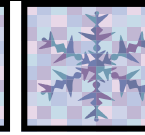
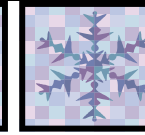
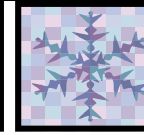
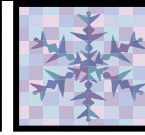
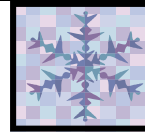
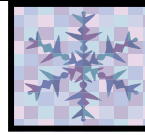
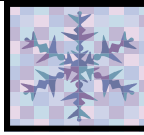
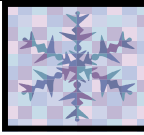
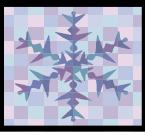


Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club

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January 2008



Annual Meeting

April 12th, 2008

2:00

to be held at the

Best Western—Lakewood Lodge

Ski Social — March 1st

Don't miss the fun! Mark your calendars for March 1st and join us in the Old 32 parking lot. Shirley Bubolz has once again volunteered to coordinate the event. She is looking for cookie bakers, chili makers and a set up and clean up crew. Call her @ 715-276-7737 if you can help out with this fun event.

Minutes of the October 12th, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:00, Oct. 12th, by club president Fred Axelrod. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Lea Peot gave the treasure's report. The club discussed putting an additional \$7000 into CD. Currently the club has \$31,726.92 in various bank accounts including CDs. After some discussion it was decided to wait and see how the season goes before putting additional money into a C.D. This will keep cash available for unanticipated expenses this ski season if needed, and the maturity date will coincide with other C.Ds. Axelrod suggested that he contact Dick Langer to audit the books which is required annually by the Club's constitution.

Johanna Axelrod brought up a suggestion from club member Jules Blank of offering an optional life time membership. The club discussed the advantages and disadvantages. The issue was tabled till the March meeting. Members were encouraged to find out if there are other organizations that have lifetime memberships, and how they work. Sandy Moore gave the membership report. Membership letters will be mailed out early November.

Lloyd Lundwall reported that the equipment is ready from grooming. Paul Rominesco reported that he did some maintenance on the equipment. He purchased some tools and parts for equipment maintenance. Bill Moore reported that the Kilometer signs will be painted with a yellow background so they will show up better when snow is on the ground. Trail clean up is almost complete. Axelrod reported that the US Forest Service still has not approved or disapproved the trail reroute on Highway F. This is after a request was made 1-1/2 years ago. The Forest Service is reportedly waiting to hear from the Chippewa Tribe on whether the site has cultural significance to them. Meanwhile the DNR is ready to donate dozer time which has been operated by the Langlade Forestry Technician, Ryan Brown for the last several years. If approval isn't received by November 1 this project is unlikely to happen this year. Some members felt it was time for club members to write letters to the Forest Supervisor or their elected state or US representatives if this is not approved for this year. Axelrod said he would report on this in the next newsletter. Axelrod brought up safety during clean up. He suggested the club purchase chaps and other protective gear for chainsaw use. Johanna Axelrod reported on trail maps. There are enough maps left from last year. A letter will be sent to advertisers giving them an opportunity to renew their ad., or make a donation in lieu of a new ad.

Shirley Bubholz said she would be in charge of the Chili Social again this year. March 1st was chosen for this years' event.

Tim Klima suggested the club recognize Mark Therrian for his many years of service to the club.

Tim Klima told about a roller and comb that could be used with the Scandic for early grooming. This could be purchased from ABR in Ironwood, MI. It would compact the snow during marginal snow conditions, and be less likely to bog down than the tidd tech. It would also compact the stubble as well as the snow, and shorten the grooming time. The cost for both would be about \$1,400.00. Bill Moore made a motion that we purchase the 61/2 foot roller plus comb. Tim Klima seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Lea Peot made a motion that the cost of the roller and comb be reflected in the \$1,500 less being put in to the groomer replacement fund this year. Motion was seconded by Johanna Axelrod and it was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Thank you to our business members!

Bay Care Clinic, Green Bay
Bohm Builders, Shawano
Coldwell Banker Bartels Real Estate, Lakewood
Woodland Trail Winery, Lakewood
Heaven's Up North Campground, Lakewood
Timberwood Bank, Wabeno
Amy's at Woodhaven, Lakewood
Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Cent., White Lake
Crystal Bell B&B, Wabeno
Citizens Bank, Townsend
Health Reach Rehabilitation Services, Lakewood
In Competition Sports, Green Bay
Nicolet Studio, Lakewood
Lakewood Ski & Sport, Lakewood
Lakewood Super Valu, Lakewood
Laux Chiropractic, Bonduel
McCauslin Brook Country Club, Lakewood

Best Western Lakewood Lodge, Lakewood
Pintsch's Hardware, Inc., Townsend
Rawhide Bar & Grill, Mountain
Laona State Bank, Lakewood
William N. Leege, S.C., Oconto
Marshall Excavating, Lakewood
Nicolet Plastics, Mountain
The Pie Shoppe, Lakewood
Quality Painting, Neenah
Spine Therapy Center, DePere
Timberline Restaurant, Lakewood
Wagner Gas, Gillett
Northern Lights Casino, Wabeno
Spur of the Moment Ranch, Mountain
Mountain Bear Restaurant, Mountain
Gem Heating, Lakewood
Northern Perks Coffee Shop, Lakewood
Dr. Mike Coppersmith, Lakewood

If you ski the section of trail between Sullivan Springs and Smythe Road, you have climbed that seemingly endless hill. Several years ago the club voted to honor the late Scott Leith, a friend, fellow skier, and outdoor enthusiast with a sign bearing his name and paying tribute to his enjoyment of that particular section of trail. This year the club received a membership renewal and a postcard from Judy with greetings and a wish for a snow filled year.

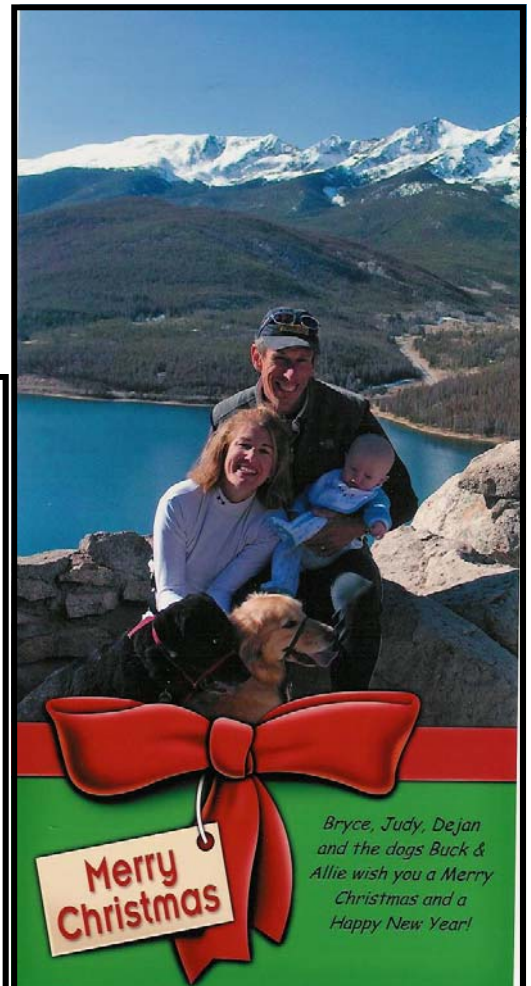
To: Lakewood Ski Club;

We adopted Bryce on July 3rd. He was born in Frisco, CO where this picture is taken. In the background is Lake Dillon. We are very blessed to have him in our lives.

All the best, Judy, Dejan and Bryce

Come ski in Colorado. We like Devil's Thumb Ranch & YMCA of the Rockies in Frasier, Tabernash, CO.

My late husband Scott loved skiing at Lakewood and so did I. Hope you all have lots of snow this year!

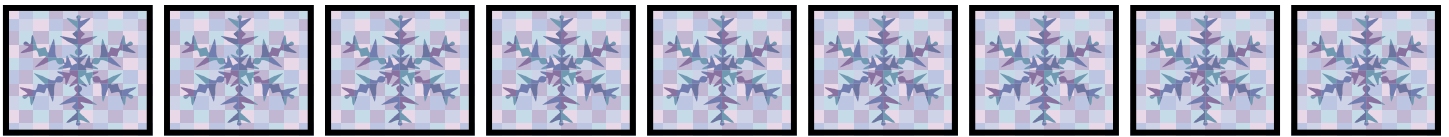


*Bryce, Judy, Dejan
and the dogs Buck &
Allie wish you a Merry
Christmas and a
Happy New Year!*

Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club

Have you renewed your membership?

Sandy Moore, membership chair, reports that 72 families and 35 single memberships have renewed so far this year. We send out 186 newsletters to members plus 35 to business members, so there are a few of you who may have forgotten to renew this year. If you have not renewed your membership, please consider doing so. Your membership fees and additional donations are very important to the long term prospects for this club. Your contributions help maintain our equipment and provide the first-class grooming you've been enjoying. Trail upkeep and other "niceties" such as a porta-potty and signs alerting skiers to crossings where they might intercept with snowmobiles are just a few examples of the costs we incur every year. With the exception of fuel, most of our expenses are incurred even when we don't have a good snow accumulation. Many thanks to those who have renewed—your support is appreciated. Please note: if you mailed your renewal and did not request ski tags, Sandy did not send an acknowledgement letter. Your cancelled check will serve as your receipt for a paid membership.



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Thank you to all of the hardworking folks who helped with trail clean up this fall. If you see one of these great people on the trail — say "THANKS" — without their efforts our trails would be impossible to groom and needless to say, the skiing would be much less than you have come to expect from the Lakewood Cross Country Ski Trails!

2007 Fall Cleanup Crew

Otto Hoepner, Wayne Painer, Dale Tease, Tim Rasman, Fred Axelrod, Dave Wellnitz, Bill Moore, Craig Taylor, Tim Klima, Lloyd Lundwall, Paul Romenesko, Terry Van Hoof, Dave Steffen, John Buscher, Steve Patrick and Greg Kelm.

Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club Membership

Please help support these wonderful ski trails!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____ Lakewood Area Phone: _____

Single Membership: _____ (\$30) Family Membership: _____ (\$45)

Number of tags you would like to receive: _____

Additional Donation Enclosed: _____ We are now a non-profit Organization (501-C3) so all extra donations can be tax deductible. Checks can be made to **Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club**

Please mail membership application to:

Lakewood Cross Country Ski Club P.O. Box 91 Lakewood, WI 54138

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Dear Lakewood skiers,

It seems every ski season is unique in what the weather brings. This year we received skiable snow on December 1, The earliest we've had since 1985. However, since then we have had two major rain events followed by an inch or two of snow. I was surprised and pleased that our trail held up well. Fortunately we had the Scandic and Tidd-tech plus our new roller which seemed to bring the trail to decent conditions. That we still have a skiable trail, today Jan. 12 is a tribute to the work of Lloyd and Tim who have been out grooming at the right times this year with the right equipment. Hopefully the remainder of the winter will make up for our snow debt.

On other matters the US Forest Service finally (after 1 ½ years) approved our proposed bypass on County Road F. We received this approval two days before deer season. Lloyd and I met with a forest service employee and marked the trees to be removed. However, with deer season and the early snow we were not able to get them cut this year. We may be looking for an early spring work detail to get these trees cut so we can bring in the DNR dozer (thanks to the forestry crew at Langlade Ranger Station) to remove stumps and level the trail.

The slow response by the USFS, our need to renew our permit with the Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest, the annual donation of dozer time by the DNR, and changing personnel in the Oconto County Forestry Department who donate the mowing of our trails have caused me to contemplate our relationship with government agencies we deal with. I think we need to renew our relationship with these agencies and be more proactive. We need to make them aware of our benefit to the community and how working with us helps them to meet their objectives. We also need to make sure they are aware of how they can help us provide a world class cross country ski trail. I am looking for club members who are willing to serve on a committee to review our intergovernmental relations and perhaps to negotiate with these agencies. If you feel you can contribute to this effort let me know (715-276-9942).

There is still plenty of winter left so I hope to see you on the ski trail and at our Ski Social on March 1.

Fred Axelrod, President