

Sandilands Ski Club News Letter 2018

Dear members and Skiers

Greetings!

Our **Ski Club Annual General** meeting held in November was attended by 14 skiers. Goals for the season and vandalism to the new warming hut were among topics discussed. Since the meeting we have had the privilege of welcoming Chris Deuster who has taken over as our new web master and joined the Ski Clubs board of directors.

Last fall strong winds caused many trees to fall across the ski trails. We were thankful for the efforts of thirty volunteers from Sandilands and Charleswood Ski Club, who participated in our **Trail Prep** day in late October, and the efforts of a number of individuals who volunteered time on other days throughout the fall, to prepare the trails system for the ski season. Volunteers enjoyed community and were rewarded with a healthy snack.

Our Ski Season ran from December 15 – March 09. A record number of skiers were attracted to Sandilands during the ski season. We were fortunate to develop a good snow base early in the season which allowed us to maintain good trails despite the infrequent snow falls. We were also fortunate that we didn't have sled failure until the last grooming of the season. Thanks again to our groomers who went extra the extra mile to provide excellent trails. Sandilands, Quarry Oaks golf course were groomed on a regular basis and Steinbach Fly In as snow permitted.

The **Jackrabbits Program** had a great season at Quarry Oaks Golf course thanks to the volunteer coaching staff. Children participating in the program had the opportunity trail practice their skills learned in the program at Sandilands. Their skill and confidence improved greatly throughout the season. The 17 children ages 4 -17 received their awards at the windup in Sandilands in April.

The Sandilands Ski Day held late February was a great success. Sunny mild temperatures brought thirty eight participants to this event. After skiing participants enjoyed great food and fellowship.

This season minor changes were made to the green trail to make grooming easier. For skier safety (You are Here) signs were posted and the Ski Club has purchased more signs for the trails.

Our 26th 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.

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

- Trail Prep: Saturday October 27,2018 (meet at warm up hut at 10 am)
- AGM: Thursday November 22, 2018 at Pat Porter Living Center, 10 Chrysler Gate, Steinbach at 7pm
- Jack rabbit Meet and Greet: November 24, 2018 at the Jake Epp Library
- Sandilands Ski Day: Sunday February 25, 2019 with rain date March 03, 2019