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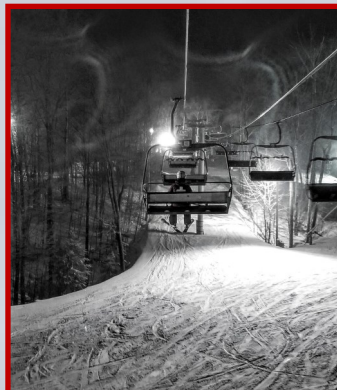
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Scott Douglas' Farewell

Hello everyone, I hope that you are all healthy and well.

Perhaps many of you are discovering new winter activities, such as snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, considering that our downhill activities are currently shut down. However, kudos to all our patrollers at Kawartha Nordic for continuing to provide First Aid services during these difficult times.

During this down time, the Zone Executive has been busy updating and modernizing our bylaws and procedural manuals, and other fun administrative projects.

On January 21st, Zone Presidents from across Ontario held a conference call with the Ontario Snow Resorts Association President Kevin Nichol. Kevin assured us that ski resorts, in partnership with Public Health, continue to plan for a safe reopening in the near future. Much depends on Public health directives as well as the very limited capacity of hospitals to absorb injured skiers.

Nonetheless, snow making continues at most resorts, with a potentially reopening date of February 11th.

I would like to applaud everyone's continued efforts in getting through these challenging times.

Stay positive (and test negative!)

Tim Legere
KZ President.





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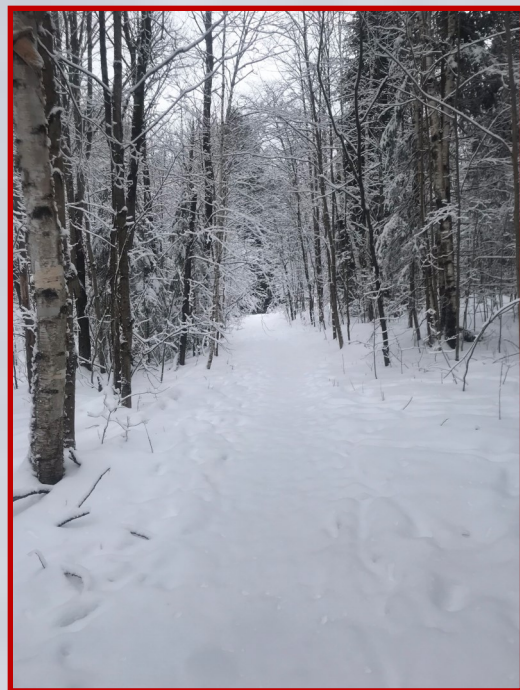
Lakeridge

During the brief kickoff Lakeridge did not only get operations in gear but got to present recent additions to our patrol with their jackets. We were pleased to present Misha Marica and Matt Manning their uniform CSP Jacket. Lakeridge is very happy to welcome these members of our CSP Family in 2020-21!

While Lakeridge did close as per requirements, they continue to blow snow and groom in anticipation of opening again February 11, 2021

Brimacombe

These are just some of the things Brim patrollers have been up to during the ski lockdown: lots of running to wear off the Covid 19 pounds, playing eu-chre online, navigating the world of online teaching, staring longingly at new equipment, watching hair turn to grey, practicing storm trooper act online, spending a lot of time exploring the "middle of nowhere" lakes and ice fishing, baking, survive homeschooling with two kids and juggling 3 jobs and staying sane, drinking a lot of wine, learning the craft of alcohol distillation with a home-made still (see a theme here?), finding small "hills" in the neighbourhood and "skiing" down them in boots, watching way too much Netflix, obsessing about Lego, dancing in the kitchen and just loitering outside, learning Spanish, fixing up gym in the basement so that we don't get too fat, volunteering and supporting the local food bank drives, home reno projects, setting up a maple syrup shack, cleaning off work desk (hey, it's all relative).



Dagmar

Like everyone else, patrollers are trying to stay happy and healthy. Dagmar management has placed a memorial plaque in honour of Wade, the staff who was tragically injured in a workplace incident a year ago. We all hope that we can get back to the hill soon.

Nordic

Trails are open, but still hoping for more snow so all the trails can be open soon. The Nordic patrol has worked hard to ensure safe protocols for patrollers, staff, and participants. The patrol has been working very closely and cooperatively with the management of the facility. This has been a great joint effort to ensure that all aspects of being open at this time are being followed.



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Off Piste

January is supposed to be the start of a fresh new year, resolutions being made and so many hopes and dreams for the coming months. This year has been a bit different for many people. Our province is on a lockdown with the COVID pandemic. People are staying at home, being teachers to their kids, working from home, or in many cases not working at all. But, in this rough start to 2021, there are still many things to look forward to... Spending time with loved ones (in your same household), finding new hobbies (baking, scrapbooking, grade 5 math?), enjoying the outdoors – maybe taking up Nordic skiing (if you are an alpine skier/boarder!) or snowshoeing.

The current lockdown has our beloved winter homes closed till February 11th at the current time, but hills are still working on making snow and grooming and making them look beautiful and ready for winter lovers to enjoy the slopes again. Nordic patrol has already been busy this season opening in January and hoping for more snow to make their trails even better. The Alpine hills have started to get creative to keep interest and generate some revenue – Brimacombe has recently started “Fri-yay” to sell their delicious Poutine on Fridays!

I know it is easy to get down this time of year, especially while not able to enjoy some of our favourite sports and activities, but we can look forward to all the great things in the year to come – hills are planning to open, and many plan to stay open into April with the amazing base that has been undisturbed, the weather is starting to act like winter with beautiful snow and chilly temps that call for cozy blankets and cups of hot chocolate.

May everyone stay safe and healthy so we can again celebrate together.

Here is a “Tale from Tim” and how he has been spending some of his time.

The upside of no skiing? by Tim McKenna

The little hill in our neighbourhood park, about 8' vertical, was turned to ice by near zero temperatures and lots of kids tobogganing on it. I went down it in hiking boots, snowboarder style without board, riding goofy. A mistake on all counts but it was fun, even when I fell. Tried again “skier style” and fell sooner. Still fun. Clamoured back up, looked down, had enough fun.



It is halfway through winter and my car does not have mud all over its lower half. My hiking boots are a bit salty but not encrusted with dried parking lot dirt. Do they make galoshes for ski boots?

My posture is more upright without carrying a big bag of ski gear up and down the hill to the patrol hut and the stairs to the basement.

We are saving energy by not charging the boot and glove heater batteries: two chargers (DC8V * 1.4A each) consume 30.5 watts in total at roughly 66% efficiency running for 3 hours at \$0.085kWh is a little over 3/4 of a penny saved per charge cycle. Rounding up over a ski season, that is a little more than 9 cents in savings. 9 cents saved is up to 18 cents earned (gross before

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Kawartha Zone is saddened to see a valued patroller leave us for the east coast (Sussex, New Brunswick to be exact). Scott Douglas joined us in 2007 and showed his enthusiasm for the CSP from the start, winning the rookie of the year. In 2009, Scott was a member of the National conference organizing committee, and in the same year he joined the instructor team and is the current leader of the 13-week course, after being instrumental for years with the 2nd year course.

Over the years, Scott has also been involved at the Swaps as our IT administrator – he would be seen saying hello to everyone, from behind the computer screens or dealing with issues around the swap. In 2010, he took on the role of VP of Operations until he needed to step down for personal reasons in 2013 and won the executive of year in 2011 for his contributions.

Scott has been involved in all aspects of Kawartha Zone, and on a national level as well. Aside from being an integral member of the yearly swap administration, he has been involved with zone competitions, often being the person who has to make sense of the examination sheets and tally the numbers to declare the winners. He has been a member of the Skyloft patrol, took on being an APL and this season Lakeridge is lucky enough to have him join their patrol.

Scott has been our registration coordinator for many years, ensuring that registration runs smoothly and efficiently, and he has also been on the awards committee for 6 years, and chairing the committee for the last 3. At national, Scott has been part of the National Database replacement project (replacing the NDS with a new updated system, YETI).

Scott is always sporting a smile and happy to see his fellow patrollers out on the hill and encouraging them to find their potential.

Scott has been recognized with the following awards

- 2007 Rookie of the Year
- 2009 Kawartha Zone Achievement Award
- 2009 Zone Special Appreciation Award (NAC)
- 2010 Ontario Division Special Achievement Award
- 2011 Zone Executive of the Year
- 2012 Kawartha Zone Appreciation Award
- 2014 Ontario Division Appreciation Award
- 2017 National Appreciation Award *NAA 1699
- 2018 Kawartha Zone Veteran of the Year
- 2019 Kawartha Zone Outstanding Instructor of the Year

Scott has been a valued member of Kawartha Zone and Poley Mountain in Fundy Zone will be lucky to have him join them. He has taken on many tasks and projects over the years and there will be some large gaps to fill for our zone. Scott, you will be greatly missed, and please know that your contributions and efforts have made this a better zone. Good luck in your new adventures, and we await the invite to come and visit!



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tax). In a hundred years, I'll have saved enough for breakfast at the hill.
Petro Canada is wondering why I have ghosted them.

There is less dark coloured laundry. This has stressed the socks and underwear supply chain. With fewer dark load cycles, anxiety increases as the sock & underwear drawer empties out faster than the laundry hamper fills up.

Should I have my CSP number tattooed somewhere so I don't forget it?

When someone says, "Have you seen such-and-such streaming on Netflix/Crave/Prime/Apple TV+?"
I say, "Why yes, I have."

I don't hear, "Are you going skiing *again*?"

Kawartha Zone's E-Store Update

We are pleased to introduce our 2020-21 Covid Edition Fun Shirt.

Fun Shirt. \$15.00 each – Short Sleeve – Red – All Sizes –

Order Today Time is running short!

Please also note:

CSP E-Store Order Dates are being Extended to January 31, 2021.

Please place your Orders today!

Any Questions please contact:

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Please visit your Kawartha Zone E-Shop at: [CSPKawarthaZone \(myeshop.ca\)](https://www.cspkawarthazone.com/myeshop.ca)

Please review and get your orders in before January 31st, 2021.



KAWARTHA ZONE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS