

Weasel News

Whistler Weasel Workers

Fall 2009

Dedicated to the promotion, co-ordination, and improvement of ski racing in B.C.

Message from the Editor

In 2009, we have moved from two or three formal newsletters a year to more frequent short and point-specific "blasts", usually designed to alert our members of some impending deadline requiring immediate action. Rather than list these separately on the Web site, they will be added to this one "container", with the most recent newsletter at the top. Editorial notes and photographs not in the original newsletter may be added.

These newsletters are all the work of **Murray Wood** our Chief of Gates and Communications Guru

Enjoy, Your Webmaster.

Nov 18, 2009

Message from the Ladies Chief of Course – Rick Hume



On behalf of 2010 Olympic Winter Games Ladies Alpine I would like to acknowledge all of you that have volunteered for the Games and I look forward to experiencing this incredible journey with all of you. We

will have some hard work ahead but I am very confident that we are all up for the task and we will have fun doing it.

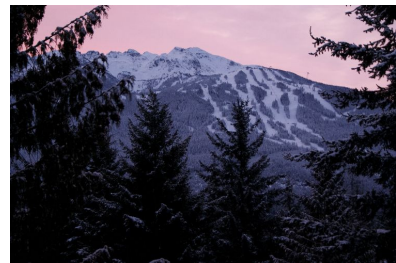
I am pleased to report that planning for the 2010 Winter Games on the Ladies Alpine Track is moving forward as planned. Our committee of Bruce Holliday, Chief of Race, Jim Brewington, Assistant Chief of Race, Craig Smith, Assistant Chief of Course (Speed) and Andy Wolfe, Assistant Chief of Course (Tech) have been working hard to ensure our volunteers are looked after so we can all make the best of our winter games experience and at the same time deliver the best winter games ever.

Winter has hit Whistler early and hard this year so between man made snow making and natural snow it has been challenging to stay on top of the track profiling. But with the Grooming Crew and

Snow Making Crew led by Dale Stevens I am confident we will have a very good and consistent track that will require all of us to have

very sharp ski's while we work. During my last inspection on November 15th I am pleased to report that there is a consistent layer of wet snow groomed out and waiting to setup from the Downhill start to Frog Bank with snow making and natural accumulating to the finish.

At the same time this is all happening there are scaffolding crews constructing the largest television camera tower I have ever seen in between Net No. 5 and 7. So they can film athletes as they enter the top of the Tunnel pitch through to Speed Queen Hop (can't call it the wart anymore) and Cross Roads/Frog Bank. Or something tells me they must of heard of the action that takes place at Vuarnet Beach and want to do some filming?



But before we get too focused on the Winter Games, Canada is hosting three Downhill's and two Super G ;Men and Ladies World Cups in Lake Louise so I wish the Sled Dogs the very best and I hope to see a lot of you there.

Best Wishes

Rick Hume
Chief of Course
Ladies Alpine
2010 Olympic Winter Games



Nov 10, 2009

Message from our President - Patrick Maloney



We are 12 Mondays from the opening of the **2010 Weasel House**. The excitement is building. Over the course of the last seven months thousands of hours have been put into the organizing of our Weasel House. This will be a very special place for our group to gather after a hard days work on the slopes. I'm pleased to say much progress has been made and several challenges have been met.

Here's what lies ahead;

The operating budget for our House is approximately \$250,000 for the

41 days that we will be open. In addition we have purchased \$120,000 of Halti garments bringing the total budget to \$370,000. We started with \$0 dollars to finance this project and we had to raise the money ourselves to look after our volunteers. To date we have raised \$55,000 through Weasel Wear garments sales and another \$60,000 in donations of services or goods in kind. Another \$30,000 has been pledged. This leaves another \$225,000 to raise. It may seem daunting, but the goal is within sight.

1. We need to sell the remaining garments. The men's and ladies quilted coats by Halti are a great deal. Regularly retailing in stores for \$750.00 plus tax, these are available for \$550. They are beautiful coats and of the highest quality. Think of these coats for Christmas presents.

2. Sponsor a Keg O' Beer. To date we have 60 keg sponsors, with several people sponsoring 3, 4, and even 5 kegs. A keg sponsorship is

\$197 and includes a limited edition Weasel House Keg pin. Our goal is to reach at least 300 keg sponsors.

3. The Halti soft shell jackets have been very popular. The \$75 dollar cost is our cost. On Monday November 30th the price of the soft shells will be increased to \$99.00.

4. Talk to your friends, colleagues, family, etc. We need our members to help identify potential sponsors from every province and state.

There are organizations out there that you can reach to help support our cause. Perhaps some organizations would be interested in renting out our tent from 9 am to 1 pm to entertain clients or customers. If you have ideas and suggestions on how we can reach our goals we'd love to hear them.

We thank all those who have pre-ordered your garments and who have sponsored our Weasel House. The Weasel House will help nurture the camaraderie of our alpine race worker fraternity. When the games are over the spirit and enthusiasm and fellowship of the Weasel House will remain with us for many years.

Thanks for your support and I look forward to celebrating with you the success of the games, our athletes, and the Weasel House!

Cheers

Patrick Maloney

President of the Whistler Weasel Workers, and Chair of the 2010 Weasel House

Footnote: In February and March, there will be well over 1000 alpine race workers having access to Weasel House as members. Having seen action with us in Whistler, we welcome them all as Whistler Weasel Workers. We estimate that, on an average night, about 600 members will spend some time at Weasel House. However, if a Canadian or US racer mounts a podium, Weasel House will rock.

Patrick has asked those 1000+ members to help sell about 300 high quality Halti quilted coats and to find folks willing to sponsor about 250 kegs. Hence, if just half of our members can sell just one coat or find just one sponsor, Weasel House will be a flamin' success. It's up to you.

We hope that ski racing organizations and ski clubs will see their support of Weasel House as a means of saying "Thank You" to the volunteer race workers that sustain them.

Use these links for more information on: [Weasel House](http://www.weaselworkers.com/Mto/Weasel_House.htm) [Weasel Wear](http://www.weaselworkers.com/Mto/Weasel_Wear_for_2010.htm) [How to Help](http://www.weaselworkers.com/Mto/Help_Weasel_House.htm)

Dec 12, 2009

WMSC Party and Auction

Help support our junior ski racers. The Whistler Mountain Ski Club is holding their Winter Party & Auction on **December 12th** at the Whistler Conference Centre. In addition to the live and silent auctions, this year's edition will feature the "The Epics", Canada's Premier Rhythm and Blues Band. Many of you might know their drummer, David MacPhail, a former Whistler resident. No excuses. The event is scheduled so that those who go to the Lake Louise World Cup's will be able to attend. This will be fun and more information may be found at [WMSC Winter Party & Auction](#)

Nov 8, 2009

Colorado is Calling

Our friends, the [Talon Crew](#) of Beaver Creek are looking for more people to help with the Birds of Prey World Cup races. This year's event is from Dec 4th to 6th and will include a Super Combined, Downhill and GS.

Course work is scheduled for Nov 27th - Dec 6th. So if you have some free time (ya right) and can get to Beaver Creek they could certainly use your help. Chances are good that they will lodge Weasels at the Rivers Edge Apartments which is close to the resort.

If you are interested, please register at the [Talon Crew Survey site](#). To ensure that you get slotted for great accommodation please indicates that you are a Weasel Worker in the "Any other comments?" field.

More information may be found on the [Vail Valley Foundation Blog](#)

Nov 7, 2009

Distribution of Weasel Wear

A friendly reminder for our 1st Vancouver based Weasel Jacket distribution. This is our second distribution/sale and it will be on Saturday November 7th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The location is at 1491 Nanton Ave. Vancouver.

Please bring your cheque book to purchase additional jackets or Keg O' Beer sponsorships. For more information, [click here](#).

We offer many, many thanks to Jacquie and Richard for opening their home for this event and for their warm and gracious hospitality.



Oct. 30, 2009

Weasel Torch Bearers

The Olympic flame has arrived and the Torch Relay has started! I don't know about you but I was pretty excited to see some of the TV coverage earlier today.

Congratulations to the following Weasel Workers who have been selected to carry the torch:

Joy Fera - Feb 11th in Vancouver/Coquitlam. More information may be found on the [Web site](#).

Kerry Firstbrook - Feb 6th in Whistler/Pemberton.

Andree Janyk - Feb 6th in Whistler/Pemberton.

Your fellow Weasel Workers are very proud of you. We are excited that you have been chosen and we know that you will do a great job of representing our country.



If there is anyone else who is carrying the torch please let us know.

We would like to offer our congratulations and possibly witness your moment in the spotlight.

Oct 23 – 25, 2009

Distribution of Weasel Wear

First, our apologies to those of you who travelled to the **Turkey Sale** to view, try-on or pick-up Weasel jackets. Turns out that it took a little longer than planned to receive them and we had nothing to show you.



Great news! The jackets have now arrived and are in stock!

This is a busy weekend in Whistler for Alpine

volunteers. There is the Vancouver 2010 Alpine Volunteer reception, FIS TD update, Vancouver 2010 ROC meetings and now the first distribution of Weasel wear. Our booth will be on Gallery Row in the Hilton Hotel on Saturday Oct 24th and Sunday 25th. More details on hours and the location of Gallery Row may be found on the [Weasel web site](#).

Have you not ordered your jacket? Now is the time. Quite frankly we need the money. We expect heavy traffic this weekend. Remember first with a cheque gets first pick of the sizes. If you can't attend this weekend please mail in a cheque. Instructions and pictures, with models you know, are located on the [Weasel Web site](#)

Can't travel to Whistler this weekend? If you have already sent in a cheque don't panic. We will have other distribution events throughout the fall. Right now we are making plans for a Vancouver event. We will forward news as soon as plans are finalized.

Oct 5, 2009

Turkey Sale – Help Needed

Weasels, here's a friendly reminder that we need your help at our **Turkey Sale** booth on Oct 9 - 11. Please contact Peter Allan or Lockie Brown with the times you can work. More information, including available times, may be found on the [Weasel Web site](#). Both Peter and Lockie would really appreciate your support.

Please come and help promote Weasel House and help sell our Weasel Wear (which should be here in time)

Thanks for your help!

