National Nordic Sports Grooming Conference



April 4-6, 2016

Sovereign Lake Nordic Club in association with Cross Country BC and Cross Country Canada



Introduction

Welcome to the 2016 Nordic Winter Sports Grooming Conference. The aim of this initiative is to provide a constructive opportunity for grooming professionals and volunteers from across the country to be a part of a National Discussion on the latest in winter and summer grooming technology, grooming methods and delivery of grooming for both recreational and racing trail systems.

Event Partners



Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre sits wholly within the confines of Silver Star Provincial Park. Silver Star Provincial Park is a 5573 hectare park lying 22 kilometres to the northeast of the city of Vernon. This rounded mountain is a typical feature of the Okanagan – Western Shuswap Highland regional landscape. A combination of slope and snow conditions make this an ideal area for winter recreation. Dependable snow depths and mild winter temperatures encourage activity throughout the winter in a variety of activities including cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling.



SLNC offers some of the best skiing in the country utilizing our elevation, in conjunction with high quality and abundant snow fall to generate a superior Nordic experience. As part of the unique Cross Country experience provided by SLNC we have strong working ties with SilverStar Mountain Resort, Cross Country BC and Cross Country Canada. SLNC is a not-for-profit club and has been a major player in the skiing community for over 40 years. As the host of the 2005 World Cup, 2011 World Masters Championships and numerous other FIS sanc-

tioned events we offer a unique perspective on race grooming. With its working partner, Silver Star Mountain Resort, we groom 105km of trails daily for the public and club membership. Recent challenges in winter conditions have led Sovereign to become a Nationally sanctioned back up venue for FIS level events in Western Canada.



Silver Star offers over 55 km of trails at Silver Star, varying in difficulty from Green to Blue to Black. A dual mountain cross country ski pass allows you to explore an additional 50 km of connecting trails at Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre. Cross country skiers can take the ski lifts during regular operating hours to the upper trails, or use the cross-mountain trails that gently wind up towards Paradise Camp and the connecting trails to Sovereign Lake.



Schedule of Events

April 4	7:00pm	Welcome Reception @ Silver Star
April 5	8:30am	Meet and Greet Breakfast (SLNC
		Daylodge)
	9:00am	Introductions and Operator Reports (4)
	11:00am	Sovereign Lake Nordic Club Site Visit
	11:30pm	Lunch Break (provided)
	12:30pm	Keynote Speakers: Grooming in a
		World of Changing Climate.
	2:30pm	Break
	2:45pm	Industry Presentations and Demos
	4:45pm	Adjourn / Fat Bike Demo
	7:00pm	Social (Location TBD @ SilverStar)
April 6	8:30am	Industry Presentations and Demos
	10:45am	Break
	11:00am	Forum Topic: Strategic Planning for
		the Future (Question Submissions)
	12:00pm	Lunch
	12:45pm	Industry Presentations and Demos
	3:15pm	Wrap Up Notes
	3:30pm	Symposium Adjourn

Industry Representatives

Groomers

Prinoth
Pisten Bully
litter
Tucker (?)

Small Machinery

ATV's and Side-by-Sides: CanAm Polaris Snowmobiles: Arctic Cat BearCat 7000 XT GS Polaris 600 Indy Voyageur 144 / 600 IQ Widetrack BRP Skandic SWT Yamaha RS Viking Professional II Track Conversions: Kimpex

Mattracks Camoplast Solideal

TrackSetters and Implements

Yellowstone Track Systems (YTS) Tidd Tech Snowgroomers Inc Custom Drags, Tracksetters, Rollers

Brushers / Mowers

Power Takeoff Tiger Mowers Bombardier Conversion Fall Brushing Attachment (BR400) Swisher Mowers

Shop Equipment

Lif-Track Lifts Hoist Arc Welder

Accommodations

Silver Star Accommodations has partnered with the Grooming Symposium and is offering individual or group discounts on accommodations. More information is available <u>here</u>.

SameSun Hostel also offers very affordable on mountain shared accommodations. For more information on their rates and availability click <u>here</u>.

If you would prefer to stay downtown you can access the complete Vernon Accommodations directory <u>here</u>.

Cost

\$225pp (Includes Welcome Reception, Day 1 Breakfast and 2 working lunches, snacks)

REGISTER HERE

Location

Sovereign Lake Nordic Centre is a world class facility offering 105 km of daily groomed trails with its industry partner Silver Star Mountain Resort. SLNC is located just 1.6km Northwest of SilverStar Mountain Resort and 20km from downtown Vernon via Silver Star Road. SLNC is 63km away from the Kelowna International Airport. See a Google Map of the route <u>here</u>.

The indoor component of the meeting will be held in the SLNC Tech Building, with demonstrations held in the SLNC Stadium.

Sponsors











