

Tweedsmuir Ski Club (TSC) Winter 2015/2016 Newsletter

Last winter had a slow start because of low early snow pack; the ski hill was finally able to get going just after Christmas and then the rest of the year was great right into March. We are looking forward to another good season and will open on Sundays as soon as we have a good snow pack.

Cross country skiers and snowmobilers also had a good winter for their activities. In September the overnight cabin had a work party led by Gord Gibbs to get some more finishing work done as well as some hired help to get the big job of log chinking nearly complete. The cabin is fully functional, many of you have used it and bookings are coming in for this winter already. It's a great place for a break and is an important source of funds to help run the club. All the bookings for the cabin are done online at the TSC web page. It sleeps a large family and is well equipped. We hope you get a chance to try it out.

Lyle Enderud and Duane Pedersen have done more trail improvements on the cross country operations and have had one of the earliest starts ever skiing on the Old Road trail since the beginning of November with good conditions. The new Ginzu trail groomer acquired last year as a result of the generous donation from Ken Corbould's estate made for perfect groomed trails when towed behind Lyle's ATV on tracks. Check on the Tweedsmuir Ski Club Home page under Cross Country Ski Conditions to get a report on when grooming was done. Please check out the "Tweeds Muir Ski" blog for photographs and comment about cross country skiing at East Branch. We are hoping for a good season. Last year's cross country race had a big attendance and weather conditions allowed the race organizers to use the 12 km and 24 km 'historic' race trails which was well received by the racers. The 30th annual race will be held on Sunday, March 6th, 2015.

We have been working with BC Parks to change our permit process from a Park Use Permit to a Memorandum of Understanding and volunteer agreements with our volunteers. The main advantage will be no annual fees and BC Parks will cover ownership and liability of the skiing operations.

Our club also is comprised of a large number of snowmobilers who contribute endlessly to maintenance at the ski hill, grooming and club business. Our Pisten Bully groomer had a major track problem at the end of the year which required a new expensive track; this took a large part of our financial reserves. The groomer is important for trail maintenance to the cabin and ski hill, hauling building materials and keeping the lower ski hill in good shape, so please continue to support the club with your membership and donations. We work together with skiers, boarders, snowshoers and cross country skiers and liaise with BC Parks to ensure a quality experience for all and respect for the beautiful natural environment of southern Tweedsmuir Park. We will try to open the ski hill on Sundays, weather permitting and provided we can get tow operators. If you would like to spend quality time in a great outdoor environment, running the lift on just one Sunday is a big help. If you haven't done the lift before you need to spend at least part of one day with David Flegel to get trained on lift operations and safety and then you could be a volunteer for a Sunday. Please email tweedsmuirskiclub@gmail.com if you would like to help.

We are planning our AGM for Wednesday, November 25th at SAMS at 7:00 PM. Drop us an email if you would like to be on the contact list. If you can't come out to the meeting please support us by sending us your membership filled out on the back of this form. Thank you to Lorrein Gurr for her ongoing bookkeeping and membership duties

**Tweedsmuir Ski Club 2015/2016 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 if you would like a membership decal and can pick it up from Lorrein at Kopas Store. Mail It I'll save the club money and pick it up.

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:** _____ \$ _____

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>			<u>Ski Hill Season's Pass</u>		
Student	\$10		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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