

SVNSC News

Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club

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February 2021

Hello Everyone! What an amazing year we are having! Nice dry, squeaky snow and almost daily grooming. OK it was a bit windy and cold but now it's gorgeous out there so get out and enjoy!

This is what I so love about this Club. On Friday night I posted on Facebook about a **fund raiser** we're doing for a tracked quad and a new ginzu, something like this:



I set the goal at \$2000 and here we are already $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way to our goal! This is so wonderful! Thank you so much to all the donors!

So here's the thing, I'm going to up the goal to \$5000. That way, we can redirect some of the money to replacement of Rental Gear that is dying this winter! And maybe do some more trail work. You can donate at

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/cross-country-ski-de-fond-canada/p2p/Annual-Club-Fundraiser/page/snow-valley-nordic-ski-club/>

There are matching funds available from CCBC and other donors, and you will receive a tax receipt for 95% of your donation.

And speaking of fund raising, **Team Vandenberg will be waxing skis** for \$10 a pair to contribute to the fund on Saturday, **February 20**, starting at 11 a.m. A very inexpensive way to protect the base of your skis and keep them smooth and slippery for years. Even non-wax skis will benefit from a good base layer.

Adult lessons: Saturday, **Feb. 20** we'll be holding adult lessons once again, at 1 p.m. We have 6 instructors on hand, and they will be instructing 3 different lessons:

- **Follow up lessons** for anyone who has already taken a lesson this year, come on back and review what you've learned and grow in some new skills
- **Ski the Beaver with an instructor** and learn the skills you need to navigate the varied terrain
- **Hills hills hills**, how to get up and down hills safely

All lessons are taught by certified CANSI instructors. The fee is \$20 per person (exception: the follow up lesson is only \$10) and the money goes toward the training and recertification of instructors in our club. Email snowvalleynordic@gmail.com to book one of these lessons. Space is limited due to COVID restrictions on group sizes.

The last Saturday in February is usually our Chocolate/Moose Marathon. Sadly, we can't do that this year, but we can do a **Ski-a-thon Marathon!** It will be held **Feb. 27 and 28**, with no mass start or official timing. Go to the link below to print off the pledge form, and start collecting sponsors. This is a great project for kids, for families, for everyone! All proceeds to the new Quad and Ginzu. In keeping with our race tradition, all skiers who complete the marathon-esque ski will get a chocolate bar.

You can choose from varying distances to ski and you can time yourself if you like. The course will be marked and maps available. The traditional distances are 1.5 km, 5km, 10 km, 15 km, and 30 km, but you can be creative and ski whatever distance you want. The pledge form has more details, please download it, print it off, distribute it and invite others to join the fun.

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One more addendum to the Skiathon/Marathon news: on Saturday, Feb. 27, from noon til 4:00 p.m., we'll be selling **Stroopwafels**, \$10 for 10 cookies. Cathy and her crew are going to make **500** of these Dutch treats, all proceeds for the new grooming equipment.



A reminder to leash your dogs in the parking lot and keep them on until you're well down the trail. Unfortunate things can happen when dogs meet face to face.

Outhouses: Fun fact. Our outhouses have been in continuous operation for almost 30 years and have never needed to be pumped out! Train yourself and your kids to remove mittens and put them on the ledge **before** lifting the lid! And remember to **put the lid down** when finished. This isn't a guys vs girls thing folks. It's a composting system that needs to keep warm. Also, it reduces unpleasant smells. Close the lid, thanks! And if you do lose a glove, it's your fishing rod and flashlight and your good luck if you get it back!

Further to outhouses, I sanitize them on weekends and Thursdays and any other day I'm at the trails. If you're not comfortable with that level of cleaning, you're very welcome to grab a rag and bottle of sanitizer from the lodge for cleaning. There are rubber gloves under the kitchen counter.

Some people have **offered to help** around the lodge but aren't sure what to do. So, Lani G. has offered to make a poster for the kitchen and Facebook to give you ideas. Watch for it this week! And thank you!!

CCBC (Cross Country BC) would like to know how you came to skiing and how we can keep you involved after this very unusual year. **Here's the survey.** <http://bit.ly/XCinBC> They want to hear from everyone, not just the newcomers. Our Club

gets the results from our membership so please take the time to fill it out. We really want to know!

This month's **volunteer of the month** is **Cathy Vandenberg**. Her official job description is **Membership Secretary**. But she's also **the volunteer coordinator, adult lessons and school group coordinator, and adult instructor** and is always willing to pitch in for any kind of a work party. The best part about



Cathy is her cheerful good humour and organizational abilities. The other best thing about Cathy is that she doesn't come alone. With her comes husband Bill, our consultant in all things mechanical, Jack Rabbit coach and race stadium official and organizer of all the work parties that involve really, hard physical labour. Then come the 9 kids who have all coached or helped with Jack Rabbits, turned up for all the work parties that involve really, hard physical labour - tree limbing; wood splitting and stacking; wind fall removal etc. Gabe is now qualified to groom on the Snow Kitty and Blaise and Yohannes are terrific on the snow mobiles and Ginzu. The Club is so lucky to have the entire Vandenberg family!

Safety: It has just recently come to the executive's attention that some fairly serious accidents have happened on our trails. We really need to know when these things happen so if you hurt yourself, please email us as soon as possible so we can figure out how and why it happened and hopefully prevent it happening again. Email snowvalleynordic@gmail.com Include your phone number so we can call you. But not getting hurt is better, please be careful and know your limits!

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A big thank you to Longs Logging and Lance Webber of Copper Mtn Construction for installing a new counter top around the sink. And then **Rob Long** got the idea of building our new fire pit! Rob had the old tire rim and **NYX Welding and Fountain Tire** donated time, skill and money. So many thanks to all of you!

And another big **Thank you to Darwin Doherty of Terrace Rewind** for helping out with fixing the Snow Kitty when the heater died last week. Also **big thanks to Doug Richie of West Point Rentals** for lending us a Tiger Torch to put some heat in the shop for the 3-hour job of reinstalling said heater last week.

Garbage is collected by Jim Thorne and taken home to go out with his own garbage. Naturally, he prefers to do this as seldom as possible. Please bring a bag to take your garbage home with you. Thanks!

One last thing: After Feb. 14, **half-season rates** apply for **memberships**. It's a great deal, as we are often skiing at Onion Lake until late March or mid April. If you aren't already a member, consider joining our ranks!

Goto: <https://www.snowvalleynordics.com/ski-info> and scroll down a bit to the season memberships. There is a link for paying for memberships online and also a printable membership form that can be mailed in. The next part after getting your laminated pass is using it—lots!

Think Snow, everybody!

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