

Parkland Cross Country Ski Club

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## Message from the President

There's a cold wind blowing and a threat of snow as I write this. There is also the threat of missing a deadline which always opens the door for the illustrious Sultan of Slander (our newsletter editor, Mr. D.Wales) to write an article for me. I know, I should be grateful but if you have ever read one of these substitutes, you know what I'm talking about.

October brings about another new season with the Parkland Cross Country Ski Club but this year it will be different because Mike and Barb Spencer, two founding members of the club, will not be involved. As most of you know, Barb was hurt in a paragliding accident and is recovering in hospital. Mike is with her every day and it is apparent to us all that being involved in the Club is just



not a reality at this time. On behalf of the Club, I just want to say that we're hoping for a good, healthy recovery for you, Barb.

Mike and Barb are part of the lifeblood of this organization and their contribution will be sorely missed. However, these two are some tough, resilient people and I know that with the support of their family and friends, they will continue to make progress daily.

We've had to make some adjustments regarding the executive roles as we headed into this year. Typically, in this club, people have stepped up and helped out. Thank you!

Hope to see you on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>!

Patrick Gleason

## Parkland Ski Club General Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2004

Kerry Wood Nature Center

Introduction to Club Activities



## Parkland Ski Club Executive for 2004-2005

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## Ski Trail Work Parties by Bob Johnstone

*"I owe a lot of my success  
to my parents, especially  
my mother and father"  
Prof. Lipstand*

**SUNDAY OCT 17 10 AM**

Great fall weather, and also with a frost or two we get to breathe that cold fresh air into our lungs - thoughts of winter and skiing coming. And so it is time to meet once again, and get our trails ready to receive the snow. We will meet at Heritage Ranch to continue last years thorough trimming. River Bend should be in good condition except for our continued transplanting which three or four of us can meet there to do and then go to Heritage later. Mark Meunier our trail groomer superb will inform us what to do at Heritage and I will head up the River Bend transplanting.

Please bring long handled pruners, buck saws, axes, shovels, grass whips and anything else which could help. The Heritage group will meet at the picnic shelter down by the ponds. Directions to get there will be either a sign or club member to at the parking lot.

Come a little earlier for coffee and muffins to get us going and we will finish with a nice salad, chili and sweets lunch. For those of you who cannot come contributing any of this food would help. Please give them to someone coming or you could drop off to Ruby Meunier at 46 Otterbury Ave phone 343 1058. Please call Bob Johnstone for further questions.

## Pine Tar and Paraffin Party

Forgot to scrape that old wax , pine needles and moose poop off your skis last spring.? I thought so. Well, by now it has fossilized and you will need a jackhammer to get it off. That is unless you join us at Marie's Place for the annual **Pine Tar and Paraffin Waxing Party** @ 4301- 46 Ave at 2:00pm, **Sunday Nov. 7** Get your track and touring skis ready for the winter and have fun doing it Please bring extra waxing irons and waxing benches if you have them. If you are new to waxing we will show you how to strip your skis, base wax your skis and apply the wax of the day. Both plastic and wood skis are welcome along with their owners. Following the wax-a-thon we will order pizza and if we have sufficient snow tour around Barrett Park on our newly waxed skis. Call 343-2937 for more information.



## Ski Shorts

- Carol and Brian are looking for food donations. Apparently their welfare cheques did not come in. Actually they need goodies for the monthly meetings and for the work party weekend. Please sign up at the first meeting.
- Pam Ralston will be asking for volunteers to lead day trips again this year. Call her at 342-2206 or talk to her at the first meeting.
- If you want to obtain some skills to make you more confident in leading club ski tours consider signing up for a Tour Leader I course Brian Davies will give you the details in the next newsletter or call

*“ If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again.”*

*Prof. Lipstand*



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*The mission of the  
Parkland Ski Club is to  
take er in the fall line  
and go till you  
clobber....oops! I mean to  
enjoy, enhance, facilitate,  
and promote cross country  
skiing.*

him.

#### Ski Shorts continued

- Included in this newsletter is the revised club application form. Either fill it out and mail it in or sign up at the first club meeting. Be sure to sign the waiver.
- We all wish Barb Spencer a speedy recovery. If you wish to keep in touch with Barb and Mike, view some pictures of the Spencers at the hospital or want to know what her current situation is, access this web site <http://members.shaw.ca/bmspencer>



### Photo of the Month on the Club Web Page

- Next newsletter deadline is Oct. 29 or you know what will happen.
- Web Master Dick is again looking for photos of club trips to include in the web site. E-mail the scanned photos or digital images to Dick and earn a chance to win the photo of the year.
- Photos in this issue: on the front page Looking north from Mt. Daly on the second last day of the Wapta Traverse. On page three are members of the Parkland Ski Club approaching Mt Daly also on the same traverse. The photo on page 4 was taken on a TL course to Helen Lake and shows Bow Peak in the distance.
- If you have any suggestions for Club Meeting presentations please pass them on to our purple president Patrick

