



## The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club – November 2011 Newsletter

### President's Report

With the first snow of the season several weeks old and the 2011/2012 upon us, the Northwood Nordic Ski Club (NNSC) Board of Directors met for the first time to begin planning for this seasons activities. I will remain as president this year, and the Board of Directors includes incumbents Deb Wall, Ron Teclaw, Jeff Tracy, Sue Lietz, Robin Stafford, John Bassette, Shane Tulowitsky, and Gerry Van Harpen. New Board members include Lee Swank and Mike Preul. I would like to thank Linda DeMille and Roy Kelling for their years of service as board members, ending last year. The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month during the winter. We welcome all attendees and participants and all input. Please call me for location and time of each meeting that you might be interested in attending.

Once again, the primary mission of the NNSC is to support cross country skiing in our region as well as to support junior high and high school ski teams with development, coaching, and financial assistance. Your membership dollars go a long way in supporting student athletes, many of whom have had excellent success in this sport. The club and these teams appreciate the support of all the club members. Membership brochures, including a Northwood ski trail map, will be distributed at various locations around town, including Mel's Trading Post. We also appreciate the City of Rhinelander and the Northwood Golf Course collaborating with us to allow our use of the golf course. Thanks also to Lee Swank and Wausau Paper Company for access to their land for portions of the trail system.

The board members would like to acknowledge all the volunteer hours contributed by Club members during the 2011 Hodag Country Fest. More than 180 volunteer hours were donated that converted to a total of over \$2,100 to the Club treasury. This fundraising effort is just the extra special step that will keep us afloat. To those members who volunteered their time and contributions to the Club, *THANKS*.

Many of you are aware of the passing of *Wayne Fish* last February 2011. Wayne was a longtime supporter and avid trail developer for both cross country skiing and mountain biking, and was one of the community's most vigorous citizen-athletes, along with his joyous pursuit of enthusiastically engaging others in outdoor activities. His son Bryan is now one of four US Ski Team Coaches, of which he was very proud. In honor of his passion and commitment to the sport, as well as his devotion to trail development, our club (with the help of Dave Wall) has constructed a bronze bell and accompanying plaque which will be placed on the Northwood Ski Trail at the top of the Chutes and Ladders section. Please stop and view this memoriam, and ring the bell in remembrance of Wayne.

The Northwood Ski Trail system is the site of our annual Hodag Nordic Challenge ski race. It will be held this year on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 11 am. This is a freestyle race for high school and middle school teams, and all club members are welcomed to assist and watch these great kids ski. The Rhinelander Relays (short sprint races) will be held Tuesday January 17 at 2:30 pm. A copy of the full high school race schedule is enclosed with this newsletter.

The Club will also sponsor the annual candlelight ski at the Rhinelander High School Community trails on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity to mingle with all cross-country ski or winter sport enthusiasts. Watch for additional details on our website [www.hodagnordic.com](http://www.hodagnordic.com). This website provides historical background, race schedules, maps, and trail conditions, so please check it out. (Thanks, Sue Lietz, our webmaster!)

During the off season, we've had discussions about our NNSC interacting more with similarly minded groups such as Rhinelander Area Silent Trails Association (RASTA), Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council, Inc. [www.bikeoneida.com](http://www.bikeoneida.com), and the Northern Paddle and Trail Club, [northernpaddletrail.org](http://northernpaddletrail.org). Some of the ideas had included creating an umbrella council to coordinate common activities. For now, we are sharing

information discussed at meetings. Last year, NNSC and RASTA sponsored a combined ski event at the end of the ski season at the Judy Swank shelter.

Lots of great events and fine skiing ahead!

- CK

## Coaches' Corner

I am looking forward to an exciting ski season. We are off to a great start weather wise, hope it lasts. We already had two unofficial team practices so far at the Perch Lake Shelter, Washburn ski trails. Chris Cook led the first free technique clinic and Cheril Reese led the second. A great kick off to our training.

I lost one senior and one junior. Taylor Preul hopefully will be skiing in Finland on her Rotary exchange program. Everyone else is back and excited to get skiing.

We have quite a few freshman this year thanks to the great program coach Scott Bornberg has been leading for the past four years. This year he will be coaching this group since he has volunteered to be the Assistant Varsity Coach.

The girls' team will be led by senior Annie Dobbins. Annie is Captain of the girls' team and coming off a great swim season. She had a great start to the season, but due to illness came up a little short. She is looking to be on top of her game this year.

Our returning juniors will be led by Claire Tracy and Hillary Wall, both coming off great cross country running seasons and Kiah Sexton and Lindsey Lieck who had break out ski seasons last year. This is a very competitive group and will push each other to get the results they are striving for.

Our sophomores are co-captain Daria Katchko, who is also coming off a great swim season and a great ski season, and Annika Hempel, new to the sport, but has skiing experience.

Freshman girls this year are: Tessa Bloch, one of Coach Bornberg's proteges, Erin Tenderholt and Laina Lyman.

The boys will be led by Senior Andrew Kroll, who took last year off while he was on his exchange program.

Sophomore boys had great results last year and we look for more great results from Co-Captain Lou Bassette and Drew Stafford.

Freshman coming from Coach Bornberg's program include Zach Breneman, Kody Blacyki, Zaine Tischendorf, and Bobby Powers. This is a very competitive group and will keep the sophomores, also very competitive and self-motivated, working hard to get great results.

We are looking for a break-out year! Think snow and lots of it!!! See you on the trails.

- Coach Karen Cook

## 2011 Ski Swap

The second annual Northwoods Nordic Ski Swap will be held at the Ced A. Vig Outdoor Classroom Center aka CAVOC (east of Rhinelander on South Shore Drive) Saturday, December 3rd. Equipment check-in is 9 to 10:30 am. The sale runs 11 am to 3 pm. Bring your Nordic skis, boots, poles and anything else related to Nordic skiing. 10% of the proceeds will help fund the High School and Middle school Nordic ski programs. Unsold items must be removed by 4 pm.

- Jeff Tracy, questions/directions call 715-362-6107

## Candlelight Ski

The 9<sup>th</sup> annual candlelight ski (or hike, in case of no snow) will be Friday, December 30th from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Rhinelander Community Ski Trail located across from the high school. Admission is FREE. Mel's Ski Shop will have skies available for people interested in trying out the sport of cross country skiing. RHS skiers will be on hand to help beginner skiers with instruction and demonstration of technique. All skiers are invited and we hope this date will bring RHS alumni skiers and their families out for an evening ski. Catch up with old friends at the campfire. Hot cider and cookies served.

- Gerry Van Harpen, questions call 715-362-1025

*THANK YOU trail groomers. You are the best!!!*

**Northwood Trails:** Bill Jaeger, Robin Stafford, Jeff Tracy, Roy Kelling, and Ron Teclaw

**Community Trails:** John Bassette and Mike Preul  
**CAVOC Trails:** Arnie Plamann and Dave Wall

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<b>Rhinelanders Nordic Ski Team 2011 - 2012 Race Schedule</b>		
GrandView Challenge	Wolverine, Ironwood, MI	Dec 10 and 11
JOQ Sprints	Greenwood Hills Golf Course, Wausau, WI	Dec 17 (Saturday)
Lakeland Invite	Winter Park, Minocqua, WI	Dec 20 (Tuesday)
Iola Classic	Iola Winter Sports Club, Iola, WI	Jan 7 (Saturday)
Hodag Nordic Challenge	Northwood Ski Trail, Rhinelanders, WI	Jan 8 (Sunday)
Snekkevik	Nine Mile State Forest, Wausau, WI	Jan 14 (Saturday)
Rhinelanders Relays	High school Community Trails, Rhinelanders, WI	Jan 17 (Tuesday)
Free day – Scheduled soon		Jan 28 (Saturday)
Norseman Challenge	Iola Winter Sports Club, Iola, WI	Jan 29 (Sunday)
State Championships	Winter Park, Minocqua, WI	Febr 11
State Sprint Championships	Capital Square, Madison, WI	Febr 17, 18, 19

<b>Club Activities Calendar 2011 - 2012</b>		
Northwoods Ski Swap	Saturday, December 3, 2011	CAVOC Center, 11 to 3 p.m.
Candlelight Ski	Friday, December 30 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Community Ski Trail, 6 to 8 p.m. – FREE admission
Hodag Nordic Challenge	Sunday, January 8, 2012	Northwoods Nordic Ski Trail, Freestyle ski race for High School and Middle School athletes
Rhinelanders Relays	Tuesday, January 17, 2012	Community Ski Trail, 1K Freestyle sprint race for High School and Middle School athletes.
Combined NNSC and RASTA Fun Day	A March date to be determined	Washburn ski trails

***Trail conditions are posted on the ski club webpage:***  
[www.hodagnordic.com](http://www.hodagnordic.com)



Nov 2011 Trail Maintenance Crew  
 (several helpers not pictured)

**The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club Membership Form**  
**Please consider becoming a member to support our club activities and the trails system.**



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.

You also have an opportunity to contribute to the Judy Swank Memorial Scholarship Fund that awards a \$1000 post-secondary school scholarship to a Rhinelander High School Nordic Ski Team graduate.

**Suggested Membership Levels:**

Membership level	Amount Enclosed
\$25 Regular Membership	
\$50 Friend of Northwoods Nordic Ski Club	
\$150 Sponsor of a high school team skier	
Judy Swank Scholarship Contribution	
Total	

Would you like to have your name included on the club membership list published on our website [www.hodagnordic.com](http://www.hodagnordic.com)?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No

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