

President's Perspective

It's the end of December, (in case you thought it was spring)... And for those of you who made it to the club holiday party - it was great to see you!! A big thank you very much goes out to Barb Pacuk and Ellie Feltz for their organization and use of Barb's clubhouse room, it was a fun evening. Thank you also to everyone who participated, brought such yummy things to eat and shared in the wild gift exchange - it wouldn't have been a party without all of you!

Maybe some of you have skied this month - Scott Smith skied and participated in PSIA Instructor School at Minocqua Winter Park the 13th & 14th and Jim & Gail Tibensky and my hubby Jim and I skied there also, just this past weekend (12/27-28).

The trails were in great shape on the 27th, even with the warm temps. Jim S. and I had a private classic ski lesson with Dan Clausen on Saturday afternoon - it was excellent. We wish we had taken more lessons earlier on in our years of skiing. It helps so much! But we're not too far gone that we can't correct years of bad habits. We received very specific instruction and advice from Dan and he really has quite a knack in giving appropriate analogies to augment the whole ski lesson experience. The more skilled and efficient you become in a sport, the more enjoyment you will have!

If there is snow in the northwoods of Wisconsin - be sure you make time to ski at Minocqua Winter Park & Nordic Center, you'll be glad you did. Enjoy their variety of well-groomed trails, warm-up and relax in the chalet, consider taking a classic or skate ski lesson, or demo a different pair of skis... and check out their fully stocked ski shop - you'll receive excellent advice and service.

With the club's U.P. (Michigan) trip coming up soon (Jan. 18-23), Minocqua Winter Park is a club favorite to stop and ski at on the way up. There are a host of other trails near Minocqua that are fun also. If snow conditions are marginal, the grooming at Winter Park makes it possible to ski and the superb grooming also allows for both skate & classic skiers to ski in the same place.

Think SNOW - have fun and hope to see you at the January 15th club meeting at Arrowhead.
Happy Trails!

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