

Rochester XC Ski Foundation

Securing the Future of XC Skiing in Rochester NY

From: Rochester Cross Country Ski Foundation (RXCSF)

Date: 16Nov09

Subject: 2009/10 Pre-Season News Update from RXCSF

Dear RXCSF Members, Donors, Sponsors and Friends,

A news update regarding RXCSF programs & activities as the ski season approaches:

- **Trails and Facilities** - RXCSF continues to work with Monroe County & NYS Parks to assure consistent grooming & safe/well marked trails at **Mendon Ponds Park & Harriet Hollister Spencer Recreation Area**. Thanks to YOUR support, RXCSF will again be spending \$10,000+ to develop and groom the trails. Highlights:
 - *MPP North Meadow trail improvements were a great success in 2008/9 with some of the best skiing conditions ever!*
 - *Spencer trails improvements continue with recent additional tree removals. The Tidd G2 proved to be a winner last season with most trails set for skate and classic all winter.*
 - *RXCSF is again fully-funding the seasonal groomer for MPP & all grooming at HHSRA. Grooming will be starting soon as conditions allow and hunting season closes.*
 - *New this year, the Webster HS Team will be grooming Webster Park with conditions to be posted on the RXCSF Trail Conditions listing. Thanks to Coach Odle and Mike Valleriano!*
 - *There is a Mendon Ponds Park TRAIL WORK DAY set for Saturday, Nov 28th at 1:00PM in concert with local HS Ski Teams; volunteers are welcome, meet at the Park Office.*
- **Website** – Apologies to all regarding the XCRochester.com website, as we experienced a catastrophic failure over the summer. However, we are using this as an opportunity to build a new, more modern/interactive website to be on-line in the spring of 2010; Randy McGarvey & Mike Valleriano are already planning for this. If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute, please drop us a note at info@xcrochester.com. For this season, conditions reports, selected documents & information will be posted on the current site.
- **GVBKYS / RXCSF Youth Skiing Development Program** - We already have approximately 50 children registered for our Recreational and Sport programs; it looks to be another GREAT year under the guidance of our new Program Leader Bill Broderick. Practices have already begun for our Sport skiers, with weekly trail runs and new-for-this-year roller skiing technique sessions. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!** Check the website for details. Don't forget our **Holiday Camp at Bristol Summit on Dec 28 & 29**. It is open to all youth skiers and is a great opportunity for local Modified skiers to hone their skiing including a focus on Classic Technique needed for skiing at the next level.
- **Membership/Donation Status** – Ann Mangan has graciously assumed the coordination of RXCSF Membership/Donation, taking over from the great work done by Leah Valvo. New this year will be on-line registration via www.SkiReg.com (via the Club Membership section). We will also continue the availability of paper/mail-in donations. We cannot stress how important it is for **all of us** in the XC community to continue to support RXCSF and the grooming activities we coordinate and fund! **Please complete your RXCSF membership/donation today!** Thanks for your continued support!
- **Board of Directors** – RXCSF will have an open **Board of Directors Meeting** this **Thursday 19Nov09 from 7 to 9PM** at the Barker Road Middle School Library in Pittsford. Please enter via the main/front entrance and follow posted signs to the library. **All interested members of the ski**



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community are invited and encouraged to attend and participate with your input to advance XC Skiing in Greater Rochester. The first order of business will be to seat a new Board and group of Functional Leaders, with activity planning discussions to follow. (See below for the current slate of nominees.) Please consider your attendance as an opportunity to make an impact, helping RXCSF to better serve the local community of skiers of all ages and abilities. We hope to see many of you on Thursday!

- **RXCSF Junior Skiing Development Program** – We will be setting up an Exploratory Committee during the Open Board Meeting on Thursday to start planning the launch of a Junior Development Program for J2-OJ skiers. Greater Rochester is unique in that we have literally hundreds of junior ski racers but no comprehensive open-enrollment program for year-round training and development aimed at skiing excellence. The timing is perfect as we have a large group of GVBKYS Skiers that will be graduating soon and in need of a similar level of support as they join the junior ranks. The working group will benchmark other successful programs and select the best approach for us. Persons interested in participating in this process are encouraged to attend the BOD meeting this week.
- **XC Rochester** - The adult ski training/racing group is unfortunately dormant and in need of a leader. Qualified persons interested in taking over this activity please contact us at info@xcrochester.com .
- **Events** – In addition to the Holiday Race Camp, the highlight of the local youth skiing season is the annual RXCSF Youth Skiing Festival, scheduled earlier this season on 30/31 January at Bristol Summit. Registration for both will be open soon via www.SkiReg.com . Note that RXCSF does not currently plan any citizen participation / racing activities for this season, as our Events Coordinator position is vacant. Persons interested in developing future community events please contact us at info@xcrochester.com .

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Board of Directors Nominees for Approval at 19Nov09 BOD Meeting:

Position	Director
Executive Committee:	
President (Acting)	Bob Witkowski
Vice President	Open
Secretary	Ann Mangan
Treasurer	Coleridge Gill
Past President	Ruth Hayes
Board Members:	
WNYB (Biathlon) Affiliate Rep	Marty Maynard
ROC (Ski-O) Affiliate Rep	Eric Barbehenn
Monroe County High School Rep	Anna Gorbold
RNSC Affiliate Rep	Coleridge Gill
At-Large Member	Kim Douglas
At-Large Member	Bill Broderick
At-Large Member	Michael Valleriano

Committee Chairs

Junior/Senior Skier Development (Formerly XCRochester)	Open - Interested persons contact RXCSF at info@xcrochester.com
Youth Skier Development (Formerly GVBKYS)	Bill Broderick
Trails & Facilities	Open (B. Witkowski Acting) - Interested persons contact RXCSF at info@xcrochester.com
Education	Open - Interested persons contact RXCSF at info@xcrochester.com
Membership & Communications	Ann Mangan & Michael Valleriano (Co-Chairs)
Events	Open - Interested persons contact RXCSF at info@xcrochester.com
Sponsorship	Open - Interested persons contact RXCSF at info@xcrochester.com
Volunteers	Open - Interested persons contact RXCSF at info@xcrochester.com