



November 2008 Newsletter

## **Renew your membership now!**

With the 2008 ski season just around the corner, now is the time to renew your Mora Ski Club membership and keep up to date on all the latest local news in cross-country skiing. Send in your membership form today!

## **Active Members Needed!!**

There are many ways you can be an active member of the MSC. Your help is needed with preseason trail cleanup, the ski equipment exchange, Fast Track, and the Beaver Dam Race. There are many opportunities for you to become involved in your ski club. Contact a board member, come to a meeting, or go online to volunteer.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ski Equipment Exchange and Swap**

Bring your gently used or out grown equipment to our second annual exchange, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 to noon at the Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center. This is an excellent opportunity for you to obtain quality equipment for adults or Fast Track skiers! Contact Tom Giese with your question.

## **Ski Club Meetings**

The MSC board of directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Nordic Center Garage. Dates of board meetings are included on our calendar. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

The board members are:

Tom Giese-President	679-3564	June Forslund	679-0806
Collette Dickinson-VP	679-1460	Mark Smith	679-8252
Peg Carlson-Secretary	679-2646	Jon Larson	679-5480
Mason Hjelle-Treasurer	679-3530	Pat Gorham	679-1621
Susan FranceWeber	679-3740		

## **MSC On-Line**

The MSC web site at <http://moraskiclub.vasaloppet.org> offers updated information concerning upcoming events. There is also a place for you to list equipment you would like to buy, sell or trade. New this year is the "Wax Bench", a page where you can sign up to help with MSC events and Activities.



## 2007-2008 Membership Form

The cross country skiing season will be here soon! Now is the time to renew your membership to the Mora Ski Club. MSC promotes skiing in the Mora area by providing or sponsoring the following:

- Skiing events like the Lanternloppet and the Beaver Dam Classic
- Fast Track Ski Club for skiers age 5-13
- Ski Lessons for adult beginners
- Equipment and membership scholarships for Fast Track Skiers
- The MSC Beaver Lodge on the Beaver Dam Trail at the Vasaloppet Ski Area
- Periodic newsletters and Web page with equipment exchange and classified ads
- A calendar of skiing events
- Sunday afternoon refreshments at the Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center
- Information about local trails
- Opportunities to meet fellow skiers and help promote cross country skiing

The annual membership is only \$10 per family. Please complete and return the lower portion of this form now and enjoy the many benefits of membership in the Mora Ski Club for 2007-2008.

Names of adult members \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ (for updates & photos)

Fast Track skiers

_____ / _____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Name      Grade	Name      Grade	Name      Grade

We will help with: ( ) Fast Track treats ( ) trail maintenance ( ) hosting at the Nordic Center on Sunday ( ) Lantern Loppet ( ) Beaver Dam Classic ( ) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Potluck and Social

**WAIVER: I know that cross country skiing is an action sport that carries risk of injury and property damage. I am consenting to my family's participation in MSC/FTSC activities. I release the coaches, organizers, members, and landowners from any liability, even though that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on their part.**

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Individual signature & date

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature & date

Please mail this form and \$10 family membership fee to Mora Ski Club, c/o Mason Hjelle, 2129 South Pine Ridge Rd, Mora, MN 55051

Mora Ski Club  
2007-2008 Calendar of Events  
and  
Guide to Local Ski areas

**November 2007:**

- Saturday, Nov 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ski Equipment exchange and sale 9am – Noon Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center
- Monday, Nov. 12 High School ski practice begins with Coach Kelly Gotfredson
- Tuesday, Nov. 13 MSC Board meeting, 6:30PM at the garage. All MSC members are welcome.

**December 2007:**

- Saturday, Dec. 1 Trail clean up with bonfire picnic 1:00 pm Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center  
– All members encouraged to attend –
- Tuesday, Dec. 11 MSC Board meeting, 6:30PM at the Garage. All MSC members are welcome.
- Monday, Dec 31 New Year's Eve party, Cider and Skiing, Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center 4-8 pm,  
Hotdogs provided

**January 2008:**

- Thursday, Jan. 3 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School
- Sunday, Jan. 6 Host open skiing at the Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center, 1-4 pm refreshments provided
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 Mora Invitational High School Meet, 3:00PM, Trailview  
  
Fast Track Ski Club will not meet because of the High School meet  
  
MSC Board meeting, 6:30PM at the Garage. All MSC members are welcome.
- Thursday, Jan. 10 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School, 1-4 pm refreshments provided
- Saturday, Jan. 12 Vasaloppet Fund Raiser
- Sunday, Jan. 13 Host open skiing at the Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center, 1-4 pm refreshments provided
- Tuesday, Jan. 15 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School
- Thursday, Jan. 17 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School
- Sunday, Jan. 20 Host open skiing at the Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center, 1-4 pm refreshments provided
- Tuesday, Jan. 22 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School
- Thursday, Jan. 24 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School
- Saturday, Jan. 26 Lantern Loppet , starting at dusk, Vasaloppet Ski Area. Bonfires and Beverages  
will be available at the Ski Club Lodge, Johnstones' deer shack, and log cabin.
- Sunday, Jan. 27 Host open Skiing at the Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center, 1-4 pm refreshments provided
- Tuesday, Jan. 29 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School
- Thursday, Jan.31 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM, Trailview School

## **February 2008:**

- Saturday, Feb. 2 Moraloppet, starting at 1:00PM at the Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center. More information and preregistration at the Vasaloppet Office.
- Sunday, Feb. 3 Host open skiing at Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center, 1-4 pm refreshments provided.
- Tuesday, Feb. 5 Fast Track Ski Club, **6:30-7:45 PM, Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center**  
Lighted trails, Bonfires and hotdogs, Families invited
- Thursday, Feb. 7 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45 PM, Trailview School
- Saturday, Feb. 9 2008 Mora Miniloppet, starting at 12:00 noon at Trailview School
- Sunday, Feb. 10 2008 Mora Vasaloppet 36<sup>th</sup> Annual
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 - 4:45PM. Trailview School  
MSC Board meeting, 6:30PM. at the Garage. All MSC members are welcome.
- Thursday, Feb. 14 Fast Track Ski Club, 3:15 – 5:15PM, End of Season Awards Party Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center
- Sunday, Feb. 17 Mora Ski Club 1<sup>st</sup> annual potluck gathering social
- Sunday, Feb. 24 2008 Beaver Dam Classic 5 – 10 km race, starts at 1:00PM at the Vasaloppet Ski Area

## **March 2008:**

- Tuesday, Mar. 11 MSC Board meeting at 6:30PM at the Garage. All MSC members are welcome.
- High School All American Skiers Acknowledgment Event  
(Date to be Determined.)

## **April 2008**

- Tuesday, Apr. 8 MSC Board meeting at 6:30PM at the Garage. All MSC members are welcome.

## **May 2008**

- Tuesday, May 13 MSC Board meeting\Highway Clean-up, Meet at State Hwy 65 and 220<sup>th</sup> Street at 5:00,  
Meeting at 6:30PM at the Garage. All MSC members are welcome.

# Where to Ski in and Around Mora

## Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center

Location: North side of town, on the Vasaloppet trail.

How to get there: From the traffic light at Hwys 65 & 23, go north on Hwy. 65 to 9th Street and turn left (west). The Nordic Ski Center is located on the north side of the street, just east of Trailview School.

Trails: A network of trails, totaling about 8 km. and including portions of the Vasaloppet 35 km. and 58 km. trails, is groomed regularly all season. Depending on snow conditions, it's possible to ski even farther on the Vasaloppet trails. Terrain is mostly open, flat or rolling. Trails are groomed for both classic and skating.

Facility: The Vasaloppet Nordic Ski Center building includes common areas, a wax room, restrooms, and changing rooms with showers and saunas. During ski season the wax room and restrooms are open seven days a week during daylight hours. The entire building is open on weekends and for special events.

## Vasaloppet Ski Area

Location: About 15 miles north of Mora, near the start of the Vasaloppet race.

How to get there: From the traffic light, take Hwy 65 north 12 miles to Cty. Rd. 25, then - west 2 1/2 miles to Cty. Rd. 80, then north 2 1/4 miles to parking lot on the west side of the road. Enter the trail from the north end of the parking lot. Ski north and west to the Ski Club Lodge.

Trails: Interlocking loops totaling about 25 km. Rolling, mostly wooded terrain. trails are open all season, and depending on snow cover, most are groomed for both classic and skating. The Lanternloppet and the Beaver Dam Classic are held on these trails.

Facility: The Mora Ski Club maintains a lodge at the intersection of the Beaver Dam Trail and the South Loop that is open to all skiers. There is a wood stove in the lodge, and an outhouse nearby.

## Pat Gorham's trail

Location: About 3 1/2 miles northeast of town.

How to get there: From the traffic light at Hwys. 65 and 23, go east on 23 about 1 -1/2 miles to Mahogany St. (Cty. Rd. 71/11), then north on Mahogany, 1 -3/4 miles to a stop sign. Continue past the stop sign to the second driveway on the left (2269 Mahogany).

Trails: Privately maintained loops totaling about 8k. Wooded, some flat or rolling, some steep hills. Mora Ski Club members are welcome to ski these trails at any time. However, before you go we recommend calling Pat (679-1621) to find out about trail conditions and grooming.

## John Hollister's trail

Location: About 8 miles southeast of Mora.

How to get there: From the traffic light at Hwys 65 and 23, go east on Hwy 23 about 1-1/2 miles to Mahogany St. (Cty. Rd. 11), then south on Mahogany one mile to 195th Ave. (Cty. Rd. 1, Henriette Rd.). Go east on 195th, 5 miles to Rainbow St. (Cty. Rd. 5), then south 1 mile to 185th Ave., and west 1/4 mile to the first driveway on the left (2675 185th Ave). Parking area to the left of the driveway.

Trails: Privately maintained loops totaling about 3 km. Open woods, rolling. Mora Ski Club members are welcome to ski these trails at any time. However, before you go we recommend calling John or Leslie (679-5527) to find out about trail conditions and grooming.



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