

St. Albert Nordic Ski Club 2020 Annual General Meeting – President’s Report.

As I write this report, I’m watching the snow accumulate on my lawn and the anticipation for a terrific ski season is growing. It’s always a good time to “go skiing”, but this year more than others, our community is looking forward to the opportunity to learn a new winter sport. So, bring your family and friends out to the trails for a ski, or sign up for our youth or adult lessons. Better yet, join our board and help to support Nordic skiing in your community. The following board positions are vacant for 2020-2021: Trail Grooming, Treasurer, Tour Coordinator, Adult Program Coordinator, Youth Program Coordinator. If you would like to learn more about any of these positions, please send an email to SNSCPresident.2020@gmail.com

Our youth and adult programs continue to grow, contributing to the club’s goal - *Providing groomed cross-country ski trails and programming in the heart of St. Albert for all ages.*

We are grateful to our instructors in these programs whose passion for skiing and teaching is evident. St. Albert Nordic Ski Club has developed a strong team of certified instructors who lead the youth lessons. This year, youth lessons will be offered on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday afternoon (for home schoolers). Special protocols will be in place to comply with Alberta Health Guidelines. Details are outlined on the club webpage. Adult lessons will include both “Novice Classic” and “Learn to Ski Better”. Registration for all lessons and programs is now open on the club web page.

The Annual Cookie Marathon - hosted about 100 skiers in 2020. This event will take place in 2021 in a modified form. Thank you to all the volunteers, and our event sponsors, who helped make this event a success.

As you’re likely aware, **Track ‘N Trail** set up their newest store in St. Albert. If you need some new equipment or to get skis waxed, head over to Track ‘N Trail for all your Nordic Needs.

A Special Thank You to the St. Albert Nordic Trail Grooming Team. This fall the club acquired a new piece of grooming equipment through a city grant. Thank you to the city for supporting the club and thank you, Pat Kelly, for continuing to write grant applications in addition to all the other work you do for the club. Last year we had a nice long spring ski season and many members sent in notes to thank the grooming team for keeping the trails in such great shape until the final snow melt in late April. Setting ski trails is a masterful skill and we’re fortunate that our club has some of the best trail groomers in the province.

Thank you to all our volunteers. Our club relies on volunteers for all that it does including equipment repairs, skillful grooming of the trails, hosting events, coordinating the youth and adult lessons, and club governance. The club also works closely with the City of St. Albert and Riverlot 56. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and for supporting Nordic skiing in our community.

As we move into our 2021 ski season please keep in mind the **guidelines set by Alberta Health.**

*Dawn your buffs & ski smartly
Maintain one ski length a partly
If you’re not feeling great, please stay home and get well
There will be more days ahead with skiing that’s swell.*

Healthy Trails everyone!

Laurie Hunt
President, St. Albert Nordic Ski Club