



Wasi Cross Country News

October 2002

Getting Ready

Welcome all to another season of skiing. At our meeting on October 1st, a number of things occurred:

- Mogens Christensen was elected as president
- two sub-committees were struck
 - social – chaired by Brenda Holbein
 - trails – chaired by Marc Ethier

Details of our successful fundraising activities were discussed. One of the grants requires that we conduct a “Media Blitz” shortly. We’re tentatively scheduling this for the end of October – beginning of November time period. Brenda is looking for some immediate help here for the Blitz. If you can spare a small amount of time, call her at the number below. There’s a new editor for the newsletter - Bryan Boothe, thanks to Debbie Bridge for her tireless efforts in keeping us informed.

Fundraising

Great news – 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. These funds will allow us to provide a number of improvements around the property, both large and small. Birdhouses, picnic tables, benches, signs and items will be added. The major funding will go towards a new groomer and considerable work on the 8 km. trail.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Wasi Cross Country Executive will take place on Tuesday, October 29 -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 by October 18th**
- **Trails – call Marc Ethier at 752-5389 – get to know the trails intimately**

Did You Know

Scandinavians invented cross country skiing and we are indebted to them not only for its ancestry, but for the development of the equipment we use, touring techniques and even for the relatively recent art of waxing.

Skiing was used for transportation for hunters, messengers, soldiers and monarchs as early as the 10th century A.D. Remains of primitive skis found above Sweden's Arctic Circle have been carbon-dated to 2000 B.C.

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.