

# GRNST NEWSLETTER

January Meeting: Skiing at Pigeon Creek

Wednesday – January 8, 2002 – When you get there  
until you are done. Meeting at 7 PM on skis.

## **Winter Workout Schedule:**

Mid Week: Ski at Muskegon State Park, Pigeon Creek and Pando when Snow Comes  
or Call Steve Smigiel – 874-1217 – and tour Smigiel Valley

Saturday & Sunday – Race the Michigan Cup

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ski Hats have been ordered. We have sold 17 so far and will have a total of 30. Hats are red Turtle Fur Hats and will say GRNST – 25 Years Skiing. Cost is \$15. Reserve a hat soon before they run out. Send check to GRNST – 11029 Crooked Lake Rd, Rockford, Mi 49341 or e:mail at [ernie.brumbaugh@accessbusinessgroup.com](mailto:ernie.brumbaugh@accessbusinessgroup.com).**

## **Arland Cutler**

Sadly we mourn another fellow skier this year. Last month Arland lost his battle with lung cancer and passed away in the hospital with pneumonia in his remaining lung. Arland was an avid skier, although slowed recently with his problems. He was one of the original Muskegon Loppers.

## **New Member**

We would like to welcome Lou Hunt from Wyoming and John Mikulak of Rockford as new members. A new membership list is enclosed.

## **WAX TIPS**

Members are asked to send a waxing experience that they have found to be surprising or particularly good. Write a few sentences about a wax or texture that worked really well in a specific condition. Send them to [ernie.brumbaugh@accessbusinessgroup.com](mailto:ernie.brumbaugh@accessbusinessgroup.com) and I will include them in the next newsletter.

Not to sing the praises of old cheap waxes but at West Yellowstone, Rex Blue was pretty darn fast in a wide variety of conditions, 34 and snowing to one below on hard groomed tracks. It may not always be the fastest in a race but it is in the ballpark and for training it lasts a long time and fits the bill for price.

## **GRNST 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR**

Old Steve's suggestion is still "Let's make it a year of fives". On the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary let's get all skiers over 50 to ski five marathons. Hats are on the way. Shirts still under investigation. Anyone have more ideas.

### **First Race ?**

Steve Smigiel and Don Camp are again the frontrunners for the Marathon Man Award (Skier with most racing kilometers). They put in the long k and drove to Ironwood, Michigan for the Central Openers at ABR Dec 14,15. Not having a USSA card though they had to ski in the Citizens Race, 10K Classic Saturday, 10K Free Sunday. Don 34:38, 29:42. Steve 39:38, 34:27.

Anyone beat that!

For new members we have several award categories at the end of the year. Fastest Skier, Most Valuable Skier, Most Valuable Michigan Cup Skier, Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Skier, Marathon Man. Just ski a lot and you've got a chance.

### **SMIGIELISM OF THE MONTH**

Overheard on the Dead Dog Trail at West Yellowstone, "**That girl can sure climb hills.**"