

2020 January 27 email to Deep River cross country skiers (this year's members and last year's members)

Subject: DRXC update, 2020 January 27



Hello Deep River Skiers,

We have had some good snow falls this month, and the trails have been in great shape. The photo above is a group of backcountry skiers enjoying the trails in the Petawawa Research Forest (the Forestry). Here is another update from your DRXC Executive.



Silver Spoon Ski Fest

It's happening this Saturday (February 1) 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 29 at midnight. You can sign up on race day (by 10:30 a.m. for an extra \$5) for the Sprint Skate (if spaces are still available) and for the non-competitive 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 when you register or at The Olive Tree in Deep River, by Wednesday January 29.

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

DRXC Trail Conditions and Grooming

All of the main Silver Spoon trails (near the hospital) have been machined groomed except for the B loop. The two large snowfalls we had in January and preparations for the Silver Spoon race have kept the grooming crews busy. Trail conditions are available on <http://drxc.ca/category/trail-conditions/>

The Bass Lake and Forestry trails are seeing good use as well. The main cabin trail has been broken, so the cabin is accessible if you are looking to spend a night or more in a rustic cabin surrounded by beautiful backcountry trails. Information on the Bass Lake trail cabin is available on <http://drxc.ca/facilities/>.

Upcoming Events

The DRXC website now includes an “Events” calendar, with upcoming events listed on the right hand side of all pages. Upcoming events include:

- February 1, Silver Spoon Ski-Fest.
- February 5, Mackenzie Invitational high school race.
- February 8, Moonlight ski.
- February 15, Snowshoeing as part of the Deep River Winter Carnival.

Membership Registration

The <http://drxc.ca/registration/> 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.

Ski Trail Etiquette

Now that grooming is underway, only skiers should be using the ski trails. If you do encounter walkers/snowshoers on the ski trails, please politely inform them that the ski trails are for skiers only. If you feel a “No Walking or Snowshoeing” sign needs to be put up in a specific location, please let me know and I will arrange for a sign.

Balmer Bay Parking

Thanks, everyone, for parking only on the south side of the road during the snow season. There are 4 new access points to the D loop, to help relieve the parking pressure near the chalet.

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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