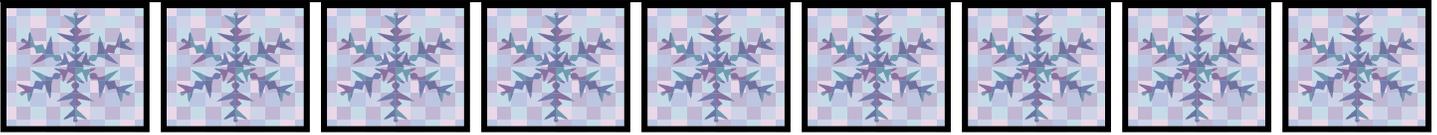


Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club

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Dear Lakewood Skiers,

Trail cleanup went well this fall. There was a good turnout of helpers on the three October weekends (including a crew from the Ashwaubenon Nordic Ski Team). This allowed us to brush the sides of the trail near the intersection of the blue trail and the red trail near the Old 32 trailhead which will improve the experience for classical skiers in addition to reducing wear and tear on the groomer. Hopefully this turnout will continue on future years as there is a great deal of brushing that still needs to be done.

The Lakewood XC Ski Club is ready for a snow filled winter. The groomers (both Pisten-Bully and scandic) have had annual maintenance and are ready. The trail is cleared and mowed full width thanks to Oconto County Forestry Department. Signs will go up after deer season.

This year we plan on co-sponsoring the Nicolet Nor-Ski Ski race along with the Ashwaubenon Nordic Ski Team. This will be in the same format as last year. It will be a 36 K race and will include a high school race of 7.5 K beforehand. There will be both classic and skate categories. The date will be **Sunday**, February 2, 2014. Note the change from Saturday to Sunday.

We also plan to have the Chili Ski Social on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the main parking lot on Old Highway 32. Free Chili, cookies and other treats will be available during the middle of the day. Both of these events will require volunteers. If you are interested and willing to help contact me at faxelrod@centurytel.net or 715-276-9942.

One thing club members can anticipate for 2014 is an increase in membership dues. See the fall meeting minutes for details. Even though we have funds to continue to operate the ski trail we will need funds some time down the road to replace our 20 year old Pisten Bully groomer.

Fred Axelrod, President
Lakewood XC Ski Club

Chili Ski Social
Sat. March 1, 2014

SNOW!

Nicolet Norski,
Sunday, Feb. 2

12-3-2013

1st significant snow fall in Lakewood this year

Stay informed with our ski hotline:

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**Meeting Minutes — Lakewood XC Ski Club
October 19, 2013**

The Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club fall 2013 meeting was called to order on Saturday, October 19 at 2:13 p.m. at the Lakewood/Townsend Community Ambulance Garage. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2013 meeting as read by Jody Korch was made by Barry Brubaker, seconded by Lea Peot, and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Barry reported that the club has an insurance bill in the amount of \$1,377 for the Pisten Bully groomer and club liability. The balance on the checking account is \$5,282.62, and the savings account amount is \$9,228.01. The club has CDs in the amounts of \$20,422.42, and \$5,890.72. Lloyd Lundwall expressed appreciation to the club for giving him gift cards. Lundwall is a devoted longtime groomer of the Lakewood ski trails. "We're happy to have such a good groomer," club president Fred Axelrod said. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Johanna Axelrod, seconded by Scott Putnam and approved unanimously.

Membership report: Mary Van Domelen, the club's new membership Co-chair (along with her husband, Jim) will receive guidance from former membership chair, Sandy Moore. The club's membership dues of \$30 per individual and \$45 per family are less than other area trails, such as the Wolverine Trail and Valley Spur in Upper Michigan and Iola in Wisconsin. Although the club has more than \$40,000 in its various accounts, the Pisten Bully will eventually need to be replaced. It's a lot easier to steadily raise funds for groomer replacement than holding one big fundraiser, club newsletter editor Lea Peot said. The club's Pisten Bully cost about \$110,000 about 20 years ago. A new one would cost at least \$160,000 now. A motion was made by Johanna to raise the membership fees for the winter of 2014-'15 to \$45 per individual and \$60 per family. The extra year before the rate increase will allow the club to have the new membership fees placed on new maps and envelopes, Scott seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Equipment & Grooming: Lloyd reported that the Pisten Bully is in good working order, He is more concerned with upcoming problems with the groomer's electronics than to its engine and hydraulics. A crew completed maintenance on the Pisten Bully this summer. Batteries were replaced in the groomer and the club's snowmobile groomer, the Scandic, this summer.

Trails: Fred reported that because there weren't that many trees blow down this year, the fall cleanup crews were able to concentrate on cutting back brush. Fred would like Flip Hartmann to work with Terry Van Hoof on improving the ski trail signs. Mountain biking and hiking use has increased on the trail when there is no snow. The ski trail was mowed this summer, and some portions were cut twice. Mowing reduces stubble when snow is thin. The entire trail will be mowed by Oconto County later this fall.

Business solicitation and maps: Johanna reported that the club has about 1,000 maps, enough for this year. Next year, she will have a new map cover made, and she would like the new map to be color coded. Lloyd says there is interest in creating a snowshoe trail. Skiers feel that snowshoes leave footprints on the ski trail which are hazardous to skiing.

The annual **Ski Social will be held on March 1, 2014** at the main parking lot on Old Highway 32. The **Nicolet Norski Race will be held on Feb. 1, 2014.** Scott Putnam said the Ashwaubenon cross country ski team is planning to hold the race exactly the same as last winter. He would like to post race signs on the bisecting snowmobile trails rather than station people there to direct traffic. The ski team earned about \$700 from the February 2013 race. Scott wants the race to grow. The race will be advertised in Silent Sports Magazine, in area newspapers and in the Oconto County Tourism Guide. Norski race director Steve Gro-makta would like to hold a 36K mountain bike trail race on the Lakewood ski trail in the summer of 2014.

Other business: Longtime club member Tom Van Hoof died. Club members have suggested erecting a memorial in his honor, and donations have already been received. Fred suggested erecting the memorial on Team Bob Hill near the north end of the trail. A motion to erect a memorial was made by Jody, seconded by Barry, and was approved unanimously. Fred will work on a sign.

A motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd, seconded by Scott, and was approved unanimously at 3:57 p.m.

Note: the date of the Nicolet Norski has since been changed to Sunday, February 2 to avoid conflict with the Badger State Games.



<http://lakewoodxcskiclub.com>

Check out our website where you can find more information about the upcoming Nicolet Nor-Ski and catch up on your reading if you are missing back issues of the club newsletter.

Several articles worth a look are from the Ashwaubenon Nordic Ski Team's website regarding last year's Nicolet Nor-Ski Race and the Lakewood Trails. [The view from the front of the Nor-ski](#) and [An Improbable Race Tale](#)

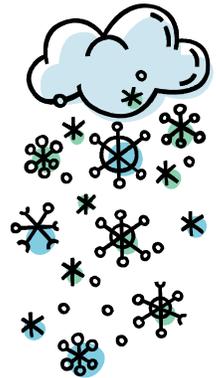
Chili Ski Social

March 1, 2014

Volunteers are needed for the Chili Ski Social on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the main parking lot on Old Highway 32. Club members make chili, cookies and other treats, keep a fire going all day and serve up hot chocolate and conversation. It's a great way to connect with skiers and we are usually blessed with one of those perfect winter ski days! Volunteers are needed. If you are interested and willing to help contact me at faxelrod@centurytel.net or 715-276-9942.

Your Membership is Important

By now you should have received your membership renewal letter from our new membership co-chairs, Mary & Jim Van Domelen. Your membership is an important element in keeping our equipment operating and our trails groomed and ready for YOUR skiing pleasure! If you have not already done so, please mail your membership in. And, if you need some incentive, check out the snow report in Lakewood. First snowfall on 12/3, cold weather following and hopefully, more snow!



Remember to Support our Wonderful Business Members

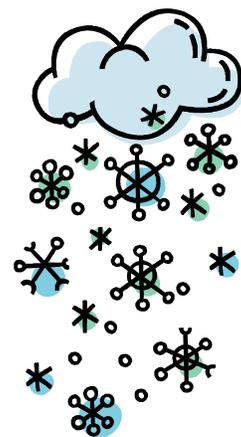
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THINK SNOW!



Nicolet NorSki—Sun. Feb. 2, 2014
Chili Ski Social—Sat. March 1, 2014

Remember to send in your membership renewal!