

2022 January 10 email sent to DRXC members, including those from 2020/21

**Subject:** DRXC update, 2022 January 10



Hello Deep River and Area Skiers,

After a bit of a slow start to the season, most of our trails now have enough snow for skiing. There is lots of beautiful winter scenery to enjoy on the trails. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers, the trails are in great shape. 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/category/trail-conditions/](http://www.drxc.ca/category/trail-conditions/) page. Now that the ski season has started, we ask that walkers and snowshoers use the snowshoe trails, and **refrain from using the ski trails**. If you see walkers on the ski trail, please politely ask them to use the snowshoe trails.

**Winter Parking on Balmer Bay Road.** Please parallel-park along the chalet side of the road, if possible. There are five access points from Balmer Bay Road to the D loop to provide access all along the road from near the four-way stop (at the hospital) to the chalet. On the river side of the road, the town has plowed a wide section near the R loop entrance to accommodate some additional parking. However, the residents of Balmer Bay Road have indicated that they feel it is safer and preferable for people to park on the chalet side of the road.

**Covid Restrictions.** With the current Covid restrictions the following changes have been made to our facilities and programs:

- Chalet on Balmer Bay Road – closed.
- Rental program – suspended.
- Bass Lake cabin – limited to a maximum of 5 people indoors.
- Moonlight ski on January 15 – cancelled.
- New Members Open House – postponed until Sunday January 30.

Once restrictions are eased, we hope to open our facilities and resume our programs to the extent possible. Check the DRXC website for updates.

**Membership Registration.** If you would like to join the club and have not yet done so, the preferred method is to use the online form at [www.zone4.ca/register.asp?id=27510&lan=1&cartlevel=1](http://www.zone4.ca/register.asp?id=27510&lan=1&cartlevel=1). You can also download the pdf or Word version of the form available on [www.drxc.ca/registration/](http://www.drxc.ca/registration/), and follow the instructions for email or mail registration. The membership categories are the same as last year, including the popular “Family Membership” (\$100 + \$20 per family member) for family members living at the same address.



**Silver Spoon Ski Fest.** Join us for the 50th Silver Spoon Ski (and Snowshoe) Fest! In this virtual event, we’ll be skiing and snowshoeing as much as we can from Saturday January 29 to Sunday February 6 (nine days). Participants can register as individuals and/or as teams of four, and then log their kilometres online, on the honour system.

To register (for free), go to [www.zone4.ca/register.asp?id=27995&lan=1&cartlevel=1](http://www.zone4.ca/register.asp?id=27995&lan=1&cartlevel=1). Participating skiers must be current DRXC members. Snowshoers should be members of the Four Seasons Conservancy. To join the Conservancy (at no cost), just sign the one-time waiver (link available at registration and at [www.drxc.ca/four-seasons-conservancy/](http://www.drxc.ca/four-seasons-conservancy/)).

To encourage participants to stay local, tallied outings must be in the area bounded by Driftwood Provincial Park in the west and the Petawawa Research Forest in the east.

Again this year, the Silver Spoon Committee pledges to donate profits from past races to a local charity, in proportion to kilometres logged. The chosen charity for 2022 is the Four Seasons Conservancy, whose land we have been skiing and snowshoeing on for many years.

For more information about the event, visit [www.bright-ideas-software.com/silverspoon/](http://www.bright-ideas-software.com/silverspoon/).

**Used Ski Equipment** The DRXC rental program is hoping to obtain more used equipment for its rental program. If you have equipment you’re not using that is still in reasonable shape, please consider passing this on to the club. We can offer to buy good quality equipment at fair market value. To arrange for equipment drop-off, contact Bob Donders / Helena Rummens at 613-584-4321 or [dondersr@magma.ca](mailto:dondersr@magma.ca).

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

**Safety Tips.** When you are preparing to go out for a ski, please take some simple precautions before hitting the trails.

- If you have a cell phone, please remember to charge it up and bring it along. It is best to keep it somewhere warm so that the battery performs better. Be aware that the trails all have some spots with limited service, and that signals are better at higher elevations. There is cell phone coverage on most of the Silver Spoon trails, but coverage is spotty on the Bass Lake and Forestry trails.
- Know where you are going (get trail maps from [www.drxc.ca/maps/](http://www.drxc.ca/maps/)) and inform someone in your household or a good friend where you are going.

The DRXC emergency plan is available at [www.drxc.ca/emergency-plan/](http://www.drxc.ca/emergency-plan/).

**Ontario Winter Games – Call for Volunteers.** The OWG cross-country skiing event will take place March 3–5 at Ma-Te-Way Park in Renfrew. This is a fabulous event for our young athletes and a lot of fun. The organizers need about 20 volunteers (minor officials) to help with the event. Tasks performed by the volunteers include controllers, runners for race office, bib collectors, and writing down bib numbers. If you would like to volunteer, contact Katja Mathys (email [cd@xcskiontario.ca](mailto:cd@xcskiontario.ca)).

Enjoy the trails!

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