*Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club*

**Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club** is a 501c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cross-country skiing as a healthful, family activity. Our membership has grown since 1991 and presently includes over two hundred fifty families. Club members volunteer their time to groom and maintain eight area ski trails and work with the Grand Rapids, Deer River and Remer High School ski teams, Minnesota Youth Ski League, Mount Itasca Nordic Ski Association, Itasca County Trails Task Force and other local and statewide organizations. Our funding comes from member donations, state grant-in-aid, and fund raising events. We strive to continually improve Nordic skiing in our area for all ages and abilities.

Board of Directors

Pete Friedlieb, *President* Jim Christmas*, Suomi Hills liaison* Greg (Boomer) Moritko *Director of grooming* Bob Conzemius, *Vice-president* Craig Stertz, *Director of ski clinics* Rick McDonald, *Director of Legion Trail* Tom Sobolik, *Treasurer* Paul Olson, *Director of GPS mapping*  Catherine McLynn*, Newsletter/Membership* Alan and Amy Dettmer *Mt Itasca liaisons* Randy Zupan *Suomi groomer* Cathleen Bengtson, Doan Lake trail

Trail Bits Fall 2015

Pete Friedlieb

Your board was undeterred by South winds, clear skis and temps in the 70s as we met at the KAXE studios to get ready for the eventual (we hope) North winds and white precipitation.  Here’s what’s happening-

**Ski Swap-**New Place will be Central Square Mall on Tuesday December 1from 4-8pm.  Bring your stuff for sale and find equipment for yourself, kids or friends.  Our friendly NLNSC board members will be there to help you.

**New Equipment-**We have purchased 2 new Arctic Cat Bearcat snowmobiles.  One will be at Blueberry and the other at Sugar.  Also purchased a new groomer for Sugar and we’ll be selling the older machine and groomer we have there now.  Funds were from member donations, Groomer donations of time and work which allows Grant in Aid $ to go directly to the Club and a Trails Task Force Grant (20% of total which was $35,000.)

**New Sign at Blueberry-**I’ve been working with Al Vann who very generously donated his considerable expertise in making a new sign to represent the new trail name-*Robin Baker Blueberry Hills Trails.* An updated map, a picture of Robin and other info will be on the sign.  We’ll let you know when it’s being put up.

**Blueberry Building Remodel-**We are remodeling a pole building at Blueberry to enclose at and provide for secure storage.  We will have garage doors at both ends, hard floor etc.

*There was more but that’s the main stuff and so off we went into the warm summer night......*

**NORTHERN LIGHTS NORDIC SKI CLUB**

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**Membership fee enclosed: Benefactor $100.00\_\_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining $50.00\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Family $25.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Individual $15.00\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student $5.00\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***We need your membership* to promote, maintain and improve Nordic skiing as a lifetime sport.**

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