



January, 2012

Welcome to Nickel Plate Day

The warm weather enticed a large crowd to come up to Nickel Plate for Welcome Day. Gate receipts showed we had about 200 non-members and there were lots of members up there too. The free rentals and lessons were well received and for most of the day there were not many rental skis left to choose from. The snowshoe trails got a good workout as well. Sales reps from Salomon and Fischer brought up skis and boots and many skiers took advantage of actually being able to try out the skis. Both reps said it is one of the most successful days they have had this year.

Elvia and her kitchen crew kept the line of hungry participants moving through efficiently--receiving many complements on the deliciously cooked burgers and hot dogs and the array of desserts. Thanks to all the staff and volunteers who made this event such a successful and fun day!



What's it Like at Nickel Plate Today?

Are you wondering how many layers of clothing you should wear when you go to Nickel Plate today? The weather report on our website can help you with that decision. The weather station, which has been up there for several years, gives a comprehensive report of the current weather 24 hours a day and it is updated every 15 minutes. To that we have added a

webcam which gives you a picture of how it actually looks up there. The webcam operates from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is refreshed every 60 seconds. Both of these are accessed from the home page of our website.

Volunteers are needed for the Loppet on Saturday, Feb. 11. [Volunteer sign-up sheets](#) for the Loppet are at the Day lodge.

Thank you!

*to **Dr. Chris Toneff** of T and B Medical company for the webcam
*to **Van Pratt** for the hours he has spent getting the webcam up and running
*to **Frank Perrier** from **Peach City Runners and Adventure Sports** for organizing the demos at Welcome Day
*to **Buck and Ernie** for manning the barbeque at Welcome Day
*to all the members who contributed desserts for Welcome Day
*to **Rita** for persevering in asking for Nickel Plate signs on the Highway
*to **Elaine** who is in the process of touching up **Irene Sieber's** pictures on the Adventure Trail
*to the **Snowshoe group** who continue to keep the trails in good condition

[Calendar of Events](#)

Thursday, Feb. 2nd: Moonlight Ski.
Potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Bring a dish, a drink, a plate and utensils.

Saturday, Feb. 4th: Midwinter BBQ.
Lunch from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Burgers \$ 5 and Hotdogs (big ones) \$ 3. A hot drink and a dessert are included. Members don't have to contribute with a dessert.

Saturday, Feb. 11th: LOPPET. We need volunteers (please sign up for outdoors and indoors jobs). Members are asked to bring a dessert.

Wednesday, Feb. 15th: Valentine's Potluck Lunch at 12 p.m. Bring a dish, a drink, a plate and utensils.

Sunday, Feb 19th: Weekend Potluck Lunch at 12.30 p.m. Bring a dish, a drink, a plate and utensils. Here is your chance, weekend skiers and snowshoers: don't miss it!

Nickel Plate would like to thank **Rona** and Penticton **Rona** owners, **Rick and Chad Mielke** for their very generous donation of \$5000.00 in support of youth programs and activities at the Nickel Plate Nordic Centre.



Welcome Day Visitors tried out **Salomon** skis, compliments of **Peach City Runners and Adventure Sports**.

The **Junior Development and Racing Team** and the **Masters Group** are in full swing now. The junior team meets Wednesday evenings after school and Saturday mornings from 10 to 12, while the masters group meets from 10 to 12 Wednesdays and Sundays. **Frank Perrier**, of **Peach City Runners and Adventure Sports**, who is a Level 2 NCCP coach has joined the Junior Development and Racing Team as a coach. He is a welcome addition as the team is big enough now that we need to split it into two groups for some of our workouts.

Four members of the team represented Nickel Plate at the BC Cup #1 at Callahan Valley Jan 13 - 15 with great results:

Walker Singleton in the Pee wee boys category (born 2000) came in 9th in both the mass start skating on Saturday and the interval start classic on Sunday (2.5 km races).

Ailie Hayman in the Pee wee girls (born 2000) came in 3rd on Saturday and 2nd on Sunday (again both 2.5 km distances).

Jessica Broder in the same Pee wee girls category came in 6th on both Saturday and Sunday.

Rachel Shanner, in the Midget girls category (born 1999) raced to a 6th in the 5 km skate and a 5th place in the 5 km. classic. Congratulations to our junior racers in their first races!

Submitted by **Jerome Jang** NP Head Coach and instructor.



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Left to right: Walker Singleton, Ailie Hayman, Rachel Shanner and Jessica Broder

Mark your calendars!

Monday March 5

7:00 p.m.

At the College Lecture Theatre

A Venture into the Breach
Or is it Breech

The Student's Dire Straights Fund needs another boost and I need to tell some more stories. Ninety minutes of your time is what I ask for. Those 90 minutes will be filled with tales, silliness, speculation and FACTS about a trip along a very familiar road. This familiar road for me will, I'm sure, be like one you all regularly travel, one that, without reason or explanation, takes you, a "Sorcerer, a Warrior, a Person of Life," to a place THAT INEXORABLY draws YOU. Crazy huh? Once again I ask you all to please consider coming and hearing me blather on about silly things ANDto please pass this on to any and all people you may think might enjoy a story or two about the journeys we take in life. I sure hope to see you.

Ron Spence

Want to participate in a loppet at another Nordic site? On the homepage of our website Van has created a link to CCBC which will give you all the race info. Click on "contacts, sponsors and links" and that will get you to CCBC and the information you need.

Try Something New!

All trails are open and in great shape. Want to go for a longer ski and see different scenery? Take Reimers Reach then on to Mascot, Ravens Roost and Grubstake.

Have fun. **Ray Mumby**

HIGHWAY SIGNS

Some of you may have noticed the new highway signs for Nickel Plate on the Channel Parkway (Highway 97) and on the way up to the Nordic Centre. This is the result of a dogged pursuit over the last few years on behalf of the club to the Ministry of Transportation. After many rejections we finally encountered a positive response from M.O.T. in Kelowna. Dave Swales approved our application and we now have our own clearly visible signs directing visitors to Nickel Plate Nordic Centre.

Thank you Dave!