

# SVNSC News

Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club

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## March 2021

Hello Skiers! What a month this has been. With an occasional day of sunshine but mostly rain, we went into spring break with a large dump of snow that will see us skiing into April! What a year!

**Fundraisers:** We decided we needed some extra cash to buy new grooming machines to replace the old Yamaha and to improve our grooming capabilities. To that end, we joined the **CCBC/Nordiq Canada Club fundraiser**, initially hoping to raise \$2000. The response was so strong we upped the goal to \$5000 and ended up with \$6000. Thank you so much everyone who donated!

Then we decided to do a **Ski-a-thon**. You raised \$10 000! So much enthusiasm! Thank you everyone, including the sponsors of the skiers, the businesses that donated prizes and monetary donations, and the club members who sent us money to support the cause!

And do you know the best part? The Ski-a-thon happened during a week of unremitting rain. But the participants came out and skied immense distances over several days. Some kids did as much as 40 km! (And some adults skied 51 km (Heidi and Robin) and 60 km (Colin). We have skiers with real grit in this club! Way to go everyone!

So the Quad is bought and paid for and the Ginzu is on order and due to arrive soon.

Another big expense coming up is the expansion and upgrading of our rental gear. We are planning an **On-line Auction!** Thanks to **Pat Moulant, Karen Westby** and their band of merry artists for dreaming up this wonderful finish to the season! Watch the Facebook page for their announcements. At the moment they are collecting donations for the Auction which will take place in mid-April.

Donations don't have to be art - they can be gift certificates, baking, that sweater you ordered that doesn't fit and you haven't sent back yet, you name it. You can donate by contacting the auction crew at [svnsc.onlineauction@gmail.com](mailto:svnsc.onlineauction@gmail.com) or by Facebook message:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/211064732666174/>

As the season winds down, here's a reminder that the **Rental Shop is open** Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 11 - 4; Thursday 3:30 to 9, and Saturday, 10 - 4. **March 28 is the last day** for rentals. Any families with **seasonal rentals** can return the gear any time the rental shed is open. There will also be a **collection date** (sometime in early April) posted for the return of all the club's gear for maintenance, inventory, waxing (skis) and storage.

**Trails will be open** and groomed until we can't groom any more. Trails will be open until skiers have to walk more than they ski. Then we lock the gates. But you can still park outside the gates and hike to your preferred patch of snow.

**Summer** is coming! And the Club does not sleep. There will be **logging** at both ends of the Moose Hwy Loop and a bypass will be cut around the steep curvy hill in Bonsai Park. So consider the Moose Hwy closed for the summer. That will be the end of logging at the trails for the foreseeable future.

You are welcome to come out to the trails in the summer to hike or bike. The lodge is not locked and the key to the water tap is in the drawer beside the stove. Use the parking lot by the highway.

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**Decks:** We are hoping the weather this summer, will cooperate long enough to let us replace the decks on the lodge and the old warming hut and get them painted. If you're able to help, please email Cathy ([snowvalleynordic@gmail.com](mailto:snowvalleynordic@gmail.com)) and she'll let you know when we're ready to go on that.

**Lost and Found:** There are a number of gloves, masks, kids' back packs etc. hanging on hooks in the lodge. Please swing by and pick up what's yours. Anything left over in the lodge after the ski season gets donated to Salvation Army.

**Assistant Coaches:** This year has seen a loss of Jackrabbit coaches due to moving out of town and COVID. We're always looking for more coaches but next year we're going to need lots more than usual. If you have kids who you'd like to sign up for lessons, then this is your chance to step up and join in the fun too. Contact Travis if you are keen on helping the club build the JackRabbit program. [travisluvsbikes@gmail.com](mailto:travisluvsbikes@gmail.com)

The first coach training modules are conveniently done online, and you can start them any time. The "community coaching" section will be taught in the fall, with some on-snow training once the snow flies. The Club covers the costs (save your receipts) and new assistant coaches are always paired with experienced coaches. It only takes a few sessions to get the hang of things.

We are really hoping that next year will be a more normal ski year. We thank you all for your commitment, your enthusiasm, and for making the most out of our COVID winter.

**There's still snow out there and the spring skiing is great so get out and enjoy it while you can.**

### Think Snow!

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