

Tweedsmuir Ski Club (TSC) Winter 2011/2012 Fall Newsletter

After a long and busy winter and spring your Tweedsmuir Ski Club directors finally got back to the Overnight Cabin project this fall. On the weekend of September 17/18 we started work with Dave Gilbert providing the transport for getting the last minute logs and lumber we needed moved into the site, his help was invaluable. Bill Andersen donated his time and excavator which was vital for site preparation, organizing and placing the logs, big thanks to Bill we could not have done it without him. One of the sill logs was rotten beyond repair so Rod Krimmer, a log house builder from Big Lake; went to work making it fit and scribing the next round to it. Thanks, Rod for all the help and Gord Gibbs for donating the log. A number of weekend and a few mid-week work parties went on in September and October. Gord Gibbs coordinated getting the help out and we had a really good turnout of volunteers and skills to get the job done. Throughout the whole process Rob Stewart kept ahead of the work parties organizing material procurement and the focussing on the next task. One day the base logs were put in place, and another day Rod Krimmer scribed and fit the new log. The next weekend five log rounds were in place. The weekend after that the rest of the walls went up and the purlins went on. Some gable end work was done to repair damaged pieces and then the next day a large crew including kids from the Adventist Academy were able to get the tongue and groove cedar on the roof. One more day and the rolled roofing went on. We wanted to get the chimney in and the metal on the roof before the snow but still hope to at least get the chimney and stove in this fall. The windows and doors are under construction, the next need will be for volunteers to clean and prep the inside logs for Permachinking which will need to be done before the inside can be finished. A big thank you to everyone who participated in the work parties, there are so many this year we can't thank you all in the Newsletter. Folks in Anahim helped source another one of the logs we needed as well. Craig Tuck and Bettor Enterprises donated low bed time to move the excavator up to East Branch and back and late last winter a large cash donation was made by the Williams Lake Log Haulers Association. Mechams Sales & Service continues to support us by moving the Pisten Bully groomer up and back from East Branch on their vehicle hauling truck. We still need to build a new outhouse but the hole is in place. The material for the woodshed which was donated by David Kopas was lost in the 2010 flood so has been reordered. Please contact Rob Stewart if you have time to contribute to the project as there is much that can be done now that the roof is on.

Late last winter some serious mechanical issues developed with the Groomer but we were able to get it home and in shop. Gordie Gibbs and Steve Sheppard have been working on it and parts have been ordered for the repairs. It has been snowing at Eastbranch for a couple of weeks now so we are looking forward to a busy season and hope you will join us in supporting this community project.

On the Cross country ski front, the equipment has been moved to the site and the first Nordic track was groomed on November 3rd. The Old Highway trail will be the only one tracked for the first part of year with other trails added when the lakes freeze and more snow falls. Sunday has traditionally been a day when many people have gone up skiing. We will plan on grooming every Sunday morning and one other day during the week if required. You can check on the Tweedsmuir Ski Club Home page under Cross Country Ski Conditions to get a report on when grooming was done. You can also check out the "Tweeds Muir Ski" blog at <http://tweedsmuirski.blogspot.com> for photographs and comments on cross country skiing at East Branch. It should be a great season given the early abundant snowfall.

We are planning our AGM for **Wednesday November 30 at SAMS at 7:00 PM**. See you there! The TSC now has a website (www.tweedsmuirskiclub.com) and email tweedsmuirskiclub@gmail.com to keep members informed. Please drop us an email if you would like to be on the contact list.

**Tweedsmuir Ski Club 2011/2012 Membership
Annual Membership/Tow Fees/Donation Form**

Name: _____

Street: _____ P.O.Box _____

City/Town: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tweedsmuir Ski Club Annual Membership:

<u>Annual Membership:</u>	<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Student (\$10/yr)	_____	\$ _____
Adult (\$25/yr)	_____	\$ _____
Family*(\$35/yr)	_____	\$ _____

*Indicate number of membership decals required for a family _____

Ski Tow Seasons Pass (Must also purchase an Annual Membership):

Student (\$50/yr)	_____	\$ _____
Adult (\$100/yr)	_____	\$ _____
Family (\$175/yr)	_____	\$ _____

Tow Fees due from prior year (name of person you are paying for): _____ \$ _____

Donations:** *We need help for the overnight cabin replacement fund!* \$ _____

Loan (the balance will be used to pay annual dues or amounts owing until gone) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

**Tax Receipt required for a Donation: Yes _____ No _____ (can only be issued for a donation)

Fee Information

<u>Annual Membership Fees</u>	Student	\$10	<u>Ski Hill Season's Pass</u>	Student	\$50
	Adult	\$25		Adult	\$100
	Family	\$35		Family	\$175

<u>Daily Ski Tow Fees</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non Members</u>
Student	\$5/day	\$10/day
Adult	\$10/day	\$15/day
Family	\$25/day	\$35/day

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