



Happy New Year to all!

The snow gods have been good to us. Despite warmer temperatures and rains twice this season, we have managed to not completely lose our snow base and have come out shining! Recent snows have brought the trails back up to the best conditions yet so far this season. Many thanks to our wonderful grooming staff for keeping all in good order!

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Don't forget that this Saturday the 19th is the 2nd Annual Ski Bash. There's 12k Classic and 24K Classic and Freestyle events. If you haven't already done so, you can register for this event online through [Active.com](http://Active.com) Packet pickup for this event is from 7:30-9am at the lodge the day of the event. You can also register for the event at that time. Consider this event a great way to warm up for the Noque!

This year's course is going to be different than last year's. Essentially there are two different loops that compose the 24k events, so you are not doing the same loop twice. Basically, the classic skiers will strike out on [B/H](#) while the skaters will strike out on E/F/G. The groomer will be sent out E/F/G after the skaters have gone through so that the tracks will be in pristine condition for when the classic skiers come through.

We could still use more volunteers for this event. If you're not planning to race but would like to help out, give me your contact information and I'll pass it along to the volunteer coordinator.

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We've hit the centennial mark! The 100th season pass sold through the Valley Spur lodge was issued this week.

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The groomers report that the new Ginzu grooming attachment is "the cat's meow". The Ginzu actually chews up the old track then sets a completely new track. According to Larry Truel, it's "worth it's weight in gold".

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We've had a tremendous response from volunteers at Valley Spur this season.

Kudos to all those helping out around and staffing the lodge. We wouldn't be where we're at without YOU!

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The snowshoe group continues to meet each Tuesday eve, 5:15 at the lodge. Come on out and enjoy some different scenery. If you don't own your own pair, snowshoe rentals are available in the lodge. \$2.00 for 2 hours.

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Upcoming events:

Saturday January 19, 2008 - 2nd Annual Ski Bash - 12 & 24 K ski events

Saturday February 23, 2008 - 4th Annual Snowman - 12K Ski - 3K Snowshoe Biathlon

Saturday March 1, 2008 - Taste & Glide

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See you on the trails!

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