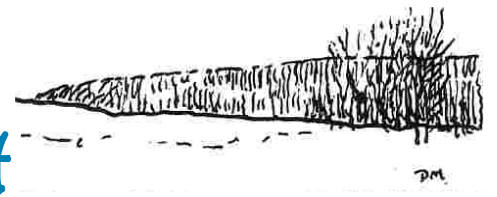




# Bittersweet

## CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB



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## Happy new ski season, Everyone!

As we write this newsletter, the first snows have arrived, not sufficient for track setting, but a start. We await a substantial snowfall so we can pack the track base and start skiing. Please watch the CCSAM website for the announcement of our trails opening, or call us at 252-3270.

## Trail Riders

Something really new and different happened at Bittersweet on a sunny September weekend, when members of the Manitoba Trail Riding Club arrived to explore our trails. The Nordic Centre field became a village of campers, trailers and horses! Instant little paddocks were set up, one for each horse, and soon the horses had the grasses in their little paddocks nibbled right down to fairway height.

It was a weekend of competition riding, and while we did not fully understand the competition aspects of the event, we certainly admired the beautiful horses.

The group was fully self contained, friendly, and appreciative of our area.



Only a few overlooked coloured ribbons tied from horseback to some upper branches still wave along the trails, and those little paddock patches cropped short, remain to remind us of that wonderful weekend.

# Busy Times at Bittersweet

It seems that at Bittersweet we are always busy! This summer began with the construction of a building to house the Club machines, up to now stored at Hartley Woodward's. Glen McMaster generously funded the project, Scott Smart donated a small mountain of lumber, and an army of volunteers pitched in to construct in short order a metal clad shed large enough to house both tractor and Gator. The building stands behind Corey's home, and skiers can see it as they pass on the nearby trail. We are grateful for all those whose help made this possible.



*Corey, Jason and Ross building the rafters*



*The new shed, side view*



*All done! Jason, Ron, Glen, and Don*



*The new shed has two doors to accommodate both the tractor and the Gator.*

## Trails Maintenance

It was a windy summer! Work parties have worked throughout the autumn season clearing dozens of downed trees. There seems to be no end of them. Also, brigades of workers have been clipping the trail sides, grinding stumps, and generally improving the trails. A very special thanks to the volunteers who perform these annual tasks so willingly.

Because of the recurring winds, we expect that trees may continue to fall, even after winter sets in and the trails are groomed. Groomers are planning to carry chain saw equipment with them as they track the trails, to remove any barriers they encounter.

## Equipment Report

This year we will have two John Deere Gators grooming the trails! Both machines are in excellent condition, and both are outfitted with Camoplast tracks to handle whatever snowfall they encounter. Scott Smart will supervise the grooming of the east side trails, replacing the now-retired Hartley Woodward, while Don McMaster will continue to groom the west side classic trails. Scott and Corey Willms plan to share the grooming of the skate trails. Anyone interested in helping with these grooming duties should contact Scott ( 723-2163 ) or Don ( 252-3270 ). These Gators are comfortable for two in their heated cabs. What luxury!

## News From the Jackrabbits

The North-Norfolk Jackrabbits are excited to be making Bittersweet a more regular part of their program. Everyone enjoyed our monthly field trips out there last year so much that it was decided to make better use of the amazing facilities.

This year the Jackrabbits will be skiing out of MacGregor on Tuesdays after school and at Bittersweet each Saturday morning. We expect about 30 skiers between the two days. We are excited to be able to take advantage of the Nordic Centre, the terrain park and the beautiful trail system. The terrain park allows us to teach important skills like herringbone and the kids can't get enough of going down over the bumps!

*-Submitted by Pam May, founder, organizer and principal Jackrabbit coach.*



## **Bittersweet Annual Meeting**

The Club business was discussed at the Annual Meeting, held November 17 at the Nordic Centre. Chairman Ron Owens presided. The usual minutes and reports were heard and dealt with, and decisions were made. Read on:

We have a new treasurer! Following the retirement of Luc Gamache, we are pleased to welcome Kim Young to the team. Please note Kim's contact information below. The Board wishes to thank Luc for his years of service as Bittersweet treasurer.

### **No Open House this Year**

As members are now familiar with the Nordic Centre and how to get there, we will not be hosting an open house this year. The open house was a good occasion to write membership renewal cheques, but perhaps this note will serve that purpose. We can also accept cheques at the Nordic Centre on weekends in ski season. Remember that we serve refreshments then too!

## **Membership Renewal Time!**

Now is the time we urge our members to renew their memberships. Membership dues are unchanged, at \$35 for single memberships and \$50 for families. Please print and complete the attached form and send with your cheques to:

**Kim Young, Treasurer**

**Box 295**

**Austin MB**

**R0H 0C0**

### **Fund-raising**

Our fund raising efforts continue, although the results are not yet all in. More information will be available in the winter newsletter.

### **Annual Financial Report**

It has never been our practice to publish our financial report. We post copies in the Ski Hut and in the Nordic Centre, so interested skiers can find them at these locations.

## **Bittersweet Annual Loppet February 14, 2016**

**Mark your calendars now! Bring your Valentines skiing!**

**Spend a happy day in the snow. Relax in our heated tent apres ski.**

**Then stay for a sit down dinner at day's end.**



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## CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB



# Membership Application Form

**Yes, I want to be a member of the Bittersweet XC Ski Club!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I've enclosed my cheque for:  \$35 (*single*) or  \$50 (*family*)

If this is a family membership, please list the members of your family:

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 5: \_\_\_\_\_ Name 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete **membership** and **waiver** forms and mail along with your cheque to:

*(Please submit membership renewals before Christmas. Thank you!)*

*(Cheques may also be dropped off in one of the donation boxes)*

**Kim Young, Treasurer**  
**Box 295**  
**Austin MB**  
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## CLUB WAIVER & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FORM

IN CONSIDERATION OF **Cross Country Canada** (hereinafter called **CCC**), Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. (name of Ski Division, hereinafter called the **Division**) and \_\_\_\_\_ Ski Club (name of Club, hereinafter called the **Club**) accepting my application for membership in the **Club** and thereby allowing (subject to certain limitations and conditions such as applying for a valid CCC race license) my participation at events, competitions and activities run or sanctioned by one or more of **CCC**, the **Division** or the **Club**, I agree as follows:

### **Part One - WAIVER and RELEASE (FOR ADULT REGISTRANTS ONLY)**

I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive any and all claims that I have or may in the future have against **CCC**, the **Division** and the **Club**, their executive directors, servants, agents, sponsors, supporters, employees, contractors or volunteers (all of whom are hereafter the Releasees) and to release the Releasees from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer or my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in any event, competition or activity run or sanctioned by one or more of the Releasees (hereafter the Event), due to any cause whatsoever, including **negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care owed on the part of the Releasees and further including failure on the part of the Releasees to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Event as set out below in Part Two.**

I hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in the Event.

I further waive and release any and all recourse which I may now have or may in the future have resulting from any decisions of the Releasees in association with the Event, including any claims I might have in connection with any cancellation or rescheduling of the Event for whatever reason. I have read and understood this Waiver and Release prior to signing it. I am aware that I am an adult and that by signing this Waiver and Release I am waiving certain legal rights that I or my heirs or next of kin may have against the Releasees.

### **ADULT MEMBER'S SIGNATURE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part Two – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS (FOR ALL REGISTRANTS)**

**Risks and Dangers:** I acknowledge that skiing and participating in any event, competition or activity run or sanctioned by one or more of the **CCC**, the **Division** and the **Club** (hereafter the Event) involves risks and dangers including, but not limited to: accidents that occur traveling to and from the Event; slips, trips, falls or collisions; encounters with other skiers, obstacles (man made or natural) or wildlife; steep and varied terrain, uneven snow conditions; falling snow or ice; adverse weather conditions; frostbite; hypothermia; exhaustion. I freely accept and fully assume all risks, dangers and hazards associated with my participation in the Event and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or loss resulting therefrom.

**Health:** I declare that my physical condition, to the best of my knowledge, is adequate to participate safely in the Event and that no physician or other medically qualified individual has advised me against participating in the Event. I further acknowledge and agree that it is my choice whether I will obtain a physical examination prior to participating in the Event, and I hereby acknowledge and agree to assume all risks associated with not obtaining such examination, or if I do obtain an examination and am instructed not to participate in the Event, I hereby assume all risks associated with my participation.

**Follow Rules:** I hereby agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations imposed by **CCC**, the **Division** and the **Club** in association with the Event, and to follow the instructions of the officials during the Event

**Cancellation or Rescheduling:** I acknowledge that the **CCC**, **Host Division** or **Host Club** may choose to cancel or reschedule the Event if travel or Event conditions are deemed unsafe (e.g., weather, road conditions, snow conditions, health advisory). I accept that these organizations will not be liable for any costs I may bear as a result of such cancellation or rescheduling, except as provided for in the Event information package.

**Image Use:** I authorize and consent to the publication in any format or media by **CCC**, the **Division** and the **Club** of any materials containing my name, likeness or image in association with my participation in the Event, and I release to **CCC**, the **Division** and the **Club** and all persons acting under authority or license from them, from any claims I might have due to the initial or authorized subsequent publication of such material.

I have read and understand the above acknowledgements and accept the terms and conditions of participation and confirm all information is true and accurate.

### **ADULT MEMBER'S SIGNATURE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MINOR MEMBER'S SIGNATURE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **MINOR'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

As the parent or guardian of a minor participant at the Event, I have read and understand the above Acknowledgements and accept the terms and conditions of participation on behalf of the minor and confirm all information is true and accurate.

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_