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MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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With the arrival of snow (?), there will be a lot going on. It will be a few days before we are open, as the snow needs to settle, but the temperature is going up on Thursday Jan. 11. Until we announce that trails are open, everyone **must stay off the trails**, including using them for walking (the trails are now closed for walking, until spring).

Lessons for Youth:

On Sunday, January 14 the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club and Miramichi Biathlon Club will be having registration for the children's program. MCCSC has an 8 week **Ski Club Youth Program** for children aged 4 to 9.. The biathlon club has a **Biathlon Bears** program for ages 9 and up. Children must be members of MCCSC to participate in both programs, but a parent does not need to be a member. Registration for both programs will be from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

In the **Ski Club Youth Program** (Classic skiing techniques) the youngest skiers 4 and 5 years old, join the **Bunnyrabbits' Program**. A parent or guardian must be present during their lesson but does not need to be on skis but this is desirable. The **Jackrabbit Program** is for children aged 6 to 9. On Registration day, Sunday, we may try to do a little bit of skiing conditions permitting, so if you are bringing your child to the registration and they would like to ski, have them dressed for the conditions. Skis, boots and poles will be provided for those who do not have their own. The Ski Club Youth program is on Sunday afternoons from 1:30 pm. Bunnyrabbits ski for about an hour (weather dependent) and Jackrabbits for about 90 minutes. Hot chocolate and cookies follow.

The **Biathlon Bears** program is run by dedicated biathlon coaches, and a parent or guardian must stay with the child throughout the lesson, to assist with the air rifle and set up and take down of equipment. Biathlon Bears lessons are held on Saturday mornings, exact time TBA. The club provided equipment for the Bears' program is limited. .

Notes from the Club Executive:

The ski club executive met recently and there are several areas where volunteer help is needed.

1. Night skiing has been possible with executive and volunteers keeping the clubhouse open from 6-9 pm. This year we have several evenings that need volunteer coverage: Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Sharing a shift with another person is possible. If you think you can help contact Deana Gadd dhgadd@nb.sympatico.ca
2. A fundraising committee is going to be established to raise funds for a new grooming machine. With the recent weather patterns of snow, followed by rain and then freezing conditions, grooming is difficult with our current equipment. If you would like to be on the committee contact Norman Brown brown@nbnet.nb.ca
3. Social activities. The social committee headed up by Arlene Martin has some new and returning events planned. Tuesdays are going to be a "Ski/Snowshoe & Lunch" day. We will be starting on Tuesday, Jan 23. (Non-members need to pay the trail fee but equipment is available at no charge.) For the first week (Jan 23) a lunch will be provided at no charge – chili, rolls and dessert, (donations accepted for the groomer fund). If you wish feel free to bring your own lunch, refrigerator space available. If you would like chili please let Arlene know for planning purposes. (phone or text message 506 627- 6335) There will be some skiers to show you basic classic technique and where to find the trails. If you want to go out with a group come around 10:45 am to be ready to ski at 11am. Lunch will be at 12:30 pm. Another upcoming event to keep in mind is a planned returning "moonlight ski" at the old clubhouse on Friday Jan 26 starting at 7 pm. More exciting details to be announced about this event!

I look forward to seeing you on the trails,

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- **THE PENGUIN MCCSC newsletter has been revived.** It seems the latest issue before this current one, found so far, was published in March 2008, this was the second issue of Volume 11! (Once upon a time this newsletter was delivered by Canada Post!)
- Some back issues can be found at [MCCSC \(skimiramichi.com\)](http://MCCSC(skimiramichi.com)) . About ½ way down the page. If viewing an issue you may need to scroll down a bit on some of the documents.