

SkiVenture

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Annual Letter 2010-2011



“Local skiing on natural snow”

Letter from the President:

I hope you made good use of SkiVenture last season. The Winters sure did. The season started in mid December, and lasted through the first week in March. The log shows that the big lift was opened 76 times. We did not have abundant snow for most of the season, but with frequent and skillful grooming, we had a great surface for most of the season. Thanks Ed! Having the groomer on site sure made the grooming easier. Thanks for the shed Nick! (As you may recall, Nick Kudlacik built us a nice shed for the groomer as his Eagle Scout project).

Over the summer we made some progress on a few upcoming projects. We cut some trees to build a lean-to near the top. We did some wiring and cut the trees and brush out of the power line. Thanks Rob, Tom, Dave, Glenn and Abby! The brush hogging is done beautifully. Thanks Don and Scott!

This fall we will keep the improvements coming. The biggest job needed before the ski season is the replacement of the ropes. We plan to accomplish that at our November work parties.

I am looking forward to another great season. See you on the hill and by all means tell your friends. Let's not let SkiVenture be such a well-kept secret.

Frank Winters
SkiVenture President



Hill Maintenance

We will be kicking off this season with new ropes on both lifts. The current ropes have provided us with very good service of ~ 9 years for the small lift and 6 years for the main lift. Similar to last year there were no major equipment failures only a best effort “splice” late in the season on the small tow rope. The ropes are one of our biggest expenses. Please treat them with care.

Very little tow maintenance was conducted over the summer months. During our work party we will be inspecting and conducting some preventative maintenance to make certain all is ready for the first snowfall.

There were several electrical upgrades made in the A-frame providing more outlets for the hot chocolate maker. Also a total out house makeover was conducted consisting of a fresh coat of paint, working lights, vintage ski accents, and an outlet in the women’s area for a small heater.

In the next several years there will be a focus on upgrading the main lift tow building and tensioning system. We expect to be decoupling the building from the lift pole and placing both the structure and the main lift pole on concrete pillars. Additionally, the building will be set back from its current location to allow for ease of egress at the top of the lift. Critical steps of this project are expected to be conducted in the summer of 2011. Check the web site in the future for more details.

If you would like to take on a repair or have a piece of equipment that could help out please contact Ed – we are always looking for members interested in improving our ski area.

Ski the Power Line

As you make your way along Dawson’s Highway towards the A-frame you will see one of our newest trails – the Power Line. This trail was cleared by a couple of our members over a few weekends. This trail is sure to provide you with some “High Voltage Skiing”.



Ed excavating for the lean-to



Groomer / Machinery Report

Snow grooming definition – The process of manipulating snow for recreational uses, usually using a snow groomer vehicle

The groomer logged around 300 miles last season adjusting the snow to near ideal conditions. With very little snow and a closely mowed hill, (thanks Scott and Don) we can pack and move snow around so members can be enjoying the hill even if there is grass showing in the fields just miles away.

As always, grooming is conducted later in the week during the evening hours. If you happen to be skiing when the groomer is out, please maintain a safe distance of 50 feet from the groomer.

This year we added a DR Brush mower to the fleet of tools to help us prepare for the skiing season. This machine will be specifically helpful in the areas that are not accessible with large tractors.

Lean- to out post

In the effort to provide a location at the top of the main hill where folks can gather, view the whole ski slope, and get out of the weather, in the summer of 2011 we will be constructing an Adirondack Lean To similar to the one pictured. This structure will be a great place to watch the skiers on the hill, or spend an overnight, winter or summer.

Although you cannot see the Lean To on the SkiVenture landscape today, you may have seen logs scattered around the property. The logs for this structure were harvested (with permission) from our neighbor's property over the last several months.

If you are interested in helping to build a true Adirondack Lean To, please drop Ed a note. He will keep you informed of building activities.



coming soon summer of 2011!





Our banner says it all!

With new members we will be able to accomplish all of our needed projects such as a new upper-lift building. A new deck with an outside stone fireplace and an A-frame Adirondack themed make-over.



CLUB FACTS

- Open to everyone who enjoys local skiing or riding on natural snow in a friendly club environment.
- It is great for families with kids!
- Conveniently located in West Glenville at the north end of Johnson Rd.
- Founded in 1937, purchased property in 1949.
- Cozy A-frame cabin with wood stove and deck.
- Over 100 vertical feet on 4 trails-beginner to expert.
- Two rope tows (main and beginner lift)
- Member owned and operated during the winter months.

Open 7x24, day and night to all who are trained and qualified Hill Masters.

“We need new members”

The off season

recognize this trail?



VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

THE CLUB IS RUN BY VOLUNTEERS AND TOGETHER WE MAINTAIN THE FACILITIES. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE WORK PARTIES LAST YEAR. DEDICATED MEMBERS HAVE DONATED TIME AND EQUIPMENT TO IMPROVE THE CLUB – FROM CLEARING THE HILL, IMPROVING DRAINAGE AND MAINTAINING THE A-FRAME. WITHOUT THIS SUPPORT THERE WOULD NOT BE A CLUB. THERE IS NO WAY WE COULD AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE IMPORTANT WORK.

Pass information along to friends and colleagues
The newsletter and application form is available
for download on line at www.skiventure.org

