

Email to DRXC Members, 2021 February 25

Subject: DRXC Quick Update - Moonlight Ski February 27, Skate-Ski Lesson March 7, Mini-Jackrabbit Season



Barron River, Algonquin Park (2019 March 17)

Hello DRXC skiers,

A quick update on DRXC happenings.

Moonlight Ski, Saturday February 27

Time: Show up at **7:00 p.m.**, ski for 30–45 minutes or so.

Place: Meet behind the DRXC chalet, and go out informally in groups of about 5 skiers. Possible loops include the R, Intermediate M, K, and Short M.

Bring: Headlamps (in case of clouds) and warm clothing

Due to the Covid situation, the chalet will not be available for hot drinks and socializing. Let's hope for clear skies!

Balmer Bay Road Chalet and Bass Lake Cabin

Now that Renfrew County has returned to a "green level" under Ontario's Covid Response Framework, the chalet and cabin are open with restrictions. You are welcome to use the Balmer Bay Road chalet to warm up, but please respect all the posted requirements. These include wearing a face covering, using hand sanitizer after entering, using the entrance and exit as marked, and ensuring that no more than 6 persons are in the chalet at any time. If you would like to use the Bass Lake Cabin, contact Erik Hagberg (hagberg@sympatico.ca, 613-584-4636) to make arrangements.

Jack Rabbit Program

Now is the opportunity to get your kids out on skis for a mini Jackrabbit season. As long as the weather and conditions hold, lessons will be held on the weekends of March 6, 13, and 20th. Children aged 5 to 13 are encouraged to sign up on Zone4.ca; the form will be up by the evening of Feb 26 and a link will be posted on the DRXC website. There will be

no charge this year, and lessons will have staggered start times by group. On the form, please fill out all the dates and times that your child could attend and we will try to set up a regular time slot for each of the 3 weekends.

Skate-Ski Lesson and Glide Wax Clinic, Sunday March 7

With the warmer conditions coming, it's a great time to think about learning or improving your skate-ski technique. On March 7, Kevin McDonald will be leading a skate-ski lesson and glide wax clinic. These will be held either late morning or early afternoon, depending on the temperature forecast. The time will be set a day or two in advance.

Many of you will not have skate-ski equipment, but it is possible to get a start on learning skate-skiing with classic ski equipment. Just make sure that all the kick wax is removed from the ski base. If you have long poles (that reach to the chin or nose), please bring them, as skate-skiing requires longer poles than the classic technique.

Prior to the on-snow lesson, Kevin will demonstrate how to apply glide wax. Students will then have the opportunity to apply glide wax to their own skis.

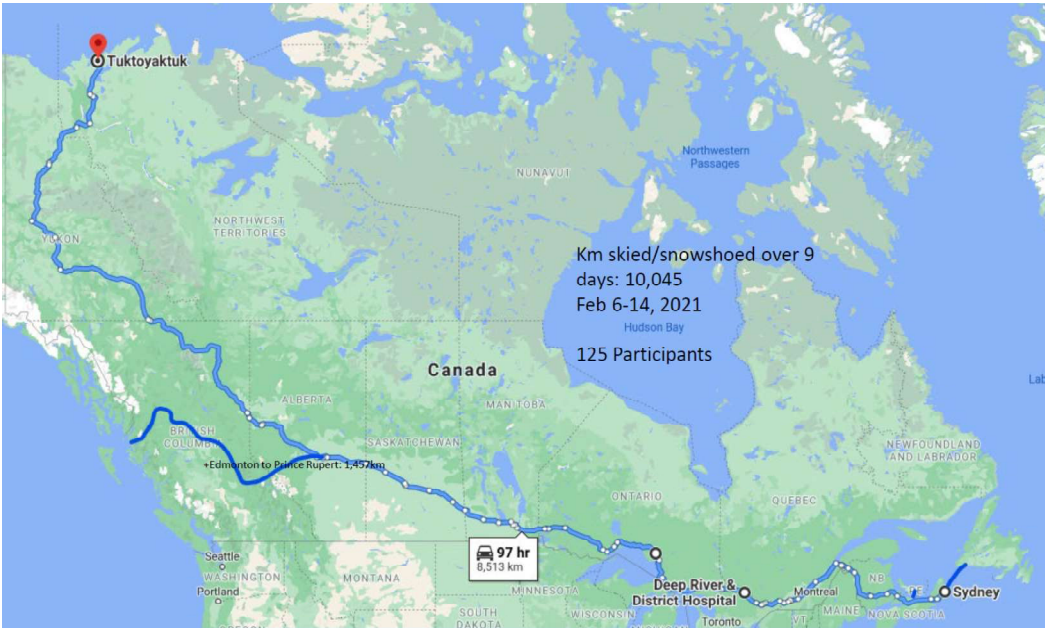
Please confirm your attendance directly with Kevin by emailing him at kmcdonald11@yahoo.ca by Thursday March 4.

Hydro Pole Replacement

The hydro pole replacement along the main hydro corridor (K loop) has started and is expected to go on for 2 more weeks. The Hydro One crews are trying to minimize damage to our trails, but some rough spots can be expected where the M loop crosses the hydro line. Please use extra caution at these intersections.

Silver Spoon Results

The big winners of the recent virtual Silver Spoon event were two local charities: North Renfrew Family Services (\$2,511) and Deep River and Area Food Bank (\$2,511). Holding the cheques in the photo below is Jamie Hopkins, who skied the most (326 km). Martin Smith snowshoed the most (81 km). The most junior participant was Wesley Wright (shown with his brother Samuel) and the most senior was Ann Serdula. Over nine days, the 125 participants collectively skied and snowshoed 10,045 km, more than enough to get from Newfoundland to Northwest Territories, as shown in the map below. Well done!



The Silver Spoon trails are freshly groomed, and the conditions are excellent.

Bob Donders