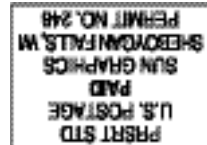


NORTHERN KETTLE MORAINÉ NORDIC SKI CLUB
Application for Membership (please print clearly)

Name _____		Personal Phone _____	
Address _____		Work Phone _____	
City/State _____	Zip _____	Email _____	
<u>Please circle type of membership:</u>		<u>Return with fee to:</u>	
Individual (\$30)	Family (\$40)	Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club W6681 Esker Ridge Elkhart Lake, WI 53020	
Supporting (\$55)	Patron (\$105)		
Additional Donation to support (please circle one) trail / lights / grooming: \$ _____			



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W6681 Esker Ridge
Elkhart Lake, WI 53020



A Newsletter of the Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club FALL 2016

President's Message

I'm ready for another ski season. My last time on skis was February 27. I had just completed the Finlandia-hiito, my first World Loppet marathon, besides the Birkie. What a tremendous opportunity it was to ski with the Finns; they are tough, hardy people who embrace winter sports like no other culture I had experienced! That opportunity has left me even more excited to get on skis again and to be around the positive spirit of Nordic skiers. The Farmer's Almanac says that we should be in for colder temps and more moisture. Let's hope they are correct and we have an epic ski season in the Northern Kettle Moraine.

Preparations are or have been underway for the upcoming ski season. Grooming equipment and Brown Trail lights are being serviced. Ski trails are being mowed and cleared of limbs and downed trees. The shelter woodbox is being filled. The Board of Directors has met to elect officers and establish a budget. And, the coaches, parents, and team members of our youth ski team, *The Storm*, are very busy getting ready for the season, including a fundraising campaign which realized \$12,000 in donations for the purchase of new uniforms, equipment and ski bags.

This is the time to renew your membership and commitment to support the Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Ski Club. Your support enables continued trail maintenance and grooming at Greenbush, provides opportunity for area youth to be part of an outstanding ski team, and most importantly, promotes the positive benefits of Nordic skiing. Dues are remaining the same as the past two years. The financial contributions, the volunteer hours of service, and the excellent trail grooming provided by the members of our club are significant. It is that support, combined with our productive partnership with the DNR, that make Greenbush our little piece of Nordic Heaven and one of the premier cross country ski destinations in the upper Midwest.

Be sure to make plans to attend our Annual Fall Meeting. In addition to a brief business meeting, Club member Debbie Posewitz will present a program on her experience summiting Alaska's Denali, North America's highest mountain. The meeting will be held November 30, at the Generations Building in Plymouth, 7:00 PM (see details below).

Please use the enclosed form to renew your membership today. The Club's board of directors would also like everyone to consider an extra donation to help defray increasing costs of grooming and to prevent us from having to conduct a fund-raising activity. Remember, all dues and donations go toward club efforts to groom and maintain Greenbush Trails, to introduce others of all ages to the spirit and benefits of Nordic skiing, and to encourage physical fitness throughout our community. Please do your part.

Think snow,
Clark Reinke

Fall Membership Meeting

- When:** Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 PM
- Where:** The Generations Building,
1500 Douglas Dr., Plymouth
- Program:** Debbie Does Denali.....Journey to the top of North America by Debbie Posewitz
- Refreshments:** Beer, Wine, and Hors D'oeuvres Provided (Donations Accepted)

Youth Ski Team *Update*

NKMN Storm Youth Ski Team Gears Up for 2016-17 Season

The Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Storm Cross Country Ski Team, sponsored by the NKMN Ski Club is open to East Central Wisconsin youth currently enrolled in Grades 5 -12 and no experience required. The team's mission is to come together to learn good Nordic ski technique, stay in shape, compete as a team, learn how to wax, meet other skiers, and to have FUN!

Last year's 47-member team consisted of students from Plymouth, Fond du Lac, Howards Grove, Elkhart Lake, Kewaskum, Campbellsport and Sheboygan. Five of the Plymouth skiers were exchange students, three from Germany, one from Spain and one from Moldova. Throughout the winter, the team traveled to ten weekend outings and ski meets including Ironwood, MI, Iola, Rhinelander, Wausau, Rib Lake, Cable, Delafield and Green Bay. The team is part of the Wisconsin Nordic Ski League (WNSL) which consists of 22 school and club-sponsored teams from across the entire State.

Team practices are held Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30-6:15 pm primarily at the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Greenbush Trails. There are also a few Saturday morning practices when the team is not traveling to a meet. The first practice and Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled on Saturday, November 5th, 9:00 am at Apex Athletic Performance, Batavia (former Elementary School).

The NKMN ski team is coached by volunteers that are passionate for the sport and want to see youth become hooked on cross country skiing. Since this activity is a life-long sport, all of the coaches compete in races throughout the year including the Birkebeiner/Korteloepet held in Cable, WI.

While the team is primarily supported by registration and equipment rental fees paid by the families of the skiers, donations are also accepted. Scholarships are available for hardship situations and family maximum fees are in place to help keep the program affordable.

More information about the about the Club and registration materials for the Ski Team can be found at www.greenbushusa.com. Click on 'Youth Ski Team Info.'

Ski Team Raises Over \$12,000 for New Ski Suits, Ski Equipment and Ski Bags

The NKNM Storm Ski Team has been busy over the summer months raising funds for new ski suits, equipment and ski bags. A team Booster Club was formed last season and a fundraising committee of parents and some youth skiers embarked on a three-month effort that has raised just over \$12,000 (at the writing of this article). The funds raised so far are two-thirds of the three-year goal of \$18,000.

The funds raised will be used primarily to purchase 35 new sets of ski suits and warm-up jackets, ski equipment and ski bags. Plans are to purchase another 25 or so ski suits and warm-up jackets next year.

Donations for the team are still being accepted! More information can be found at www.greenbushusa.com. Click on 'Youth Ski Team Info.'

Jim Burkard *Memorial*

Long-time skier and club member, Jim Burkard, passed away in December of 2014. As many of you know, Jim loved skiing at Greenbush and was always a positive spirit. The Club recently received word from Jim's sons that the memorial fund to honor Jim was donating \$1200 for trail grooming and maintenance at Greenbush. Thanks to Jim's family for this generous donation. Jim is missed.

Ski Trip to Telemark Dec 4-11

Dick Roeber is again organizing a ski trip to Telemark Condominiums. The date for the ski trip will be Dec 4-11. The place will be Telemark condominiums in Cable, WI. As an owner at Telemark, Dick can arrange accommodations for up to 30 people at a per-week or three-day, at a significantly less than the usual cost. For further details or to book a condo call Dick Roeber at 920 467 6054 or email dickroeber@charter.net

WHAT DICK CAN GUARANTEE: A good time with great people. What Dick cannot guarantee: SNOW at Telemark. But, ABR in Ironwood is 1 hour 15minutes away and has been open by Thanksgiving for cross country skiing more than 90% of the time, in the past. Several downhill areas are within a few hours drive. For further details or to book a condo call Dick Roeber at 920 467 6054 or email dickroeber@charter.net.



SKI SWAP



SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 2016

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

BICYCLE WORKS, SHEBOYGAN FALLS, WI

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Bring your used Nordic gear and let the
NORTHERN KETTLE MORAINE NORDIC STORM TEAM
sell it for you!**



**Bring your used gear to Bicycle Works
on Mon., Nov. 7th between 4-7pm
Please come with a price for your gear**

Process is smoothest at this time. If necessary, Bicycle Works can accept gear later - Deadline is Monday, November 7, 2016

**A portion (25%) of the proceeds of each sale will benefit the
Northern Kettle Moraine Nordic Storm Ski Team
Cash donations are also welcome**

Pick-up gear not sold immediately after the sale from 2-3pm!

**SHOP FOR USED AND NEW SKI EQUIPMENT AT BICYCLE WORKS
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th!**

Contact: Steve Scharrer (e-mail): swscharrer@gmail.com (cell phone) (920) 889-3279