



Wasi Cross Country News

December 2002

Seasons Greetings - Bring on the Snow

.Considerable work has occurred at the club since our last newsletter. Trail work has been completed on all six trails for this year. You'll find some corners have been tamed, a few hills have been lessened and widening on portions of the trails.

We were successful in obtaining grants from the TD "Friends of the Environment" for \$1,750.00 and from the province's Trillium Fund for \$20,000.00. The Trillium funds have been used for the trail work and for the track setter pictured opposite.

We have purchased birdhouses, picnic tables, benches and trail signs with the TD funds.

You'll soon find a plaque hanging in the warm up shack from the Trillium Fund.

Keep January 25th open – we're having a "Media Blitz" at the club complete with refreshments. Plan on attending and bring a friend.

Ho Ho Ho – Look What Santa's Bringing



Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Wasi Cross Country Executive will take place on Tuesday, January 7 -7 p.m. at the East Ferris Public Library in Astorville. All members or interested outsiders are welcome to attend.

Can you spare some time???

Here's a great way to meet other club members and contribute your energies towards a common goal – the ski club. You don't need to commit long term, whatever your schedule allows.

We need help with the following:

- **Social - "Media Blitz" – call Brenda Holbein at 474-6487**
- **Trails - call Marc Ethier at 752-5389 – get to know the trails intimately**

Did You Know

In Canada, the legendary Herman "Jackrabbit" Smith Johannsen is considered the father of the Canadian skiing movement. Johannsen moved to Quebec in 1928 and cut cross country ski trails, set the first slalom courses, and designed and directed many of Canada's ski jumps. Well known trails such as the Maple Leaf, Tachereau and Kandahar were all planned and cut by Jackrabbit. Cross Country skiing has been part of the Olympic Winter Games since 1924 and during the first three Olympics, Nordic skiing events were the only contested sports.

Don't forget we're on the web! Visit <http://wasiski.cjb.net> for the latest info on what's happening at your club. Also, if you have any questions or concerns about Wasi Cross Country or any of its events, please feel free to contact Dianne Labrecque at 752-2822 or Dianne Decaire at 752-3950.