



SKITRACKER



Breaking News! Registration for BSC is now Online

To register go to the Club website and just click the **Register** button. It's easy. See Page 2 for details.

From the President

Mike Campbell

Hello fellow xc ski enthusiasts, now that winter is in the air, it's time to get excited about the upcoming ski season.

Your Executive have been busy in the off season planning events, making trail improvements, formulating fund raising strategies and implementing a new streamlined registration process.

First off I would like to recognize the retirement of two long standing club members. Both Reg Martin and Barbara Grey have contributed to the club in many different capacities over the last 20 years. On behalf of the club I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Reg and Barbara for their many years of service to the club.



COMING EVENTS

Nov. 7 - Ski Swap + Sawmill Work Party + Love Your Skis

Nov. 20 - Early Bird Deadline

Nov. 14 - Rankin Work Party

Nov. 15 - Colpoys Work Party

Jan. 2 - Jackrabbit Program Start

Jan. 7 - WHSS Invitational

Jan. 24 - Awesome Adult Afternoon Ski Lesson

Jan. 29 - 30 - Ont. Masters

Feb. 14 - Suntrail Special

Feb. 17 - CWOSSA

Apr. 14 - AGM

At our Annual General Meeting in April, the membership approved an increase in membership fees. **The new membership fees are Single Member \$80.00 (early bird \$65) Family Membership \$180 (early bird \$150). Day use fees will be \$8.00 for an adult and \$2.00 for a child under 13.** We are encouraging all members to renew their memberships through Zone4.ca this year. It only takes a few minutes to register and you will save the cost of a stamp, envelope and trip to the post office. Please make sure you register before the early bird deadline on Nov. 20.

The goal in increasing the fees, is to increase the club's revenue sufficiently to set aside a minimum of \$10,000 a year in reserves, for the purchase and maintenance of grooming equipment. In this regard, our existing groomer at the Sawmill Trail is over 35 years old and will need to be replaced in the next couple of years. The cost of a comparable replacement is \$300,000. At the AGM a Fund Raising Committee was established to explore grant opportunities and to lay out fund raising strategies. More on this committee activities will be reported in future newsletters. When you renew your membership for the coming year we encourage you to make a donation towards the purchase of a new groomer.

The Bruce Ski Club operates the most affordable, accessible and best maintained trails in Ontario. We accomplish this because of the strength of our volunteers. Thanks to everyone who helps out, regardless of how small or large your contribution, you make the club happen.

Special thank you to our many Sponsors and Friends who contribute to make this club affordable for everyone. Thank you to our patron Suntrail Source for Adventure. In addition to supporting the club as a Patron, Suntrail sponsors many of our events, including the Ski Swap, Men & Women on Skis and Suntrail Special. Lastly, I remind you that Bruce Ski Club does not own any of the trails on which we ski. We owe a great deal to the landowners who generously allow us to ski on their property. Dogs are not allowed on our trails. Pack out your snacks and trash. If you find trash on the trail, pack that out too. If you meet any of the fourteen landowners, please thank them personally for sharing their property.

DIG OUT THOSE OLD BOARDS

The BSC Ski Swap

is Nov. 7th

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Numbers will go out at 8am. SALE STARTS @ 9am! Each number allows 2 sets of skis. Bring your old equipment to Suntrail. They will take your used gear from Oct. 24th to Nov. 6th.

Call for more details 519-935-2478

Registration


Phil Johnston

My name is Phil Johnston and I have accepted the responsibilities of registrar for our club. I carried out similar membership duties for a group of about 2000 members across Canada in the past but every group has its own special needs. I am a new Skier and although I have lived in this area for many years I am amazed to discover the quality and variety of trails we have access to. I am deeply impressed by commitment and attitude of the people that I have met in the Bruce Ski Club who have donated their time to make it so. I understand that if it is that easy for us to ski, it is because of the work of others. I hope to do some small part to keep it going.

Membership registration is in a transition state. On-Line membership is a reality and I hope I can help make it easier for all. When we initially discussed pros and cons of taking this step we envisioned having our own database tailored only to our own limited needs to make our own life as easy as possible. It turns out that our membership is part of a much bigger picture and many of our members have regional and Provincial bodies to deal with. There is an on-line provincial system set up to register participants in many events

and we can also use it to keep track of our club membership. The site is known as "Zone 4" The bottom line is that starting this year all memberships and event registrations will go through the "Zone 4" interface. To register online go to our club website registration page (<http://www.bruceskiclub.ca/registration>) and click on **CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATION**. Once in the site you will be prompted to submit the information required to ensure that your membership is valid. It is easy to do it online. (See the 10 easy steps below.)

We are in the process of developing a user guide to aid in the process, but my backup plan is for me to serve as an intermediary. If you don't have on-line access or the skills or patience, I will do it for you. You can email me at: howlin@bmts.com, or phone me at 519-389-3622 and we will do it together.

If you are still not comfortable with on-line registration, you can download and print a PDF registration form and mail it with a cheque to: Bruce Ski Club Inc., Box 2, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5P1. If you do not have email and would like a paper registration form you can pick one up at Suntrail Outfitters or Bikeface or give me a call at 519-389-3622. 

10 Easy Steps to Online Registration...

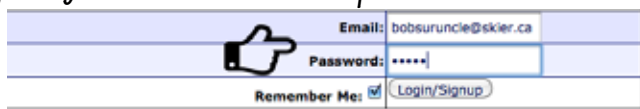
1 Go to the BSC website registration page and click...



2 Pick the type of membership you want



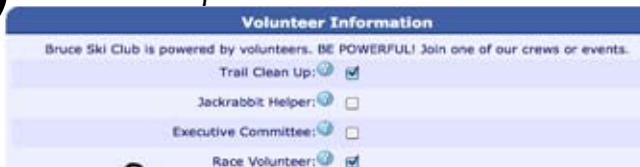
3 Add your email and create a password



4 Add your personal information



5 Volunteer to help the club



6 Click the accept box for the CCC waiver



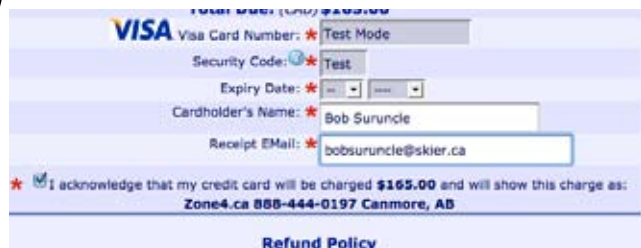
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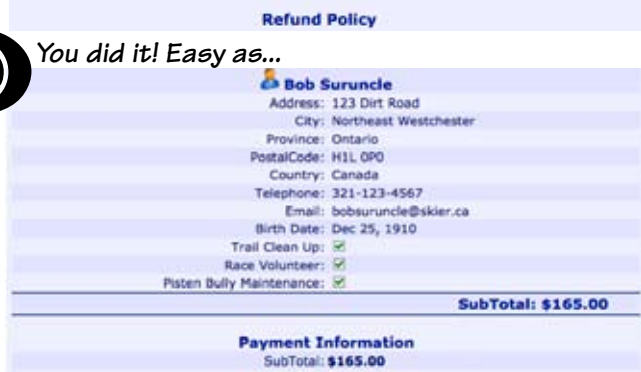
8 Choose Visa or Mastercard



9 Add your card information




10 You did it! Easy as...



Tom Hakala

The electronic age is upon us and we are trying to move forward in the direction of an eNewsletter. The problem occurs when we follow up with analytical data on how many of our members have actually opened the email and read the newsletter. (Yes, we do have access to that information.) It turns out that a great number of you did not open the newsletter. This is a concern since important information like registration fees, deadlines and events are published in the newsletter.

To make sure you receive this fine publication electronically, go to the club website and register your email address. _____ 

Race Coordinator's Report


Ruth Scheel

We are going to have a busy race schedule this season. Once again we will be looking for volunteers for a variety of positions. You do not have to be a skier to be part of the race support team. We need people to help out with food prep and food booth as well as helping with the running of the race. Your help will be most welcome.

Our races are:

- 1) WHSS Invitational Jan. 7th (alternative date 8th)
- 2) Ontario Masters Jan. 29-31
- 3) Suntrail Special Feb. 14th
- 4) CWOSSA Feb. 17th (alternative date 18th)

If any of these dates work for you, we can use your help. Please mark it on your 2016 calendar and fill out the volunteer form on your registration application to the Bruce Ski Club.

We could not run this very important aspect of our club without the large base of support from our volunteers. Thank you so much, in advance, for your help. _____ 


Sawmill Trail

Fred Scheel

Another season is just around the corner. The Sawmill is in good shape. So far this season we have serviced and repaired all grooming equipment and the trail has had a preliminary walk over and it has been bush-hogged. Our annual work party is scheduled for Saturday November 7th at 10:30 am. This work party will take about 2 hours and your help will be much appreciated.

As many of you know, one of our Sawmill grooming leaders for many years, Reg Martin, has moved to B.C. We will miss his expertise and skimanship. We are in the process of adding a new member to our grooming group. Returning this year for your grooming pleasure will be :

Harry Hong, D.J. Perrin, Zane Davies and Fred Scheel.

The annual Ski Swap at Suntrail will precede the Work Party on Nov. 7th. If you need a number its best to be there early (7 a.m.) Have a great Fall, later, Fred 

Rankin Trail at Red Bay

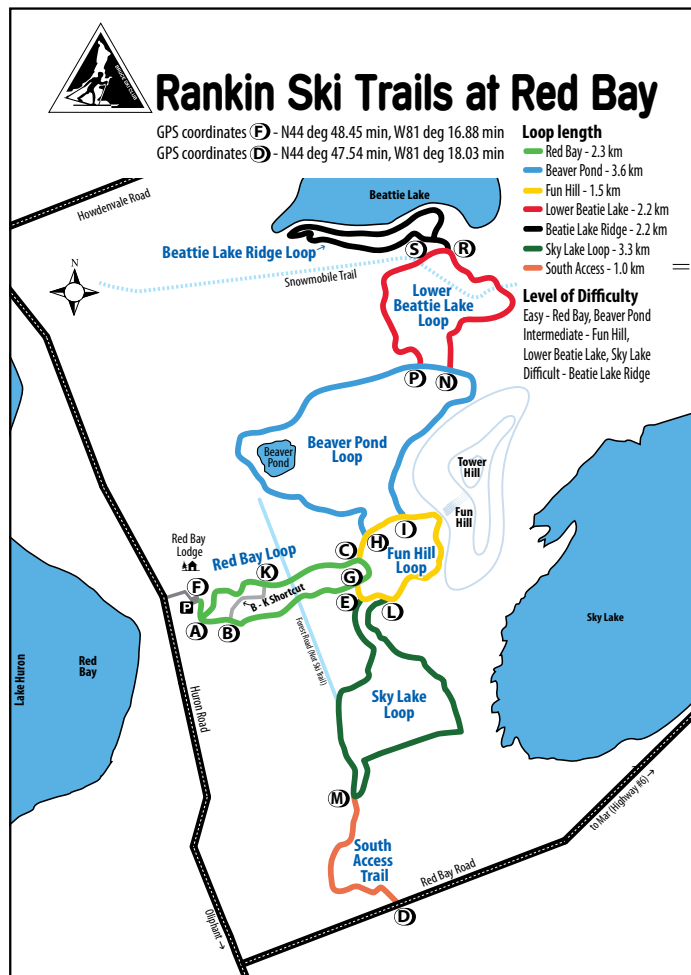
Richard Bonert

The trails are in good shape and are waiting for the annual trail work, which should be straight forward and is planned for Saturday the 14th November, details see later on the website under Rankin Trails.

Two big changes will make skiing at the Rankin Trails even better this season.

1. There is a new loop which is in the south east. The new loop is the Sky Lake loop and has a length of 3.3 km. The south access from Red Bay Road reaches this loop after 1 km. The northern section of the old south access trail together with 1.9 km of new cut trail form the new loop.

A new better map will be posted throughout the system and on the website.



A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out in the last 2 months on several work parties to make the new loop happen.

2. The Red Bay Lodge which has been fully renovated opened last May and has a fully renovated large restaurant which will be open on the weekend during the winter; details should be on their website.


The new owner of the Red Bay Lodge, like last year, supports the BSC and the way we run the Rankin Trails at Red Bay, a big thank you to him.

As the Lodge is not open seven days a week, there will still be a porta-potty at the skier parking lot like last seasons. Snow clearing for parking : The main access to the Rankin Trails at Red Bay Lodge will be plowed regularly . This includes the parking lot for skiers at Red Bay Lodge and the access road to it.

Grooming? We groom typically twice a week, Fridays or Saturday early morning for the weekend and in the beginning of the week


Mondays or Tuesdays. We groom extra after really big snowfalls. If you want to know the state of grooming before you come out to the Rankin Trails at Red Bay, check our website www.bruceskiclub.ca. Going to the website you see immediately the Rankin Trail report on the lower left. The report is updated immediately after grooming by our groomer Peter, look at the date and time of the report and you get an immediate picture about the state of grooming at Rankin, before you set out for a drive to Red Bay.

All we need now is a good winter like we had the last two years, but not as cold as the last one.

Looking forward to even better skiing at the Rankin Trails at Red Bay. Hope to see you out there... Richard. 

Colpoys Trail

Martin Kerr

After this most recent 7 month spell of bad skiing I think things will soon be improving! A nip is in the air and snow will surely not be far behind. If you enjoy skiing at the Colpoys Trail please come out on the morning of Sunday November 15th to help clear the ski trails and get them ready for ski season. Meet at the trail head at 9 am sharp and we should be done by around noon. Long handled clippers are the most useful tool for this job, and we have a few sets available if you don't have any or your own. 

Jackrabbits

Keith Day & Aimee Vereecke

Jackrabbits is a program for skiers as young as 5 and as old as 15. Our goal is to provide ski instruction in a fun setting that focuses on skill development in both classic and skate techniques. We follow Cross Country Canada's program, which is based on 5 Levels. The goals of this program are:

- Encourage FUN and participation,
- Develop agility, balance, coordination and speed,
- Frequent cross-country skiing during the season,
- Good technique habits developed through repeated practice
- Well-structured programs
- Develop a team/social atmosphere
- Encourage social, skill and fitness orientated ski activities




Our program is run entirely by volunteers. All of our parents contribute to make our program a positive experience for our club's youngest skiers. If you are interested in becoming a leader, helping with events or want to contribute in a new way, let us know.

The Jackrabbit program is a great way to learn to ski (for both kids and parents) and a great way to make new friends. Our season starts on January 2, 2016. Register early, space is limited. All Jackrabbit

participants are required to be a member of the BSC.

Not sure what level your child should be in? Contact us for further information at jackrabbits@bruceskiclub.ca

Do you need to invest in some equipment for your young skier? The Suntrail Ski Swap is scheduled for Nov.7 (8:00am get your # and look around Swap starts at 9:00 sharp). Talk to Suntrail about their Buy Back program as well. Highlands Nordic Swap-Oct.31: 10-4, Hardwood Hills Swap Oct. 24/25 Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-1

Registration for JR will close on December 18. We look forward to another great season! 

Georgian Bay Nordic

Timothy Smith

Well the snow is still a couple months away, but GBN is already training and preparing for an exciting season ahead.

As many of you will already know, Georgian Bay Nordic (GBN) is the local ski racing team, and we operate independently, but in conjunction with the Bruce Ski Club. We offer training and coaching support to young athletes aged 10-18. Our younger racers will compete at local and regional races, while our O-Cup team members will travel around the province to Thunder Bay, Ottawa and Temiskaming in order to compete at the provincial level. At the end of the season, the Nationals are being held in Whitehorse, Yukon, and several of our athletes will be attending.




This will be the first complete season for our new head coach, Bryan Dubeau. We are delighted to have Bryan leading the way for our team. With the help of Dave White, Bryan has been holding dryland sessions since May. Early in the fall, we held registration, and we are delighted to welcome 9 new members to the team. Back in late September, an awesome weekend training camp was held to officially kick off the preseason. Marilyn Suke, along with assistant, Timothy Smith, are coaching the development team comprised of 10-13 year-old athletes. Bryan and Dave work with the older athletes aged 14-18, on the Focus Owen Sound team and the Ontario-Cup team.

In order to support our team GBN is hosting several fund-raising events this year. We hope that you will enjoy these events while lending us financial and moral support.

On Sunday, January 24th join us for an AWESOME ADULT AFTER-NOON SKI LESSON. This three-hour session will include excellent instruction for skiers of all levels, in classic or skate technique. Free equipment rental is available. Free babysitting is available. There will be refreshments and door prizes. It will be a wonderful event and we can accommodate up to 50 participants. Register early! On Saturday, February 20th, we will host the MOONLIGHT SKI. Enjoy a serene evening ski under the magical moonlight. This is a catered evening of feasting and outdoor recreation. Come out and enjoy the trails and the hut at Hepworth in a way you have never seen them before!

Looking way ahead to next spring, on Saturday, June 25th, GBN hosts our 5th annual PURE GRIT trail race and FAMILY FUN RUN at the Sawmill Trails. This is an exciting and challenging event for runners of all levels to enjoy the Hepworth trails in a different way.

And finally, GBN is hosting an ONLINE AUCTION. Go to our new website: <http://skigbn.ca/> to bid on some wonderful items and support the team.

See you on the trails!! 

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Oct. 18... First ski of the season... Interesting technique, sort of a reverse skate.



Remember last winter when
the Pisten Bully broke down
and was stuck at crossroads
and you couldn't get through...

DONATE NOW TO THE NEW SAWMILL GROOMER FUND!

Check the Sawmill Groomer box when you register online or send a cheque to BSC, Box 2, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5P1

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GBN PRESENTS
AWESOME ADULT AFTERNOON
SKI LESSON
Formerly 'Men and Women on Skis'
Sunday, January 24, 2016
1:00 to 4:00 pm
Snacks, Drinks & Door Prizes
Early Bird Rate
Before Jan. 16 - \$35 After \$50
(\$5 discount for BSC members)
Equipment included, if needed
Free Babysitting available
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