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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SASKATOON NORDIC SKI CLUB

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September 2017



Spring
Hiking
Photos
Courtesy of
Sheryl Riis



The Club's **AGM**

will be held at
the Gordie Howe
Sports Complex
on Thursday,
October 19th at
7:00 pm.

We look forward
to seeing a good
turn out of our
members there.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lane Zabolotney



Am I the only one who's sick of warm weather, sunlight and chirping birds? Am I the only one who misses shoveling snow and having his car battery die?

Am I really the only one?

Come on, say it with me: *We're sick of summer.*

It's time to dig out the parkas, gloves and scarves. Time to dust off the windshield scrapers, shovels and extension cords. Most importantly, it's

time to get those skis waxed.

We didn't get nearly enough skiing in last year, so we need to make every day count this winter. It's going to be another busy and exciting year for the Club as we continue with all our programs, lessons and grooming, and as we continue making progress in the Holiday Park/Gordie Howe Bowl area. Stay tuned for more.

And bring on the cold!!!

Accountant Needed

The Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club is looking for an accountant to conduct the annual review of the Club's books. The yearend is June 30th and the work needs to be completed in July or August. Provincial regulations require that the review be conducted by someone with a professional accounting designation or relevant accounting experience within the past three years. For more information please contact Daryl Sexsmith c/o info@saskatoonnordicski.ca



Of note ...

CLUB FACILITY NEWS

There continues to be exciting progress with our Vision 2020. We have partnered with the Friends of the Bowl (FOB), a not-for-profit, fundraising organization that is developing a year-round, multi-sport complex in the Gordie Howe Management Area of our City.

We are in the process of formulating a 5-year plan to submit to the FOB and subsequently to the City of Saskatoon.

It looks like we will have a facility that will be shared with the baseball folks. SNSC in winter; baseball in summer. We will have lighted ski areas for classic as well as skate skiing. There will be a warm-up building with bathrooms, change rooms, kitchenette, canteen, waxing room and much more. We hope for a storage area for grooming equipment, possibly even heated.

We are negotiating for many kilometres of groomed trails, with all kinds of terrain for novice to advanced skiers. Since the youth, school and competitive programs are an important part of our Club, we are working to accommodate terrain that will maximize the skiing experience for each of

these, as well as our recreational skiers that like more and less skiing challenges.

We will be sharing the grooming of this area with the City groomers starting this coming season (2017-18). It is our plan to move our youth programs to the area in 2018-19.

Please come out and show your support, by using the trails and giving your feedback.

There will be many opportunities for volunteer activities as our Club moves forward with this exciting multi-sport, multi-season facility.

Our AGM is to be held at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex on Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing a good turn out of our members there. At the AGM we will give a more detailed report on the project with site maps. Come with your thoughts, concerns and ideas!

The Facilities Committee



YOUTH PROGRAM By Jan Sedgewick

Youth Ski “Swap”

- **When:** Wed, November 1, 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- **Where:** Eb’s Source For Adventure 1640 Saskatchewan Ave
- Equipment drop off and registration is at 6:30pm
- The sale opens at 7:00pm

We are looking for both sellers and buyers. Please check the fit of your child’s equipment and if you need something different this is the place to bring it. It is always a buying frenzy and is a great opportunity to rehome your grown out of gear and possibly find some “new to you” gear.

- All unsold gear and payment needs to be picked up by 8:30pm
- All transactions are between buyer and seller so payment needs to be made with cash.

Bunny, Jackrabbit and Track Attack lessons

Online registration will open in the 3rd week of September. Please choose your child’s level carefully, based on required skills documented on the youth page. Classes fill quickly so please register early. If the level you want is full let Jan know at youth@saskatoonnordicski.ca and we will inform you when space becomes available.

Ski At School

SNSC will offer Ski At School for a third season. This program is offered to grade 4, 5 and 6 students in the Saskatoon elementary school systems and to home school groups. The program provides all equipment and a two hour *introduction to cross country skiing session* with 2 experienced, certified instructors. Groups are responsible for their own

transportation to and from Wildwood Golf Course ski trails and are charged a \$30 fee per group.

This program is a truly joint offering. It is supported by Cross Country Canada, Cross Country Saskatchewan, The Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club, The City of Saskatoon, Eb’s Source For Adventure and Mountain Equipment Coop. We inform the public and separate systems when registration is open. If you are not part of these systems but would like to be invited to register contact skischool@saskatoonnordicski.ca and you will be included in the notification. We have filled up the 80 spaces in 2 days in the past so please choose, in advance, 3 possible dates and whether you want an AM or PM session. The program runs on all days school is in session in January, February and up until March 14th.

EB’S TRAILS NEWS by Randy Chapman

All trails have been scouted for the season. Deadfall has been removed from all sections accessible to motorized vehicles. Hand scything and deadfall removal on sections between flooded areas must still be done. The water bodies have much deadfall showing and this will be cleared after the ice is thick enough to support workers.

Mowing will begin by mid September.

Many of the signs and maps at junctions are missing or need repair. We need help with this if someone wishes to take on the responsibility.

Plans are in place for some maintenance work at the shelters and for wood cutting and gathering for the stoves.

The steep hill and out-run near the end of the Lookout Ridge trail, which have been blocked since 2010, have been opened. Both the hill and bypass should be groomed this season.

Check out great photos on page 10

Blind and Visually Impaired Program By Conrad Lange Public Relations

Saturday October 14, 2017 the Saskatoon Blind Skiers will have their annual Hike & Wiener Roast at the Kuntz acreage. This will begin our ski season. We welcome all blind and low vision people interested in joining us for our weekly fall walks along the Meewasin Trail, and for skiing once the snow comes.

We also invite volunteer guides and others who want to learn more about the Club to come to this event. Cost for food at the wiener roast is \$2 per person. For further information, you can e-mail Joanne joanne.ferguson@sasktel.net, or Paul paul.millette@sasktel.net.

SUNDAY HIKING TOURS

FALL 2017 – Update

By Sheryl Riis – Touring Co-ordinator

***Please check the website calendar and Yahoo Groups for updates!**

► Meeting places vary! ◀

It's September and time for Fall Hikes and Fall Suppers! I hope everyone had a lovely summer, in spite of some smoky days. I recently got to do the leisurely walk along the Johnston Canyon, in Banff National Park. The smoke was thick, in the mountains, but the air along the rushing water and waterfalls, was incredibly refreshing. Hopefully, we get some rain to help clean the air everywhere, soon.

We had five great spring hikes! Bob Katarynych led us around the Borden hills/bush, with a sunny lunch along the North Saskatchewan River and another enjoyable turkey supper, at the Borden Hotel. The homemade buns and Saskatoon Berry Crisp, are exceptional!

The drive to the Douglas Park Sand Dunes, is always worth the varied terrain and plant life of Keith Pahl's hike. Keith also knows how to find the pitcher plant, and other bog plants, just outside the Eb's Trails area. Then, we had fun tromping through the bush and finding tiny spring flowers, with Jeff Thorpe, at the Eagle Creek Regional Park.

When Pat Clarke had to attend to family matters, some of us still chose to try to do her "Buffalo Pasture" hike. Thanks to the collective brain of everyone, we found our way there, and back!

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FALL HIKE SCHEDULE

September 24 – "Miner's Creek Vicinity" with McDowall Fall Supper

Leader: Heather Bernhard 306-242-1928

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

Some changes have been made to this hike, but it is still a lovely walk of about 12 km, through the forest, and some more open areas.

October 1 – "Redberry Lake" with Wiener Roast (provided)

Leader: Jeff Thorpe 306-250-9266

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from the Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

Wiener roast/marshmallows/ food/ condiments/cooking supplies will be provided but please feel free to bring additional food for an outdoor meal.

October 8 – Thanksgiving Weekend – No planned hikes

People are always welcome to organize their own walk/hike.

October 15 – "Buffalo Pasture" with Rosthern Fall Supper

Leader: Pat Clarke 306-477-0023

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

*A leisurely hike of about 12 km, along the South Saskatchewan River, northeast of Rosthern
Dogs welcome*

October 22 – "Eb's Trails with Duck Lake Fall Supper

Leader: Sheryl Riis 306-382-9462

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

Investigating the fall colours, in about 12 km out of our 52 km of ski trails, in the Nisbet Forest, north of Duck Lake

October 29 – "Borden Hike" with Supper at Borden Model-T Inn and Restaurant

Call Bob by October 23, if attending turkey supper (about \$15.00)

Leader: Bob Katarynych 306-373-1438

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

This hike is about 12 km through grassland and wooded areas, near the North Saskatchewan River, with lunch beside the river.

November 5 – "Wakaw Hills" with Wakaw Fall Supper

Leader: Cliff Speer 306-653-5693

► Note meeting place! ◀

Meet: 9:45 a.m. at the Saskatoon Field House parking lot, corner of College Drive and Preston Avenue

This hike takes place in the Minichinas hills northwest of Wakaw, on a variety of terrain, including a few steep hills and abandoned gravel pits. Parts of the approximately 12 km circular route take in old trails, once used by the Pine Grove Snowmobile Club and are gradually getting overgrown, other parts cover ground untrodden, except by wildlife. There is no bushwacking per se, but sturdy footwear is recommended.

The hike will conclude around 4 p.m. with a ten minute drive to Wakaw, to attend the Fall Supper at St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church, on Main Street.

Supper details: <http://www.sitthere-sawakaw.com/news/>

SUNDAY HIKING TOURS FALL 2017 – Update, continued

I was especially fascinated by the variety of spring flow-ers. Each hike was a new floral experience. I finally started a binder and am trying to learn a few names.

Some of my favourites, so far, are “Field Pussytoes,” and the “Three-flowered Avens.” I was also one of the 80% of people (out of about 10,000 voters) who voted for the bunchberry, to be considered as Canada’s National Wildflower.

Please renew your Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club membership and join us on the trails! Bring a lunch, water, sun-screen, hat, sit-upon, \$10.00 for carpooling, money for supper....

**Leaders for hiking and skiing tours/trips
always welcome!!!**

SNSC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club Corp. Balance Sheet As of 30/06/2017

ASSETS

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| TD Canada Trust Chequing Acc | 27,178.31 |
| TD Canada Trust Term Deposit | 50,000.00 |
| RBC Chequing Acc (Blind Skiers) | 10,202.84 |
| Cash (Blind Skiers Petty Cash) | 38.20 |
| Accounts Recievable | 0.00 |
| Capital Assets (schedule 1) | 5,606.98 |
| Total Assets | 93,026.33 |

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

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|---|------------------|
| Liabilities | 0.00 |
| Retained Earnings Previous Years | 74,297.84 |
| Retained Earnings Previous Years (Blind Skiers) | 10,525.28 |
| Current Earnings | 8,487.45 |
| Current Earnings (Blind Skiers) | -284.24 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | 93,026.33 |

These statements prepared by Daryl Sexsmith Treasurer of the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
and Hans Baumfeld Treasurer of the Saskatoon Blind Skiers

This statement has been reviewed by Kathy Butler who was approved at the Annual General Meeting
and is deemed to be a complete and Accurate Statement

K Butler CPA, CMA Aug 4/17

Kathy Butler

Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club Corp.
Income Statement 01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017

REVENUE

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Membership Fees | 18,175.00 | |
| Donations | 530.00 | |
| Blind Skiers Group (SNSC account) | 0.00 | |
| Blind Skiers Group (own account) | 16,290.12 | see attached statement |
| MAP Grant | 12,269.08 | |
| High Performance Training | 5,520.00 | |
| Racing | 4,202.00 | |
| Event Grant | 500.00 | |
| CCS Facility Grant | 0.00 | |
| City of Saskatoon Grant | 4,000.00 | |
| Nat Sport Trust Fund Withdrawals | 0.00 | |
| Loppet | 0.00 | |
| Instruction | 1,671.67 | |
| Youth Jackrabbit | 5,915.00 | |
| Ski at School Program | 1,470.00 | |
| Interest | 400.00 | |
| Kivilski Newsletter (advertising) | 0.00 | |
| Total Revenue | 70,942.87 | |

EXPENSES

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|--|------------------|------------------------|
| Blind Skiers Group (piad by SNSC) | 325.39 | |
| Blind Skiers Group (piad by own account) | 16,574.36 | see attached statement |
| Club Awareness Advertising | 898.89 | |
| Volunteer Appreciation Events | 0.00 | |
| High Performance Training | 3,152.41 | |
| Eb's Trail Maintenance | 1,679.15 | |
| City Trail Maintenance | 1,014.94 | |
| Adult Instruction | 1,552.50 | |
| Kivilski Newsletter | 289.25 | |
| Eb's Day | 857.95 | |
| Loppet | 0.00 | |
| Machine Maintenance and Insurance | 3,902.10 | |
| Printing, Postage, Admin, Meetings | 1,640.14 | |
| Zone 4 Processing Fee | 1,139.00 | |
| Racing | 1,230.03 | |
| Rent/Storage | 650.00 | |
| Sask Ski Assoc Fees | 9,975.00 | |
| Vision 2020/New Facility | 0.00 | |
| Touring | 305.21 | |
| Youth Jackrabbit | 6,134.20 | |
| Ski at School Program | 3,561.51 | |
| Equipment | 5,988.64 | |
| Equipment Ski at School Skis | 0.00 | |
| Equipment Depreciation | 1,868.99 | |
| Total Expenses | 62,739.66 | |
| Net Income | 8,203.21 | |

Schedule 1: Capital Assets – Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club

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|--|-------------------|
| Depreciated Value of Capital Assets July 1, 2016: (Tidd Tech groomer purchased in 2015) | \$7,475.97 |
| Capital Assets Purchased (2016-17): | 0 |
| Depreciation Expense (20 % straight line): | (1,868.99) |
| Undepreciated Value of Capital Assets June 30, 2017: | <u>\$5,606.98</u> |

Prior to 2015 the accounting practice of the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club was to fully expense capital purchases in the year of purchase. Therefore capital assets have not shown on the balance sheet previous to June 30, 2016.

At the 2015 Annual General Meeting the Executive was asked to look into the possibility of showing capital assets on the SNSC Balance Sheet. The Executive decided to not add equipment purchased in previous years to the balance sheet as this would essentially change the financial statements for numerous years that have previously been accepted by the membership.

The Executive decided to start showing new purchases of capital assets on the balance sheet beginning in 2015-16.

Capital Assets Not Shown on the Balance Sheet (fully expensed when purchased):

1986 Ski Doo Alpine
2002 Utility Trailer
2007 Ski Doo Skandic
2011 Yamaha Rhino with tracks
2014 Ski Doo Skandic
Two Tidd Tech G4 Groomers
Tidd Tech Snow Roller
Three Sea-Can Storage Containers
Swisher Mower
Alge D-Line Race Clock
Several sets of children's skis, boots and poles
Several sets of inline roller skis

Saskatoon Blind Skiers - Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club
Income Statement and Balance Sheet 01/04/2016 to 31/03/2017

REVENUE

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Sales of Coop Grocery Cards | 13,200.00 |
| Membership fees | 520.00 |
| Donations (Lions clubs) | 1,100.00 |
| Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club | 512.97 |
| Banquet Tickets | 358.00 |
| Calendar Sales | 70.00 |
| Ski for Light Registrations | 500.00 |
| Coffee donations | 29.15 |
| Total Revenue | 16,290.12 |

EXPENSES

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Cost of Coop Grocery Cards | 12,012.00 |
| Membership fees to SNSC | 540.00 |
| Banquet Expenses | 387.85 |
| Groceries for Social events | 270.09 |
| Bank Charges | 53.09 |
| Ski for Light Canada Registration | 900.00 |
| Ski for Light Transportation | 971.57 |
| Gift Cards for Guides | 120.00 |
| Equipment Purchased | 1,219.76 |
| Ski Lessons | 100.00 |
| Total Expenses | 16,574.36 |

Net Loss **-284.24**

ASSETS

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Cash | 38.20 |
| RBC Bank Acc | 10,202.84 |
| Total Assets | 10,241.04 |

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

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| Liabilities | 0.00 |
| Retained Earning Previous Years | 10,525.28 |
| Current Earnings | -284.24 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | 10,241.04 |

These statements prepared by Hans Baumfeld Treasurer of Saskatoon Blind Skiers and
Daryl Sexsmith Treasurer of the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club

Trail work on September 11, 2017 at E'bs Trails made plenty of fire wood

Photos courtesy of Kate Germin

