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CALABOGIE-CAMP FORTUNE-CASCADES-EDELWEISS-PAKENHAM

I am happy to report the 2011-2012 snow sport season as one of our best on record. Once again due diligence in our spending activities and a very attentive group of Program co-ordinators has benefitted all. Every activity at the resorts came in on or under budget. Fundraising activities were plentiful and on-going throughout the summer. Congratulations to all volunteers for your efforts.

Calabogie Peaks showed a slight increase in growth with 39 skiers and 79 volunteers coming out this year. The program is running near capacity now and will be on the look-out for more volunteers as all programs are. Their 7th annual Community Living Day and 2nd annual Winter Sports Clinic for our soldiers were the highlights of the season. A great deal of hard work was put into Media coverage of the event as it was well attended by Top Brass including General Walter Natynczyk who spoke personally to the troops and volunteers. Thanks to CBC, CTV, National Press, Ottawa Citizen, Canadian Military Veterans (CAV) Motorcycle Unit and Tommy and Lefebre for making it happen. Major renovations at the lodge are being planned for the summer.

Ski Hawks Ottawa running out at Camp Fortune put in 10 successful Wednesday evenings and one week-end event this winter. Two ski improvement sessions were held for the guides. One was for skiing and the other for boarding which is coming on strong with the VIP's. A Safety survey was developed for all new and returning guides to review before taking to the slopes each season and may be passed on for a National look. The last ski day of the season was held in + 20 degree heat. Nice ending.

Mont Cascades is holding its own climbing to 23 members in total this year. It's a small tight knit group with plenty of laughter and fun. They all well treated by the staff and go the extra mile when needed. Talks are on-going in regards to building ramps which would allow a sit skier to join up. The year-end Skill-a-Thon remains popular as a fundraiser and celebration of a job well done.

Edelweiss got off to a fine start with volunteer training early December. The program is at capacity with 78 skiers and over 140 volunteers coming out on the week-end. The sit skiers rule here with 21 buckets in action on each given week-end. Tuesday night is Volunteer night with additional training being offered from CADS and CSIA instructors on the hill. The Black Diamond Program continues to work on their technique and we are hoping to see some racers emerge very soon. A raffle held to raise funds turned in great results and the annual Great Pumpkin Charity Ball was very scary. The equipment warehouse will be renovated over the summer months. Great things are happening here.

Mount Pakenham is having a growth spurt. There were 53 participants and 45 volunteers, 18 more than last year. In order to keep up lessons were handed out from Wednesday evening right through until Sunday for 8 weeks. A race program has started to go Tuesday leaving only one day rest. Wow! This is a busy place. 15 participants were in sit skis and 3 on snow sliders. Ski bras and tethers are used on many of the students. All this action has led to doubling the size of the equipment room which will take place over the summer. Promotion and Communication took place at the Lanark Autism Support group, Ski Swap at the hill, Carp fair, Chamber of Commerce Volunteer Fair in Perth and a Youth Church Group. CADS and CSIA training is encouraged and many have taken part in the lessons being offered. The annual bus trip to St Sauveur was well attended by 24 members. The year-end Skill-A-Thon and Potluck Party had 160 people in attendance. Are we having fun yet?

As always my compliments go out to our Technical Committee, Black Diamond/Race Program, Bus Trip Planners, Golf Tournament organizers, Recruiting, Skill-a-Thons, Great Pumpkin and our Bingo Crew.

Thank you to the Board of Directors who work so hard and so well together.

Sincerely,

Bernie Simpson
President