



TELEMARK

Cross-Country Ski Club

Message from the President

October 2012

Bob Rogers

Welcome to another season at Telemark. It must be a function of age how quickly the seasons pass. Seems like yesterday we were wrapping up the year with our volunteer dinner. Like me, I'm sure you all spent the off-season following a strict diet and regimen of exercise and training.

The first clue that it's getting near ski time occurred at 7:50 am the day after Labour Day. That's when I had the first call to book for our school ski programme. We were almost fully booked two days later. We could as usual use a few more people to help with the classes. You do not have to be an expert skier and we will show you how to teach the kids the basics. The typical class can be summed up by comments by our charges:

How do I put my skis on?

How do I get up ?

I'm cold.

Why do we always go uphill?

I'm hot.

Are we done yet?

Is it time for lunch ?

How do I get my skis off?

And hopefully...

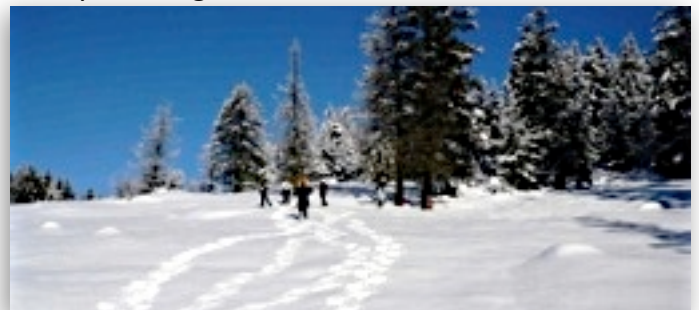
"That was funner, I can't wait to come back."

If you'd like to help out, a few times or many, please call me to discuss the details at 250 768-7388.

There are lots of opportunities to volunteer with various programmes at Telemark. Don't be shy and check them out. Your help is always appreciated.

I hope many of you will attend the AGM and ski swap the last Sunday of October. Time to unload those old usable skis and boots and replace them with shiny new stuff from our sponsors. (Think of it as helping the economy if you need an excuse.)

We have some new grooming equipment for the coming season which will, I'm sure, add to everyone's enjoyment of our trails. I look forward to seeing many of you out there and wish you all a good season. If you see me out there stop by for a quick chat before you go off on your adventure. I wish you all a good season and THINK SNOW.



General Manager Report

Ron Earle

Before you know it the snow will be falling and people will be skiing, and snowshoeing at Telemark. Last year our members and visitors were very happy with the great conditions for skiing and snowshoeing. Due to the financial success of last season the prices of season passes, day passes, rentals, and most of the program prices, will remain the same.

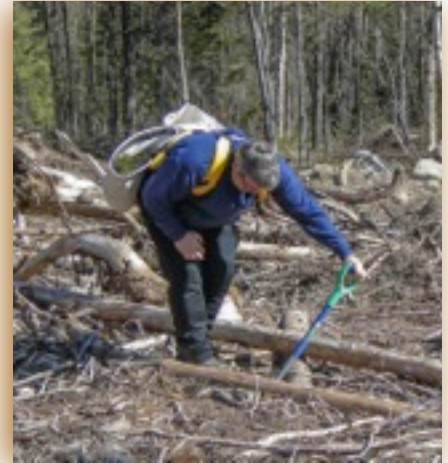
This summer there was a focus on replanting the blocks of pine trees that were harvested last year. All the logged areas have been replanted with a mix of tree types. There are no plans by the tree leaseholder to do further logging on the Telemark property for the foreseeable future. We are very lucky to have a trail system in a mixed forest with many species of trees. Telemark is examining the possibility of increasing the size of our property with a long term plan of additional trails.



The holes and broken pavement on Glenrosa Road were repaired to improve safety for those driving to Telemark. You will again see attendants directing traffic in the parking lot on the traditionally busy days so that you can get onto the trails quickly.

We updated the Telemark website www.telmarkx-c.com as we are endeavouring to use it as the best source of information about Telemark. The website is a great place to find information about our programs, prices, ski conditions, events and trails. This season we will keep the Telemark Facebook page up-to-date with current information for those who want to learn about Telemark with Facebook. We're planning to have on-line pass and program registration this season, or members can register

the traditional way, by completing a paper applications and sending it in. A limited use wifi system has been added to the chalet and stadium for internet use. The racing and



electrical sheds have been updated and reorganized and the septic tank system has been updated. New grooming equipment has been added that will allow faster touch-ups on the more popular ski trails.

Once again we'll offer a full range of programs for people of all ages. If you want to develop and ski competitively you can join our very successful racing or biathlon programs. Adults can take part in cross country lessons to improve skiing technique, and have more fun. Our very popular programs for children and adolescents sell out quickly, so please register as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. Telemark will host several events this season. We are doing everything possible to ensure that recreational skiers and snowshoers can get onto the trails during these days.

Telemark has completed a short and long term plan based on recommendations from our members, and this plan can be seen on the website. Once again we will be patrolling the trails to ensure that users of the trails are purchasing passes so that we can collect the revenues needed to continue to operate and improve Telemark.

The office staff, volunteers, coaches, grooming team, first aid people, sponsors and Telemark executive are doing all we can to improve Telemark. We want to be known as an affordable, family-oriented nordic sport club with world class facilities and grooming.

If you are satisfied with your experience at Telemark tell your friends, neighbours and coworkers. We look forward to seeing you at the annual ski swap and general meeting, Sunday October 28th.

Trails

Larry Krar

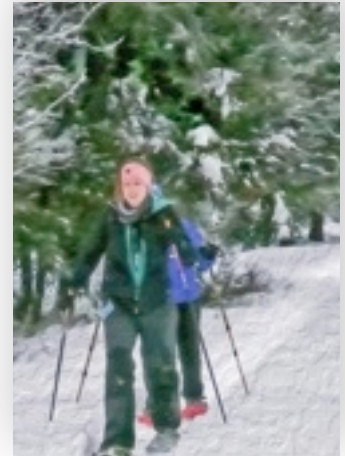
Work is underway on trail clearing for the new season. We are mainly concentrating our efforts on creating as smooth a trail surface as possible, especially on the inner trails, so that we can open with minimal snowfall. Last year we invested over \$10,000 in trail maintenance including extensive work with a backhoe and the purchase of a flail mower to help with trail grooming.



This year we are looking at a more modest expenditure due to some financial constraints.

A few additions have been made to our snowshoe trail system and we now have close to 50 km of trails. A number of loop trails and connector trails have been added to our shorter trails to allow for more variety. Most of these allow for a shorter snowshoe experience - between 30 - 120 minutes. We still have our challenging 3 hour Jack Creek trail and our 4-5 hour Crystal Rim trail for those looking for that kind of a challenge!

Looking forward to another great season at Telemark.



Grooming

Eric Rayson

Over the summer All Cat Services replaced 18 or so grouser bars on our Bombardier tracks and Lyle Harrison installed a new water pump so all is well on that front.

Grooming Crew: The heart of our club

I am very pleased to announce that Lyle Harrison and John Gordon will continue as our primary groomers. Mike Shannon, who has done some major trail work and grooming for us over the past few years is relocating to Nelson BC and will not be available. Luckily however, Phil Klotz who did some grooming training late last season with our crew will take Mike Shannon's place. Old timers in the club will recognize Phil's name as he used to be very active in the club..

Lyle of course is also our mechanic and Mr Fix It.

I cannot thank our groomers enough for the consistent quality they bring to a challenging job.

As we know, it is good track setting that makes a club a success, that is of course, next to our volunteers.

The club has purchased a Ginzu groomer to be pulled behind our Skandic 600 Ace Snowmobile, which is currently at All Cat for modifications to mount the Ginzu controls. The Ginzu will be used as a back up groomer, and to dress up the classic tracks after light snow falls. It will also be handy in early season to set classic tracks in the stadium when there is not sufficient snow to use our bombardier.

Some modifications may be required to the sign shed so as to be able to park the Ginzu and snowmobile when not in use. So a call may be going out to club members for some carpenters and helpers.



A black and white photograph of a moose standing in a snowy field. The moose is facing right, with its head turned slightly towards the camera. It has large, dark antlers and a thick, dark coat. The ground is covered in snow, and there are some bare, snow-covered branches in the background.

opportunity to add “dog trails”. The only trail that is suitable is the K9 trail, across the road from the parking lot, but that trail is currently outside of the Telemark management area. This issue was discussed at executive meetings and it was decided to approach the Ministry to see if we could expand the management area and include a section of land across from the parking lot that includes the K9 trail. This area can then be used to develop additional dog trails as well as possibly easy ski trails as the area is relatively flat.

It was then decided to include the area of the old Glenrosa trail in our request for expansion. The Glenrosa ski trail suffered from poor snow conditions and was not used very much. In the 90's it was decided to give up the area and expand Telemark into the Crystal Rim area. However with the increasing popularity of snowshoeing we believe that the Glenrosa trail would make an excellent snowshoe trail and therefore it makes sense to include this area in our request.

We met with the Ministry in June and an approval in principle was given for the expansion. However it may take some time for an official approval as other interested groups in the area need to be approached for their consent.



The map above shows the current management area in light green and the proposed expansion in dark green.

When the Telemark long term plan was developed in 2011 we received a number of suggestions to change the name of our Club. Telemark has become much more than a cross country ski club with the addition of biathlon and snowshoeing for example and therefore the name Telemark Cross Country Ski Club does no longer reflect what we are about.

We are therefore proposing to change the name to **“Telemark Nordic”**. A name change must be approved at a membership meeting, before a request for change can be made to the provincial government and therefore the name change will be on the agenda of the October 2012, Annual General Meeting.

Community Gaming Grant

Clive Gilbert

Thanks to the Provincial Government Gaming Branch.

On the strength of our youth programs: - Ski league, School program, Special Olympics, Biathlon and Racing teams, and all the volunteer help that is needed to run them, we were granted \$ 22,200. Your volunteer executive will use this money to help pay for the following expenses.

Grooming: Fuel and wages.

Volunteer Coaching: Gas allowance and registration fees.

Without this financial help, our annual membership and day pass fees would certainly have to increase, so,

THANKS AGAIN !



Calling all volunteers...

Telemark has grown to a first class facility because of all our volunteers, past and present. There is even one, now living in Sask. and still helping! There are many places YOU can help. Please give it some thought. Talk to Ron, the office manager, to find out the possibilities, from a few hours to more long term.

Telemark Summer Activities



Girl Guide Camp - May 2012

Apple Loppet & Kal-West Interior Loppet Series 2013

The loppet venues are some of the best in the world and the competition is fierce, if you like or just plain fun and friendly...or both if you can handle it. Get your training in early and make this a record year for yourself in the Kal-West Interior Loppet series, including the Telemark Apple Loppet. If you're not racing have some fun and volunteer.

Mark your calendars!



Jan 19	Reino Keski-Salmi Loppet	
Jan 27	Telemark Apple Loppet	
Feb 9	Nickel Plate Loppet	
Feb 17	Overlander Marathon	
Feb 23	Kelowna Nordic Loppet (tentative date)	
Mar 10	Sovereign Lake Loppet	

Telemark Biathlon

Marianne Morgan

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Biathlon team applied for a \$25,000 matching grant for infrastructure from the B.C. Government.



The 2nd photo to the right, shows a Telemark volunteer team setting up targets in the same area a few years earlier (2003) ed.

Ken Byram has spearheaded and organized volunteers over the month of August to create amazing new infrastructure at our range. Much of the materials and all of the hours have been donated. There is now a culvert to drain water at the range corner of the stadium and fill to level the trail there thanks to Richard MacKenzie. A concrete pad was laid along the target area after it was leveled. There is now a roof and walls and a shed at lane one. The targets will have bullet collectors.

Also planned for this fall is extending electricity to the target roof lights and leveling of the firing line and stadium surfaces to meet IBU standards. We will build 2 outhouses..



BIATHLON BC SUMMER CAMP

Held in Kelowna in July for 9 days. 14 athletes on the BC Development team

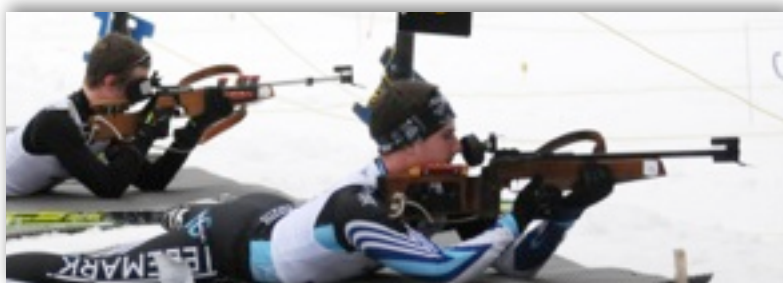


stayed at UBC-O housing and did a multisport training camp. Lots of local parent volunteers.

RACES IN 2012/13 (Photo from last year BC Cup)

Biathlon BC Cup February 8-10, 2013.

Cadets Zone Race, Sunday, December 30, 2012.



FUN WEEKEND/COACHING COURSES

Telemark family camping weekend, September 28-30 including fun races, building outhouses, and getting parents trained to be range safety officers. In October there will be a CL1 Biathlon Coaching Course at Telemark. We are applying for funding to cover a portion of the registration fee.

BIATHLON PROGRAMS 2012/2013

Led by Coach Rob and a dedicated group of volunteers. Visit www.telemarkbiathlon.ca for details

BEARS Saturday Mornings		DEVELOPMENT	RACING ADVANCED	RECREATIONAL NORDIC	MASTERS
JUNIOR 8-10 am	SENIOR 10-12 am	Wednesday evening Saturday morning	Tu/We/Th evenings Saturday morning	TBA	TBA

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