

Trails & Grooming Report: 2019

One of the highlights of last season was the beginning of a new era, man made snow. Ten days of snow making started in mid-December. The resultant piles of snow in the stadium caused some wonder as to why we had so many large plies of snow. However, once the snow had a chance to dry out, it made a substantial base for the whole stadium and biathlon area.

This season we have another 10 days of snow making scheduled - when the conditions are suitable.

We were fortunate to have abundant snow soon after Christmas. This meant that we could use the big machines almost immediately. What followed for the remainder of the season was exceptional grooming and classic track setting. We had 107 days of grooming during the past season.

In the off-season, some trail work was done:

- Fingers was levelled in a few places and some of the corners were modified slightly for improved sight lines.
- Larch Loop was widened so that two tracks and a skating lane can be set.
- The down hill at the southeast end of Northern Lights has been modified to have a more gradual slope.
- The connection trail between Lost Dog junction and Northern Lights / Lynx, has been repositioned further to the west. This creates a longer outrun for Lynx before getting to the outlet trail to the Dog Trails. Now there is a smooth flowing junction for Northern lights, Lynx and the Dog Trail connector.
- On Hickory West some of the tight corners have been expanded to enable better track setting.
- On the Sawmill Trail one of the bridges on the lower end has been replaced.
- Mowing the ski trails was also done.

Mike Palangio has also secured the ongoing use of the SkiTrails grooming report app for another season.

All systems are read to go, we just need snow!

Happy trails,
Ed Day