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# The 2023 Season



The 2022-23 season is in the books, and what a wild ride it was, from the ½ kilometer loop in late November to a 4 foot March storm that extended skiing until April 10th! ! For those of you who joined in the fun and helped make it such a successful winter, here is an attempt to capture some of the highlights and cover some nuts and bolts looking orward.

The snowmaking and grooming teams began their work at the end of November and continued throughout the winter. During the dry early season, their work made for the only skiable snow within a 2-hour radius! Many thanks to them for saving the season for our local clubs and teams and for the many returning and new skiers from all over the region.



Right at the end of the season, our old Snowcat needed a major repair which has been done. However, dreams of a new machine are dancing in our heads! Any creative fundraising ideas out there?







Local teams were practicing daily all winter on the lighted loop and beyond. The Dublin School team hosted two races for their league. Keene High and Fall Mountain High hosted races for their New Hampshire high school division. The local club, DublinXC has really grown! The Bill Koch League group of K-8 aged skiers numbered 65 this year! The Junior program traveled all over the region to races. The Masters group hosted workshops and met up to ski together all year. Information about the club can be found on the website at <https://www.dublinxc.com/>



The Dublin School Team had a great season!



Dublin XC Juniors at practice



BKL Skiers



BKL skiers enjoying practice.





Keene High Skiers celebrated a fantastic championship!

Regionally the Nordic Center was the venue for the Harvard Carnival, which included all the colleges in the EISA and was a qualifier for the NCAA skiing championships. A week later, the New England Nordic Ski Association (NENSA) held a regional qualifier for the Junior National team. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered and for your patience as we had to close the Center to other skiing during these events.



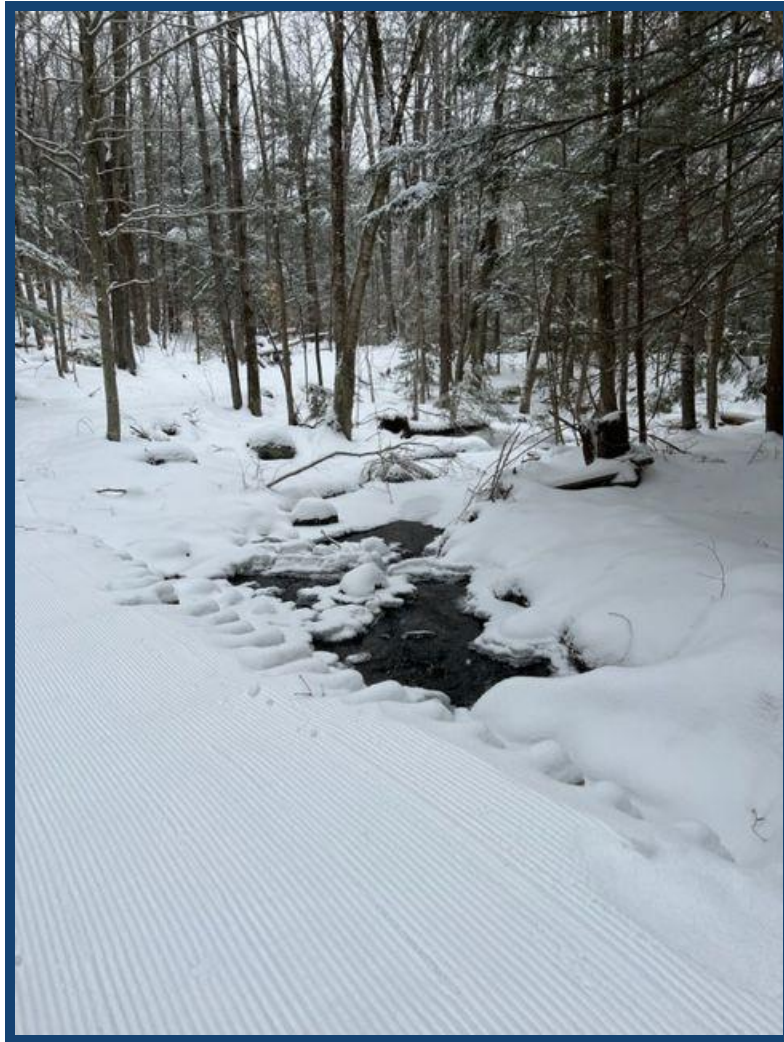
Some young volunteers at the NENSA Eastern Cup



Skiers await the starting gun at the Harvard Carnival

Many locals and visitors were seen frequenting the Dublin General Store for a snack after exploring the trails, and some got to enjoy the new connector from Monument Road. Many thanks to Michelle and Andy for allowing us to groom that connector and for feeding us all! We hope to build them a nice ski rack for their porch for next year.

The lower trails had a tough winter, beginning and ending with brutal storms which took down trees across the Perimeter Trail. When we have enough natural snow, this is a magical place to ski. Hopefully, we will be able to have more time on the Perimeter Trail and all the lower trails next year. Many thanks to Yankee Magazine for allowing us to link our trails to theirs and groom from the Monument Road lot.



The Perimeter Trail on the way to Yankee Field

The Beech Hill Driveway saw some good conditions during a few weeks of the season. This is a special opportunity for dogs to join in the fun; all types of activities are welcome!

The new warming hut is almost complete, thanks to the Dublin School woodworking class led by Dylan Pierpont. Some of you have already enjoyed picnics on the porch!

This summer there will be a lot of activity at the Center. A group of volunteers will be working on expanding the existing Mountain Bike trails. These are used by the Dublin School Mountain biking team in the fall and by many local riders. Another crew will be excavating the pond for expansion to provide more water for the new snowmaking terrain and will be installing the pipes along the upper part of Sapporo.

This year we had far less damage to the groomed trails from walkers and dogs; thank you for spreading the word and helping educate!





We had some requests for more detailed information about conditions. We are implementing a new trail conditions reporting system next year so that you will be able to see when and where grooming has been done, including the lower trails and Beech Hill. This will be available on our website <https://www.dublinschool.org/athletics/nordic-center>. More details to come on that in the fall newsletter.

Last and most importantly, I thank each and every one of you for visiting, donating, for volunteering, and helping to create our community on the hillside here in Dublin!

