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After receiving emails from Mary Whitley and Peter Donitz last week that there was skiing in Whitehorse and Canmore, I thought it might be an appropriate time to prepare the fall newsletter.

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Alena Branda indicated that it was one of the nicest summers in years in Vancouver, but in Eastern and Atlantic Canada rain was the order of the day.

In September I attended the WMA meetings in Sovereign Lake/Silver Star. It appears that the OC is right on schedule with its planning for the MWC 2011 which is being hosted by Sovereign Lake. During our visit we had an opportunity to walk some of the trails that will be used and toured many of the accommodations that will be available. I did not reserve a block of rooms for Canadian Masters. With hopefully 400-500 Canadian Masters participating, I thought it would be an impossible task to coordinate such a thing. I have copied below an email which I received from Anna Tilly who is the lady responsible for reservations. While we did look at accommodations in Vernon, I think most participants will be staying at Silver Star mountain.

Greetings from Silver Star Mountain Resort

It was very nice to meet with many of you over the weekend of 16-20 September during your stay at Silver Star and I hope that you found your trip to be enjoyable and informative.

For those of you who I did not manage to meet, my name is Anna Tilly and I work as the Groups Coordinator for Silver Star Mountain Resort. I am responsible for booking on-mountain accommodation here in the resort.

Silver Star has a mid-mountain village offering hotels, condos and vacation homes. Sitting at 1609m (5,280ft) above sea level we provide 3 separate resort trail heads that lead to over 60kms of Nordic Trails as well as over 115 downhill ski runs. Silver Star is located just 2 km by road from Sovereign Lake where the World Masters Cup 2011 will be hosted.

Please find below a link to our website where all of our accommodation options are listed. I hope this information will be helpful when you are planning your teams' accommodation for 2011.

http://www.skisilverstar.com/home_showSection_ID_623.html

At this stage our resort accommodation providers have released 40% of their total accommodation inventory and we are able to take requests. Starting in March 2010 we will be able to start to confirm your requests on a first come first served basis.

Please note that I can also make reservations for your team's transportation from Kelowna Airport (YLW) to Silver Star and back by private charter bus. I can also offer a charter bus service from Vancouver International Airport (YVR) if you would prefer not to fly within Canada. I also hope to have information regarding meal plan options shortly.

As soon as you can please let me know if you are planning to book with me directly, use a wholesale tour operator or stay downtown in a Vernon accommodation.

We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have and look forward to working with you leading up to 2011.

Kind regards

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I would be very happy to give feedback on any of the accommodations, should anyone so desire. There are also numerous private homes that will be available for groups. These are about ½ km from the resort centre.

It will be another 7-8 years before the MWC is back in Canada, so I encourage all masters to take advantage of this opportunity. Start planning immediately.

Check out the web site: www.mwc2011.com

During our meetings at Silver Star there were several important decisions made. It was decided that effective in the MWC 2011 there will no longer be 10km & 15km **A** trails and 10km & 15km **B** trails. There will be one 10km and 15km trail for everyone. The difficulty of the trails being a balance between the **A** and **B**. This was done to make it less costly for future hosts and also to eliminate some of the reasons for disqualifications. The OC for MWC 2010 has stated that they will implement this for the upcoming year. There will still be a 5km **C** trail.

The registration procedure for future MWC was also changed. In the past, participants were required to send a copy of the registration form to the National Director and this has **not** changed. I would then enter all the information on a computer program and send it off to a member of the WMA who would then send it to the OC. The computer program is no longer being used. I will now still receive a copy of the registration form from all participants minus payment information.(see the revised registration form on the mwc 2010 web site).www.mwc2010.com

I will then enter the required race information on an excel spreadsheet and send it to the WMA official. I will notify participants when I have done this. They will then go to the MWC 2010 web site and process the payment of the registration fee themselves. You are now responsible for processing payment of

your own registration. I hope I have not confused anyone. Contact me if you have any questions. I have heard from approximately 20 Canadians who have indicated they are going to Falun. Lets see if we can get that number to 30.

If you are planning on going, get your accommodations straightened out ASAP.

The deadline to get your registration forms to me is January 15th,2010. Payment must then be made by the end of January.

Canadian Masters 2010

The 2010 Canadian Masters Cross Country Skiing Championships will be held in Corner Brook, NL from March 7-13. If you have never experienced Newfoundland hospitality this would be a perfect opportunity to do so. The members of the Blow me Down ski club have guaranteed that you will have a great time. I had hoped to have a copy of the race package included in the newsletter but it is not quite finished. All relevant information can be found however in the bid document which is on the Canadian Masters web site. You can check out the club web site at www.blowmedown.ca and scroll down to the Masters Championships link and get all the information. Book your reservations now.

Ski Draw

I am once again encouraging all Masters to support the ski draw. As I have stated in previous newsletters, it is our only fund raiser for the year and with the exception of our membership fees our only source of revenue. We have attempted to make it much easier for members to purchase a ticket by including it as an option on the annual membership form. For \$10.00 you get a chance to win a pair of top end skis at great odds and at the same time support your association. We need your support.

Western Masters Championships

Thanks to the efforts of our BC Director, Dirk Templeman-Kluit and the cooperation of the Golden Ski Club there will be a Western Masters Championship held in 2010. Hopefully this will generate more interest in Masters skiing in that area which should lead to an increase in membership numbers.

Web Site

I am continuing to encourage all Masters to regularly check our web site. www.canadian-masters-xc-ski.ca

It hopefully contains all the information you need to know or how to contact someone who has the information. If you have any ideas on how it can be improved please let me know.

That's about it for now. I look forward to seeing many of you on the trails throughout the upcoming ski season.

Bruce LeGrow
National Director