

Sandilands Ski Club
Fall News Letter 2017
Dear members and Skiers

Greetings!

Last year we achieved a milestone! We celebrated our 25th Anniversary as a ski club.

Our Ski Club **Annual General Meeting** held in November was attended by 17 skiers. Health of the Forest and Erosion to the trails were the two topics discussed.

Thirty six volunteers, from Sandilands and Charleswood Ski Club, participated in our **Trail Prep** day in late October. Thanks to these volunteers we were well prepared for the ski season. Volunteers enjoyed community and were rewarded with a healthy snack.

Our Ski Season ran from December 09 –February 24. Weekly storms, in early December, dumped large volumes of snow in the forest making grooming more difficult. The groomers had to contend with large amounts of fresh unpacked snow and also with fallen trees and equipment failures. The early thaws created further challenges. Thanks to all our groomers who went the extra mile and were able to provide excellent trails. They maintained the trails in Sandilands and at the Quarry Oaks and Fly In golf courses.

We had a great **Jackrabbit Program** season at Quarry Oaks Golf course thanks to the volunteer coaching staff. We were excited to have Andrea Screpnek take a coaching program and join our coaching staff. This season we incorporated more trail practice time to our lessons. It was amazing watching the children advance in their skills and confidence level. The 17 children, ages 3 to 16, received their awards at the wind up in Sandilands in late March.

The **Sandilands Ski Day** was held in late February. Thirty six participants attended this event. Despite the thaw that had occurred before this event, skiers enjoyed a lovely sunny day of skiing thanks to the efforts our groomers. During the Sandilands Ski Day we took time to acknowledge the twenty five year milestone that the Ski Club has reached. We also acknowledged contributors to the warming hut project with a plaque.

This season finishing touches went into our new warming hut which has already proven to be an excellent asset to the club. In the coming season we hope to address the problem of erosion to a couple of the hills on our trails in Sandilands and we will continue to work on signage.

Our 25th ski season was made possible because of the efforts of many volunteers. Thanks to all who have gone the extra mile to make the season a success. As a club we would like to give a special thanks for all the hard work and vision of Clare Wiebe, instrumental in getting the new warm up hut built, and Greg Penner, contributing both electronic and woodworking skills. We will miss them in the executive meetings but hope to still see them at club events and on the trails.

Ski Club Events (if times not included, please check the website for an update)

- Trail Prep: Saturday 28th of October (meet at warm up hut at 10am)
- AGM: Thursday 23rd of November at Superstore 2nd floor at 7pm
- Jackrabbit Meet and Greet: Saturday 4th of November at Superstore 2nd floor
- Sandilands Ski Day: Sunday 25th of February