



BRIMACOMBE RACING

2011-2012 NEWSLETTER

I hope everyone had a good summer and is looking forward to the ski season as much as I am.

The past few years I have just recycled the same newsletter because there have been few, if any changes. But this year I actually have something new to report.

First off, the bad news. Unfortunately, after many years of no fee increase, we have very reluctantly had to raise the registration fee structure. This is due to several factors, the main one being a substantial rise in the fees we pay to Alpine Canada and Alpine Ontario. These are per racer and per coach charges over which we have no control. These fees cover insurance and administration costs of running and organizing the leagues, and are paid directly to Alpine Ontario. We have also had increases in coaching costs because of new requirements to have risk management and other educational modules that our coaches must have in order to be licensed. Finally, every year we have tried to have some residual money left for capital costs such as netting, gates, drills etc. However, since we have not increased our fees over the last several years, we have eaten into our reserve. As a result of these factors, we have no choice but to raise our fees. Despite this increase, we are still the most affordable race program in Ontario, and that is because the Brimacombe Ski Club subsidizes our program every year with a very generous payment.

For those of you who were not aware of the change, registration is now being run by Joe and Sharon Moore. Connie O'Malley is still the Treasurer and is still organizing the Tremblant Camp.

If you have read the newsletter from Brimacombe, you know that the 2 T bars on Standard have been removed for mechanical and financial reasons. Since I was involved in that decision making process I can tell you it was absolutely necessary. This change, while it will present some challenges to us as far as lift lines, is also going to benefit us. Since the lifts were removed, the tree lines separating the lift from the Standard run were removed as well, effectively widening the hill. The start hut has been moved over to the top of the chairlift and the finish hut moved over as well. This gave us an opportunity to replace the old buried communication cable with new shielded cable. What this also does is give us much more room. When we close the portion of the hill for our courses on Standard, we will no longer be choking the hill off, and the finish area will not be a possible collision zone as it has been in the past. This is an improvement for safety and it will be better for our relations with the general skiing public. Norm Greer and I have been out looking at the new section we will be racing on, and it is a much more consistent pitch which will enhance the training and racing experience for the athletes.



Thanks to the hard work of our new fund raising committee, we are having a dance on October 15. All proceeds from this dance will be used to purchase a new Alge timing system for Standard, identical to the system we purchased for Ben's several years ago. The timer on Standard is very old, and thanks to Mike Finer and Keith Wheeldon still working but it is on its last legs and we felt better replacing it now, not when we get a failure in the middle of a race. Besides being a fundraiser, the dance will be a great chance to socialize before race season starts and everyone is travelling in different directions.

As always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at tonymccraw@rogers.com.

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