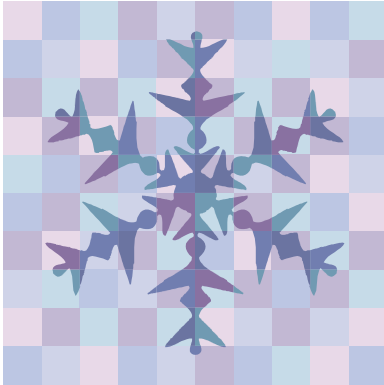


The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club--Newsletter



December, 2007

President's Perspective:

This last year was exceptional to say the least. The obvious highlight was the Wisconsin High School State Championship on our home trails back in February. We received outstanding reviews from essentially everyone who cared to share their thoughts including a comment from a Wausau coach who has been at every championship since they started in 1981 who thought that "this was the best one yet". This took a tremendous amount of work and many many thanks go out to everyone who helped pull it off.

After the snow melted we made decisions on how to invest in the future. For starters we contributed \$5000 to the RASTA trails and the proposed new shelter at Perch Lake adjacent to the Washburn trail system.

We secured numerous donations of materials and labor and obligated \$4000 of ski club funds to build a storage garage at the Northwood Ski Trails to house our grooming equipment. The following area businesses donated to the garage project: Musson Brothers Inc., Jeff Kuczarski Masonry, Lassig Brothers Construction, Concrete Products, Andy Boettcher Construction, Ponsse USA Inc. and

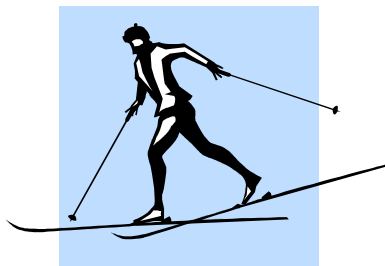
Northwood Golf Shop. Labor was donated by Roy Kelling, John Katchko, Wayne Fish, Bob Cook, Mike Worland, John Bassette, Mike Lietz, Dave Wall and Ron Teclaw. And finally our latest addition is a new 2007 Polaris ATV. The ATV will provide year-round service – grooming trails in the winter on its tracks and maintaining the trails in the off-season on its tires.



Our new garage

These are truly exciting times for the Rhinelander area Nordic ski community and your board of directors is asking that you become part of the excitement. In fact we need your help if we are going to continue to provide the quality ski trails you have come to enjoy and expect. In order to provide these trails there is a considerable amount of off-season or pre-season maintenance. We need several individuals who are willing to take the lead to organize trail workers to clear trees and branches that have fallen on the trails and repair erosion from heavy rain in the off-season. I am hoping that we could get 3 to 5 individuals to serve as crew leaders so that no one will have to shoulder the responsibility of doing it all. We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the Candlelight Ski on Dec 28, 2007 and the Hodag Nordic Challenge on Jan 6, 2008. Please contact Ron Teclaw 282-6111 if you are willing to take a leadership roll in pre-season trail maintenance, Gerry VanHarpen to help with the Candlelight Ski or Deb Wall if you can help with the Hodag Challenge.

--Ron Teclaw



Coaches Corner:

The Rhinelander High School Nordic Ski team is now practicing. The team lost quite a few graduating seniors this year, but is coming back with athletes who are eager to fill those shoes. Leading this years squad are captains; Stephanie Edwards, Karina Katchko, Kelsey Daniels, Mike Burkette and Darius Samz. We will be using the Northwood Ski Trails, Washburn Ski Trails, and our own High School Trails. I expect great personal bests from this returning squad.

I am the new head coach, as Mr. Palzewic moved to Green Bay, and he wishes us all the best. Deb and Dennis Loy will also be moving to Marquette. Wayne Fish will be assisting with the team. His knowledge of skiing combined with his many years of teaching make him a great asset to the coaching staff. Bob Cook will also be a member of the staff, bringing his waxing magic to the team. See the attached list of races our team will be competing in, and come out and join us in support of the team!

**--Karen Cook,
RHS Nordic Coach**

RHS team races:

Saturday, 12/15/07 Sunday 12/16/07
ABR/ Wolverine Season opener or
Houghton Christmas Classics

Tuesday, 12/18/2007 - Lakeland Invite
Minocqua Winter Park

Saturday, 1/5/08 Conserve School
Classic

Sunday, 1/6/08 Hodag Nordic Challenge

Saturday, 1/19/08 Wausau Invite

Tuesday, 1/22/08 Rhinelander Relays

Saturday, 1/26/08 & Sunday, 1/27/08
Telemark Races

Tuesday, 1/29/08 Conference Meet
(location to be determined)

Saturday, 2/2/08 & Sunday, 2/3/08 -
Capitol Square team and individual
sprints (both state championships)

Saturday & Sunday 2/9/08 & 2/10/08 -
Pursuit State championships at
Minocqua Winter Park

The 5th Annual Candlelight Ski

Our annual Candlelight ski night (or hike, in case of no snow) will be Friday, December 28, 2007 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

2007 Board Members:

Ron Teclaw - President
John Bassette - Vice president
Deb Wall - Secretary
Sue Lietz - Treasurer
Linnaea Burkett

Linda De Mill
Roy Kelling
Chris Koepl
Deb Loy (resigned 11/6/2007)
Judy Swank
Gerry VanHarpen

It's time to renew your membership in the Northwoods Nordic Ski Club.

Suggested membership fees remain the same as they have been for the past five years or more. We haven't been able to determine when the last time membership dues were increased so this is obviously one of the best values in the Northwoods. The club subsidizes the High School Nordic Ski Team and has been providing some of the best groomed trails in Northern Wisconsin. We need your support if we are going to continue. Please make you check payable to: Northwoods Nordic Ski Club and mail the membership form to: P.O. Box 105 Rhinelander, WI 54501-0105.

Suggested membership levels are:

- Regular/Standard Membership \$25
- Sponsor a high school skier \$125
- Friend of the Ski Club \$50
- Other

Name: _____

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