

SKI TRACKER


Get Ready for the Season!

Introducing our new President



Hi, my name is Dan Purdon and I'm happy to be taking on the President's position for the Bruce Ski Club for the upcoming cross country ski season.

As some of you will know, my wife Marsha, family- Erin, Ryan and Tyler and I have been a part of the community and the Bruce Ski Club since we came to the area in the mid 80s. Many years later

and with our boys out on their own adventures, we have had many fond memories of our family skis, High School and Georgian Bay Nordic teams, and yes, trail cleanups and building work parties. My hope is that our current and new members will have similar positive memories and experiences on the club trails this season and in the future. 


From the President

Dan Purdon

This being our first newsletter of the season our focus is on identifying membership renewal dates and process, Jack Rabbit registration, Ski Swap date, Sawmill and Colpoy trail cleanup dates and other future events and dates already planned for the 2024/25 season. As always the many successes of the club is a direct result of members lending a helping hand and I encourage you to volunteer and help out where you can.

As I look outside today it definitely does not feel like winter however we all have been doing our 'snow dances' in anticipation of a return to a real winter this year. To that end, your Directors and Executive have been working hard since the end of last year's season completing a new addition to the Sawmill Trail system and making sure when that first snow arrives, we're ready to go.

As the new President I want to acknowledge the work of our Past President Mike Campbell who for eight seasons provided leadership and direction to the club with all the challenges and celebrations that brings. In addition the current Directors, Executive and Volunteers continue to do an exceptional job in maintaining, developing and planning for the future of our club and trails and I look forward to working with them.

Finally if anyone has a direct line that would ensure a bumper snowfall this season - please go ahead and make that call. 



Registration

Oct. 15/24 Get the Early Bird Rates
Nov. 20/24 End of Early Bird Rates

Ski and Snowshoe Swap

Nov. 2/24 9am Suntrail Source for Adventure
(more details to follow)

Trail Clean Up Days

Oct. 26/24 Colpoys Ski Trail
Oct. 26/24 Sawmill Nordic Centre
Nov. 2/24 Sawmill Nordic Centre

Interclub, Southern Ontario District Races

Feb. 9/25 Suntrail Special
Feb. 23/25 Community Classic


Registrar

Heidi Tones

Welcome back to another season of skiing and snowshoeing. Online registration opens October 15th at zone4.ca. Go to JOIN BRUCE SKI CLUB. The Early Bird Fees will end Nov 20th. Once again, we will have an iPad set up at Suntrail Source for Adventure, in Hepworth if you need help getting registered. Their staff are friendly and helpful. You can also reach out to me by email at smith.tones@gmail.com if you have any questions about Bruce Ski Club registration. If you have questions about registering for **Jack Rabbits** see "Rabbit Report".

After registration, pop into Suntrail to pick up your sticker and place it on your ski fob. If you lose a ski fob, they can be replaced for \$2 also at Suntrail.

Visitors can access day passes at Colpoys Ski Trail, Sawmill Nordic Centre or at Suntrail.

Finally, if you are a teacher or community leader, please contact me for the paperwork and group rates. smith.tones@gmail.com or 519-477-8870. 

Ski Lessons

Heidi Tones

Please contact me to set up individual or small group ski lessons. All proceeds will go to our son, Julian Smith, who continues to train with NTDC and race at the international level. Julian has been elected to two national boards: Nordiq Canada and Athletes Can. If you have any questions, or would like a lesson, please contact me at smith.tones@gmail.com or 519-477-8870.



Jackrabbits' "Rabbit Report"

Erin Scheel


We're looking forward to the 2025 Jackrabbit season ahead, and the opportunity to continue bringing the magic of Nordic Skiing to ~100 children in our area.

The program dates are planned for Saturday, January 4 - Saturday, March 1 (9 weeks), with our sessions falling on Saturdays from 10 AM - 12 PM.

Registration will open October 15, along with BSC club registration.

If you've got a child who is new *or* returning to the sport, we look forward to having you. This program is volunteer-led, and we're always keen to have new coaches and volunteers joining our squad (many hands make light work, right?)

If you have questions or want to help out, please email jackrabbits@bruceskiclub.ca

Now bring us that "colder than average" winter the Farmers' Almanac promises... let's ski! 



Ski Club Exchange

Members with a current BSC membership are invited to explore the trails at area ski clubs on the dates below. Check out their respective websites for more information about the trails and directions.

- Sauble Ski Club Jan 5-11, 2025**
- Glenelg Ski Club Jan 12-18, 2025**
- Owen Sound Ski Club Jan 19-25, 2025**
- Beaver Valley Ski Club Feb 9-15, 2025**




Race Co-ordinator

Marilyn Suke

BSC has set its 2 interclub, Southern Ontario District races. They are: Sunday *February 9, 2025* (Suntrail Special) and Sunday *February 23* (Community Classic).


The dates for the school races have yet to be determined. If you are able and willing to volunteer to help with races this year please:

- 1) Check off the "I will help with races" box on your BSC online registration form
- 2) Set the above dates aside
- 3) Consider taking the Level 1 Online officials course. To do this, go to coach.ca, click on the Locker, generate a coaching # if you do not already have one, and sign up for the Level 1 Officials. It costs \$25 (which BSC will reimburse) and takes about 4 hours. Let me know if you take the course or if you have further questions. It is a lot more fun at races if you understand the full extent of what is going on and it really helps out the club to have more racing knowledge in our community. Volunteering at races is a lot of fun. You get to see some fabulous skiing and lots and lots of smiles. _____ 

Coach Development

Marilyn Suke

Once again I will be offering the Community Coaching Course. In the past we have done the theory in late Nov/Dec and the on-snow in Late December when we have snow. Dates are flexible according to those interested. I will post tentative dates soon on the Cross Country Ontario website xcskiontario.ca and you sign up through the Locker at coach.ca. I need a minimum of 6 candidates to run the course. HOWEVER, you need to have completed the online portion of the course, the Introduction to Community Coach, prior to taking the next Community Coach level. You can (you guessed it!) sign up for this online course through the Locker at coach.ca.

If you coach Jackrabbits your coaching training fees will be reimbursed by BSC. _____ 



**Sawmill
Nordic
Centre**

Facilities Manager

Fred Schlenker


We will be doing trail clearing at Sawmill Nordic Centre this fall on two separate dates. You are welcome to participate in both if you want.

On **Saturday, October 26th starting at 10:00 a.m.**, we will meet at the old dump site just up from Suntrail Source for Adventure (just up the Stone School Road, on the right hand side). We have been asked not to park on the road. The gate to the dump site will be open. There is plenty of parking on the far side of the gate.

The goal for this work party is to remove small stumps and stones, and do a bit of surface levelling for the newly

constructed trail (yet to be named). This is an expansion of the work that was done last year on the dump site. This trail promises to be a Black Level Trail with some more challenging hills and curves. The necessary equipment to bring will be loppers, shovels, axe or pic axe, rakes and of course work gloves, water and some food. This job promises to take some time.


The second event will be on **Saturday, November 2nd starting at 10:00 a.m.** (This is the same morning as the Suntrail Ski Swap which starts at 9:00 a.m.) This will be our standard walk-around and clearing of all trails party. The trails are in good shape and this should prove to go quite smoothly. Any equipment that you can bring would be greatly appreciated. Shovels and rakes may be useful along with pruners and loppers. We anticipate this will not take more than a few hours. Should the weather prove inclement the alternate date will be Saturday November 9th.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at schlenkerfred@gmail.com _____ 



**Colpoys Ski
Trail**

Benito Guzman

A trail clean up at Colpoys will take place on **Saturday October 26th at 10:00am**. We will meet at the trail head just north of Colpoys Bay on Bruce Road 9. If you have any pruners, loppers, shovels, or rakes please bring them along, as well as and some food and water for yourself. Contact Benito Guzman with any questions benitoguzmanibarguen@gmail.com _____ 

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Volunteer for your club!!

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