

## “A Day in the Life of a Groomer”

Below is a report from one of the members of the grooming team to his colleagues. I have permission to pass this on. I think it is important skiers have some insight into the work groomers do. This was a long day but my reading is it was a relatively uneventful straight forward day .... Sometimes things go quite wrong, and, this was just one day of many. P.G.

Tuesday January 21,

“I ran the Pisten Bully for 9 hours. Blue is ready to Ginzu. Big Blue is in pretty good shape now. Orange, silver, purple are ready to Ginzu. Had to fill a couple of bare spots at springs - one on purple and one on orange. Haven't gone in on the outlet leg of orange yet - I'm a little afraid of what I'm going to find at the spring there. I'm going to just take the 800 and a snow scoop tomorrow to check it out and also to check “the lake” at the hydro on yellow.

“I made a couple of passes with the PB around red/green/lighted and then spent a couple of hours with the Ginzu on the pink and red/green/lighted and set track. For the most part, the track is shallow due to the frozen trails under the 2 inches of fresh snow. On a more positive note, the skate side looks good. The back trails can all be skated now but I plan to track them tomorrow morning.

“I couldn't get the Alpine running today - the primer is not coming up to pressure and the thing didn't start. I put the battery charger back on for the next starting attempt. Had to shoehorn the 800 out past it and jerked the track far enough away to get the PB out. Does anyone know how to get this thing running because it is a big roadblock right now and a back ache waiting to happen?”