

# Thunder Bay Trails News

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Newsletter of The Thunder Bay Trails Association

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**Mission statement:** The mission of the Thunder Bay Trails Association is to promote and protect non-motorized trail systems in Alpena county and adjoining areas and reflect their recreational significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure to area citizens.

- **Trail Work Bee,**  
10/21/00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Norway Ridge Pathway, trail clean up, wood chip trails - volunteers needed
- **Trail Work Bee,**  
10/28/00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Norway Ridge Pathway, bridge work - volunteers needed
- **Trail Work Bee,**  
11/04/00 - 9:00 a.m.  
Chippewa Hills Pathway, trail cleanup - volunteers needed
- **Monthly Meeting,**  
11/06/00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Alpena Community College, Center Building, Room 106

**TBTA on the Web:**  
[www.ossineke.com/tbta](http://www.ossineke.com/tbta)



## TBTA Gets Endowment Fund

Last spring, TBTA member Chuck Ingle and his wife Kathy established an Endowment Fund to benefit the Thunder Bay Trails Association. The Endowment Fund was created through the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. The fund is called the Thunder Bay Trails Association Fund and is considered a matching Endowment Fund. Chuck and Kathy Ingle have established the fund with \$1,000 and promise to match the donations dollar for dollar up to an additional \$4,000. In other words, the Ingles plan to place a total of \$5,000 in the TBTA's Endowment Fund.



**TBTA member Chuck Ingle**

According to Chuck Ingle, "the endowment will give money annually to the TBTA. It is more than a one time donation in that the principal that accrues can be used annually by the association once a designated cap is reached. It (the Endowment Fund) can be on going seed money for future projects." When asked why he set up an Endowment Fund in the TBTA's honor, Chuck's response was, "I have been using the trails over twenty years, so there is a little bit of guilt on my part, and I wanted to find a way I could help the Association." The fund can benefit the TBTA by making annual money available for special trail projects, and if the fund grows large enough, it could potentially fund our annual operations. If anyone is willing to give to the TBTA Endowment Fund, which has several tax advantages, you may contact the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan at (517)354-6881 or e-mail [cfnem@alpena.cc.mi.us](mailto:cfnem@alpena.cc.mi.us). **Thank you Chuck and Kathy Ingle!**

## Contract Signed With City of Alpena

In an effort to provide cross-country skiing on the Thunder Bay River Bypass, the City of Alpena signed a ski grooming contract with the Thunder Bay Trails Association last February. Alpena Mayor, Phil Ludlow, met with TBTA members and signed a contract that outlined a financial commitment from the city to pay the TBTA to groom the Thunder Bay River Bypass from Sytek Park to the Duck Park on Washington Avenue. The TBTA will groom the City Bypass for cross-country skiing December through March when weather permits. The TBTA believes this is a wonderful opportunity to expand the use of the city bypass, expose the public to the TBTA, and introduce cross-country skiing to more people.



**Vince Call, TBTA President and City of Alpena Mayor, Phil Ludlow**



## ABTCO Makes Donation

Louisiana Pacific, formerly ABTCO of Alpena, recently made a sizable donation to the TBTA. Louisiana Pacific donated \$600.00 to the Association to be used exclusively for trail improvement and preservation efforts at Norway Ridge Pathway and Chippewa Hills Pathway. The TBTA values the financial commitment from local industries such as Louisiana Pacific. We anticipate using the contribution for either trail bridge-work or sign improvement for our local trails.

## Trailer for Groomer Purchased

With the help from a Community Foundation grant and money from the City of Alpena for grooming, the TBTA purchased a trailer for the ski groomer. The aluminum snowmobile trailer makes the job of transporting the equipment much easier. In the past, we borrowed two trailers, one for the snowmobile and one



for the groomer and two people had to “man-handle” the equipment. The trailer makes the job of grooming more efficient and safe.

## Trail Work Planned

Each fall, the TBTA plans various work bees at the either Norway Ridge Pathway or Chippewa Hills Pathway. This year, the TBTA will be very busy with three weekend work sessions planned for Norway Ridge and Chippewa Hills.

Last year, the TBTA added several



***The TBTA has several work bees scheduled for this fall at Norway Ridge Pathway and Chippewa Hills Pathway.***

loads of woodchips donated by Hillman Power to the existing trails at Norway Ridge Pathway. The woodchips were put into low lying areas of the trail that are usually muddy during the warmer months. This year, Hillman Power is planning on donating a larger load of wood chips than last year. On Saturday, October 21 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Norway Ridge Pathway Parking Lot, the TBTA will begin loading and unloading woodchips to various low spots on the front loops of the pathway. We will need large numbers of volunteers to assist with the spreading of the wood chips. If you are able to join us for this work bee, please come prepared with shovels, rakes, gloves, footwear, and

proper clothing. We also plan on doing some trail clean-up and brush removal on the remainder of the pathway.

On Saturday, October 28, we will host another work bee at Norway Ridge Pathway. We will finish a floating bridge project that was started in the fall of 1999. Lafarge Corporation is donating railroad ties, and money donated from ABTCO–Louisiana Pacific will be used to purchase the treated lumber needed. This project will still require some volunteers; therefore, please plan to attend and lend a hand. We will meet at the Norway Ridge Pathway parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and walk back to the project site.

The final series of work bees scheduled for this fall will be on Saturday, November 4 at Chippewa Hills Pathway. The TBTA intends to work on trail clean-up, brush removal, and tree pruning. Again, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Chippewa Hills Pathway main parking lot and work on various sections of trail. Please dress appropriately, and bring rakes, tree pruners, hand saws, gloves, and lots of energy.

## Make a Difference

Saturday, October 28 is “Make a Difference Day in Northeast Michigan.” The day is a celebration of local volunteer efforts and is part of a nationally-recognized event. The TBTA will be a part of the festivities and celebration. If you wish to be a part of the celebration, plan to attend from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Alpena Community College’s Park Arena. There will be free food and prizes. If you have further questions about the event, call Alpena Community College’s Volunteer Center at (517)356-9021, ext. 335.

## 99-00 Event Recap

Last year's Candlelight Ski was another success for the trails group. We saw over 70 cross-country skiers visit and participate in

the second annual Candlelight Ski at Norway Ridge Pathway. The event has proven to be a real draw for skiers and families looking for something unique to do on a Saturday night in the middle of the winter. The

TBTA provided groomed trails, candle luminaries along the trail, and hot cocoa and refreshments for skiers back at the

parking lot. The TBTA plans to make the Candlelight Ski a regular event during the full moon cycle in February.

Another event that has proven to be real popular with our members is the Spring Ritual walk that takes place

during the latter part of April each year. Volunteer instructors from Alpena Community College's Science Department lead TBTA members along the

Norway Ridge trails and explain natural signs of spring. Stay tuned for more unique TBTA events in the near future.



*The TBTA's Candlelight Ski has proven to be a real success in the community and is a great way to break the mid-winter blues.*

## TBTA Member Facts

*The following is a breakdown of the statistics for the TBTA.*

There are 180 individuals and organizations on the TBTA's mailing list. Of the 180 on the mailing list, only 82 individuals either paid dues or made a contribution. Of the 180 people on the mailing list (duplicated count):

- 63% are active hikers.
- 74% are active X-C skiers.
- 46% are active mtn. bikers.
- 21% are active runners.
- 8% are active equestrian riders.
- 40% use the trails for family walks.
- 48% use the trails for nature viewing.

## TBTA 2001 Membership Application

Please take the time to fill out the form completely. This information will help to better assist our individual members needs and assist with planning and grant writing for trail maintenance and improvement.

PLEASE PRINT!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Names of Household Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone Number: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

What activities do you participate in? PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY!

- Hiking                       X-C Skiing                       Mtn. Biking                       Horseback Riding  
 Running                       Nature Viewing                       Family Trail Walks

2001 Membership Dues:

- Student \$5.00                       Individual \$15.00

Please check one category!

- Household \$20.00

Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Groomer Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Thunder Bay Trails Association is a 501 (C)3 non-profit organization. Donations and membership dues are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.*

**Thank You!!**

**Please send form to:**  
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 Ossineke, MI 49766

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## 2000 TBTA Contributing Members and Donors

ABTCO	M. Russell Courtney	Carol Kindt	Linda and Ewin Sansom
Alpena General Hospital Staff	X-C Ski Shop of Grayling	Kent Kirkland	Al Spafford
Gregory Adamus	Curt and Shari Davis	Dave and Barb Knaffle	Lloyd and Mary Jo Springer
Richard and Marilyn Bachelor	Elise DeMerell	Gary and Gail Knudson	Richard Stevenson
Richard Barber	Mavis DesRocher	Ellen Lacross	Don and Jean Stewart
Denise Bazzett	Rick Engstrom	Lorrie Lacross	Stu and Gail Stuber
Kristin Benghauser	Randy Fairbanks	Bernie Lamp	Fred Synk
Marcia Billings	Lynn and Shauna Field	Steve and Cathe Lappan	Township of Ossineke
David and Sandy Blumenthal	Jim and Jackie Fish	Stan and Susan Laskowski	Jerry Trevillian
Jeff and Amy Blumenthal	Jim Foster	Michael Mandrick	Dr. James Van Wagnen
Tom Brandt	Richard Fultz	Merl and Karen Melton	Jon and Sarah Webb
Steve and Gina Brochu	Michael and Linda Furtaw	Mark and Deb Milostan	James Weeks
Robert and Pauline Buchner	Ronald Fusina	Barbara and Larry Mink	Bruce Wilson
James and Cecelia Bullen	Karen Gagnon	Robert L. Niedzwiecki	Tom and Judy Woizeschke
Sue Buslepp	Herb and Pat Gamage	Ken Nielsen	
Vince and Mary Call	Michael Garant	David Nordquist	<i>** If you feel your name is</i>
Tom and Elaine Carlson	Dan and Kathy Gouin	Berne and Ruth O'Brien	<i>missing or you would like to</i>
Wayne and Chris Christopherson	Tim and Vicki Gulden	Jim and Carey Rapin	<i>donate to the TBTA, please</i>
City of Alpena	Jim Handrich	Robert Reuther	<i>contact Vince Call or Jeff</i>
Bevin and Jeanne Clayton	Pat and Nason Herron	Sharon Rickard	<i>Blumenthal at the number</i>
Community Foundation for	Georgene Hildebrand	Margaret Ricker	<i>listed below.</i>
Northeast Michigan	Chuck and Kathy Ingle	Robert and Lynda Riedasch	
Judy Cooper	Jerry and Beth Keen	Robert and Michele Roberge	<i>Thanks so much to all that</i>

*Thanks so much to all that  
donated and paid dues!!*