

2019 January 27 email to Deep River cross country skiers (this year's members and last year's members)

Subject: DRXC update, 2019 January 27

Hello Deep River Skiers,

With lots of snow and no spring thaw in sight, the Deep River cross-country ski season is in full flight. Here is another update from your DRXC Executive.



Silver Spoon Ski Fest

It's happening this Saturday (February 2) at St Mary's School! We encourage all members to participate in this ski extravaganza that's been going strong since 1973. It's called a "race" but there is truly something for everyone. Check it out at <http://bright-ideas-software.com/silverspoon/>. The deadline for the classic races is Wednesday, January 30 at midnight. You can sign up on race day (by 10:30 a.m. for an extra \$5) for the Sprint Skate and for the more recreational Mass Start and Open events. Or come cheer on the racers at St Mary's.

Don't miss the fabulous buffet dinner with fellow ski buffs at the Bears Den after the races. Buy your tickets online or at The Olive Tree in Deep River by Wednesday January 30.

P.S. Race tracks will be set on D, R, X, M, and S-H loops on Friday afternoon – please avoid using these loops then until after the races.

DRXC Trail Grooming



As of January 16, all of the main Silver Spoon trails (near the hospital) have been groomed. The frequent snowfalls and preparations for the Silver Spoon race have kept the grooming crews busy. *(photo by Bob Donders)*

The Bass Lake and Forestry trails are seeing some use. The main cabin trail has been broken out to the cabin, so it is accessible if you are looking to spend a night or more in a rustic cabin surrounded by beautiful backcountry trails.

Trail conditions and information on the Bass Lake trail cabin are available on www.drxc.ca.

New Trail Signs



To help make walkers and snowshoers aware that the ski trails are for skiers only, some new signs have been put up on the Silver Spoon trails. If you do encounter walkers/snowshoers on the ski trails, please politely inform them that the ski trails are for skiers only. Keep in mind that there are a few areas on the P loop and F loop where the same trail is used by snowshoers and skiers. If you feel a “No Walking” sign needs to be put up in a specific location, please let me know and I will arrange for a sign. *(photo by Bob Donders)*

Ski with a Mentor



A number of new skiers have enjoyed 3 Saturday outings so far, admiring majestic trees, gazing out from Miami Beach, and swooshing along fantastic groomed trails. This is quickly becoming known as the club’s “Social Ski.” Please join the mentors every Saturday afternoon (except February 2 – Silver Spoon), meeting at the chalet at 1:00 p.m. *(photo by Tong Liu)*

Moonlight Ski



A good dozen people braved the -22 °C conditions on January 19 for a moonlight ski worthy of wolf howls. With only a thin cloud cover, the full moon was bright enough that no headlamps were needed as we zipped around R, X, and C loops. Tea and hot chocolate greeted us back at the chalet. Join us again (conditions permitting) for the next full moon on Saturday February 16. *(photo by Stuart Craig)*

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, trail and facility maintenance, insurance, and memberships in Cross Country Canada and Cross Country Ontario. If you can't remember whether you have joined or not, please send me an email.

DRXC Membership Person Needed

We are looking for someone to replace the current membership coordinator, who is not able to continue in the role. The job involves logging membership information and maintaining a database. It requires some computer skills, including the use of Excel and Word. If you would be interested in this position please let me know.

Contact Us

We are always looking to improve the club and the skiing experience for its members. If you have ideas or suggestions to pass on, please contact me or any of the club executive members (contact information available on www.drxc.ca).

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