March 27, 2022

Effective immediately, all trails are no longer being groomed. Ski at your own risk.

And what a crazy season that was! If we weren't freezing our butts off we were shoveling snow seemingly every day.

 In addition to the weather challenges, we had to deal with the bridge(s) construction and the plowing of the road from the Young Offenders down to the Snowboarding hill. The road will continue to be a challenge next year too.

 But we also had some really good things happen. We have a very good working relationship with Tim Yeaman of the City and were able to get the parking lot expanded and the roads graded as needed. We also held our 22nd annual loppet with almost 100 skiers and had a very robust jackrabbit program.  James Brown did a great job of managing the Jackrabbit program and with his dedicated volunteers, kept the kids busy learning how to ski and to have fun.

 We were successful in obtaining a $50,000 Federal Grant to expand the options for newcomer/beginners access to our ski and walking trails. You will have noticed improvements to the West parking lot and the bypasses of sharp turns and steep hills on the trails near the parking lot. There are also rustic benches located along some of our trails and more signage to help people get on to the right trails and to become members of the club.

 In addition to those funds, we signed a new Operating Agreement with the City (Tim Yeaman) that sees the Club being funded a total of $15,000 per year for operating and capital expenses. Prior to that it was about $1,000 per year.

 With the Federal and City funds, we have purchased one new snowmobile and one new quad and we are in the process of expanding our garage and replacing or retiring our 2006/2014/2016 snowmobiles and a 2015 quad in the coming year(s).

The majority of trail work was done by Mike Kopchynski, Bart Vick , Bill Jeffrey (Captain) and Evan Kopchynski. However, we also received help from new recruits Matt Gill, Michael Fraser, Ralph Starks, Dan Stevenson, Dean Johnson, Sterling Swain, and even Howard Rensberry. Kerry Paul and Bob Charles kept the Golf Course trails nicely groomed.

 Our membership hit 500 this year. Last year, with the pandemic, people were eager to get out and our membership was over 600. Pre-pandemic the membership was 359.

 Our Board of Directors is made up of: Mike Horn (President), Roy Fremont (Vice President), Lynn Phaneuf (Treasurer), Theresa Nimegeers, Bill Jeffrey (Trail Captain), Bart Vick, Paul Beaulieu, Ted Pechey, Dulcie Charles, Anne Charles, Matthew Mirasty, and Carl Nahachewsky.

We thank all our members and hope for a healthy and happy summer for each and every one of you.