

Sandilands Ski Club

Fall News Letter 2016

Dear Members and Skiers Greetings!

Last year will be remembered for its early snowfall and abrupt thaw.

Our Ski Club **Annual General Meeting** was held in November. Laurie Silversides stepped down as president of the Ski Club. She will still attend meetings and help out where needed. Two large expenditures were discussed: equipment to groom for skate trails at Quarry Oaks and a new warming hut to be built off Hwy 210.

This spring the old warming hut, in Sandilands, was removed and replaced by a beautiful timber frame hut. The new location is, at the bottom of the hill from the Green parking lot. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with this project. We would like to acknowledge Clare Wiebe who spent hours applying for grants, drafting plans and coordinating all the volunteers. The SRSS Carpentry teachers Merle Doerksen and Paul Wilson and 33 students assembled the floor and timber frame work of the hut. To fund the \$10,000 project, the Ski club has received a \$3,500 grant from Mountain Equipment Coop and \$250.00 in donations the Gray Hares Ski Club, along with other donations. LaBroquerie Lumber provided a discount price on building materials.



TIDD TECH grooming equipment for the skate trails at Quarry Oaks golf course was purchased with generous funding from Landmark Feeds. Revenue from trail fees and membership increased this year as more people utilized both the trails in Sandilands and at Quarry Oaks. The Club received additional income from skier donations and from the City of Steinbach for grooming the Steinbach Fly-In golf course.

Seventeen volunteers, from Sandilands and Charleswood Ski Club, showed up at our **trail prep** day in October. Thanks to these volunteers we were ready for the ski season. Volunteers were rewarded with a hearty lunch.

We had great **Jackrabbit Program** season at Quarry Oaks thanks to volunteer coaching staff. Michael Doig took the Community Coaches Program. Twenty one children ages 3-16 received their toques and report cards at the wind up in late March. It was amazing how much each child advanced in their skills.

The **Sandilands Ski Day** had forty one skiers enjoying a lovely sunny day of skiing followed by delicious food. Our 24th ski season was possible because of the efforts of many volunteers, including groomers that tracked trails at Sandilands, Quarry Oaks and Fly in Golf courses each week. **Thanks, to all who have contributed this ski season.**