

Dear JNSC Members,

Thank you for your membership for the 2017-18 season!

The JNSC is winding down after an amazing year where Nordic Skiing Rocked!! Thanks for joining us on the trails and lake. Was Mendenhall Lake grooming perhaps the highlight for you and your family and friends? Or perhaps Montana Creek where grooming is still continuing?

*As we move into post-season we are asking for your additional financial help. In early April the Rasmuson Foundation awarded JNSC a \$15,000 grant for purchase of trail grooming equipment. We're hoping to match this **by raising an additional \$15,000 from Juneau skiers for a new snow machine and track setter**, in order to continue to groom what we have and to EXPAND groomed kilometers next year.*

At end of March the JNSC calculated that we have provided over 160 grooming days at each site! This effort translates to over 1780 volunteer grooming hours and more than 1600 KM groomed! All this daily grooming exacts a heavy toll on JNSC grooming machines. The CanAm groomer has grown tired after thousands of dedicated service hours and dollars spent to keep it running this season. As our main workhorse groomer it will be retired, with highest honors, from service.

You can donate to the Grooming Equipment fund the 'old school' way by writing a check and sending it via snail mail to: **Juneau Nordic Ski Club, P.O. Box 21262, Juneau, AK 99802.** (website currently undergoing growing pains to make electronic payment easier, but not ready for use yet).

Additional JNSC news:

- Our mission of putting more people on skis more often was wildly successful – with thousands of skier days on JNSC groomed trails.
- Your membership dollars were maximized through the diligence of the 100% Volunteer Groomers to provide quality grooming and excellent skiing despite a low snow pack! (As of this note Montana Creek is still being groomed!) Our Treasurer calculates that approximately 86% of member dollars are spent on grooming. The other 14% are dedicated to insurance coverage and minor costs that keep tracks on the ground.
- 19 Youth member scholarships were awarded.
- Additionally our work facilitated youth skiing with young athletes from the Juneau School District, 4H Nordic Skiing Sundays, and the Juneau Nordic Ski Team.
- A new membership record with the season total (as of end April) at 374 memberships!
- We also had several anonymous donors help with several items that made grooming life easier. No names may be listed, but many thanks to all who were so thoughtful to JNSC's membership and grooming efforts!
- Agreements with the USFS with the JNSC to groom the entire Mendenhall lake next season.
- Advocating with the USFS planning process to identify and define an option to build a bridge across the Mendenhall River, with a shore-line trail all of the way to the visitor center. The proposed design/build will allow track setting equipment to groom trails in winter.
- Updated the Cost challenge agreement between JNSC and USFS for next winter.
- The JNSC approached CBJ for permission to set tracks on the North Douglas Pioneer Road upon its completion, possibly by next season, snowfall dependent of course.

- Signed a Memorandum of Agreement between CBJ and JNSC regarding pre and post season grooming at Eaglecrest. The lighter and more maneuverable equipment employed by JNSC will get a track set earlier and later during the ski season on the lower and upper loops. Snowfall dependent of course.
- JNSC pioneered new tracks at the SAGA fields this winter.
- Engineered a method to build snow trail base for track setting on Mendenhall Lake when very little accumulation had occurred but cold temps and sublimation coincided.
- The JNSC Board thinking, discussing and beginning to reach out about where additional trails could be developed in areas that will hold up better if current climate trends are to be the norm, at higher elevations for instance. We are seeking ideas and partnerships on additional trail options.
- Approximately 900 more Volunteer hours were accounted for by your JNSC Board members. Additional hours over the season were spent in negotiating, discussing, planning, hauling, pruning, repairing, building, book keeping, business managing, research, meeting, advocacy, trail surveys.

Upcoming Events - watch the website at JNSKI.ORG or the Facebook page:

Trail Work - This fall Member assistance will be needed in prepping ski trails for grooming (brushing, trimming, etc). You can email your interest and a list will be kept. Additionally, it will be posted on website and Facebook page. Work will most likely be done in September / October time frame, after the vegetation from summer is laid down from frost.

Annual Meeting / Potluck - TBA. The best potluck menu in town, don't miss this fun event! Watch the website at JNSKI.ORG or the Facebook page. Email will be sent as well; Usually held around the first Thursday in December.

This is all possible with your generous support to the JNSC. Please consider an additional contribution to the equipment campaign. And, thank you Rasmuson Foundation for contributing to Juneau's trails and health.

The mission of JNSC is to put more people on skis more often through consistent grooming of current trails and to find and develop new trail opportunities for nordic skiing.

Thank You,
JNSC Board of Directors