

Tweedsmuir Ski Club Winter 2009/2010 Fall Newsletter

As most of you are aware; the big news this fall is the fire at Eastbranch in early August and the total loss of our overnight cabin. Our understanding is that there was a structure crew defending the overnight cabin but they were chased out by the fire and as anyone who has seen it can attest, it was a scary hot burn in that area. Many thanks to them for doing their best and to the combined efforts of all those who saved the ski hill, tow shed and day chalet. We are very fortunate to have anything left and it's apparent we would have lost everything if not for their hard work. We organized a work party in the area September 13 which we didn't realize was Fall Fair weekend until it was too late to change. Bill, Lorinda, & Max Andersen, Alex and Kerry Boileau, Dave Flegel, Garrett Newkirk and Rob Stewart attended. Our work was made infinitely easier by Duane Pedersen and Lyle Enderud who cleared the trail and did a massive clean up around the overnight cabin in the days before we got there. Sept 13 projects included cutting trees on the ski hill, finishing a floor in the tow shed and cleaning up lumber and debris around the chalet and cutting some of it up for firewood. Garrett went up the next day to complete the burnt cabin cleanup. At the end of the day the tow was tested and the warming chalet were ready to go barring unforeseen events. We plan to haul out the debris from the overnight cabin with the groomer whenever we can as our big yellow skimmer burnt up too. Duane Pedersen has been busy building a bridge and new access route to the X-Country trails on the south side of the highway from the parking lot. The snow is falling already and there was 6 inches of snow in the Parking Lot October 27, so winter is coming!

We are planning our AGM for Saturday Nov. 28 at SAMS at 2:00 PM and hope to have some exciting rebuilding options for the membership to consider. See you there!

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