

# SKI TRACKER

## Early Start to Skiing

### From the President

*Mike Campbell*

Greetings fellow ski enthusiasts! Looks like the ski season will be off to an early start, Fred is packing the trails as I write this newsletter. It won't be long before we will get the big groomer out and have some great skiing conditions. I should note that we will be doing some tree cutting and bulldozer work in the next week or so at the bottom of Freefall to widen the trail to accommodate our new wider and longer groomer. Please be patient we will do our best to get the trail in tip top shape.



Ruth Scheel is handing over her duties as registrar to Heidi Tones. I would like to thank Ruth for her many years of service on the executive. Ruth has assumed many roles on the board over the years, and her knowledge and dedication to the club will be missed. I would like to welcome Heidi to the executive.

In other news we had a great turn out at the ski swap and trail cleanup at the Sawmill and Colpoys Trails. This is a testament to our dedicated membership when we have so many show up to


help maintain our trails.

Registrations through Zone4.ca are going well. If you have not yet registered, I would like to remind everyone that the early bird special pricing ends on November 20th. Once you have purchased your membership bring your registration confirmation to, Suntrail Source for Adventure or Bikeface Cycling in Owen Sound, where you can pick up your sticker for your membership key fob. Please support these two great businesses that help our club with registration. We ask that club members wear their membership tags when on the trails.



I would like to thank Suntrail Source for Adventure again for hosting our club run ski swap. This is a great event that enables people to get into the sport of skiing in an affordable way. It is also a fund-raiser for the club.

Our club will be holding a special event on World Snow Day on January 20th. Please look for details in this newsletter.

On a final note: Please keep in mind that much of the land our ski trails are situated on are privately owned, and we are guests of the land owners. Without the generosity of these owners we would not have the great trail systems we enjoy today. Please stay on the trails and leave no trace except ski tracks. 

## Coming Events

**Nov. 20 - Early Bird Registration Deadline**

**Jan. 5 - First Jackrabbits Lesson**

**Jan. 12 - Awesome Adult Afternoon Ski Lesson**

**Jan. 20 - World Snow Day - Free to Ski**

**Jan. 14 - Great Wolf Invitational**

**Feb. 17 - Suntrail Special Race**

**Feb. 23 - Jackrabbit Carnival**

# Registration

*Ruth Scheel*

Registrations have been coming in steadily and we are looking forward to a great season. A couple of things to share.

The early bird fees will end on November 20 2018 so if you have not registered by then you must pay the full amount.

As of December I will be passing the registrar's job on to Heidi Tones and I know she will do a great job and be a welcome addition to the Club Executive.

I have enjoyed my various roles on the executive over the years but it is time to pass things on to newer younger faces.

Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday and see you on the trails. \_\_\_\_\_ 

## Ed.

*Tom Hakala*


After cruising for a couple of weeks in the hot and humid Caribbean I was excited to see a lovely layer of snow when I returned to Southern Georgian Bay. I was so excited that I went ahead and registered our club to host an event on the

World Snow Day website. Our event is called *Free To Ski* and it will take place on Sunday, January 20th, 2019.

Everyone is invited to come out to Sawmill Nordic Centre for a day of fun in the snow. This will be a day to bring your whole family and friends to ski or snowshoe on our trails. It does not matter if they are BSC members or not, because everyone is invited to ski for free on that day (Non-members will be asked to sign a waiver).

We are still planning and organizing what will take place, but we hope to have soup and other food available, as well as demos, waxing, as well as a few more surprises. More information will follow as we get closer to the day.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with greeting newcomers, giving tours, parking attendant or other volunteer functions, please contact myself at: [hakalathomas@gmail.com](mailto:hakalathomas@gmail.com) or Mike Campbell at: [mike@bruceskiclub.ca](mailto:mike@bruceskiclub.ca).

Let's make this an event to remember. \_\_\_\_\_ 

## Race Report


*Ken Clarke*

Race dates are set for 2019 so mark your calendars.

The Great Wolf Invitational is set for Monday January 14th. Co-hosted by BSC and OSDSS, this race will once again bring top high school and elementary racers to our trails.

The Suntrail Special in its 24th year is proud to be part of the SOD Paraffin series. It is set for Sunday February 17th, 2019.



Our success as a host club for races comes down to our excellent trails and our great volunteers! If you selected 'race volunteer' on your club membership application I will be contacting you in December. If you haven't yet joined please consider this your invitation. \_\_\_\_\_ 








# Sawmill Nordic Centre

*Fred Scheel*

Thanks to the many volunteers that helped get our trail ready for the 2018 season. Ralph Suke did the bush-hogging the week after the clean-up, Deanne and Dawn put up all the signage, Fred Schlenker tuned up the Lit Loop and Ron and Fred serviced all the equipment. We are ready to go.



Your groomers for this season are: Harry Hong, Zane Davies, Ron Downey, Kim Ransom and Fred Scheel. Hope everyone has wonderful holidays and a great ski season. 



## Colpoys Ski Trail

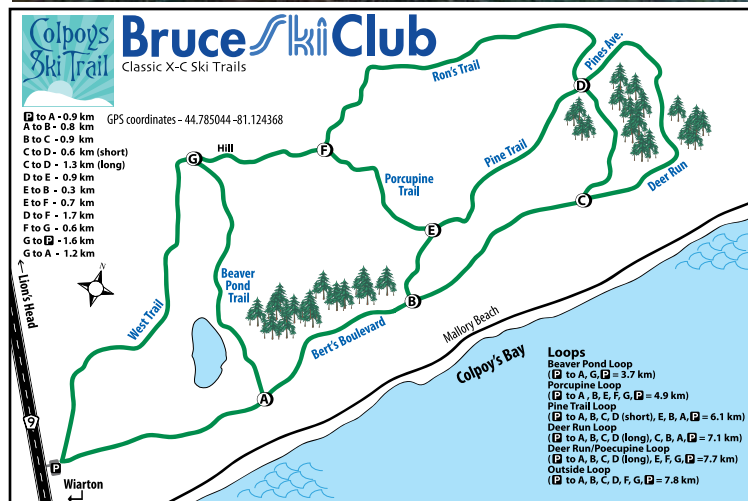
*Richard Bonert*

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the 4th November with the fall work party at the trails and thanks to our land owner, Ron Gatis, welcoming us back for the winter.


The trails are in good shape and will operate as usual with snow-cleared parking from route 9, and a port-a-potty which will be placed at the parking lot a few days after we groom the first track.

A cash box and day passes will be available at the side for non-members and member's guests so they can sign the waiver and contribute to the trail maintenance.

There is a change in the organization. Martin Kerr, trail captain and groomer for years, passes the task to your new trail captain, Richard Bonert and Neil Sim, your groomer. Many thanks Martin for a great job done for the Bruce Ski Club (BSC).



The new team is not new to the BSC. Richard was trail captain at the Rankin Trails for 8 years and Neil groomed at Sawmill for several years. We looking forward to keep the Colpay's Bay Trails in shape with the help of other volunteers and wait with you for the snow.

We wish you a good winter for skiing, see you at the Colpoys's Trails. 

## Jackrabbits


*Jason MacDonald*

Not long now! This year the Jackrabbits program filled up in record time. This year's limit was reached in only 13 days! A wait list is currently being maintained and more spots may open up in the program if it is decided that we have sufficient coaching to suit all of the levels. We can't wait for lessons to begin in January!

Your coach will contact you prior to the start day on January 5th.

A reminder that lessons start at 10 a.m. sharp. It is important to have your child to lessons on time as groups hit the trails promptly and we don't want to see anyone get left behind.

If you signed up to help with snacks or another aspect of Jackrabbits, someone will be contacting you in the next month.

In preparation for lessons, please check to make sure your child has proper fitting skis, poles and boots. It is also important to have breathable clothing as we do sweat out there. 

## Georgian Bay Nordic

Marilyn Suke


Our now large (18 members) club has had a very active Fall. Training regularly at Sawmill Trails and Harrison Park as well as roller ski practices on whatever clean and quiet road will allow us to train safely.



Our Love Your Skis event saw many pairs of skis readied for the season with cleaning, scraping, new hot wax and more scraping and brushing done by our Juvenile and Junior skiers. Money raised will help cover some of our costs at Nationals. Thank you to everyone who trusted us with their skis.

GBN members also participated in the trail clearing event at Sawmill.

Our first race is just one month away so we are very pleased to see snow on the trails already. We will be traveling to Temiskaming trails early December for a weekend 'on snow camp' to hone our on ski skills.

Once again we will be hosting the Awesome Adult Afternoon Ski Lesson in partnership with Suntrail Outfitters. This is an excellent way to improve any aspect of your Nordic skills (downhills?, uphill? Efficiency on the flats?) or maybe you want to try Skate or Classic for the first time. We can help you! The event will happen January 12. Stay tuned to the BSC website for more details. 


## Gerry's Place Open Friday Evenings

Kelly Rogers

For those who love to ski in the evening (or those that work during the day and can only ski in the evening), but do not like changing in the cold...



Beginning on Friday, December 28th and on every Friday night throughout the ski season, Gerry's Place (the hut at Sawmill) will be open for use until 9:30 p.m.! Pack your dinner, bring your family, meet your friends, and enjoy a night ski or snowshoe. If you are enjoying an evening feast, please leave the cabin clean and tidy.

A big thank-you to all the volunteers that have helped to make this possible. 

### Bruce Ski Club



#### Many Hands Make Light Work

Bruce Ski Club is looking for amazing volunteers to help us keep our club running smoothly and our membership costs down.

We have opportunities for:

-  Trail clean-ups in the fall
-  Sawmill hut cleaning
-  Bird feeding
-  Race volunteers
-  Special event volunteers
-  Special project coordinators

You can sign up as a volunteer when you submit your membership form or send an email to [shawn.radcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:shawn.radcliffe@gmail.com), indicating how you'd like to help out.



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