

SNOWMAKING REPORT

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Special *Events*

Bike Swap Mar 19
Cushing School,
Delafield 9-12:30

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Progress Report for Lapham Peak Snowmaking

Was this a winter of discontent or a winter of contented skiers?

At the start of the year, a negative Silent Sports article and mention of an El Nino winter prediction cast a shadow over our skiing prospects. Mother Nature did not help by keeping the ground warm and the temperature above freezing so that the rangers could not even make snow. Finally, about January 1st, nearly 5 weeks after our usual snowmaking start date, the temperature dropped and the rangers were able to make snow. Then came the equipment woes. Our dear snowcat lost its track and blew a hose, delaying the spreading of the snow whales. Both our grooming machines were next to quit on us, and the loaner from the Southern Unit died, too. A loaner from Madison came in a nick of time to allow the High School racers to hold a meet on a Thursday night.

At the beginning of the year, Brett Johansen, property manager, knew that he'd be missing one ranger out of four for grooming due to surgery; therefore, he called a meeting and many folks showed up to volunteer to make snow and/or groom. Unfortunately, there was nothing to groom and he couldn't make snow until after New Year's. All rangers and some new hires were back at work and grooming commenced nightly. The Wednesday Night Ski League started with 73 adults and it was able to hold 4 nights on the entire lighted system. The last two nights were limited to the manmade snow loop. Middle and High School students also had a good season on the little snow we had. 80 kids K-6 participated in Monday Night lessons, too. From all comments received, these were contented skiers who made the best of a lousy season and praised the groomers for doing what they could to save the little snow Mother Nature provided and prepare a lovely manmade snow loop.

At the present time, we have received almost \$28,000 in our Trail Expansion Campaign. Normally, we end the campaign on December 31st; however, we are extending our Trail Extension Campaign as the more we have, the further we can extend the trail. We have about \$72,000 in our treasury with a few more bills for electricity and the snowcat and a snowgun for \$18,000 still pending. That leaves us with about \$50,000 for trail expansion. 3A will be done for \$39,000 for sure; that completes the loop up Tail End and down Magic Carpet where fire hoses and snow pushed uphill has been a tedious job for rangers. We have had many donations from loyal donors so far. If you have not yet donated to the Trail Expansion Campaign, it is not too late. Please consider a donation now. Right now we are hoping for a May 1st start date.

After the construction is completed, we ask that volunteers come forward to pick rocks, rake and reseed the trail so it is in great shape for next season. You will be contacted!!

Shorts

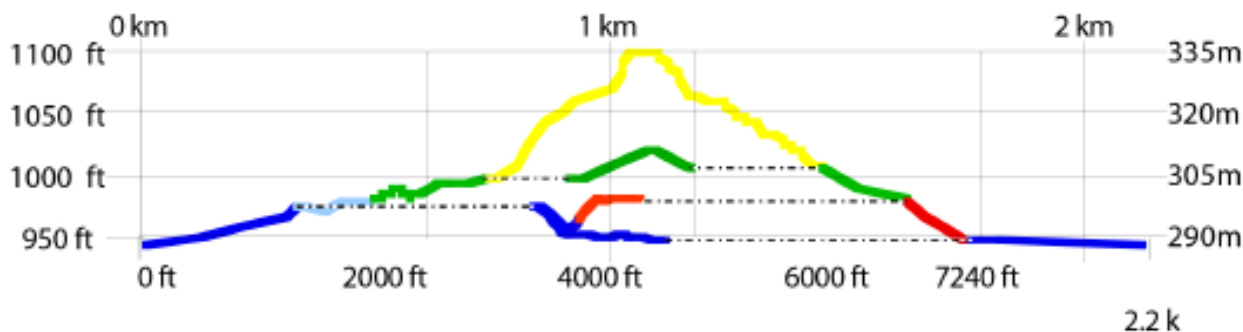
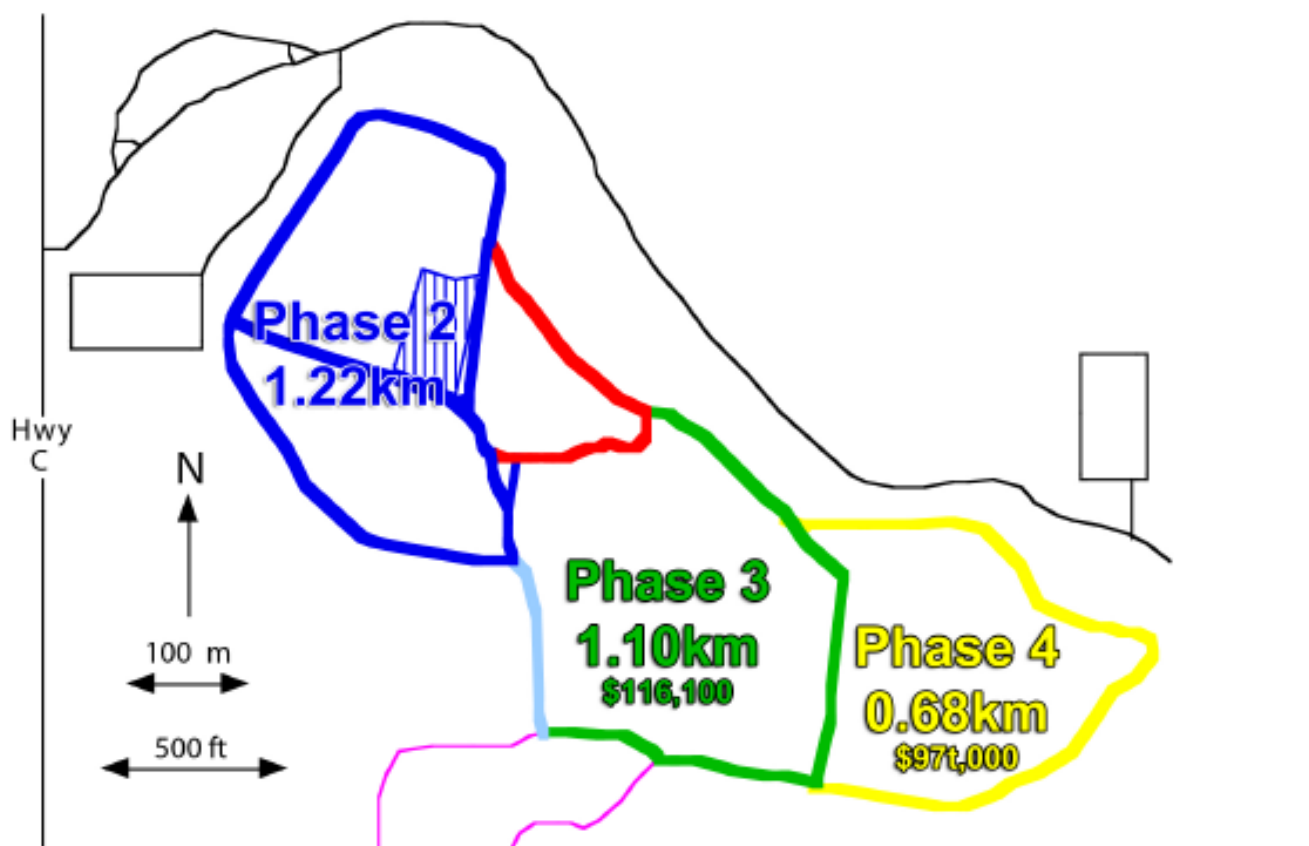
.Congrats to those who skied on New Year's Day and set a record of 1948 K's skied on the 11kK trail at Lapham Peak.

Marty Tank and Matt Geib are working on a video for crowd funding to aid in our donations to snowmaking.

A new Mike Fort Shelter in Homestead Hollow may be the venue for this year's Summer Solstice.

Consider donating a bike or selling one...or volunteering at the Bike Swap. Contact Theresa at TRMMcd2@yahoo.com

Man-made Snow Cross Country Skiing at Lapham Peak : Existing, and Planned Snowmaking Trails



	Existing Open groomed area		
	Equivalent to .5km trail		
	Existing	\$250,000	1.22km
	Phase 3A	\$36,300	0.34km
	Phase 3B	\$19,000	0.15km
	Phase 3C	\$60,800	0.61km
	Phase 4	\$97,000	0.68km
	Planned Trail infrastructure		
	Total	\$213,100	1.78 km

Total Trail, Existing and planned 3.0km