free***

**For more information go to: <http://bruceskiclub.ca/suntrail-special>**

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Class	Birth year	Distance*	Cost	Start
Bunnies	after 2007	0.4 km	\$8.00	1 skier/15 sec
Pee Wees	2006-2007	1.2 km	\$8.00	1 skier/15 sec
Mini Midget	2004-2005	1.8 km	\$8.00	1 skier/15 sec
Midget Girls & Boys	2002-2003	3.5 km	\$10.00	1 skier/15 sec
Juvenile Girls	2000-2001	5 km	\$10.00	1 skier/15 sec
Juvenile Boys	2000-2001	5 km	\$10.00	1 skier/15 sec
Junior Girls	1998-99	5 km	\$12.00	1 skier/15 sec
Junior Boys	1998-99	7 km	\$12.00	1 skier/15 sec
Jr. Women	1996-97	7 km	\$15.00	1 skier/15 sec
Sr. women	1985-95	7 km	\$15.00	1 skier/15 sec
Master women**	before 1985	7 km	\$15.00	Masters Mass Start
Jr. Men 7km	1996-97	7 km	\$15.00	1 skier/15 sec
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Master Men** 7km	before 1985	7 km	\$15.00	Masters Mass Start
Jr. Men 14 km	1996-97	14 km	\$15.00	1 skier/15 sec
Sr. men 14 km	1985-95	14 km	\$15.00	1 skier/15 sec
Master Men** 14 km	before 1985	14 km	\$15.00	Masters Mass Start
*Distance may change according to course conditions.				
**Master skiers results will be handicapped based on age.				



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**FEB. 20, 2016**  
**7:00 - 11:00**  
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**SKI**

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**\$20.00 per person**  
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