

Ski Wentworth Three Weeks Ahead of Last Year



Tots on skis is a new snow school program at Wentworth this season. (Submitted)



This year Wentworth Ski has a snowshoe trail that's gaining popularity. Every weekend there are approximately 20+ users and it's growing each week. (Submitted)

By Leslie Wilson

We're a month and a half into a super ski season and things are only getting better at Ski Wentworth. Cold temperatures and our increased snowmaking capacity, thanks to the 2011 Canada Winter Games, allowed us to open early and have an excellent Christmas break. We're three weeks ahead of last year opening new trails and terrain. By the first week of February, snowmaking should be all wrapped up for the season. Regular dustings of fresh snow have brought out the crowds, so all in all, it's been a great start to the season.

Our annual Robbie Burns Day in January was the biggest turnout ever, with over 300 skiers donning kilts on the mountain. Coming up this month, we're jam packed with events. The Masters Ski Camp runs the first week of February. Space in the Masters Ladies camp is filling up fast. February 9 is CAA Day - show your CAA membership card

and get 20% off lift tickets and rentals.

The Rolland Brunner alpine ski race weekend is Feb. 15-17 when the top racers from the region will be whisking down the mountain at top speeds. If you're into watching some high flying tricks, Freestyle Ski competitions run the weekend of Feb. 23&24.

March Break will be here quicker than you think! We have a three day March Break camp for kids, daily crafts, dog sled rides, maple syrup festival and so much more. Extended hours during the March Break - we're open everyday 9am-9pm. No weekly specials are in effect.

Of course, there's live entertainment in Ducky's every Friday Night for our famous Wing Night and Saturday for après Ski. Join us for a toast to another great ski day.

For further information go to our website at skiwentworth.ca or Facebook page.

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Chiganois Students Have After-School Computer Club

By Linda Harrington

Thank you Mrs. Saunders, and all students, for a wonderful Christmas Concert last month. Also, a special thank you to all the volunteers for their assistance with the Christmas store, Christmas Concert, Sing Song and Christmas dinner. All of these events were a huge success and the extra hands were much appreciated.

Congratulations to the students who had their pictures on the "Gotcha" bulletin board for December: Matthew MacKenzie, Kenny Bowers, Cooper Blackie, Cassidy Proctor, Thomas Barnhill, Grace Denton, Kenzie Hill-MacLennan, Nolan Swan, Jack Verheul, Evan Shay, Mason McNeil, Allison Robinson, Sierra Barley, Ross Shepherd, Connor Rushton, Hailey MacMillan, Kayleigh MacKenzie, Olivia MacDonald, Hannah Burke, Nicole Higgins, DJ Lynds, Danielle Donkin, Katrina Altenkirk, Grace Lumsden, Sara Swan, Michael Peters, Ryan Blenkhorn-Hyde.

SAC will meet on Feb. 6th. A few of the items on the agenda are the Excellence in Teaching Awards and Continuous School Improvement progress. All are welcome to attend.

Primary Registration was held on Friday, January 25th

for any students in the catchment area of Chiganois who will be 5 years of age as of December 31st, 2013. If you know of anyone who missed the Registration Day they should contact the school as soon as possible.

Starting Monday January 7th, and continuing for 8 weeks, there is after school Yoga with Mrs. Davidson until 4:15. This will be open to all grades. Unfortunately we can only have 16 students each week, therefore sign up the morning of.

Something new for Chiganois is after school computer club which will be organized by Mrs. White. The first session will be Thursday

January 10th for Grades 3-5 until 4:15. The Grade 3-5 students will go for the first 4 weeks and then on February 7th it will be the P-2 students turn for 4 weeks.

Cold weather is here. Please send mittens and a hat with your child to school every day! Chiganois will be having the final In-Service Day on March 9th. There will be no school for students on that day.

A reminder that the Parent Portal is open in Power School. Visit Chiganois website at <http://ces.ccrsb.ca> for specific instructions. The Principal's Lunch for birthdays in January will be held on Jan. 31st.

Employees from the Wildlife Park in Shubenacadie recently came to the school and presented a display/information to Primary/One classes.

A school based Science Fair will be held this winter and all students in Grades Four and Five will be required to complete a project. More information will be provided to each student by their classroom teacher.

The Heritage Fair is usually held in April. Any student wishing to put in a project must see Miss Tait by January 31st to get a package. Projects must be completed independently at home and brought to the school by March Break. Any questions see Miss Tait.

4-H Members Receive CIBC Scholarships

Shandra MacMaster, Antigonish, is one of three 4-H members from across Canada to be awarded the 2013/2014 CIBC 4-H Secondary Education Scholarship. She will receive \$2,500 a year for the next 2 years towards her post-secondary education. The funding for these scholarships was made possible by CIBC's commitment of \$30,000 to support post-secondary education of 4-H students.

The CIBC 4-H Secondary Education Scholarships are open to all active 4-H members in their last year of high school or CEGEP and who are at least 16 years of age. The recipients were selected based on their academic standing; a 500-word essay explaining what 4-H has done for them and what they hope to

achieve through higher education; three reference letters from their community, school or 4-H; and their 4-H and community involvement. Previous scholarship recipients have gone on to study in the fields of veterinary medicine, engineering, agriculture and bio-chemistry.

4-H is one of Canada's longest running youth organizations and are extremely excited to be celebrating their 100th Anniversary in 2013. Since 1913, 4-H youth have pledged their Head, Heart, Hands and Health to their 4-H club, their community, and their country. Today, more than 26,000 4-H youth, and more than 8,400 volunteer leaders help 4-H members "Learn to do by Doing." The Canadian 4-H Council began in 1933 to oversee all 4-H activities across Canada.

Economy & Five Islands News

By Ruth Thompson

Carole and Ray Dibbon and Dorothy and Dennis Carson visited with Louise St. Clair in Pugwash. They found her well. She likes to have company.

January has proven to be a wintry one so far. We should be lucky that we do not live in other parts of the country that have more severe weather than we do or in Australia, which has been suffering from extreme heat and a lot of grass fires.

Members of the Economy United Church Women are meeting in member's homes for the winter months. They were at my house in January. We are going to be at Beverley Ryan's in February. We are a small group but we accomplish a lot with help from the community.

Exercise classes at the Recreation Centre are going well. Both times are well attended. Go and enjoy the fellowship and plus exercise.

This will be my last report for the Shoreline Journal as I will be moving to Truro. I sure hope someone will take over this position and provide news for Economy and Five Islands. I know people like to read the news. Who ever takes this position over GOOD LUCK. Please support this paper. Keep in touch with people.

If you are interested, please contact Maurice Rees, publisher at 902-647-2968 or via email at: maurice@theshorelinejournal.com

Bass River Fire Brigade News

By Peter Christensen

Hello from the Fire hall.

A cold week this week for sure around here, but the hall is heating up. Our curling team has finally gotten in the win column. Yeah, great work boys.

The hall has been quiet so far in the new year. Although training continues on our entrance for the Coast Guard Aux positions for our water rescue teams. Training has been in Parrsboro and may soon begin in Bass River.

Do not forget to watch your fires in this cold weather. With the windy evenings the chances of flue fires increase. And just a reminder of the dangers involved with emptying your hot ashes from your stove or furnaces. Please remember to dump them in a

steel bucket or can, and have them put outside of your house or outbuildings, away from any combustible materials.

A hearty welcome to our newest member Brady Taggart.

Members or should I say new members are always welcome at the hall, we practice every Monday evening and our meetings are on the first Monday of every month at eight pm.

Enjoy the rest of January folks, snow, ice, cold weather, bad roads and lots of darkness, but on the bright side, on a sunny day even though it is freezing out, the days are getting longer.

And so we say see you at the hall sometime soon, and keep your pipes clean.

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