

Jackrabbits invade Aguasabon golf course

by Rob Cotton
The News

Every Sunday afternoon you're likely to find half-a-hundred jackrabbits frolicking about the links at the Aquasabon Golf Club in Terrace Bay.

These jackrabbits are not, however, the fur-bearing kind. They are children and they're learning to cross country ski.

Lisa Jacques of the Superior Cross Country Club said the Jackrabbit program has been very successful with 46 children involved.

"The club started it up to see what kind of response there would be - we never thought we'd get the number of kids we did," she said.

The program runs from the end of September right through to the beginning of June and the children are given awards and crest when they reach certain skill levels.

Jacques said that eventually young skiers can be taken out of the area for races with children in other programs associated with The Cross Country Ski Canada Jackrabbit Ski League.

The league, named after the legendary Herman (Jackrabbit) Smith, has over 10,000 youth participants and 1,500 leaders, is the largest organized skiing program in North America and celebrating its tenth anniversary this year.

Both Marathon and Thunder Bay have Jackrabbit programs.

"The thing that is so amazing," Jacques said, "is that these kids get on skis for the first time in their lives and they can do it - ski."

The young skiers, aged 4 - 14, are split into groups, according to age and skills, taken by an instructor to various parts of the golf course. They are then taught the skills of cross country skiing including the basic stride, how to go down hills and, more importantly, how to get up hills.

The instructors, Lisa Jacques, Mickey Jacques, Joan

Bergeron and Peter Reeves, have taken a basic level coaching course offered through Cross Country Canada, Lake Superior Ski Division.

The younger children, 4-6, cannot pick up the idea of

they can help a child," she said.

The Aguasabon Golf Club provided the golf course and the club house on Sunday afternoons to help the cross country ski club get this initial program going.

The Superior Cross Country

The Club has members from Terrace Bay Schreiber and Rossport. Although skiers don't have to pay to use the trails because they are on Crown land, the Club encourages members to take out a membership.

The membership fee goes towards maintaining the trails which includes: brushing in the spring and fall, packing once the snow flies and then grooming.

Jacques said the major goal of the Club is buy a doubled-tracked snow machine to maintain and groom the trails.

"The one presently being used is on loan from the MNR. It is 11 years old," she said, "The club has only been able to use it twice this year. It lost second gear and has been in the garage."

The Club has also organized clinics to introduce adults to the sport of cross country skiing. The clinics cover both skiing and waxing techniques.



Going down the hill is one thing for young Jackrabbits - stopping at the bottom is another. photo by Rob Cotton

skiing from just watching someone do it, Jacques said.

"You have to take hold of their hands, stick their poles in the ground and then move their legs and arms for them."

They soon catch on to it from there, she added.

The parents that have joined their children on the gentle slopes or in the club house, have been very helpful, Jacques continued.

Parents can become Jackrabbit leaders - all they have to be able to do is be able to ski.

"As long as they know how to move their poles and skis

Ski Club began in 1987 when the Ministry of Natural Resources was no longer able to maintain the Nordic trails situated between Terrace Bay and Schreiber.

The club has since improved the trails by levelling and widening them and taking out bad corners and hills.

At one time you could only use the traditional stride method of skiing but skiers can now skate-ski along the trails.

The trails are 14-16 feet wide with one set of tracks on the left and another on the right. The middle of the track is used for skate-skiing.

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Witness advises that suspect driver was wearing a black helmet, jacket of suspect had carmel coloured sleeves, was of a thin build and approx. 5'6" - 5'10" tall.

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