

2018 December 24 email sent to DRXC members

Subject: DRXC update, 2018 December 24



Hello Deep River Skiers,

With the November snow and favourably low temperatures, many of us have enjoyed an early start to the ski season. Here's a quick news update from your DRXC Executive.

Trail Conditions and Trail Etiquette Trail conditions and grooming updates are provided on the www.drxc.ca "Trail Conditions" page. Grooming has started, and we ask walkers and snowshoers to **refrain from using the ski trails**. In a very few areas on the P loop and the F loop, the same trail is used by snowshoers and skiers. In those spots, we ask that snowshoers keep to one side of the trail, so that the ski tracks remain intact.

Membership Registration The www.drxc.ca registration page provides a link for joining the club. If you have not already done so, please sign up soon. We count on membership fees to pay for trail grooming (we recently had a \$2600 bill for groomer repairs!), trail and facility maintenance, insurance, and memberships in Cross Country Canada and Cross Country Ontario.

Jackrabbit Registration The Bunnyrabbit and Jackrabbit lessons for children will be held Saturday afternoons from January 5 to March 2. The www.drxc.ca registration page provides a link for enrolling in these programs. The enrolled children are automatically DRXC members. For more information, contact Kathryn Chiasson at 613-584-4255 or xksmum123@gmail.com.

Adult Ski Lessons Adult ski lessons will be held on Sunday January 6 and Sunday January 13 starting at 1:30 p.m. at the chalet. All new members are automatically invited to these lessons, as are returning members who signed up for the lessons with their membership renewal. A separate email will be sent to participants before the first lesson.

Ski Mentoring New this year is a ski mentoring program to help new skiers and new club members get to know the trails, meet other skiers, and enjoy their ski experience more. These ski outings are on a drop-in basis (no commitment necessary) on Saturdays starting at 1:00 p.m. at the chalet (just before the kids' lessons). The outings will run throughout the winter, starting Saturday January 12. Each outing will last about 1.5 hours, with 2 or 3 experienced skiers acting as guides and with the group splitting according to interest and ability. For details, contact Helena Rummens at 613-584-4321 or rummensh@magma.ca. A separate email will be sent to all members as a reminder before the first outing.

Moonlight Skiing Moonlight ski outings are planned for the full-moon evenings of Saturday January 19 and Saturday February 16 starting at 7:00 p.m. from the chalet. These events will depend on weather and ski conditions. More information on these will be provided just before the events.

Parking on Balmer Bay Road The Town of Deep River is asking DRXC members to please park on **only one side** of Balmer Bay Road at any point, i.e., park EITHER in front of the chalet OR in the angled parking area on the river side of the road. Also, angle-parked cars should have their hoods pointed toward the hospital.

Silver Spoon Ski Race The Silver Spoon Ski Fest will be held on Saturday February 2 here in Deep River. There are events for competitive and recreational skiers of all ages. The distance events are **with** the classic technique, and the sprints are free-style. For more information, go to www.bright-ideas-software.com/silver Spoon/.

Opeongo Loppet The Opeongo Classic Loppet will be held on Saturday January 26 at the Opeongo Hills Nordic Ski Club in Brudenell, ON (about a 1h:20m drive from Deep River). There are kids', women's and men's categories, with distance options ranging from 2.5 to 20 km. The trails are on the rolling terrain of the beautiful Opeongo Hills. This delightful event is one we like to support. For more information, go to www.opeongonordic.com.

Equipment Rentals A limited selection of ski equipment is still available for rent at a modest cost. To arrange a fitting, contact Paul Chiasson at 613-584-9882 or paulchiasson@gmail.com.

We are always looking for ideas to improve the skiing experience for our members. If you have ideas or suggestions, please contact me or any of the club executive members (contact information available on www.drxc.ca). What can we do to improve the trails or programs? Is it important that we provide more trails that avoid hills, or trails that are double-tracked?

Cross-country skiing is a wonderful way to enjoy winter with family and friends and to stay physically and mentally healthy. See you on the trails!

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year,

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