



Brainerd Nordic Ski Club

Lumberjack Jotter

April 2005

Annual potluck planned for Sunday, April 24th

As the snow melts away, it is time to think about the annual spring potluck. Come reminisce about the events of the past season. The BNSC has had many interesting events this season! ATV Damage and its repair at French Rapids, Another successful Ski Swap, Fall Social, the 32nd Annual Lumberjack Jaunt, a new Ginzu-Groomer, and plenty of skiing, just to list a few!

Come join us for the Annual Spring Potluck Sunday April 24, 2005 at the Northland Arboretum. We will be eating around 6PM. We will be hearing from our Junior Grant Recipients' experiences during their travels to national level competitions in Maine and Canada.

We hope to see you there!

Please bring a dish to pass:

A-G Desert

H-Z Side or Salad

The BNSC will be providing ham for the event.

There will be a short business meeting preceding the dinner. If you are interested in being on the board for next season, please let one of the current board members know prior to this meeting.

We hope to see on April 24 at 6:00 PM!



BNSC sponsors youth ski lessons in Pequot

Sixteen 2nd through 5th graders learned how to cross-country ski in February in Pequot Lakes. The Brainerd Nordic Ski Club and Pequot Lakes Community Education sponsored ski lessons. Four classes were held at the Eagle View Elementary School Environmental Center.

The students learned the basics from utting on skis and poles, balance, kicking and gliding, herringbone, snowplowing, double-poling and going down hills. The Brainerd Nordic Ski Club groomed the track at the school and provided equipment for the skiers. For the final class, the group met at Crosslake Community Center, where they skied on the groomed trails. Instructor for the class was Deanne Trotter.

Choose-your-own style BNSC jackets now available for \$24

We have a solution to the jacket dilemma, which was that everyone would have to agree on a style, color and fabric plus we would need a minimum of 12 orders. Instead, you can choose your own style, color, etc. and still have a "club jacket." We have worked out a deal with Minnesota T's in Brainerd who will embroider our name and logo onto any jacket you bring in. The back of the jacket is stitched in block letters: BRAINERD NORDIC SKI CLUB.



For the front of the jacket, the diamond logo with the pine tree, ski trail and moon set inside the outline of Minnesota has 'Brainerd' above it and 'Minnesota' below. So select whatever jacket you like and contact Minnesota T's to do the embroidery work. You may even have your stitching in your colors of choice. Your cost will be \$24. The BNSC board voted to cover the initial set up fees for the designs.

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Board of Directors meeting minutes -- Feb. 1, 2005

Northwest Pizza Boardwalk Bread and Bagel.

Facilitator: Josh Duda Members present: Josh Duda, Jean Meyer, Chad Turcotte, Pat Lanin, Al Stieff, Jeff DeVaney. Meeting Called to Order at 18:40.

Jean made a motion to approve the January minutes as written. Chad seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Al requested that the meeting minutes be sent with the agenda for the following meeting to serve as a reminder.

Jean presented the budget to date. Jeff motioned to approve the budget. Chad seconded the motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Jeff updated us on the status of the current DNR Grant. He also updated us on the recovery of funds for the ATV Damage. Josh has filled out the paperwork from the DNR. We are awaiting other signatures on that document.

Discussion was held about the GIA Trails (reference Bill's e-mail) and recovering lost trail distance in Baxter. The general consensus was to look more to the SW Baxter region rather than at the Forestview Middle School area if that is a possibility.

Discussion was held on the Lumberjack Jaunt. Jon was injured, unknown when he is able to return. Course has been set. It looks like we should have enough volunteers. We have approximately 35 pre-registered.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 7th, 2005.

Ski tips, waxes & things

by Bill Meyer

The hierarchy of skiing/biathlon in the world really exists. Is this a tough sport or what?

Consider the following. Within a four-week period this year:

At the State High School Meet, Wynn Roberts was 4th in the skate race—usually his strongest discipline, finishing ahead of 86 other high school competitors, missing first in that 5km event by 0:22 seconds. Not bad at all ... He looked awesome climbing hills with nearly a hop V1; and his top technique level and supreme fitness was at work the whole way.

Two weeks prior, in Wynn's last race at the U.S. World Youth and Junior Team Trials, a 7.5km sprint race, he was in 3rd place. He was beaten by 2nd place Russell Currier of Maine Winter Sports by 4 seconds but Russell had 5 penalties to Wynn's 3, thus skied off an additional 50 seconds or so on Wynn -- and Wynn could hear Russell's coaches telling him to slow down on the first two of the three legs before shooting so he wouldn't miss more. So I think we can safely say, "Russell can ski very fast." The results showed he was consistently the fastest skier in the trials in the Youth category. Wynn was second. Russell also demonstrated that in Minnesota last year during trials when he made the team as a Boy, racing up a year into the Youth category.

Now we move on to Kontiolahti, Finland. March 16 was the 7.5km sprint race for Youth Men. Russell only missed two shots— but finished in 52nd place. 3 minutes and 31 seconds out of first. The winner? Anders Bratli of Norway who shot clean [no misses]. But only 7 seconds behind Anders was Klemen Bauer of Slovakia with 3 misses. In other words, Klemen skied off about 75 seconds in the penalty loop and finished only 7 seconds out of first place. That is the world scene today.

You can follow the next two races and see all the results at www.biathlon-kontiolahti.fi/yjwch05/uk/sivut/tuloksetjalistat.php.

Now Wynn is young. He just turned 17 last month, so he will be a first year "Youth" this coming year. Russell is a first year Youth this past season. I have no knowledge on the Norwegian or Slovakian. But they can't be more than a year older than Russell and be in that class. That is our challenge.

Meanwhile, fellow teammate Derrek Matson, missed the Youth Team at Trials by only 3.3 seconds, or one more hit in any of the three races. He also took a 3rd in one race, being beat by Russell and Mark Johnson of Grand Rapids. But Derrek was disappointed, because they only took 1st and 2nd for drug testing that day.

Derrek will be moving on to the Junior Class next year and looking at his rapid rate of improvement this past season, he should be a prime contender for a U.S. Team position next season.

Enjoy

Area skiers and biathletes face increasingly fierce competition at state and national meets.

