2015 Birch Report

Doug Keith, owner of Birch Ski Area passed away in December 2015. He was very supportive of biking, cross country skiing and running and will be missed. JYD has negotiated a new Birch lease for 2016 with the executor of Doug’s estate and so cycling will continue as usual.

Four races were held at Birch in 2015

* KOM and Manitoba Cup Race #4 - combined effort of Woodcock Cycling Club and JYD
* Where’s the Beach - Combined effort of Olympia Cycling Club and JYD
* Provincials – Combined effort of MCA and JYD

Several trails were reconstructed and new ones were added. JYD would like to acknowledge the effort of Trevor Shackleton, Wayne Bishop, Nathan Weselake, Jason Howden, Ron Collins, Adrian Alphonso and Cris LaBossiere.

2015 was the first year that a Birch Pass was included with a JYD membership at no additional cost. Besides JYD members there were 38 Birch pass holders.

The operation of Birch is JYD’s single most expensive enterprise and is subsidized by JYD members. In 2016 it cost JYD $1,017 to operate Birch (see below):



Birch director, Blair Geisel