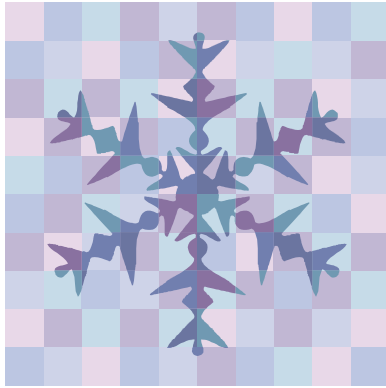

The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club Newsletter



December, 2008

President's Perspective:

We have a few projects you can look forward to in the coming season. Plans are in place to purchase a new four-stroke Skandic snowmobile for grooming at the Northwood Trails. Our 2004 sled will be transferred to the Community Trails near the High School to replace the aging snowmobile there.

Some logging took place this past summer at the Northwood Ski Trails. You will notice considerably wider trails in places as you ski. This was done to accommodate the heavy equipment during the logging operation. Some signs were knocked down or broken, but temporary replacements will be up by the time there is enough snow for skiing.

We are exploring a few new options for trails this season. A bypass trail was created

around the big hills of Chutes and Ladders (formerly called the Expert Trail) that may be groomed this season. Several new short dead-end logging roads were also created that could be explored for additional ski trails into uncharted areas. Connections between these dead-end trails could be made to add a few more kilometers to the existing trails system with some volunteer labor next summer.

We have several people/organizations to thank for their generous donations of time and money to keep the Club functioning. Twelve members of the Club contributed volunteer work at the 2008 Hodag Country Festival resulting in a \$1600 donation to the Club. The Athletic Booster Club (ABC) donated \$1450 for uniforms for our Middle School Nordic Ski Team. After skiing in their personal attire last year, these uniforms will help give the Middle School skiers team identity and a sense of pride in their team and community. ABC has been a big supporter of our ski team and many other youth programs in the community. Please support their efforts by becoming a member of ABC. Contact Dave Russ at 369-3164 for more information.

Our Middle School Nordic Ski Team is headed up by Coach Scott Bornberg. This team will be a tremendous asset to the high

school program giving the younger athletes training and experience racing before the more rigorous competition they'll experience at the high school level. Many of Scott's athletes are new to the sport and are not fully equipped. If you have Nordic ski equipment (skis, boots, poles, etc.) that you may be willing to part with, please bring them to Mel's Ski Shop in downtown Rhinelander.

Our activities are fueled by the energy of individuals willing to make them happen. We are looking for volunteers to serve on several committees. We would like to form a Hodag Challenge Race Committee, a 2009 Summer Trail Construction Committee, and a Community Activities Committee. Please contact Ron Teclaw at 282-6111 or any other member of the board

of directors if you are willing to help with any of these endeavors.

Membership in NNSC is one of the best values anywhere. Our base membership (\$25) and Friend of NNSC membership (\$50) levels haven't changed in at least eight years. The sponsor a high school skier level has gone up to \$150 because of real costs of supporting a youth skier (mostly entry fees at ski races). So while our costs have increased, we have been able to maintain membership levels mainly because our number of members has increased. Please join the Northwoods Nordic Ski Club this year and encourage your fellow skiers to become members of NNSC.

--Ron Teclaw, NNSC President

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Coaches Corner: RHS Nordic Team

We are fielding a team of 15 athletes. We have 6 returning seniors: **Jon Kroll, Rae Bassette, Brenna Natrop, Becca Pierre, Kari Simon, and Meghan Wall**, they will provide leadership and motivation for our new, incoming freshman: **Annie Dobbins, Tad Schmidt** and **Andrew Kroll**.

As a returning senior, **Jon Kroll** will lead the boys team with his experience. I expect our Juniors to be strong this year, led by **Abby Bloch**, who had a great year last year, **Becky Laska**, who due to an injury last year was side-lined, but is coming off a good cross-country running season. We are glad to have **Ethan Bowen** back after spending his sophomore year in Germany.

We are excited to add the **CAVOC** trails to our training grounds, check them out when you are able, an incredible amount of work has gone in to the design of the new trails. We are also excited to check out the new shelter at **Washburn**, and will again make use of the excellent **Northwood Ski** trails.

Our race calendar is included, come out and cheer the clubs' team when you can.

We will practice Tuesday through Friday.

Wayne Fish will again offer his time and valuable experience as coach.

Karen Cook, RHS Nordic Ski Team, Head Coach

RHS team races:

Saturday, 12/13/08 & Sunday, 12/14/08
ABR/ Wolverine Season Opener

Tuesday, 12/16/08 - Lakeland Invite
Freestyle, Minocqua Winter Park

Saturday, 1/10/09 - Conserve School
Classic

Sunday, 1/11/09 - Hodag Nordic
Challenge, Skate, Northwood Ski Trails

Thursday, 1/22/09 - Rhinelander Relays,
Rhinelander Community Ski Trail

Tuesday, 1/27/09 - Conference Meet,
TBA

Saturday, 1/31/09 & Sunday, 2/1/09
Telemark JO Qualifier, High School
Division, Cable

Saturday 2/7/08 – State Meet, Lakeland
Pursuit, Minocqua Winter Park

Saturday, 2/14/09 & Sunday, 2/15/09 –
High School Sprint Championships,
Madison

Coaches Corner: Rhinelander Middle School Nordic Ski Team

It was last year that we began and reinstated a Rhinelander Middle School Nordic Ski Program. The program was designed and orchestrated to be an excellent feeder system for the current High School Varsity Program. Nordic skiing and the community have given our local youth a resource in maintaining strong, healthy and active lifestyles.

The program is traveling full speed ahead in its second year and student level of interest has increased. The team's enthusiasm has me encouraged about the future of the program. The

team will be competing on weekends; following the majority of the High School race schedule.

I would like to give thanks to the **Northwoods Nordic Ski Club** for their outstanding support of the program. I am also grateful of the support received from the **Rhinelander Athletic Booster Club**. With both clubs support, team members will be provided ski suits for upcoming race events. I strongly encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the race events; sharing with them the passion of **Hodag Pride**.

Thank you,

Scott Bornberg
Rhinelander Middle School Nordic Ski Program, Head Coach

The 6th Annual Candlelight Ski

Our annual Candlelight ski night (or hike, in case of no snow) sponsored by the Northwoods Nordic Ski Club will be Saturday, December 27, 2008 from 6PM to 8PM at the Rhinelander High School Community Trail located across from the front entrance of the high school. *Admission is free.* All skiers are invited and we hope this date will bring RHS

alumni skiers and their families out for an evening ski and entice newcomers to become part of our team in the future. Last year over 200 skiers came out for a beautiful evening ski. Catch up with old friends at the campfire. Complimentary hot cider & cookies will be served. For more information, contact Gerry at 362-1025.

--Gerry VanHarpen

**The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club needs your support.
Please consider becoming a member.**

The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club is a non-profit all volunteer community organization that promotes silent sports in the greater Rhinelander area with an emphasis in cross-country skiing. We maintain the Northwood Ski Trails near the Northwood Golf Course, 2 .5 miles west of Rhinelander on highway 8 and the Rhinelander Community Ski Trails near Rhinelander High School. We are also the primary sponsor of the Rhinelander High School Nordic Ski Team. Membership provides you voting privileges at our annual meeting and the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your share to support and promote cross-country skiing and youth ski programs in the Rhinelander area.

**For more information including up to date trail conditions check us out at:
www.hodagnordic.com**

**Mail your check and membership form to:
Northwoods Nordic Ski Club
P.O. Box 105
Rhinelander, WI 54501**

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

We do not and will not provide any of the above personal information to anyone. It is used for club records only. We will not share your email address. It will be used only for club mailings and announcements which will help reduce the club's use of paper.

Suggested Membership Levels:

Regular Membership \$25

Friend of Northwds. Nordic Ski Club \$50

Sponsor a high school skier \$150

Other \$ _____

**Would you like to have your name included on the club membership list published on our Website:
hodagnordic.com ? Yes No**
