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# THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the recent Staff Appreciation Après Ski, I described DOUG WANSBROUGH's many roles as including that of the "Mayor" of Devil's Glen. In addition to reflecting the breadth of skills we rely on in our very talented General Manager and his staff, this was also a comment on the incredibly multi-faceted nature of the Club itself. Beyond the trails, lifts, lodge, groomers and snowmaking equipment one would expect of a ski hill, the Club effectively includes a network of roads, water and septic treatment and distribution systems, waste and recycling facilities and a community of 115 chalets – all of which need to be operated and maintained on a year-round basis. In a very real sense, Devil's Glen is its own "town".

This is certainly no accident. When the Club was formed in 1965, the inducements to become a member (at an initiation fee of \$500!) included the right to acquire a chalet site at a price equal to the Club's cost. The purpose of offering chalet sites was not only as an inducement to join. As described by one of the early members, chalet development was intended to provide "a hard core of members who were totally committed both emotionally and economically to the well-being of the Club".

The first sites were in fact made available beginning in 1967 and, 10 years later, a total of 66 chalets had either been built (61) or planned (another 5) on the north slope of the Club's property, along what we now know as the North Road, South Road and the western part of Cerberus Trail. Adopting terminology from the Master Plan prepared for the Club in 1972, those first 66 chalets became known as "Phase 1." Another 24 chalets – "Phase 2" – were built between 1982 and 1985 across from the tennis courts on the Main Road and along Glen Manor Lane and the eastern part of Cerberus Trail. "Phase 3" consists of the 15 townhouse-style chalets at the top of the runs to the west of the Heavenly Chair and was completed in 1988. As of only a few weeks ago, the "North Ten" chalets on either side of the tennis courts were added to the family.

Owners of chalets are often described as having accommodation "on the property." Although all the chalets are in fact located on property originally owned by the Club, each is in fact a unit in one of four condominium corporations which acquired the underlying land from the Club. Technically, each chalet owner basically owns only his or her own structure and the land on which it sits, with the surrounding property being owned by the relevant condominium corporation as "common area". Collectively, the land owned by the Club and the four condominium corporations comprises over 600 acres.

Much like the Club itself, each condominium corporation has its own Board of Directors which sets budgets, collects dues, monitors compliance with applicable legislation, enforces the rules of condominium ownership and convenes meetings of its members. If you happen to see notices posted around the lodge relating to "S.C.C. #18" (or 47, 65 or 334), it likely relates to one of those meetings ("S.C.C." standing for "Simcoe Condominium Corporation"). As with condominium units generally, the chalets are subject to detailed sets of rules, including the requirement to secure approval of both their original design and any subsequent changes, as well as restrictions on ownership. Chalet owners must be or become members of the Club and, leaving aside transfers to spouses and other family members, must offer their chalet to other Club members before effecting a sale to any non-member.

In keeping with the highly interdependent relationship between the Club and the chalets, there is very regular and open interaction between the Board of Directors and staff of the Club and the Boards of the condominium corporations. Detailed agreements between the Club and each of the condominium corporations serve to protect the interests of all parties, for example, by providing easements in favour of chalet owners to ensure that the Club's continued ownership of most critical elements of the site (such as the Main Road) does not preclude access to their chalets. From the Club's perspective, protecting the interests of members who are not chalet owners has always been paramount. Among other things, this resulted in the Club holding a \$1 mortgage (until 2174!) against each condominium unit, allowing the Club to cause the relevant condominium corporation to take or refrain from taking action if thought necessary to protect Club members.

Under the agreements with the condominium corporations, the Club is retained to operate and maintain all roads, communal water and sewage systems and the garbage/recycling site located near the main entrance to the Glen. There are exceptions for Phase 3 which, due to its location, operates separate sewage and garbage collection facilities. In the case of the water system, treatment is handled by the Collingwood PUC under contract with the Club, and Club staff oversee the distribution network. To avoid unnecessary duplication of functions, the Club's staff also provides accounting and administration services. In all these areas, costs are allocated or shared based on agreed approaches which vary depending on the subject matter, but which reflect several common principles, including:

- Each party bearing its own share of capital and operating costs, and not subsidizing the others;
- Where the Club or a condominium corporation owns an asset which is of common benefit, operating and capital costs are apportioned among the users consistent with their actual use (to the extent that can be determined); and
- Since all parties are not-for-profit organizations, all charges for services (most notably those provided by the Club) should reflect only the cost of providing the service.

These arrangements have evolved over time, particularly over the past several years as the Club has grown, we've begun addressing our aging infrastructure, and regulatory requirements have become more onerous. In a number of ways, the relationship between the Club and the condominium corporations has become more defined and, without detracting from the close working relationships, more "business-like" from a financial perspective. By way of illustration, if you aren't the owner of a chalet in Phase 1 or Phase 2, don't even think about ignoring the big red signs warning you not to drop your garbage (or recycling) in the enclosure near the main entrance to the Club – you're not the one paying for it!

The 1972 Master Plan includes the concept of a "Phase 4" development on the lands owned by the Club (approximately 75 acres) beyond the top of the chairlifts. The Board of the Club is currently taking steps to ensure that the zoning of these lands will preserve the ability of the Glen (subject, of course, to a myriad of potential additional steps and requirements) to develop additional chalets in the years to come. Whether, how and when (if ever) that would in fact make sense for the Club will be questions for the future. Ironically, the success of the founders' original strategy may well make those questions more difficult to answer. That strategy has allowed us to build a membership base (both chalet owners and otherwise) which should leave most options open for the "Town of Devil's Glen".

ANDREW BLAIR, President

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Two days...two warm days in December is all it took to take the Club from the "Best Opening Ever" to hanging on to keep trails open. That is what warm temperatures and warm wind will do to a ski hill. Call it a Chinook, Mistral, Pineapple Express, Foehn or Favonio - these warm dry strong winds are snow-eaters and can consume snow at over a foot per day. Unfortunately, the melt took place over Christmas, but our trusty groomers and snowmakers kept the ski trails in top shape for all to enjoy. Since the holidays the weather pattern has returned to snowy and cold and our hills are once again offering terrific ski conditions.

### Parking Girls

Every day at the Glen over 200 staff work hard to provide a sensational ski day. MICHELLE WEEL is attending grade 12 in Stayner and is our lead hand for the weekend parking crew. MICHELLE has been working at Devil's Glen for 3 seasons and her father and two brothers have all been dedicated employees at our hill. The following is a typical day for MICHELLE or any of her four woman crew.

6:00 a.m. Wake up to see if my dad has cleared the laneway to get to work. Help him shovel out the door to the garage before he gives me a ride to the hill.

7:00 a.m. Check in with JED at the Maintenance Shop for any change of plans. Grab our radios and reflective vests. Fuel up the Rhino and drive the crew out to set up the cones in the parking lot after ANDY finishes clearing the snow. I hope the tractor didn't run over the Drop-off stands again. Oh man! An early arrival has parked out of the usual alignment, guess we will have to modify the parking rows.

8:30 a.m. Cars are coming fast and furious now. I direct cars over to HAYLEY and ASHLEY to park so that a car does not have its door open when the next car pulls in. Hey where did the Audi Quattro come from? He can't park there, he will triple park that row. Kick Quattro driver out.

9:15 a.m. Rush of cars for start of programs is almost over and we are 3/4 full in the parking lot. Where is that Brown Suburban going across the west bridge? Members know that there is no drop-off across the bridge. Wow it is cold today, better give the other girls some more hand and toe warmers, and make sure they get a warm-up break.

10:45 a.m. Lot is full. JEANNIE is scoping out single spots to fit another car in here or there. HAYLEY has room for three more cars on the north side. I direct 3 cars across to her. ASHLEY better start parking them up the road. 428, 429, 430, 431, 432 in the main lot, almost a new car parking record. Radio JED with the car count for the day.

11:30 a.m. Quick snack. Whew, it is hot in the lodge. Gotta get some layers off before I start my shift in the kitchen expediting food orders. ASH and JEANNIE are heading out to Lucifer's, and HAYLEY is going to Heavenly to check tickets, line marshal, look for snowboard leashes, match kids with adults, and smile at the boys. Man that "McDreamy" snowboard instructor is cute.

1:00 p.m. Lunch rush was busy. I don't think I can eat a grilled cheese after pre-ordering about a hundred and seventeen of them...maybe a soup for lunch. No time to read a few pages of "Accidentally Yours", my latest cheesy romance novel, I'm off to spell ASHLEY from the Lucifer's line-up.

2:15 p.m. I wonder why that guy with the Director's badge didn't have a 09 sticker yet? I felt badly sending him into the office. If the new-schoolers would keep their badges visible so that they don't have to open their jackets every time they ride the lift. I wish I had kept some of those hand warmers...I'm freezing.

3:00 p.m. Things are slowing down at the lifts. Collect the parking cones and signs and put them away for tomorrow. JED needs a hand moving picnic tables in the lodge to set-up for the magic show. Move 9 tables out onto the deck to give the Band a spot to set up.

4:05 p.m. Help SANDRA with magic show in the River Styx room. Wow, these kids leave a huge mess with the Après snacks, got to use a snow shovel to tidy up. I better hurry; Dad was going to pick me up at 4:15 tonight.

5:00 p.m. Ahhh home. Message from CANDY about the get-together at CODY'S. Better get a shower before CANDY picks me up. Hi Mom. Bye Mom.

MICHELLE is just one of the people behind the scenes but is a shining example of what exceptional people can do to make an exceptional ski experience even better. I would like to thank MICHELLE and all the high school age employees who give up their weekends in the winter to help us create lasting memories at the Club. Good luck at University next year MICHELLE.

### Cover Photo

Congratulations to our staff members, CHAD CRITCHLEY and JUSTIN LOVELL. CHAD'S "Tunnel" feature was shown on the cover of Ski Area Management magazine, and the 12 ft culvert feature was entered into the best feature of 2008 contest. JUSTIN - resident cinematographer and supermodel - was actually on the cover striking a pose during the night photo shoot with the Quiksilver team riders.

### Fast Skiing

JACQUES (head coach) and ANDREW (snow school director) are leading the charge in on-hill safety action. Fast skiers in designated "slow zones" are the target. Guidelines given to coaches and instructors indicate that a safe speed for staff and their classes is no more than 10% faster than the other skiers in the area. This is a good general rule for all members to follow when entering the slow zones marked with orange "slow" banners.

### Load Here

DANNY and DAVE, our lift ops lead hands would like to remind all chairlift passengers that the proper load position is with both feet (not the tips of your skis) on the "Load Here" board. If passengers are staggered or are too far behind the load board, our crack lift ops crew is unable to time the chair swing to soften the chair for each passenger, creating a rough load scenario.

### Family Day

Nothing brings out the smiles better than a day off work. Family Day was a new statutory holiday last year and is eagerly anticipated by many families this winter. With no ski programming on that day it will truly be a day to spend with your family. The Club has chosen to invite the Hospital Groups that traditionally skied at the Club on that Midweek day to join us again this year and we will monitor the effect on the Club facilities.

### North Ten

MELBA needs a neighbour. At the time this article went to print, one unit remains to be sold in North Ten. I understand it is a four bedroom unit, priced in the \$429 range. BLAIR THOMPSON (445-8500) is the contact for a look at the unit.

### Concerns

Everyday at Devil's Glen a variety of questions and concerns are brought to the staff or the Board's attention. The 10:15 Saturday morning "Live Suggestion Box" has proven to be a valuable indicator of what the current issues are, and generally are extremely positive with many more compliments than complaints. We have fielded questions on a broad spectrum of topics including that the Long Range Plan should focus on intermediate terrain, and serving size of the juice in the kitchen is too large. We have been asked if the staff could call chalet owners in advance of clearing snow from driveways, or if the WIFI can be turned off at certain times to assist children with EMF discomfort. Each of the concerns and compliments are passed along to department managers who actively look for solutions.

## Appreciated Staff

A thank-you from all employees to the Board of Directors who spearheaded the 2nd Annual Staff Appreciation Après. It is always a boost to feel that our efforts to provide a great family experience don't go unnoticed. The challenge continues to be hosting an event where the staff can attend but still have the Club ready to operate the next day. We always like to rub elbows with members who we see at the Club on a daily basis and have a chance to chat, if only for a few minutes.

As this article goes to print, the snowmaking season is winding down. That means the first of our seasonal staff leave us for other jobs. I would like to express my gratitude to the entire snowmaking crew for a job well done, despite the challenges of a broken air compressor (again). We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated crew to get the Club ski hills up and running on an annual basis. Cheers.

DOUG WANSBROUGH, General Manager

## HILL OPERATIONS

Hello everyone,

Where does the time go? It seems not that long ago that I was writing an Advocate article promising everyone an early start to the season and lots of snow. Well, thanks to an expert crew of operational staff and maybe just a little help from Mother Nature, we were able to pull it off. My personal thanks to all the people (you know who you are) that make Devil's Glen tick. Without the help of everyone here, I wouldn't be able to make such big promises.

Except for the odd little air compressor problem that pops up, everything is going better than expected. We received the early snowfall that we were hoping for. Only one major melt down so far (knock on wood) and the temperatures are helping us to make this year's conditions a carbon copy of the epic 07-08 ski season. So instead of me boring you all with some more promises, I'd like to take this opportunity to explain how snowmaking works here at the Glen.

### **An interesting thing about water and snow –**

Pure 100% water does not automatically become ice at what we believe to be the freezing point (0 degrees Celsius). In fact, water needs what is known as a nucleator to freeze at what we all refer to as the freezing point. Nucleators are tiny bits of material, that the water molecules can stick to and become icy. Nucleators can be for instance, dust or particles or even bacteria floating in the air. Our snowmaking nucleators are found in abundance in the turbid Mad River.

## The Recipe

The three key ingredients in Devil's Glen's top secret recipe for snow are almost always the same - water, a nucleator for the water to freeze to and air. This safely guarded information has somehow been leaked to other areas and has since been adopted by resorts all over the world. The variables that determine the quality of the snow and the ability to make it are however, numerous and varied. In other words, just because the thermometer reads -5 degrees Celsius doesn't mean that you have the right conditions to make snow. Humidity, wind, air pressure, water and ground temperature, topography scheduling - are all major factors that must be considered by the snowmaker.

### **So, what's that stuff coming out of the guns?**

You will often hear people speak of "artificial snow". This is a not quite true. While the means of producing snow with the use of snowmaking equipment is a human orchestrated process, the end product (i.e. snow) is created using the same meteorological method. "Man-made snow" is, therefore, a better term. Basically, every snowflake, whether natural or man-made, is small particles of ice. Our snowmaking equipment makes snow by breaking water into small particles, cooling the water (by causing them to move through cold air), nucleating the water particles, and distributing the resulting snow on the surface. The rest is left to the groomers to work their magic and bring up that corduroy finish.

I hope you have all found this little write up interesting. Perhaps in Advocates to follow, I can take the opportunity to explain another process at the Glen. Until then I'll leave you with a couple interesting facts.

### **Did You Know**

- It takes 150,000 gallons of water to cover one acre with one flat foot of snow.
- In the last 10 seasons, Devil's Glen snowmakers have made enough snow to fill the entire Rogers Centre from the playing surface all the way up to the top of the dome roof.

Take care, and keep smiling.

ANDY "BIG NOZZLE" ISAAC,  
Snowmaking and Grooming Manager



# LIFTS & BUILDING REPORT

What's old is new again. I was reminded of that recently when asked a question pertaining to how many cars can fit in the parking lot. The record is 554 (set last February) in an area designed for 320. As the Club grows, finding room for everyone to park, put their stuff, sit and eat or just catch a conversation on the hill can at times be a challenge.

Back in my humble beginnings as a Van Halen t-shirt and acid washed jean wearing, mulleted parking attendant, I recall being asked the same question. In those days, if we shoe-horned north of 400 vehicles (and managed to get them out without a chain and tractor), it was cause for celebration. The parking attendants do it with ease now and still have time for a smile and "Good morning..."

Same applies to the unload areas of the chairs. I remember it being an issue seasons ago, when the top of the old Heavenly Double chair would better resemble a Wal-Mart parking lot at Christmas than a ramp off a chairlift. Slowly, with a little coaxing from the top lift attendants and Ski Patrol, people started to move further down the hill to catch up on last night's goings-on.

Leashes on snowboards were also big when the sport was in its infancy. I've been witness to a wayward board from the Half Pipe rocketing down Paradise with owner in panicked pursuit, ripping a hole in net fencing and leaving a decent sized dent in the steel clad bottom lift shack....better the wall than someone's shin I suppose.

Before the days of bright orange banner signs marked "Slow Ski/Slide Zone" or just "Slow", some thought the faster they approached the bottom of trails or lift line corrals, the better spot in line they might get. Every time someone whips by me seemingly leaving a vapour trail, I think of the poor sap that became up close and personal with a post at the bottom of Heavenly. Remember back then, we used rope weaved through waist-high 2" metal posts buried in snow to form the lines for the lift, not the plastic hoops of today. Hitting the post using an opposite snowplow at a high rate of speed was probably not the approach he had in mind - I wonder if he ever regained feeling down there....

It's the little things that are easily taken for granted or just altogether forgotten with time. Unfortunately, it's the little things that if left unchecked, can collectively become serious safety issues for members and staff alike. Clearing the unload areas of chairlifts, leashes on your boards and slowing down in high traffic areas are just a few things we can do to make the Club a little safer - I would hate to see a little person clipped trying to get to the Magic Carpet for her lesson.

If my calculations are correct, I've waited long enough. I'm

putting snow tires on my Gremlin and donning my Thriller jacket because it's cool again. I think I'll even skip the back for my next haircut...a cut that says business in the front, but party in the back.

JED FACHNIE, Lift & Building Manager

## VILLAGE NEWS

As we head into the waning days of January, I hope everyone has had a great season to date.

A reminder to everyone to please drive the posted speed limit when arriving or leaving the Glen. Coming in off the highway seems to be especially tricky and the cause is usually not slowing down sufficiently on the highway before turning in on our snow packed roads. Also, be aware of pedestrians and the big yellow bus, drive at the appropriate speed with care and we will all enjoy a safe winter on our roads.

Chalet owners in SCC#18 and #47 are asked to put their Holiday trees at the end of their driveways and as the Devil's Glen staff gift to everyone, we will pick up the trees at no charge. Remember, trees from off property are not to be brought in for disposal.

### Garbage and Recycling

It has come to my attention that some members at Devil's Glen feel the Waste Transfer Site is for the use of all members, whether they live on the property or not. This is not the case. The Garbage and Recycling Bins are for the use of "On-Property" chalet owners only. (No Exceptions)

SCC #18, SCC #47 and North Ten chalet owners are required to pay for the upkeep of the Waste Transfer area and for any additional bins or cleanups required above and beyond the normal services provided by Simcoe County. Last season these costs were over \$4,000.00. Self policing by Condo Members is encouraged to help bring these extra expenses down.

So again, "off property" members are not allowed to bring their garbage and recycling into the waster transfer site on the Main Road.

I hope all members are able to enjoy the fabulous conditions in the next month at the best ski area on the Escarpment, bar none.

RORY BOYES, Property and Services

## ON HILL SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

The safety of all skiers and boarders at Devil's Glen Country Club is a primary goal of the Board of Directors and the management of the Club. Our objective is to strive to make decisions on safety issues that are reasonable in the circumstances and that are consistent with industry standards and guidelines.

The "Alpine Responsibility Code" (to the right) is the standard for on-hill behaviour that skiers and boarders are expected to adhere to at all ski and snowboard resorts across North America. Members at Devil's Glen have the additional responsibility to ensure that their family members and guests are aware of the Alpine Responsibility Code and that they comply with it.

The primary responsibility for addressing breaches of the Alpine Responsibility Code rests with the General Manager and his/her staff, who are expected to speak to badge holders and their guests when they witness breaches of the Alpine Responsibility Code or when those breaches are brought to their attention. In addition, members of the Devil's Glen Ski Patrol are expected to either address breaches of the Alpine Responsibility Code that they witness directly with the individuals involved, or report those breaches to management.

Badge holders and their guests have a responsibility to be respectful when any member of the staff or the Ski Patrol speaks to them with respect to any violations of the Alpine Responsibility Code. Under no circumstances should a badge holder or a guest be rude or offensive to a Ski Patroller or staff member.

The management of Devil's Glen has the authority to suspend on hill privileges by requesting a badge holder or guest to surrender his or her badge or guest pass for up to seven operating days for a significant breach of Club rules, including breaches of the Alpine Responsibility Code. This authority is intended to address those situations where an immediate response to an incident is appropriate or required.

## ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. REGARDLESS OF HOW YOU DECIDE TO USE THE SLOPES, ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop, or avoid other people or objects.
- 2** People ahead of you have the right-of-way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.
- 3** Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- 4** Before starting downhill or merging onto a trail, look uphill and yield to others.
- 5** If you are involved in or witness a collision or accident, you must remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.
- 6** Always use proper devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- 7** Observe and obey all posted signs and warnings.
- 8** Keep off closed trails and closed areas.
- 9** You must not use lifts or terrain if your ability is impaired through use of alcohol or drugs.
- 10** You must have sufficient physical dexterity, ability and knowledge to safely load, ride and unload lifts. If in doubt, ask the lift attendant.

**Know the Code - Be Safety Conscious  
It is Your Responsibility**

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## TOWN HALL MEETING



FEBRUARY 21, 2009  
2:00 P.M.

IN THE MAIN LODGE

ALL MEMBERS ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

# TERRAIN PARK UPDATE

What makes a good Terrain Park great? I have stewed over the answer to this question often and have come up with a few thoughts for the 08/09 season; a great base structure for the park, solid and driven staff and well-informed riders.

As the park begins to take shape early in the season, a lot of snow is in high demand. (Shout out to the Snow Makers!) Mounds upon mounds of snow are pushed out to create “roll over decks.” These are the large, flat-topped rollers placed strategically throughout the Terrain Park. These “decks” help create surfaces for different types of features to be placed. Length, width and depth dictate the type of feature that can be placed on that specific deck. This base structure not only makes grooming easier and feature placement more manageable, but it also helps riders understand the speed required for that specific feature and creates a safe spectator zone for non-riders of the feature.

Early morning raking and late night digging make our park look crisp, clean and perfect to ride each morning. Full time park staff; KYLE JAMESON and DONALD SHEDDEN have put in countless hours to make the park look impeccable. This has also been possible with the addition of our weekend park ranger; CARI CRITCHLEY. Without their tireless effort, the Terrain Park would not be as safe and fun as it currently is.

Well-informed riders are also a key to the success of any Terrain Park. We expect our riders to:

- (1) Make a plan
- (2) Look before they leap
- (3) Know their limits
- (4) Respect other riders, Terrain Park staff and Patrollers

The ultimate goal of the Terrain Park Staff is to create a fun and safe environment for all to enjoy, explore and experience. Please don't hesitate to approach us with any comments, questions or concerns.

Cheers.

CHAD CRITCHLEY, Terrain Park Manager



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new Junior to Senior Conversion members:



MICHAEL CRAIG  
SCOTT MULLIN  
ERIC MERCER  
MARLY LEVENE  
CHRISTOPHER BOWLBY

## MEMBER RELATIONS

It's great to see so many members enjoying our fabulous facilities every weekend. The enthusiasm for our winter fun and fellowship is heart warming. FRANK'S Friday Night Dinners are a great way to settle into an active and fun filled weekend.

Thank you to RORY and his staff for doing such a great job this year organizing the garbage facility. Please make every effort to respect this area and not contaminate the bins. A “Neighbourhood Watch” approach needs to be adopted by everyone. Please report offenders!

I feel it necessary to once again remind our members to PLEASE treat our Clubhouse as you would your home. Everyone seems to be very good about cleaning up after themselves during lunch BUT it is disgraceful to see the mess we leave after an après. PLEASE take a shoulder check back as you are leaving and be sure you've cleaned up your area. We should not expect someone else to have to clean up this mess!!

Devil's Glen is pleased to announce the newly formed Youth Council. Thank you to the following teens for volunteering their time and talents: DUNCAN MCCONNEY, KATIE ANDERSON, GRANT MERCER, EMILY NORONHA, JOSH NORONHA, ALEX LITTLE and ANNA MULROY.

This group is getting together to brainstorm ideas and help facilitate ways to help make all our youth have a happy and enriched experience at Devil's Glen.

Thank you to PAISLEY SHAKELL for her help and guidance with getting our Youth Council formed and functioning. Good Luck!

LAUREE PATRICK, Member Relations Director  
laureepatrick@cogeco.ca

# SNOW SCHOOL NEWS



The February edition of the Advocate, already? It was a spectacular start with an early opening and fantastic conditions! These were quickly followed by some challenges over the Holidays (rain, wind), terrific conditions for program kick off then a dreadfully cold snap. We've seen a bit of everything so far. Despite it all, the skiing and snowboarding has been marvelous.

We had a very successful Holiday Camp despite the challenges Mother Nature created. This season was the highest enrollment to date in Snow School Christmas Programs. The kick off to eight week programs was also highlighted by our highest enrolment to date. Thanks to all the parents for having everyone here on time and for your patience in allowing us time to evaluate the groups in week one and make any necessary changes for week two. I would like to thank Supervisors MEG HAGARTY, BRETT COCKBURN, JERRY SAMPSON, Technical Director SCOTT PRITCHARD, Administrators DEBBIE HARRIS, SUKI CHAPMAN and Senior Freestyle Coach NEIL DARKE for all their hard work getting this season off to such a great start.



We introduced several new programs this season, all of which have been well attended. New this season is Advanced Devils, Teen Club, Freestyle Snowboarding and Freestyle Snowboarding Interclub. Freestyle Snowboard Coaches NEIL DARKE and ANDREW DIETRICH are both very optimistic about their riders heading into the competitive portion of their season at Beaver Valley, Caledon, Mansfield and of course Devil's Glen.

March Break Camp is sneaking up on us. Details are currently available at the Snow School office. We will begin accepting registrations on February 14th. The Programs offered for the Camp are Dino's, Devils and Shredders. If you have guests looking to attend, we will put them on a wait list and accommodate them should there be room. Due to limited number of staff available, anyone registering for March Break Camp must be able to stop on their own and be comfortable riding the chair with some assistance loading and getting off.

Hopefully, the second half of the season provides the same outstanding conditions we have experienced so far!

ANDREW LOVELL, Snow School Director

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF SKIERS AT THE GLEN

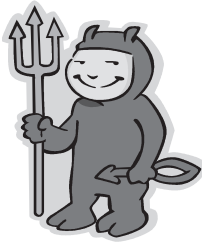


**THE HORD FAMILY**  
(JEAN HORD, JOHN HORD, KATHERINE HICKS,  
BENJAMIN HICKS)



**The Levene Family**  
(MARTIN LEVENE, CHARLOTTE LEVENE, ERIC SINGER, ROBIN SINGER, MYRNA SINGER, STEVE SINGER (IN FRONT - JORDANA SINGER)

# SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY



**MARCH 6, 2009**

Share in a day of Friendship, Food and Fun  
Ski, Snowshoe, or just Socialize

Limited to members and former members who are 60+



**\$25.00 per person**  
**(includes lunch, dessert and a glass of wine)**

**Purchase your ticket at the Glen Office**  
**(705-445-4890) by February 22nd**

**Space is Limited**

*Former Members who wish to ski will be able to purchase a  
lift ticket the day of the event.*

## *The Agenda For The Day*

Check-in at the Senior Lounge between  
10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Arrive earlier if you wish to visit or play cards

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Coffee and Tea will be available all day.

## MARKETING & EVENTS

Amazing; Incredible; Wow! Another great start to the ski season. We are two for two in having enough snow to open the Club from side to side throughout the Christmas Holiday's, and it was awesome! Although the start to the 2008/2009 ski season was great...Mother Nature did drop the ball and pitch us a stumbling block with back to back days of rain and high winds; this did cause some snow loss. However, it didn't take our trusty snowmaking crew long to repair the damage and get us back to awesome and incredible ski conditions. January has now arrived and with it has come cooler than normal temperatures; treating us to a good old fashion Canadian Winter.

Once again the Social Season has taken off running; socially speaking life at the Glen is hopping! Those of you who were up and about over the Holidays know that every social event that took place from the Christmas tree decorating Après; (which by the way was priceless) to the first Friday Night dinner were all very popular! It is so positive to see such crowds here for all of our events, here's to hoping this strong support continues throughout the winter as we have so many wonderful events scheduled throughout the ski season. The 2nd annual Frozen Rail Jam was once again a huge success, tons of people around the lodge, outside on the deck and on the hills made this an event; the best part was the lighting given off by all three of our grooming machines...Awesome... remember we have another Rail Jam scheduled in March. You must come out to see it, it truly was a blast! A big thank you to all who helped make these events possible and for all those who supported and attended these great venues – it never fails - we do know how to have fun around here and the best part is that there is still much more to come!

### Midweek Groups

January is the start of the Glen's midweek group participation; and we have some very busy day's in store for the Club. Let's hope that Mother Nature co-operates with the weather so that we can have full attendance during these first few days of midweek group activity. The month of February is booking up fast and promises to be a banner month; March too is getting busier by the minute, the calendar is jam packed!

The 2008/2009 midweek season is booking up nicely and the Club wishes to extend our thanks to all the members who have already booked a midweek group or have sponsored a group to visit us midweek this season.

We continue to encourage you to combine business with pleasure by entertaining associates and friends, thanking clients, or treating their employees with a mid-week getaway to a unique skiing experience here at the Glen.

As a private ski club; Devil's Glen is for members and their guests only. All of our midweek groups and guests are introduced to the Club by a member. This is why it is so important to encourage you the member, our best marketers, to tell as many people in your realm of influence to experience Devil's Glen Midweek. You and your guests will be guaranteed shorter lift lines, more space on the hill and superior snow conditions; not to mention all of the other amazing attributes Devil's Glen has to offer.

It is still not too late to book your group in midweek at the Glen; please think about supporting the Club this season. Midweek skiing at Devil's Glen is a great way to show case your Club, there is so much to offer both on and off the hills.

For further information or to book NOW; please call SANDRA GEE at (705) 445-4890, ext 257 or email [sandra@devilsglen.com](mailto:sandra@devilsglen.com). You may also book your midweek group online at [www.devilsglen.com](http://www.devilsglen.com).

### In and Around the Club

Our resident photographer has been busy once again creating memories and displaying them in our enclosed "Wall of Fame" just down the stairs from the main office. Devil's Glen wishes to extend a huge thank you once again to CAROLYN ROTH. CAROLYN'S pictures just keep getting better and better; thank you CAROLYN for your time and continued commitment to Devil's Glen. We constantly admire your work!

In closing, a special reminder to all our membership and guests; our lodge is for our membership to enjoy and to be proud of and so many of our members volunteer their time to help make it a special place. Please do your part in keeping the lodge clean and tidy; treat it as you would your own home. Devil's Glen truly has the most beautiful lodge on the Escarpment, let's all band together to keep it that way!

Here is to a great 2009 ski season!

SANDRA GEE, Marketing & Events



## MINI CLUB REMINDERS



- Shoes Please...just a reminder that all walking children are required to have indoor shoes available while visiting the nursery this year. By all means feel free to leave them in the nursery from week to week in our shoe basket.
- Please only have child related items in your child's small knapsack, small diaper bag and small canvas bag. We only need child necessities including shoes, diapers and wipes, change of clothes, special blanket, soother ( if needed) and a bottle or sippy cup with liquid inside!
- Occasionally, these bags fall to the floor. Therefore, baby food jars, food items and coffee mugs should be in your families' picnic baskets, goggles and mitts should be in your lockers and cameras....well, we will not be responsible for it if the bag does take a tumble!
- No outside food is permitted within the nursery. We have a NUT FREE POLICY and we will abide by this, as it is life threatening.
- Please do not bribe your child with licorice etc. unless you have 54 pieces to share with the other children and staff as well.....
- Some families may not be aware, but there is a rocking chair and change-table available, for those times when you do not wish to remove your boots. They are located in the change area by the ATM.



February is already upon us and we have been blessed with some great skiing and training conditions since the start of the season. Apart from a thaw that created some havoc for the start of our Christmas Camp, we have benefitted from great overall conditions.

This being my first year, I would like to thank everyone who has made myself and my family feel welcome. We feel very lucky to be part of this Ski Club. A big thanks to SUKI CHAPMAN, our Alpine Programs Coordinator who has helped me with all the details of getting our racing programs up and running.

Our Christmas camp was well attended and very successful. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our racing staff. With the hiccups of the first few days (lightning warning & loss of power) the coaches made do and kept the athletes engaged. We are lucky to have a great staff that ranges in age and experience. From the 16 year old who has grown up at the Club to the senior coach who has been coaching for 30 years, they are all dedicated to the task of progressing these young kids.



By now, all our young skiers are in their respective groups or teams and racing across the Niagara Escarpment. We have 4 Nancy Greene teams, 5 K1 League teams, 9 K1 individuals, 3 K2 League teams and 15 K2 individuals who are all training or racing away from Devil's Glen. Of course we cannot forget our Snow Stars program, which is our own "in house" development program. KATE BOOTH "not Lackie" runs this program with a lot of energy and passion for the Club and the sport. As the season progresses, these youngsters will be training and racing in all kinds of environments.

Our first races, which were Alpine Ontario Swiss Chalet K2 League races were run down Stairway without a hitch. Thanks to all involved including the Grooming staff, parents, race crew and Patrol who are all a big part of running successful races.

We also held the first Duxy's Masters race of the season, which was run down Limbo. This race brought out 125 very competitive Adults and great fun was had by all.



A big thank you to D.J. WILEY, DIANE PERRY and their committee, for organizing the Casino Night on January 24th. A FUN night had by all, casino, jazz, prizes and giveaways! Proceeds of the event are going towards the purchase of new Safety nets used at our ski and snowboard races and in gate training.



Don't forget March Break Camp registration is available on the DG website under Racing – 2008/2009 Programs. We are offering 3, 4, 5 and 7-day camps.

If you are not on the "Racing e-bulletin" distribution list and would like to see how our young racers are doing, you can read the issues on the website under "Subscribe to Racing e-bulletin". Past issues are posted. Check out the Photo Gallery and Racing News for results.

Volunteers are needed for the larger events especially the Miele FIS races, Gee Trophy and K1 Provincials.

Upcoming events to look for coming up in February and March include:

AOA Swiss Chalet K2 Gee Trophy Race	Feb 22
AOA Miele FIS Races	Feb 26-27
Freestyle Club Championships	Feb 28
Racers Celebration (K1, K2)	Feb 28
Nancy Greene and Snowstars Celebration	Mar 1
AOA (K1/ NGSL) SL Camp and Swiss Chalet K1 Ind. Race	Mar 4-5-6
Club Championships (Junior Mar 7/ Senior Mar 8)	Mar 7-8
5th Annual Atomic Masters	Mar 14
Telemark Invitational	Mar 15
Nancy Greene Mastermind Invitational	Mar 19-20
AOA K1 Individual Provincial Kombi Race	Mar 21

See you on the slopes,

JACQUES REID, Head Coach  
 SUKI CHAPMAN, Alpine Programs Coordinator

# THE MIELE FIS SLALOM SERIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Once again Devil's Glen has been chosen to host The Miele FIS Slalom Series for Men and Women on February 26th and 27th.

These races have a proven track record for producing champions of the future and our support is greatly appreciated by coaches and ski racers across Canada.

With this race series taking place on a Thursday and Friday, your Race Organizing Committee is seeking your assistance.

Volunteering for ski races is one of the most rewarding and satisfying activities that you will experience. It also offers you an opportunity to watch exciting race action from Canada's future ski stars.

Remember, volunteers are the heart of ski racing – your contribution is worthwhile and necessary for successful programs.

For more information, or to find out how you can help, see SUKI CHAPMAN, our Alpine Programs Coordinator or:

Phone 705 445-4890 ext. 233

Email [racing@devilsglen.com](mailto:racing@devilsglen.com)

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**CHALET FOR SALE ON THE PROPERTY:** #48 North Road. Enjoy the benefits of life on the property with a private, easy to maintain chalet. A great location, with a view of the hills and directly on the bus route. Approximately 1700 square feet, four bedrooms, 1½ baths, sauna with shower, wood burning stone fireplace and large deck. Available Immediately. For more information, please contact Anne or Geoffrey Gouinlock at 416-486-7448 or [gouinlock@rogers.com](mailto:gouinlock@rogers.com).

**CONDO FOR SALE ON DEVIL'S GLEN PROPERTY:** Across from the tennis courts, Phase II. Spacious 2000 square foot condo, open concept living and kitchen area with three sets of patio doors leading out to a wrap around deck. Three large bedrooms, master fits a king size bed; others have great custom built bunk beds, with built-in shelving and drawers, sleeps 12. Many extras such as hot tub, sauna, downstairs family room. Must be seen. View anytime. Call Sharon Steciuk (705)-445-6356 or (519)-474-1405

**HOME AND PROPERTY FOR SALE:** Private 35 acres, minutes to Devil's Glen skiing and Mad River Golf Club. Built in 1996, 2,900 sq ft on two levels with 10' & 8' ceilings, full height stone fireplace, 2 oven kitchen, 5 bedrooms, den/office & TV room. New UV water system. Includes storage and workshop area. Master bedroom has ensuite, plus 1 ½ bathrooms. Two decks, one overlooking pond, with island, bridge, dock & deck. Detached 2 car garage. Lots of room, light and windows. Large acreage of trees, wetlands, trails and 2nd pond. Tractor, some tools and other incentives included. Price negotiable. Contact Bud Whittaker, 708-466-3216 or [gwhit@primus.ca](mailto:gwhit@primus.ca)

**TOWNHOME AT DEVIL'S GLEN:** 214 Mews Court North, Large very bright end unit. Three bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, kitchen and bathrooms loaded with upgrades. Two fireplaces, Family room, sauna, Jacuzzi, Hot tub. Fully furnished. A complete turnkey. To view call Garry 705-445-4066 (Home) 647-225-4411 (Cell) or Blair Thompson 705-446-8507.

**83 X 188 LEVEL BUILDING LOT:** In developing residential area within Collingwood town limits. Very close to schools with a view of Osler Bluff and Blue Mountain ski hills. Buyer responsible for local improvements fee from the town plus redevelopment charge. \$79,000. Blair Thompson, salesperson, Remax Four Seasons Realty Limited. Office (705) 445-8500, Direct (705) 446-8507, Email [bthompson@georgian.net](mailto:bthompson@georgian.net)

**NORTH TEN NEW TOWN HOME:** On the Devil's Glen Country Club property with views of the ski hill. This ski chalet offers hardwood flrs, 4 bdrms, 2 full baths & a spacious living area of over 1800 square feet. Very private backing on to the tennis courts with an oversized deck, wired & ready for a hot tub. This is the last unit available and it will be completely finished. (Taxes, condo fees & property manager to be determined). \$449,000. Blair Thompson, salesperson, Remax Four Seasons Realty Limited. Office (705) 445-8500, Direct (705) 446-8507, Email [bthompson@georgian.net](mailto:bthompson@georgian.net)

**CHALET FOR SALE:** Located on 58 North Road. Fully furnished 1,800 sq.ft. Multi layered, 3 bedrooms plus bunk room. Large living room with sunken central pit fireplace, dinning room and kitchen. Bathroom with double sinks and Jacuzzi tub. Clear cedar walls with cathedral ceilings and fabulous views of the ski hills. Contact Mai-Liis Miller 416-926-0176

**FOR SALE ON PROPERTY:** Chalet No.6 - Finished throughout - sleeps 12 - 2-1/2 baths. Wood burning sauna - price to members at appraised value. Contact Tom Bain (905) 625-4507.

**CREEMORE HILLS:** Grand stone house on close to 10 private rolling acres. Spectacular Views and Forest. A secluded spot in the middle of four season recreation surrounded by 200 acres of nature conservancy. Open concept, 5, 350 sq.ft., 6 bdrms, 4 luxury baths, great room with 20 ft cathedral ceilings, gas fireplace, gourmet kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite island, pantry room. Oak staircase. Marble, porcelain and wood floors. Lower level games room set up for separate living quarters. In ground Tahiti pool. Sauna. Ground source heating/air conditioning and ICF construction for superior Energy Efficiency. Triple car garage. Asking: \$1,695,000 Contact: Austin Boake, Broker of Record/Owner- Re/Max Creemore Hills Realty Ltd., 705-466-3070 [www.CreemoreHillsRealty.com](http://www.CreemoreHillsRealty.com)

**CREEMORE HILLS:** Views, Water, Woods and Privacy. Walking distance to quaint village of Creemore. Nestled on just under 3 acres overlooking spring fed pond. Contemporary open concept, 3 bdrms, 2 baths. Living room with vaulted ceilings, gas fireplace and walk out to patio. Flagstone floors. Double attached insulated garage with inside entry, could be easily converted to additional living space. Landscaped grounds, trails. A beautiful tranquil setting. Asking: \$579,000. Contact: Austin Boake, Broker of Record/Owner - Re/Max Creemore Hills Realty Ltd., 705-466-3070 [www.CreemoreHillsRealty.com](http://www.CreemoreHillsRealty.com)

**CREEMORE:** Riverfront where the Mad and Noisy Rivers meet. Set high on a high overlooking the water on 7.85 wooded private acres. Style through out. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, chalet style home. Open concept, wood floors, living room with woodstove and walk out to deck. Modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances. New luxury baths. Guesthouse with loft bedroom. Fishing, swimming, hiking at your doorstep. Minutes to Devils Glen. Asking: \$575,000. Contact: Austin Boake, Broker of Record/Owner - Re/Max Creemore Hills Realty Ltd., 705-466-3070 [www.CreemoreHillsRealty.com](http://www.CreemoreHillsRealty.com)

**PANORAMIC VIEW:** Nottawasaga Bay – 16.46 acres in downtown Duntroon - Zoned special policy residential - \$399,000.00 - for info contact Wayne Cornfield (705) 445-5640

**HERITAGE HOUSE:** CREEMORE Doctor's House, Circa 1870 – Two Blocks From Downtown – To Be Restored and Upgraded To Current Standards – 1600 Square Feet - \$350,000.00 – For Info Contact Becky Eveland (705) 466-3469

**RARE UNIQUE PROPERTY:** Of character and charm sits on paved road in a commanding position on the Escarpment with impressive views over Georgian Bay in the heart of recreational country close to Devils Glen, Osler, Blue Mountain Ski Clubs and the Bruce Trail. The house was built 150 years ago as a pioneers Log house which has enjoyed a more recent board and batten 2-storey addition. Features open concept kitchen/dining area plus large bright living room & fireplace. 2nd level consists of 4 bedrooms and two - 3pc bathrooms. Situated on private rolling 15 acres which is well treed with spring – fed pond. Rural zoning could allow severance(s) if desired. ASKING \$1,100,000.00 Contact Patrick Prime 705-466-2683.

**BRUCE TRAIL CHALET:** 6 bedroom chalet 3 minutes from the Club. Open concept great room with fireplace& walkout to deck. Comes furnished. 1 x 3 & 1 x 4 pc bath. On a 1 ac lot abutting Devil's Glen Prov. Park. Offered at \$259,000 Ginny MacEachern, Broker, Royal LePage RCR Realty, Brokerage 1-800-360-5821

**MARCH RENTAL:** North Mulmur, Classic Victorian farmhouse on 100 ac for rent.4 bdrms, spacious living room with fireplace, Kitchen table sits 12. TV room with large screen TV. Lower level playroom that can sleep 6. Great hills for tobogganing. \$2,500 plus utilities, includes snow blowing. For virtual tour visit: [www.ginnymaceachern.com](http://www.ginnymaceachern.com) Ginny MacEachern, Broker, Royal LePage RCR Realty, Brokerage 1-800-360-5821.

