

2019 December 30 email sent to DRXC members

Subject: DRXC update, 2019 December 30



Hello Deep River Skiers,

There is lots of beautiful winter scenery to enjoy on the trails. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the trails are smoother than ever, and a few new trail options are available. Here's a quick news update from your DRXC Executive.

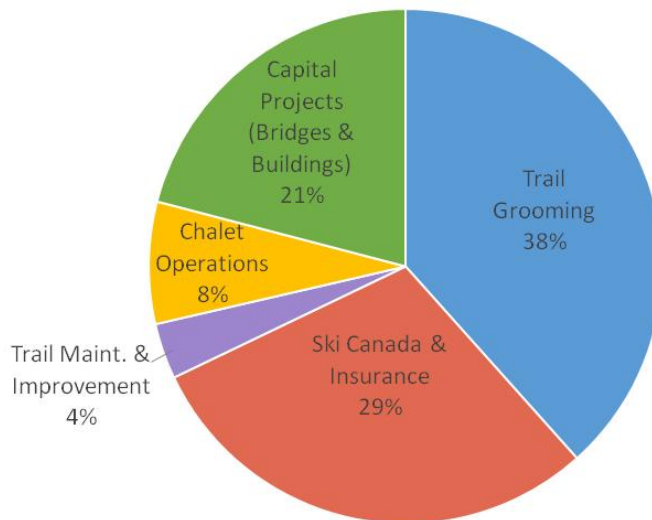
**Trail Conditions and Trail Etiquette** Trail conditions and grooming updates are provided on [the http://drxc.ca/category/trail-conditions/](http://drxc.ca/category/trail-conditions/) page. When grooming starts, we ask walkers and snowshoers to **refrain from using the ski trails**. New this year is that a section of P loop has been re-routed so that it no longer intersects with walking or snowshoeing trails. Also new this year is that the section of King's Road between the two M loop crossings will be maintained as a multipurpose trail. This provides skiers with an "intermediate M" option that avoids the big M hill.

**Winter Parking on Balmer Bay Road** Parking on Balmer Bay Road will undergo changes for this winter season, as residents on Balmer Bay have expressed safety concerns with the current situation. The problem arises from skiers walking along the road around parked cars. **Only parallel parking along the chalet side of the road** is permitted during the winter period. Three new access points from Balmer Bay Road to the D loop have been created, and will be maintained during the winter.

**Membership Registration** The [www.drxc.ca](http://www.drxc.ca) registration page provides a link for joining the club, or click on the link "<https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=22492&lan=1&cartlevel=1>". 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 Nordiq Canada and Cross Country Ontario.

Where membership \$ are spent



**Jackrabbit Registration** The Bunnyrabbit and Jackrabbit lessons for children will be held Saturday afternoons from January 4 to early March. The [www.drxc.ca](http://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](mailto:xksmum123@gmail.com).

**Adult Ski Lessons** Adult ski lessons will be held on Sunday January 5 and Sunday January 12 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.

**Moonlight Skiing** Moonlight ski outings are planned for the following Saturday evenings: January 11, February 8, and March 7. Meet at the chalet at 7:00 p.m. These events will depend on weather and ski conditions. More information on these will be provided just before the events.

**New Member Welcome/Drop-In** On Sunday January 12, 12:30-1:30 there will be a “new member drop-in” at the chalet. Hot drinks, muffins and donuts will be provided. This will give new members a chance to learn more about the club, and meet with other skiers. The adult lessons follow immediately afterwards.

**Silver Spoon Ski Race** The Silver Spoon Ski Fest will be held on Saturday February 1 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/silverspoon/](http://www.bright-ideas-software.com/silverspoon/).

**External Events** Other ski events that are popular among local skiers include the Muskoka Loppet (Sunday January 26), the Opeongo Classic Loppet (Sunday February 2) and the North Bay Blue Sky Loppet (Sunday February 16). Links are provided on the [www.drxc.ca](http://www.drxc.ca) “External Events” page.

**BLISS Trail** This past year, a determined crew of DRXC skiers created the Bass Lakes Incredible Snow Shoe trail to get us to the ski hut without risking our lives on the snowmobile superhighways. Check it out on [www.drxc.ca/maps/](http://www.drxc.ca/maps/).

**Head Trail Groomer** Please welcome Marc Audet as our new head of trail grooming. Marc has been helping with the DRXC grooming the last few years, and he has lots of experience with snowmobiles. Many thanks to Dave Steer who has been our Head Trail Groomer since the 2013/14 season. If anyone is interested in helping with trail grooming, please contact Marc ([mcaudet01@gmail.com](mailto:mcaudet01@gmail.com), 613-281-4591).

**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](mailto:paulchiasson@gmail.com).

**DRXC Community** A great place to find out (or post) about ski conditions and happenings is our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DRXCskiCommunity/>. Become a member of this group to share information.

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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