

North End Ski Club

MEMBERSHIP FORM

All members receive periodic mailings informing them of progress and other developments, invitations to Club ski and other social events, opportunity to vote for the board of directors, opportunity to serve on the board of directors, and opportunity to attend and participate in the Club annual meeting in April. Most of all, you will have the knowledge that you have been part of an historic development, one which will have significant long term benefits, not only for you as a skier, but for the entire Cable area.

- YES! I would like to **RENEW** my membership!
- YES! I would like to become a **NEW** member!

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- Individual Member - \$15.00
- Family Member - \$25.00
- Business Member - \$40.00
- Premium Member - \$75.00

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Please clip and mail with your check to: **North End Ski Club**, P.O. Box 192, Cable, WI 54821

Thank You!



North End News

FALL 2006

BIRKIE CLASSIC TRAIL COMES TO THE NORTH END

There's a new ski trail in the neighborhood, and the North End Ski Trail is a part of it – the Birkie Classic Trail. An initiative of the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, the new Birkie Classic Trail is intended to alleviate congestion on the main Birkie Trail during the race by allowing the grooming of a full three skate lane wide trail. Classic skiers will have their own separate classical course for the first 9 km. The new Birkie Classic course will divert from the main start area at the Cable Union Airport and enter the Telemark Resort Trail system. It will traverse the Telemark trails until connecting with the main Birkie Trail near the mid-point of the Powerline. After skiing through the first food station, a newly constructed trail peels off to the left and parallels the Birkie Trail but continuing east until it connects with the northwest corner of the North End Ski Trail. The Birkie Classic course will then run concurrent with the North End Trail to just before the junction with the Kortelopet race course where it heads south over a lengthy section of newly constructed trail. This piece of woods, though at times close to the other trails, has an isolated deep woods feel and should be great skiing.

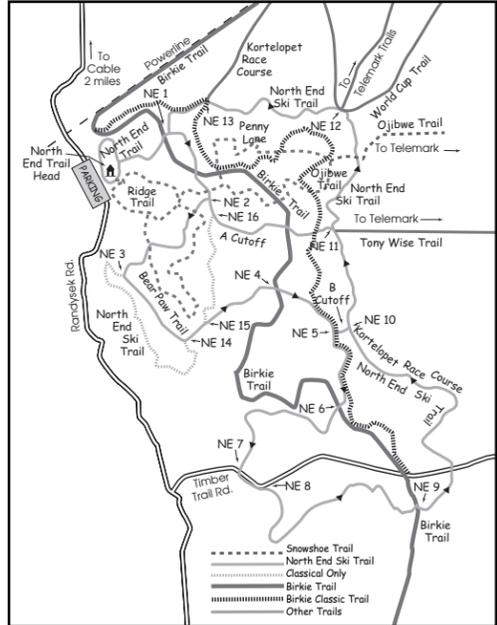
After about 2km, the new trail intersects the North End A cut off just west of NE11, where it picks up an old woods road for a little while until a short piece of new construction brings it to the North End Trail near the B cut-off. It again runs on the North End Trail from NE5 to NE6 to just before the Birkie Trail where another new piece of trail parallels the Birkie Trail south until they merge just north of Timber Trail Road.

The development of the new Birkie Classic Trail was not an easy process. Though several options had been considered, including a route starting from 9km and heading south, it was decided to start from the very beginning and work south. A proposal was presented to the North End Ski Club to utilize some segments of

the North End Ski trails closer to the trail head with several connecting segments to allow it to remain entirely on the west side of the Birkie Trail.

The initial proposals generated concern among the North End board that this new trail would change the character of the North End area, widen the North End Ski Trail and dilute the identity of the North End system. Several alternative proposals were developed, researched and discussed. After a lengthy series of sometimes intense negotiations the final alternative was agreed upon.

The final outcome is a solution with which everyone is happy and should provide an ideal skiing experience for Birkie Classic skiers and satisfy the Foundation's goals to improve both the classic and skate experience for Birkie skiers. The North End Ski Club is excited to welcome the Birkie Classic course to the neighborhood and we look forward to skiing it in conjunction with the many other great trails in the area.



HELP WANTED

Several individuals needed to assist with North End Ski Trail grooming. Must enjoy cold weather and snow, sporadic hours, some heavy lifting and snow shoveling, eau' de snowmobile and working for no pay. Compensation: the fuzzy warm feeling that comes from seeing a pile of new snow transformed into a beautiful ski trail, a sense pride when skiing over a nicely prepared trail that you groomed, and a hearty "thank you" and pat on the back from your fellow skiers.

Please contact Bill Ton at (715)794-2035 or cbton@cheqnet.net if you are interested in volunteering to groom this winter.

MEMBERSHIP

Your North End Ski Club membership will expire on November 1, 2006. Memberships provide a significant portion of our annual budget, so we would greatly appreciate it if you could please use the form in this newsletter to renew at your earliest convenience. Please mail your renewal to: North End Ski Club, P.O. Box 192, Cable, WI 54821. Thanks!



2006 NORTH END CLASSIC

With pleasantly surprising temperatures and even sunshine later in the day, the seventh annual North End Classic and debut Cookie Classic added a definitive exclamation point to a weekend of outstanding cross country ski racing at Telemark Resort on Sunday, February 12. Between Saturday's Pre-Birke, also held at Telemark, and the North End Classic, over 1,000 skiers traversed the deeply wooded trails of Telemark Resort, the North End Ski Trail and the American Birkebeiner Trail. The 24 km and 12km North End ski races saw over 210 skiers toe the line. Positive responses from skiers in all events continued to reinforce the North End Classic's reputation as one of the region's top cross country ski races.

Many new names appeared at the top of the leader board following this year's events. In the 24 km men's division, 19-year-old Santi Ocariz of Spooner took top honors with a 1:24:22 performance. Shane Hoelsz, of Wales, Wis. followed Ocariz to the finish only 21 seconds behind at 1:24:43. Rounding out the top three was Nicolas Reichenbach of Bloomington, Minn. at 1:25:17.

The women's 24km classic top finisher, Katie Anderson, dominated the field, finishing seven minutes ahead of her nearest competition at 1:37:31. Julie Meyer of Hayward took second at 1:44:37 narrowly outdistancing Cindy Storm of Savage, Minn. who finished third at 1:44:40.

In the 12K companion race, Randy Stearns of Bloomer, Wis. skied

home well ahead of the field at 46:44. Twelve-year-old seventh grader at Hayward Middle School, Dylan McGarthwaite skied a very strong second place finish at 51:45. Demonstrating that age is no barrier to top competitive skiing, Gale Otterholt, 58, of Eau Claire placed third at 57:53.

For the women, Susan Amber of Lake Nebagamon, Wis. not only won the women's division at 55:10, but also placed third overall among all competitors. Rachel Kresse, 57, of Wausau, Wis. skied a 1:05:12 for second place honors ahead of sixteen-year-old Sarah Hill of Brooklyn Park, Minn. at 1:07:13.

Major sponsors for the seventh annual North End Classic included: Toko Ski Wax and Tools, Telemark Resort, Coop's Pizza Parloure, Lakewoods Resort and the Cable Area Chamber of Commerce. Associate sponsors were Hayward Area Memorial Hospital, McKinney Realty, Mulberry Street, New Moon Ski Shop, Outdoor Ventures and Rondeau's. North End Classic supporting sponsors included: Bon Nuit Motel, Brick House Café & Catering, Chequamegon Communications Cooperative, Chequamegon Fat Tire Festival, Crest Hill Resort, King Realty, Marketplace Foods, Mogasheen Resort, Mundahl Veterinary Clinic, Property Management of Hayward, The County Journal, Riverbrook Bike & Ski, Rocky's Service, State Bank of Drummond and Rasmussen's Plumbing.

COOKIE CLASSIC A BIG HIT

Though it didn't rival the Birke, or even the North End Classic in participation numbers, the inaugural Cookie Classic was an immediate success. It was run following last year's North End Classic with 50 youngsters skiing the one or two kilometer courses. It was great fun to see the little striders taking off from the main start area, chugging down the tracks and winding their way up to the finish where they received their medals: a bag of cookies on a colorful ribbon that was hung around their necks. As is often the case with an event of this nature, a tradition was born and the Cookie Classic will return for a repeat performance this year.



Everyone's a winner!



Wave Two takes their mark.



Ready to go - sort of.



Ski buddies

Katie Kotar and Loren Harrison.



Congratulations!

2007 NORTH END CLASSIC SET FOR FEB. 11

Mark your race calendar for Sunday, February 11 for the eighth running of the North End Classic held at Telemark Resort. This increasingly popular event is expected to draw 225 to 250 skiers.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Toko Ski Wax and Tools who will again be the major sponsor of the North End Classic. The first 200 registered racers in the 24 km and 12 km events will receive a Toko ski hat. A hearty thanks also to Telemark Resort, our Event Host.

We really don't anticipate any significant changes to the event this year with similar 12km and 24km courses and formats offered again, as well as the Cookie Classic.

This year's event registration form will be available soon. A downloadable registration form will be available at www.norwiski.com/northend_classic.pdf and on-line registration will be available at www.signmeupsports.com.

WORK PROJECTS

Most of our usual trail work and related projects have already been done with the assistance of the students at the Wisconsin Wilderness Campus (WWC). Specifically, they've helped with trail repairs and getting our firewood split and stacked. Volunteers Marv Franson and Mark Jalovick have mowed the trails and all they now need is snow.

And speaking of firewood – you should see our wood pile! The wood shed is filled to the gills and we have an enormous pile of cut,

split and stacked wood near the outhouse. Most of it came from clearing the new return trail to the cabin last year, with additional wood retrieved from blowdowns off the ski trails. Several volunteers have been picking away at this project throughout the summer and fall. As it stands, we should have enough wood "in the bank" to last us at least two years and possibly longer.

NORTH END CABIN TO RECEIVE A FACELIFT

The North End Trail Head was established in 1997 and the North End warming cabin constructed in 1998. Since that time, the damp and shady conditions, particularly on the north and east sides of the cabin, have resulted in an accumulation of mildew and mold that has left an almost black tint to the logs. On October 5 a crew gathered to remove the fungus with House Brite – a bleach-like product. The outcome was better than expected and the original color of the logs has returned. This was the first of a three-phase process. The House Brite was sprayed on the logs and allowed to sit for a few minutes. It was then rinsed off with assistance of Bob Lang from the Cable Fire Department who brought out a small tanker truck to provide the rinse water.

Once the building has had a chance to dry a few days, we need to apply boric acid, an insecticide to kill the powder post beetles that have taken up residence in many of the logs. The beetles have begun to leave small piles of sawdust on the floor inside the cabin and outside on the ground. Once the acid has been applied, the next time a beetle comes out, it will have to go through a layer of the insecticide and hopefully become a dead bug.

Finally, we will apply a new coat of stain and restore that warm, inviting glow to our cabin in the woods.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES

Several years ago, following the untimely deaths of our friends and charter members, Preston and Dottie Morrel in 2001, the North End Ski Club established a scholarship in their memory at Drummond High School. While we were able to award the \$350 scholarship for about four years to deserving students, we had trouble finding candidates whose background fully fit the criteria established for the scholarship.

This past year we decided to go in a different direction and apply these funds to youth skiing initiatives that, on a case by case basis, we felt had a more direct correlation. This past spring we were happy to provide a total of \$400 to several members of the Hayward High School Nordic Ski Team to help defray their expenses to attend and participate in the Junior Olympics held in Houghton, Mich. We anticipate

making a similar donation this year, as from the look of the talent still on the team, several skiers will again be heading to JOs.

The development of the new Birke Classic Trail in our neighborhood and utilizing portions of the North End Ski Trail has been no small undertaking. A significant amount of tree clearing followed by bulldozing and finish work has taken place, none of which has come cheaply. The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation put out an appeal in late August to raise \$10,000 for this project. The North End Ski Club was pleased to recently send the foundation a donation of \$500. We hope you will consider making a contribution as well. Contact: American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, P.O. 911, Hayward, WI 54843.



SALVAGE TIMBER HARVESTS UPDATE

As of late September, the salvage timber harvests in and around the North End Ski Trails had not fully been completed. Due to potential problems with additional infestation of the nasty bugs that killed so many of the oaks in that area, logging was not permitted until late in the season when the risk was minimal. As a result, the balance of the salvage job has gone untouched since last fall. The Bayfield County

Forestry Department did not know when the logger would be returning to complete the job and finish hauling the timber stacked along the trail. If the job does resume this fall, the contract calls for completion before snowfall and that any damage to the trails be repaired. With only one or two small exceptions, the trails were repaired nicely following the work last year. Stay tuned.