



Track 3 Spring 2010 Newsletter

From the President

It's hard to believe that we are in April and the ski season is over for another year. This has been one of our best ski seasons yet and we didn't lose a single day to adverse weather. This year also turned out to be one of our busiest years as far as students go, we had well over 130 people. A major part of our success was our volunteers and this year we had 250 instructors.

At this time I would like to thank all of our instructors who stepped up to help our students. I would also like to thank the Coordinators who made sure that everything was set up for the students and assisting the instructors when needed. I would like to thank all of the Directors for all of their hard work which made our program successful from start to finish. Finally I want to thank the London Ski Club and all their staff for providing a safe and fun place to run our program.

As with every year we have volunteers who retire from their roles in the program. Sue Kirkpatrick will be stepping down as the Thursday evening Coordinator. I would like to thank her for her many years in making Thursday a successful evening.

Our Board of Directors will also see several people step down. Lise McDermott, our Event Coordinator will be stepping down after 6 years. I would like to thank her for her hard work which has been apparent at all our special events. Tabetha Burley will also be stepping down as our Secretary for the past year and our Fundraising Director for the past three years I would like to thank her for her hard work in those roles. John Vander Horst is also stepping down as past President and Facilities Coordinator and I would

like to take this opportunity to thank him for his work in those roles. I am also stepping down from the Executive due to personal priorities and look forward to what the new Executive brings forward.

I would like to congratulate Nigel Stuckey as our new President for the 2010/2011 season, please support him as you have supported me in this role.

I hope that you all have a fun and safe summer and look forward seeing you all next year.

Best regards
Brian Van Heteren
President, Track 3 2010

Special Events Report

Hello Everyone, We had a wonderful Ski season once again, the weather was great and I believe this is the first year in many that our Wed night program did not have to make up any lessons.

As we wrap up the season I would like to announce my resignation from the Event Coordinator position which I have held for 6 years. Throughout this period I have met many people who have brought much joy into my life. Coordinating the Events at times was challenging, but on the day of the events I realized why I was doing this. The smiles and laughter of both students and instructors made it all worth while. Anyone who would be interested in taking on this position would do so knowing that I will act as their mentor making the transition a smooth one.

The Chicopee Event this year was a lot of fun with many of our participant being able to hold the Olympic Torch and participate in some Olympic activities. Boler Blitz had many participants and we were joined by our Furry Friends once again this year. As for our Volunteer Appreciation Day our venue this year was Devils Glen and both the weather and the ski conditions were amazing.

I wish everyone a very wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone on the hill next year. I will continue to be part of this great organization by instructing and helping out where ever is needed.

Lise McDermott
Special Events Coordinataor

FUNDRAISING

It was very difficult to make the decision to leave the board after 3 wonderful years as the Fundraising director and the past year as secretary for the London Track 3.

I have loved every minute of the fundraising, knowing that the results have allowed the entire program to grow and improve in many ways. The hardest part in making the decision to leave this position, is knowing the students and parents of the program will be affected the most.

Many wonderful relationships were made and discovered for Track 3 and myself and I am grateful for all of them.

I would like to also take the opportunity to thank EVERYONE who have ever assisted in all the fundraising events. Many people have given of their time, talents, efforts and made donations, wanting nothing in return: only to help to make every event be the greatest success possible and to allow the LONON TRACK 3 SKI SCHOOL to benefit as a result.

All has been very appreciated :) See you on the slopes in 2011 !!!

Sincerely,
Tabetha Burley
Fundraising Coordinator

Sit Ski Program

What a great season!!! Lots of snow, no cancelled classes due to weather - it could not have been better. 2010 was also our largest group of Sit Skiers in London Track 3 history. We had 21 students in the program!! WOW!
From the smiles in the building, I know everyone of you had a great season.

The thanks to making that happened goes to the dedicated group of sit ski instructors - 37 in total. We cannot thank you enough for taking the time to come out, get trained (there were 14 new instructors this year), putting in extra hours (7 instructors had more then one student), coming out of retirement, putting your name on the spare list and helping with the school program.

A special thanks to the 4 instructors who took their level 1 this year and assisted in the program - we look forward to training you as full sit ski instructors next season. You are a great group and we look forward to working with you all again next season.

Have a great summer but always remember to "think snow!!!" The ski season will be here before you know it!!!

Pam Poole
Sit ski Coordinators

Special Olympics Ontario London (SOOL):London Ski Racers

It was another great year for our team out on the slopes. Our team looked great in their new team jackets thanks to a generous donation from Wayne Ablitt of Jannatec Technologies. Wayne is the father of two of our coaches.

On Saturday February 13 Chris Innes, Ben So, Danny Marchand and Val Nyhout along with their coaches traveled to their first race of the year at the Holimont Ski Club in New York state. Matt Ingles and Rob Wilson had to miss the trip due to illness.

The team was seeded in the second fastest division. Out of the 23 competitors in the division, London was up against members from 3 U.S. teams and 2 Canadian teams. London finished with 2 second places 1 third and 1 ninth.

Our next and last race of the season was in Collingwood on February 28th for the Region 6 Qualifier. All six of our racers made the trip along with four of our coaches. Our athletes performed well on probably the toughest race course and conditions we have ever encountered!. Each of our athletes competed in Slalom and Giant Slalom and we finished the day with 3 firsts, 6 seconds, and 3 thirds.

On the way home we were able to stop and watch Canada win the gold medal against the US in men's hockey, which was a perfect way to end our season. We now wait to see who will qualify for the provincials next year.

David Nyhout and Eric Thomson

Tuesday Night Program

The Tuesday Night program had a fantastic year despite the mild winter. It's hard to believe, but we had fresh snow every week! Without fail, some of our skiers closed the hill each night, wanting to maximize their slope time. Much thanks to everyone for making the program such a success. Hope to see you all next year.

Sarah Stenabaugh
Jenny Miller

Saturday Morning Program

What a great Ski Season. We didn't lose one Saturday this year - Wow. Andrew and I had a great time this year meeting all the new students and instructors and see the students achieve great things this year.

Thanks to the instructors for making this year a success. Without you we would not have had a Saturday morning program this year. Thanks to the parents and caregivers for bringing the students each week.

I would also like to thank the parents and caregivers that helped make our year end party a great success. The food was great and the company even better.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jarrett Nelson on his successful graduation from our program. This is the main goal of our program and to see one of our Saturday morning students accomplish this task is amazing. I hope his accomplishment will encourage other students to continue to work hard. Even though Jarrett has successfully completed the program, he will be back next year to be a student instructor. We look forward to having him join us as an instructor.

Just a reminder for the parents and caregivers, if you plan on registering your child again next year, please ensure we have an updated email on file. You can send it to me. Also, keep an eye on the website as Registration usually takes place the third Saturday of September.

Enjoy your summer.

Saturday morning coordinators

Andrew Crook

Kim Pryslak

Saturday Afternoon Program

The sun definitely did shine on the Saturday afternoon crew as the 12 students and 24 instructors came together like cream cheese on a bagel.

Blessed with the aforementioned sun and blue skies we had a great time as returning students and instructors taught the new crew how we did things parrot-head style.

Special thanks goes to Lise M for her organizing of a great Boler Blitz, Chickapee ski day and the Instructors' day at Devil's Glen.

A special thanks goes to Sarah (and her bagpipes) for our special group-getting-in-line-together thing on the last day of our program. There's nothing like a nice set of pipes on the slopes.



Sara Milne
Jackie Pugh
Tom Creech

