



Message from the President
Bob Rogers



Well it's official - the new season is upon us. The morning temperature at the chalet is in the minus range and my basement contains fourteen boxes of new skis, boots, and bindings.

This year I'd like to talk about finances and our club. Not everyone wants to pour over our financial reports every year so I will make mention of where our funds come from and go.

Due to rising costs of just about everything we have had to raise our dues this year. We are also putting up our Day Rates (or trying to) We do not control our Day Rates. We apply for an increase to the appropriate government ministry and they put the numbers into a formula to decide if we can raise our fees. The land where Telemark is located is subject to many leases - all controlled by the BC Government. We have the Recreational lease but there are also leases for forestry, trapping, grazing and probably mining, water and whatever else can be controlled.

Here are some of our major budget items: (approximate values last year). Wages for the manager, staff and groomers are not included.

Money Going Out	
CCBC	\$ 21,000
Diesel Fuel	\$ 10,000
Insurance	\$ 6,000
Racing Coach Contribution	\$ 10,000
Rental Equipment Purchases	\$ 9,000
New Groomer Fund (for future purchase)	\$ 20,000
Groomer Maintenance	\$ 10,000
Trail Maintenance	\$ 10,000

Even with this year's increases we are still one of the best values in the province.

Money Coming In	
Season's Passes	\$ 100,000
Day Passes	\$ 52,000
School Programmes	\$ 35,000
Provincial Gaming Grant	\$ 26,000
Equipment Rentals	\$ 25,000
West Kelowna Grant	\$ 2,000

The countless hours of volunteer labour to run races, clear brush on trails and wax and de-wax rental skis also keeps us affordable. Please remember that when we ask for volunteer help.

This should give everyone an idea of where the money goes as well as our sources of income.

All we need now is a nice long snow season. Don't forget to get your used ski equipment ready for the Ski Swap on October 25th!

Say "Hello" when you see me on the trails and let me know how we're doing.

Have a great season!

Bob Rogers



Welcome back to another season at Telemark Nordic! The last two years have seen record increases in membership with lots of activities for everyone. The best thing is you can always find your own quiet space and the trails are never crowded. There seem to be more families enjoying skiing, biathlon and snowshoeing.



Repairs to broken pavement on Glenrosa Road will improve safety for the drive to Telemark. AEL Road Maintenance will be plowing Glenrosa Road again this year. They do a great job and are open to suggestions for improvements. Last year it was difficult to find a reliable company to keep the parking lot clean, however we found a company willing to leave a plow at Telemark, so you should see improved snow clearing this year.

The most visited section of our website is the trail conditions page. Skiers want current, accurate information. This year the website will display real time weather information and stadium pictures. We plan to update the trail information regularly during the day. We have discontinued the



telephone snow-line due to the high cost of maintaining the line, and the low number of calls. Watch the website for the best conditions information.

All light fixtures in and around the chalets, washrooms, skidoo shed and groomer shed have been replaced with modern, more efficient lighting.

The chalet has been fitted with a ramp, a section of the deck replaced and an electric door added so that all people can access our lodge. Major improvements were made to the biathlon area during the summer.

Last year we saw growth in most of the teams and programs. There was significant growth in the number of children on the Racing Development Team. It was such a pleasure to see this group of young, talented skiers heading out on the trails. This will lead to more youth



than ever challenging themselves on our X-C Racing Team. The volunteers who run this program have done an incredible job.

The Jack Rabbit Ski League Program also had a large increase in participation. Deren Sentesy and Iva Rozek run the program and their hard work is paying off. The always successful School Program had thirty-two hundred day visits by local grade five to twelve students. John Scott stepped up last year to run the program, and his management experience showed.

The Biathlon Development and Racing Teams, Special Olympics Team and Adult Ski Lessons also had successful seasons. The same group of people will be managing the teams and programs this season. If you would like to contact a program manager see the *About Us* section of the website.

Snowshoeing has been a success story at Telemark. Every year there are more people of all ages participating in the accessible, healthy sport. It does not take a great deal of money to maintain the trails, and it brings in revenue for the club. We have secured the right for pre-arranged snowshoe groups to use the Crystal Mountain property for more trail access. We are near the end of completing some modern digital snowshoe trail maps that can be uploaded into a smartphone, and used live on the trails. These new maps will create safer snowshoeing



conditions. Thank you to the Westbank Native Band for their donation of time and skill to this project. More snowshoes, and rental skies, have been added to the rental pool.

Telemark added modern grooming machinery over the last two years. We are in very good shape in this regard. We have seen lower maintenance and fuel costs with the new machine. However the biggest improvement is the high quality machinery leaves better tracks and lanes under difficult, wet snow conditions. Also, modern equipment improves safety for everyone. Board member Eric Rayson and groomer Lyle Harrison have retired after many years of outstanding service to the club. People with decades of experience are very hard to replace.

Last season the races were profitable, and we focused on minimizing loss of use to our



members and visitors. This season there will be three events taking place. On January 30th the Okanagan Cup will be going. The next day will be the 30th Kelowna Apple Loppet. Finally, the Biathlon competition for the BC Winter Games will occur at the range from February 5 – 8.

Had something interesting happen about three weeks ago. Was skiing on Panorama Ridge, the cold wind, and driving snow bouncing off my face. Was enjoying the beauty, strain and



solitude when found myself on the beach in Mombasa, Kenya. Telemark really gets into your blood. If you are satisfied with your experience at Telemark tell your friends, neighbours and coworkers, and get it into their blood. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Ski Swap and General Meeting on Sunday, October 25th.

Help Wanted !!

Would you like to volunteer to support your ski club and community?

Telemark seeks a club secretary to take meeting minutes and also a club treasurer.



Winter up at the Telemark Biathlon Range is looking very exciting this season. We have had some great changes to the firing line, lots of excitement with our athletes, a new head coach, and will be hosting the Biathlon event of the BC Winter Games. Next time you are skiing, come by, have a peak and come say hi.

Demo Days & Public Races

We will be hosting a number of Demo Days and Public Races if you'd like to take that extra step and try your shot on the mat. Instruction is provided and fun is had by all. Last season we had great turn-outs with a lot of locals from all sports giving Biathlon a try. Stay tuned for more info on our website or in the lodge.

Biathlon Programs

Biathlon programs will be open soon for registration. We have the Bears Program for new biathletes, the Biathlon Racing Program for



Telemark Biathletes with coaches Hailee Friesen and Carson MacKenzie

returning, competitive biathletes and the Master's program for our 'youth at heart' biathletes. We have been very fortunate to have not only great coaches in our programs, but we also have former Telemark biathletes returning to help coach the Bears Program. This year we welcome Chris Haldorson as our new Head Coach. Chris has been introducing our biathletes to training plans and year round training. Please check the Telemark website for more information on registration as well as an open house.

Firing Line Upgrade

As you can see, the biathletes have been holding practices throughout the seasons and it



Range improvements and final product



is with great thanks to Richard & Cathy MacKenzie for spearheading the firing line upgrades. Our biathletes will have the luxury of shooting from a consistently flat surface throughout the seasons now. This has been a vast improvement to the range. We owe great thanks to Ntityx Resources, Dave Bronson and Tronson Logging Ltd. who also made this upgrade happen.

BC Winter Games, Penticton, BC

We have the privilege of hosting the Biathlon Events of the BC Winter Games this season up at Telemark Nordic Centre. Keep the weekend of February 26 – 28, 2016 open to pop by and watch some of the greatest junior and senior BC Biathletes compete or sign up to volunteer and help run this fantastic event. Everyone is welcome!

International Children's Games, Innsbruck, Austria

Another incredibly exciting event for Telemark Biathlon is the team of biathletes heading to Austria to compete in the International Children's Games, January 10 – 16, 2016. Kira Friesen, Rory Hay, Cameron Janssen and Makenna Banser will depart with skis in tow to represent Kelowna and make Telemark proud. Coaches Lorraine Friesen and Andrew Hay will accompany our athletes, wax skis, scope athletes, talk race plans, keep night watch, visit many airports and transfer many planes just so that our biathletes will experience this once in a life time opportunity. Thanks to Lorraine and Andrew and good luck to Cameron, Rory, Kira and Makenna as well as the Cross Country Race team.

Biathlon Canada Summer Precision Shooting Competition

There have been some incredible results from Telemark Biathletes this summer in the Biathlon Canada Precision Shooting Competition. This is a shooting only Canada wide competition where our biathletes are scored against other shooters in their age categories. Makenna Banser had some great results taking 1st place in both May and June competitions. Her older sister, Tekarra took 1st in July as did Jennah Smailes in May. Rory Hay had some outstanding results along with some great competition showing 2nd and 3rd in May, June and July. Murray Carlson, Colton Hay, Kira Friessen and Cameron Janssen also showed very well in May, June and July.

We are anxiously awaiting results from August and September and will hold our last Precision shooting competition on October 18 during our work party weekend.

Biathlete Spotlights

Telemark now has three biathletes training full time in Canmore, AB: Julia Ransom, Jasper MacKenzie and Jennah Smailes. Julia Ransom, a member of the Canadian Biathlon Team spent some time with her team training in the Okanagan last spring. Her family hosted a backyard BBQ for her team and our Telemark Biathletes. It was an incredibly inspiring evening as the Telemark Team was able to sit and listen to stories about international competition, training and general team fun. Julia and her team brought bibs from their international competitions for our biathletes. When I said it was inspiring.... it truly was an inspirational event that will be hard to repeat. We look forward to Julia coming back to West Kelowna this winter to ski our trails and shoot on our range.

Jasper MacKenzie is also training full time in Canmore. Last year, Jasper somehow found the time to connect with Telemark by serving as our head coach. Although he was not physically on the range with us, he sent practice plans along with keeping involved by phone and emailing. When Jasper was back home, he was able to catch up with our biathletes and spend some valuable time on the snow and on the range.

Jennah Smailes graduated from Mt. Boucherie last June and made the move to Canmore to train full time. It has been a whole new world for Jennah, but an exciting one. Everyday holds something new for her.

We wish Julia, Jasper and Jennah good luck this year. All the best from your Telemark family.

Canada Winter Games 2015

Jennah Smailes and Tekarra Banser had the incredible opportunity to represent BC and Telemark in the Canada Winter Games last winter in Prince George, BC. Jennah and Tekarra made Telemark proud bringing home GOLD in the relay team. Congratulations girls!!!

Upcoming Season

As you can see, it has been an incredibly exciting year around the Telemark Range with summer and winter training and competing. This upcoming season is sure to be just as exciting. We welcome all new interested athletes, so come check us out! There is a place for everyone!



Emma Lunder, Audrey Vaillancourt Back: Erin, Julia Ransom, Sarah Beaudry, Rosanna Crawford with Telemark Biathletes Colton & Rory Hay, Kira Friesen, Tekarra & Makenna Banser

Trail clearing is progressing well and most of the outer trails have been cleared of summer growth. New grading was done on the upper section of Fern Creek which helped remove some fairly large ruts that were caused by off road vehicles during the spring. The section of lower Fern Creek that had major work done last summer is in great shape due to the culverts and fill that were added. Thanks to Scott Anderson and Rod Heater for their continued work on improving our trails.



Every third year we have to apply to the B.C. Gaming Branch for a grant using 'The Long Form' application. This involves much time consuming work and the complication this year that was that everything had to be submitted online. The following two years we fill in the 'Short Form' and this is much easier.

Lanita Platt, the club treasurer, and I ran into problems with the Long Form this year and we initially only received a small grant. After more work we were, thankfully, able to correct this by submitting a 'Reconsideration application' which was successful and we received a grant of \$26,000 which will help us with our programs.

You may be interested to know that we have been applying for grants from the B.C. Gaming Branch for 26 years at an average of \$23 000 giving a total of \$598 000! However I would like to stress that this money is not just 'given' to us. It is 'earned' on the strength of the volunteer hours given in each of our five eligible programs – Skill Development, Racing Team, Special Olympics, Biathlon Team and Local Schools Program. Telemark has been developed by volunteers working with these teams and in the Telemark area, in so many different ways, to make skiing possible, so please 'help out' wherever and whenever you can and keep our club strong!

Agreement with Crystal Mountain Resorts

An agreement has been negotiated with Crystal Mountain Resorts which will give Telemark Cross Country skiers and snowshoers limited access to the High Country of Telemark through the Crystal Mountain area during the upcoming season.

In the High Country area there is a relatively easy ski trail and a good snowshoe trail. This area is not easily accessible to most users due to the distance from the Telemark lodge and is therefore underused.

For this upcoming season skiers and snowshoers will be able to park in the Crystal Mountain parking lot during certain times and access the Telemark trail system through a very short connecting trail which will meet the Crystal Rim trail. This will open up additional ski and snowshoe trails to intermediate users. The Crystal Mountain trail system itself will be off limits.

As Crystal Mountain will not be operating this winter the access gate to Crystal Mountain will remain locked. It will only be opened up at certain times to allow groups of skiers and

snowshoers access to the Telemark trails. These groups will be organised through the Telemark office. Details will be worked out prior to the start of the season.

We would like to thank Mr. David Tschanz, owner of Crystal Mountain Resorts for allowing us this opportunity and also to the Mountain Resort Branch of the Ministry of Forests in Kamloops for facilitating the negotiations.



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