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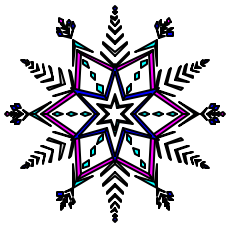
Newsletter of The Thunder Bay Trails Association

December 2001

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.

TBTA Events

- January 14, Monday—
7:00 p.m.—ACC CTR
106—TBTA Monthly Meeting
- January 26, Saturday—
7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—
Candlelight Ski—
Norway Ridge
- February 16, Saturday—
1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—
Family Ski Day—Norway
Ridge



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TBTA Obtains Grant

The Thunder Bay Trails Association has received a \$2,500 grant from the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. The grant along with a donation of \$500.00 from Lafarge Corp., \$300.00 from Louisiana Pacific, and \$1000.00 of TBTA membership funds will go to complete a decking project in a wet section of the Norway Ridge Trail. This will complete the much needed improvements that will allow year round use of the trail during the wet seasons of spring and fall. Members are needed to assist in the building of this bridge project scheduled for this spring. We will be certain to notify our members of the work project dates as we get closer to spring. This is the second grant the TBTA has received from both the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan and Louisiana Pacific.



The TBTA will need volunteers to complete a bridge project this spring at Norway Ridge Trail.

Fall Trail Projects a Success

On September 22nd, a small cadre of volunteers at the Norway Ridge Pathway worked to complete much needed trail projects. Randy Fairbanks, Ron Anderson, Vince and Mary Call, Gary Irving, a few cub scouts, MDNR's Rich Barber, Bob Niedzwiecki, and Al Kurzenhauser completed a portion of the scheduled trail improvements. Al and his son completed the staining and repair of all signposts on the trail. A portion of the trail was wood chipped with the assistance of Ron Anderson's tractor. Al Kurzenhauser coordinated the wood chip donation and delivery from Hillman Power Company. Vince, Randy and Bob completed the weed whipping of sections of the trail. Thanks to the MDNR's, Joe Soncrainte for mowing the Norway Ridge trail in September. A big project, which takes many hours, thanks Joe!

We hope to establish a new method of completing trail maintenance at both Chipewewa Hills Pathway and Norway Ridge Pathway. An *Adopt a Section of Trail* project will be established for next season. We will be listing sections of trail which need brushing and sign upkeep at both trails. We will ask TBTA members to consider adopting one section of the trail and gathering friends and family to stain a couple of sign posts and brush out a section of trail at your convenience during the fall of the year.

Ski Grooming Volunteers Needed

The need to expand our cross country ski grooming team is evident as Randy Fairbanks and Ron Anderson carried the majority of the work last season. We are in need of a few members who have the capability to haul the grooming equipment to the trails and put in a few hours of grooming time. We are continuing to groom Norway Ridge Pathway, Chippewa Hills Pathway and anticipate grooming a section of the Alpena City Bi-Path once again this year. If you have the time and vehicle to haul a trailer or wish to assist the grooming team, please get in touch with one of the members, Ron Anderson, Randy Fairbanks, or Vince Call. Last year, the high quality cross country ski trails occurred due to a combination of Mother Nature and volunteers of TBTA and your membership dues funding the entire project. We can only duplicate that with continued support and invigorating the grooming team with new volunteers.

City Grooming Contract Renewed

The City of Alpena has signed a contract with the Thunder Bay Trails Association to groom a section of the city bi-path for cross country skiing. The section of trail includes the pathway along the Thunder Bay River from Sytek Park near Bagley Street to the Washington Avenue riverside park. The relationship between the TBTA and the City of Alpena has been a 'win-win' program. The people of Alpena now have a wonderful opportunity to enjoy groomed ski trails and the TBTA is proud to be a part of it.

National Trails Day Event Well Attended

On June 2nd, the Thunder Bay Trails Association celebrated National Trails Day at the Norway Ridge Trail head. Partners that have been instrumental in maintaining the non-motorized trails of Northeast Michigan were recognized. An old fashioned picnic and live radio broadcast by Bay 108 was sponsored by Louisiana Pacific of Alpena. Local and state dignitaries recognized the hard work of local Eagle Scout Derek

Kendziorski in building the map and welcome sign at the Norway Ridge trailhead. State Representative Andy Neuman, MDNR Forest Recreation Chief Duane Hoffman, and regional Boy Scouts of America Mike Bruce, were on hand to make note of the work TBTA, the local Boy Scouts, and other partners have completed at the Norway Ridge Pathway. A letter from US congressman Bart Stupak was also read congratulating Derek and TBTA. In spite of the rain in the morning, the event saw sunshine and a successful National Trails Day Event for TBTA.



State Representative Andy Neuman, congratulates Derek Kendziorski for his wonderful efforts on completing a new sign and map for the trailhead at Norway Ridge Pathway.

Chippewa Hills Mtn. Bike Race Recognized by MMBA

Randy Fairbanks reported that the first annual Chippewa Hills mountain bike race was able to net the TBTA \$700.00 and provided the Association with recognition from Michigan's premier mountain bike organization, the Michigan Mountain Bike Association. Some of the sponsors of the event included Ace Hardware of Ossineke, Tour America of Rogers City, and Dominion Midwest Energy. Forty racers participated in the event held in conjunction with Hubbard Lake's Manjidiwin Days. Randy hopes to see this event grow in popularity and according to Randy, the MMBA has an interest in sanctioning the race for the 2002 Michigan mountain bike race series.



Member Support Needed

It's that time of the year again when we call upon our members to contribute to the TBTA by providing dues and donations. Your dues and donations are used to support trail improvement projects, events and activities at local trails, and support our cross country ski grooming efforts. Thank you!

TBTA 2002 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!

Please send form to:
 TBTA
 2700 Beebe Blvd.
 Ossineke, MI 49766

Name: _____ **Names of Household Members:** _____

Street Address: _____

Thank You!!

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!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> X-C Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mtn. Biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Viewing | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Trail Walks | |

2002 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 taxdeductible to the extent provided by law.

for more information, please contact Vince Call (989)356-9216

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Happy Holidays from the TBTA!

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

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