

Dear members and skiers

Greetings! This year will be remembered for its spring flooding, which affected many communities in Manitoba followed by a hot dry summer with virtually no mosquitos.

Year End Review

Sixteen skiers attended our Annual General meeting at the Superstore conference room last fall. We discussed the addition of a new yellow trail, and plans to build a new warming hut to replace the hut on the green trail near the Marchand Wayside Park in fall of 2011 as a 20th Anniversary project. We discussed what could be done to improve trail conditions at the Steinbach Fly Inn golf course and future club events. The meeting was followed by club registration and coffee.

Last fall we had an early start to the ski season, a short cut was created connecting the Grey trail in Sandilands to the Green/Yellow parking lot and a formal map was created of the Steinbach Fly Inn golf course. Ski Club Members got used to a new club registration form and non-club skiers got used to signing in at the Marchand Store and paying trail fees prior to going out for their ski.

The Ski club once again received excellent support from skiers, who have committed to supporting their sport through paying membership, trail fees and donations. We sold 18 individual memberships and 24 family memberships. Eleven donations of varying amounts were given above trail fees. Many non ski club members were faithful at registering and paying trail fees at the Marchand Store. The club received extra funds from bingo revenues and grooming the Steinbach Fly Inn Golf course.

Fourteen workers, including six from Charleswood Ski Club, assisted at our trail preparation day last October and braved the cool cloudy weather. Work that needed to be done was completed and workers enjoyed a hearty meal after completing their work.

Our ninth Annual Landmark Feeds/Sandilands Classic was attended by eighty three participants and thirty one volunteers, who enjoyed being outdoors on a balmy winter day. Many onlookers showed up to watch and enjoy the event. This Classic event was a great success despite the freezing rain two days prior to the race.

Six skiers enjoyed a cool windy day of skiing and a barbeque at the Sandilands Ski Day at the end of February. As usual food was great and visiting prevailed.

We were able to enjoy our nineteenth ski season at Sandilands and the Steinbach Fly-in Golf Course thanks to our faithful groomers! Our overall success is only made possible by the volunteer efforts and monetary input to the Club. **A special thanks, to all who have contributed to make this year a success.**

Don't forget to log on to our web site @ www.sandilands.ca for trail updates and the latest ski club news!!

This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Sandilands Ski Club. We have discussed building a new warming hut near the Green trail head as a special Anniversary project.

Murray Carter, who has been involved in the ski race circuit, has expressed an interest in promoting skiing as a healthy winter sport for the youth. He would like to establish a Jackrabbits club to teach children to ski. He also wants to establish a Cross Country Ski race group in our area. In order to remain viable as a club we need to embrace ideas that will attract a younger generation of skiers to the sport.

Schedule of Events for 2011 - 2012

Trail Preparation Day

October 29, 2011 Plan to come out and assist with trail prep this fall. You are guaranteed a good time. We will meet 10:00 am @ the Ranger Station. If you have questions, contact Ken Reimer @ 326-1431 or email @ kereimer@xplornet.com. We need to know how many workers to provide lunch for, so let us know that you are planning to attend. To promote quicker coverage of trails for removal of fallen down trees from the trail and replace damaged signage 2-3 ATV's, cordless drills and chainsaws would be appreciated.

CCSAM Annual Ski Swap Shop

November 19, 2011 @ Windsor Park Nordic Center. Contact Karin 925-5639

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting this year will be held at the Conference room upstairs in the Superstore at 130 PTH 12 North Steinbach November 24th, 2011 @ 7:00 pm. Membership/trail fees will be collected. There will be a \$10.00 discount per registration for those who pay their membership/trail fees before or at the Annual General Meeting. See you there.

Landmark Feeds/Sandilands Classic

This year our Ski Classic will be on **February 04, 2012**. Get in on the fun by volunteering. To volunteer, contact Ken Reimer @ 326-1431 or by email him @ kereimer@xplornet.com.

Sandilands Ski Day

February 26, 2011 Plan to come out to this years Sandilands Ski Day. You won't be disappointed. Skiers will meet at the Ranger Station and ski 1:00pm to 3:00 pm. BBQ to follow @ the covered picnic area near the ranger station. Contact GERALYN Reimer @ 326-1431 or by email @ kereimer@xplorent.com if you plan to attend.