



Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club Newsletter

Fall 2013

Message from the President...

Dear Lakewood Skiers,

I regret to inform you that long time Lakewood Ski Club member, Tom Van Hoof, passed away on July 21 as the result of a bicycle-car accident near his home in Shorewood, Wisconsin. Tom has been a frequent worker on ski club projects. In addition, the Van Hoof family has been an integral part of Lakewood Ski Club's history. Tom's wife, Joan, was the secretary of the club for approximately 10 years during the 80s and 90s. Tom's twin brother, Terry, has been our club's Vice president in charge of trails and signs since at least the 80s.

You probably skied by the "Team Bob" bench located at the top of a difficult hill on Lakewood Ski Trail's black trail. Terry installed and maintains the "Team Bob" bench which honors the group of skiers, including Tom VanHoof, who are all longtime members of the Lakewood Ski Club and have averaged over 25 birkies apiece. I made an informal inquiry of Ski Club board members and club member friends of Tom. There is a strong feeling of those who responded that we ought to construct a memorial to Tom on the trail in some way. More on that in the future.

I remember a few times Tom and I passed each other during the American Birkebeiner ski race. I particularly remember goading the twin brothers in their perennial competition to bike more cumulative miles than the other. I don't think Tom ever lost that competition. Never the less Terry almost always biked over 3000 miles annually in an effort to beat his twin brother. Honestly, I don't think that competition needed me to fan it's flames.

In other news, as you can see in our annual meeting minutes, the club voted to table the proposed warming shelter. This was due primarily to the inability to find a club member to lead the effort to plan, raise necessary funds and keep the shelter clean and secure. Happily, a few club members offered to chair a fundraiser. I haven't forgotten their names and they will likely be hearing from me. However, for now, the warming shelter is on hold.

On a positive note, the trail has been mowed this summer for the third year in a row. As a result of this, the summer and fall use of the trail has increased. Perhaps more importantly there is a marked reduction of blackberry and other woody vegetation that pokes through the snow early in the ski season to trip those skiers who get on the Lakewood ski trail when snow is thin. This improves the quality of the skiing experience and will hopefully increase participation in ski club activities.

Other things can be done to improve the skiing experience, including brushing the sides of the trail. This will reduce the brush that slaps classical skiers in the face. In addition, it will reduce wear and tear on the Pisten Bully groomer. This should be a priority during our annual fall trail work days on three Saturdays this October. I hope to see you there.

Fred Axelrod, President

Minutes of the April 27, 2013 Annual Meeting

Fred Axelrod called the meeting to order at 2:00. Barry Brubaker, Johanna Axelrod, Lloyd Lundwall, Paul Romenesko, Lea Peot and Fred Axelrod were in attendance.

- Secretary's report of the Oct. 13, 2012 minutes was read and approved.
- RAC grant-The difficulty in finding local contractors who are approved by the US Forest Service was discussed. In order to use the money granted, the company used has to be in the Commercial Contractor's Registry. Lloyd Lundwall suggested we find out who is approved and see if we can use the money some way other than mowing, such as parking lot improvement.
- Barry Brubaker gave the treasurer's report. Currently the Club has \$43,099.24 in its combined accounts.
- Fred Axelrod presented the 2013-2014 proposed budget. Lea Peot made a motion to increase the trail maintenance to \$4000.00, Paul Romenesko seconded the motion. It was approved. Paul Romenesko made a motion, seconded by Lea Peot to approve the Treasurer's report.
- Membership report submitted by Sandy Moore was read. Axelrod announced that Mary and Jim Van-Domelen will be taking over the membership committee. Lea Peot suggested an increase in the membership fees.** It was decided that the fees be addressed at the October meeting.
- Lloyd Lundwall gave the grooming report. They groomed 97 hours this season. The trail was groomed till March 25th. Paul Romenesko will get his crew together for annual maintenance of the Pisten Bully. They will be replacing batteries in the PB.
- Trails: Flip Hartmann will be helping with the trail signs. Steve Harkema will be contacted to mow the trails two times this season. The County will also mow the trail once in the fall.
- Barry Brubaker volunteered to contact Paul's Portable Toilets next fall regarding the portable toilets.
- Maps: Johanna Axelrod reported that there is enough maps for the 2013-2014 season. A letter will be sent out to the business members giving an opportunity to donate. New maps will not be printed for next year.
- Axelrod presented the possibility of a Yurt for a warming shelter. Pictures and plans were distributed and discussed. There was a consensus that a yurt was not appropriate for our club.
- Lloyd Lundwall made a motion to table the shelter project due to the lack of a person to lead the effort. The motion was seconded by Lea Peot. The motion was approved.
- Axelrod suggested that we partner with the Ashwaubenon Ski Club to put on the Nordic Classic again this year. Paul Romenesko made a motion to explore involvement Nordic Ski Race, contingent on further communication with the Ashwaubenon Ski Club. The motion was seconded by Lloyd Lundwall. Motion was passed.
- Lloyd Lundwall suggested the possibility of a snowshoe trail. He noticed a marked increase in snowshoe activity on the trail, creating damage to the grooming. He stated that he is willing to talk to Dave Graboski about possible places for a trail.
- The Slate of officers was approved (see officer list on page 3)
- Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:30.

Fall Meeting
Saturday, October 19 @ 2:00
Lakewood Townsend Ambulance Building
1 mile north of Lakewood on Hwy 32





On June 8 a crew of six men donated their Saturday to perform maintenance on the ski club's Pisten Bulley. This maintenance has saved the club thousands of dollars over the years and helps to insure the excellent grooming of our trails that everyone enjoys through the winter. Thanks to Lloyd Lundwall, Dave Steffen, Time Klima, Tim Rasman and John Hallett. It was a full Saturday of work and hopefully we will have another year of trouble free grooming. Volunteers keep our club alive. If you volunteer now thanks. If you don't volunteer consider helping with trail maintenance or in other functions. **Paul Romenesko, VP Maintenance**



Want to save your club money ??

Just a reminder that the club would like to send as many newsletters via e-mail as possible because it is FREE!! If you are not already receiving the electronic version you can send me your e-mail and I will begin e-mailing your newsletter. Many members have already chosen this cost saving option and we greatly appreciate that! I will not share your e-mail address with anyone and it is sent as an Adobe Acrobat PDF which can be easily opened, viewed, and printed on your computer. If by some chance your computer does not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, it can be downloaded for free.

We recognize that not everyone thinks the computer is an essential life tool and so we will continue to print enough copies to send to those folks who don't have computer access or would prefer to receive the hard copy newsletter .

If you have not already supplied me with your e-mail, it would be greatly appreciated if you would send me a short note indicating your agreement to receive the newsletter via e-mail. I have set up an e-mail for the club to send and receive newsletter info:
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Lea Peot, Newsletter Editor

Lakewood Ski Club Officers — April 27, 2013

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Membership Renewal Letter Coming Soon
Please renew by Dec. 1, 2013

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**Fall Trail
Clean Up Days:
Saturday,
Oct. 12, 19, & 26
9:00 am at the
McCauslin Brook
Golf Course.**



Volunteers are Needed!

Every fall a group of volunteers head out to the ski trails to begin the process of cleaning up our trails in preparation for the ski season. Fallen trees, branches, and brush are cut and removed on every kilometer of our extensive trail system to enable our grooming team to safely groom our trails and insure a pleasant ski experience for you.

As a bonus, these work weekends usually correspond with the peak of the fall color so you'll have an opportunity to enjoy our trails during another beautiful season.

The more volunteers we have, the faster the job will be accomplished — we have over 40K of trails to check and clear. Plan to meet at the golf course at 9:00 a.m. Oct.12, 19 & 26.

Please call Terry Van Hoof (920) 727-9956 and sign up to do your part to keep our trail system the best in the state!