



* The RidgeRunner * September 2008 *Pine Ridge Ski Club Newsletter*

Dear Pine Ridgers,

September is almost gone, and it is definitely time to start thinking about the ski season. Pine Ridge has not been sleepy this summer – there has been constant activity, and we have much to report.

Board of Directors:

Those of you who were at the AGM in June will know that some of our long-time board members retired, and some new faces have joined. Many thanks to **Janet Earle, Steve Selater, and John Ritcey** for their dedication and service to the club.

Welcome to the 2008-2009 Board of Directors:

Kerry Judges, President
Sara McEwen, Past President
Elizabeth Cornish, Vice President
Tom Jarvis, Treasurer
Joanne Delaney, Secretary
Ted Southey, Operations
Andrea Ronan, Marketing
Adam Bazuk, Membership
Howard Leake, Snow School
Stuart Bailey, Racing

Hills and Lifts:

Operations Manager Danny MacDuffie has been working on our TSSA five-year chairlift audit all spring and summer, in addition to regular hill and lift maintenance. This is a big job, and involves disassembling and testing of all major chairlift components, and replacing or repairing worn parts. We have also replaced the snowmaking pump and hydrants, and have upgraded parts on the t-bar.

Corporate Ski Days

Have you considered hosting a Corporate Ski Day at Pine Ridge with your business or charity? For \$3000, imagine having the exclusive use of the ski hills and chalet for the whole day. To date, several organizations have expressed interest and are looking to schedule for 2009. There are three confirmed bookings, including the second year for the Warden's Ski for the Museum, fundraiser for the Simcoe County Museum. The event is being held March 5th. Speak to Mort about hosting a Corporate Ski Day at 705-835-2014, or email mort.cooper@pineridgeskiclub.ca.

Fee Payment

Thank you to those members who have paid their

2008-2009 installments. We have costs all year round, and are currently still running on our line of credit. This obviously costs members additional money that would be better spent on improving the club. If you haven't paid your installments, please get them in as soon as possible – remember that fees must be paid in full by November 1st in order to be a member in good standing. Interest will be charged on all late accounts.

Membership Drive: 2 Seasons for the Price of 1!

Pine Ridge is on a membership drive to bring in 30 new member families this year. You can help by introducing your friends and family to the great benefits of membership at Pine Ridge, and you'll receive a referral bonus. What is the 2 for 1 deal?

The deal is... Buy an Annual Family Membership for the 2009 season. Enjoy the club, meet the people, take part in all of the great social activities. Then next year, buy the membership certificate, and pay contribution to capital, and their annual ski fees will be waived for the season (Family of four savings of approximately \$2,700)-what a deal!!!

Best part is that you receive up to 50% off your voting member ski fees for 2009 for each member that you refer who joins. You could ski for free two with 2 member families signed up! You our members are our best sales force, you can speak to why you have made Pine Ridge your ski club, let's all work together to increase our membership.

COMPLIMENTARY 3-DAY CHRISTMAS SNOW SCHOOL PROGRAM for new members who join before October 1.

Contact: mort.cooper@pineridgeskiclub.ca or
705-835-2014

www.pineridgeskiclub.ca/promotion2009

Snow School News

Pine Ridge is pleased that **Jennie Coutanche** and **Adele LeMaire** are returning as our Snow School Co-Directors for the 2008/2009 Ski Season. Jennie and Adele are an amazing team, bringing professionalism, enthusiasm, and experience to the Pine Ridge Snow School. For those who wish to take advantage of our Early Bird Discount, please submit the enclosed registration form by December 1st. The Snow Sport Programs begin the weekend of January 3rd. Interested new or returning Instructors can check the posting at the CSIA



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website. The Snow School is always in need of adolescent Helpers for our Programs. Individuals in the Helper positions are volunteers who enjoy the sport, wish to gain valuable experience from certified instructors, and want to pass their knowledge along to our eager students. If interested, please contact Jennie at jennie.coutanche@sympatico.ca or Adele at jeffandadele@rogers.com.

CHRISTMAS SNOW SCHOOL SPECIAL \$99* for 3 Days of Instruction

- December 28-30, 2009
- Non-members welcome, but cost of lift tickets is in addition to the \$99
- Lessons run from 10:30-12:00 and 1:00-2:30.
- Registration materials available online at www.pineridgeskiclub.ca
*Paid before Dec. 14th, 2008.

Racing News

The 2008/2009 season is fast approaching and here is what we have in store.

I am pleased to announce that Rob Stevens will be returning as head coach. Rob is Level III certified and was an instant hit with racers, coaches and parents alike last year. Joining Rob will be many, if not all of the coaching staff from last year. In terms of programs, we are planning on offering the following:

Development Squad – this is aimed at the early skier who is transitioning from the lesson program to one that is a little more focused on going fast and running gates. This is the perfect way of channeling any extra energy those little ones seem to have. Development Squad will be offered as a one day (Saturday or Sunday) or a two day (Saturday and Sunday) program. Development squad racers may also have the opportunity to participate in “Valley League” races where they would compete against racers from the Heights of Horseshoe and Horseshoe for the coveted “Valley League Cup”.

Nancy Greene League – This program is for kids aged 7 to 10 years of age. The program began in 1968 after Nancy Greene won gold at the Grenoble Olympics. The League operates all across Canada and, regardless of ability; all ski racers owe their start to the Nancy Greene Ski League. This year, the Nancy Greene team will be a travel team. This is intended to provide the racers (and parents!) a

broader skiing experience. Carpooling will be arranged to accommodate those parents who have difficulty making certain races.

K1/K2 – Based on the numbers from last year we should be able to support a K1 team (ages 11-12). The intent here is skill development and fun. The ability to support a K2 team will be dependent on the number of racers who are eligible (ages 13 to 14).

Miele J League – This is available for racers ages 15 – 19 and is being offered this year to provide our older racers (K2) and young coaches the opportunity to compete. Depending on numbers, we may pool our resources with the Heights and Horseshoe to create a single Valley League “J” Team.

Adult Racing – Always a big hit, the adult racing program will be back for the 2008/2009 season. As a twist this year we will offer two programs – one for the hard cores (you know who you are) and one for those who just want to improve their on-hill skills (and figure out what these new-fangled shaped skis are all about).

Regards,
Stuart Bailey, Racing Director

Social and Event Calendar

Dec. 14	11am to 4pm Santa’s Brunch
Dec. 27	First day of skiing
Dec. 28-30	Christmas Snow School
Jan. 3	Wine and Cheese/Snow
Jan. 3-4	Snow School starts
Jan. 3 & 4	Pine Ridge Clothing Day
Jan. 17	Pot Luck Dinner
Jan. 17	Crazy Helmet Day
Jan. 24	Burns Day Wine & Cheese
Feb. 7	Pot Luck Dinner/Square Dance
Feb. 14	Wine and Cheese/Silent Auction
Feb. 16	Family Day – Ontario Holiday
Feb. 21	Club Championship (Racing)
	Last Day of Snow School (Sat)
Feb. 22	Last Day of Snow School (Sun)
Feb. 28	Transverse Classic
Mar. 7	Dual Slalom & Snowman Cont
Mar. 8	Dummy Downhill
Mar, 14-22	March Break. Closed Mar. 16-17
March 29	Last Day Skiing