

DRXC Newsletter - January 2025  
**Think Snow!!**

Many of the DRXC trails have seen great use recently, thanks to the dedication, hard work, and expertise of our grooming team. Fingers crossed for more snow soon! Despite the lighter snowfall so far, members have been enjoying trails M, R, and D in particular.

Behind the scenes, the volunteers and executive have been hard at work. There's plenty to celebrate and exciting updates to share!

## Highlights

- **New DRXC Logo**

We're thrilled to announce a fresh, new logo for the DRXC! A huge thank you to our Vice President, Lindsay Dooh, for her creativity and effort, as well as to Trail Improvement Coordinator Ruth Elliffe for her support in bringing this project to life.



- **Jackrabbits Program Reaching New Heights**

Interest in the Jackrabbits program has been revitalized, with registration returning to pre-pandemic levels! This year, 35 young skiers have joined the program. Lessons are already underway,

- **Track Attack Program**

Our Track Attack program has 7 very keen skiers, excited to be part of a racing team.

- **Beginner and Intermediate Adult Lessons**

Two weekends of beginner adult lessons have been successfully completed, along with one weekend of intermediate adult classic and skate lessons. Participants left feeling happy (and perhaps a little tired!) after learning new skills with our talented instructors.

- **Balmers Bay Chalet Enhancements**

The Balmers Bay Chalet has been open daily, offering a warm fire and a welcoming atmosphere. New additions include a beautifully crafted, custom wooden table and benches—thank you to the committee of volunteers for their hard work! The chalet now also features three bulletin boards to help communicate events and updates.

- **Ski Rental Program Winding Down**

As the season progresses, our ski rental program is drawing to a close due to limited equipment availability.

**Improved Trail Signage**

We are continuously working to enhance trail signage, making navigation easier and improving the overall skiing experience.

## Upcoming Events

### Opeongo Loppet

**Date:** February 1, 2025

**Location:** Brudenell, hosted by Opeongo Hills Nordic Ski Club

Join us for this fun, low-key race through the scenic hills south of Killaloe! The DRXC Wolverines (our Track Attack junior team) will be competing and are aiming to win the team award for "most members registered." Let's help them reach this goal!

**Registration:** Sign up on [Zone4](#) by 9:00 PM on January 31, 2025.

There are no age restrictions, so come out and enjoy the hills!

Come out and participate - the hills at this event are fun!

### Moonlight Skis

- **Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM**
- **Friday, March 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM**

## **Meeting Point:** Balmers Bay Chalet

Enjoy the beauty of the trails under the moonlight. Hot chocolate will be served!  
Remember to dress warmly and bring a headlamp.

## **More Information**

### **Ski Rental program**

As noted, the ski rental program is winding down due to equipment shortages. Our dedicated volunteers are looking forward to spending more time on the trails themselves.

If you have gently used skis, poles, or boots to donate, please contact Diane or Phil at **(613-584-3033)**.

### **Trail Conditions**

For up-to-date trail conditions please see the grooming report on [DRXC website](#) or on the Deep River Cross - Country Ski Community [Facebook group](#).

### **Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are essential to keeping the DRXC running smoothly. Please consider helping out in one of the following areas:

- **The Jackrabbit Program:** needs coaches and other assistants
- **Ski Rental Program:** Due to its success, the rental program needs some extra help on a semi-regular basis.
- **High School Race:** Volunteers are also needed for an upcoming high school race on **February 5, 2025** from **9:30 - 12pm**. Please contact Aubrey Fletcher at [aubrey.fletcher01@gmail.com](mailto:aubrey.fletcher01@gmail.com).

I saw snow today!! Looking forward to seeing you on the ski trails!!

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