

Email to DRXC Members, 2022 January 31

Subject: DRXC Quick Update – Silver Spoon Ski Fest, extra adult lessons, and more

Hello DRXC skiers,

A quick update on DRXC happenings.

Trail Conditions All the trails are now open and in use. On the Silver Spoon Trails the groomers have the trails in great shape. Thanks groomers! The snow coverage on the Bass Lake Trails is thin in some spots, so you may nick a rock or two during your travels.



Silver Spoon Ski (and Snowshoe) Fest Just a reminder that the (virtual) Silver Spoon has started. It's not too late to join and submit your kilometres retroactively! Raise money for the Four Seasons Conservancy while you ski or snowshoe. Here's the process:

1. Sign up for free on Zone4.
2. Starting with Saturday January 29, keep track of kilometres and trails that you're skiing/snowshoeing.
3. On a regular basis (perhaps daily), submit your tally using an easy online form.
4. Repeat until Sunday February 6.
5. Congratulate yourself on your accomplishment.

You can count any trail in the Ottawa Valley between Driftwood Provincial Park in the west and the Petawawa Research Forest in the east.

All the information you need is at <http://bright-ideas-software.com/silverspoon/>. Participants get a daily email with the progress to date.

Adult Lessons By popular demand, intermediate level lessons for classic skiing will be offered to club members on Sunday February 20, starting at 2 p.m. The lessons will cover a range of techniques that would be

used on a ski trail with intermediate-level hills. The cost is \$10, and is limited to 20 people so that we can keep the group size to 5 or less. Contact Tom Holden (holdent@magma.ca) if you are interested.

A make-up date for beginner lessons is also planned, for those who missed one or more of the lessons held in January. Tom Holden will be in touch regarding the details.



An intrepid team took turns pulling the rescue toboggan to its spot on the Bass Lake trails (2022 Jan 19)

Emergency Plan The emergency response plan for the club has been revised and is available at <http://drxc.ca/emergency-plan/>. The plan includes: tips for prevention and safety precautions, procedures for responding to injured or lost skiers, call lists for rescues and searches, and locations of emergency equipment (see photo below). If you would like to add your name to any of the emergency response call lists, please contact Diane Davis (diane.davis95@gmail.com).

Covid Restrictions (2022 January 31) With the relaxing of some of the Covid rules, here are some changes in the uses of our facilities:

- The chalet is now available for group use, with a maximum of 15 fully vaccinated people allowed in the chalet at any given time. Contact Doug Killey (killey@magma.ca) for details.
- Up to 10 people can be in the Bass lake Cabin at any time. Contact Erik Hagberg (hagberg@sympatico.ca) for details.

Upcoming Events

- January 29 to February 6, Silver Spoon Ski (and Snowshoe) Fest.
- Saturday February 12, Moonlight ski and snowshoe as part of the Deep River Winter Carnival.
- Sunday February 20, Intermediate classic skiing lessons.
- Sunday February 27, Open House for new members.

- In March, date to be determined: Skate-ski lessons.

Checkout the DRXC website (<http://drxc.ca/>) for more details on these events.

Enjoy the trails,

Bob Donders