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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SASKATOON NORDIC SKI CLUB

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## Trail clearing at Eb's

Photos courtesy of Kate Germin



*before*



*after*

## The Farmer's Almanac



*is predicting  
a cold winter  
with lots of  
snow – not to  
worry – there  
will be lots of  
fire wood*



*Jackrabbit fun...*



Photos Courtesy of Camille Sperling



*...at Kinsmen Park*

These photos were missed in the April issue

Photos courtesy of Jan Sedgewick

*More to come soon*



*Bunnie Carnival*



**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT  
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**Contact SNSC via the web!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lane Zabolotney



Well, like it or not, another summer is behind us. I hope you all made the most of the warm weather because before you know it, we'll be back to shivering, sniveling and boosting our cars. Hopefully we won't have to wait too long to do some skiing too.

Once again, it's an exciting time for the Club. Fundraising for the Gordie Howe Sports Complex is well underway and we encourage all our members to donate if you can. Take a look at the Master Plan at <https://gordiehowesportscomplex.ca/master-plan/> – it's very impressive.

Finally, this will be the last President's Message before a new president takes over this fall, so I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped me in this role over the past two years. It's been a wonderful experience and I've gotten to know a lot of great people. I look forward to seeing you all around the trails!



**AGM**

**will be held on Thursday, October 18th at 7:00 pm  
at the Gordie Howe Sports Complex,  
1525 Avenue P South, Saskatoon**

The Club is looking to hire a new equipment manager for the 2018/2019 season. If interested, please contact us at [info@saskatoonnordicski.ca](mailto:info@saskatoonnordicski.ca).

### Volunteer Position Available

**Eb's Day Feb.2019 needs co-ordinator. Duties include volunteer shift assignments, hot dog and beverage mix purchase and provision, arranging goods transport to Eb's South shelter, then hosting lots of happy skiers on Eb's Day. Keep the tradition alive, with help and guidance available.**

Randy Chapman

# THE PRIDE OF HOME

## Please Help Support the new Home of Skiing in Saskatoon!

As part of the Gordie Howe Sports Complex, the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club is building a fantastic new trail system at Holiday Park and area. With new lit trails for skiers of all levels, and snowmaking, this system will set the standard for cross country skiing in the province. It will allow us to provide better lessons to our young skiers, host competitive events and provide a fitting home to all of our club members.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO OUR CAUSE.**

If you would like to learn more, contact Ivan English at (306) 668-0368 or email at [english\\_ivan@hotmail.com](mailto:english_ivan@hotmail.com), or Dan Brisbin by email at [danbrisbin@sasktel.net](mailto:danbrisbin@sasktel.net).

For information on the Master Plan and giving opportunities, visit [GordieHoweSportsComplex.ca](http://GordieHoweSportsComplex.ca) or call Christine at the campaign office (306) 850-3072.



### SKI AT SCHOOL SASKATOON by Jan Sedgewick

As far as Ski At School goes, we will once again be offering the program and are looking for interested and trained, or willing to be trained, instructors to assist with this program. E-mail me at [skiatschool@saskatoonnordicski.ca](mailto:skiatschool@saskatoonnordicski.ca).

The program runs from the first day of school after the New Year and all days school is in session until mid March. Potential instructors should be able to work at least one half day session per week or approx. 10 sessions. This is a paid position. Classes are offered to students in Grades 4,5 or 6.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Jeff Thorpe

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018-2019:

Time to renew your membership in the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club! The membership database for 2018-2019 is now open.

Membership fees for this year are:

- Adult \$50
- Youth \$40
- Family \$100

The easiest way to renew is to use our Zone4 on-line membership system. Go to the Membership page of the club website (<http://www.saskatoonnordicski.ca/membership>) and click on the link to the Zone4 system. You can fill in your information and pay with a credit card. Parents can also register their children in youth instruction classes through Zone4.

If you prefer, you can also download the membership form from the website, and mail it to the Club with a cheque. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Thorpe (Membership Director) at [l.thorpe@shaw.ca](mailto:l.thorpe@shaw.ca).



About half the trails have been mowed at this time.

We built a short bypass on Beaverlodge, along the lake, to avoid a proliferation of fallen trees, some killed by the high water and, some dropped by the beavers. We still have a view of the lake and the section will collect snow and be protected from the wind.

The beavers have abandoned their home on the west side of Jorgen's, so we removed and leveled enough to provide a smooth ramp down to the water. We also leveled the trail on the hill on the north side of the same water body.

**F**all trail maintenance is progressing. All trails are cleared, except for the flooded areas. We wait for ice on the sloughs for that. A lower water table has allowed us to mow through some formerly flooded spots, so we need to do less hand scything and clipping.

Bob K. has installed new windows in the south side of the south hut. Work continues maintaining the signs and maps. There is an ongoing discussion about orientation of the

maps, concerning whether they all should be south facing so that UP on the map points north. Feel free to weigh in on this.

The Club has purchased a new Can Am Defender tracked side-by-side UTV. We have been doing the break-in running by using it to help with trail clearing. It is currently stored in one of the containers at Eb's. We may be able to use it for some of the mowing.

The Yamaha Rhino awaits repair before it goes back to work for us.

Heather Bernhard has decided to pass on the responsibility for organizing Eb's Day. We thank her for the superlative work she has done in the past, and seek volunteers to fill those very big shoes.(See page 2).

We look forward to another season of great skiing on our trail system.

## **2018 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT** by Dan Brisbin, Chief of Competition

**A**lthough March turned out to be a pretty good month for cross country skiing in Saskatchewan, cold temperatures and lack of snow in the early winter challenged event organizers and a number of races were cancelled or rescheduled. The Provincial Cross Country Ski Championships were no exception. Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club originally planned to host "Provincials" on February 3rd and 4th with a distance race at Blackstrap Provincial Park and a sprint race at Wildwood Golf Course. Due to lack of snow at Blackstrap and excessive cold both races had to be rescheduled for February 10th and 11th at Wildwood.

Due to the dedication of our groomers, good, if limited, courses

were available at Wildwood and we successfully hosted the sprint races on Saturday. Unfortunately, cold weather moved in again and the distance race had to be cancelled on Sunday.

Seventy-five athletes ranging from atoms to masters, supported by about twenty volunteer officials, participated in the sprint qualification round and sprint heats. The race organizers experimented with the King's Court heat format rather than the traditional FIS format. The advantage to King's Court is that athletes get to ski in three rounds of heats (some of the younger ages only did two) rather than the traditional format in which athletes are eliminated as the competition

progresses from heats to semifinals to finals. This format will likely be used more often in Sask Cup sprints in the future.

Nine clubs from across the province were represented in the competition and they all took home some hardware. Congratulations, results are posted on the CCS website. Thanks to the athletes, coaches and parents who joined us for a day of racing in Saskatoon. And thanks to volunteer officials and groomers of SNSC for making the competition possible.



## SUNDAY HIKING TOURS FALL 2018 – Update

By Sheryl Riis, Touring Co-ordinator

I hope everyone had a lovely summer! I had the pleasure of enjoying the forest in beautiful British Columbia. I especially loved napping on Emil's wide/long rough-hewn log bench, under the shade of an arbutus tree, on the Sunshine Coast Trail. It was perfection!!!

I know that some of you are not quite ready to segue into fall, but the good news is that there are great hikes and fall suppers ahead! Please renew your Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club membership this fall, and please join us, starting September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Also watch for opportunities to help clear the trail and prepare wood for the huts.*

\*Please bring a lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, sit-upon, \$10.00 for carpooling, money for supper. Wear sturdy footwear and layers.

**\*Meeting places can vary!**

**\*Leaders for hiking and skiing tours/trips are always welcome!**

**\*Check website/calendar and Yahoo Groups for updates!**

**See you on the trails!**

**Sheryl Riis**  
**306-382-9462**



Photo by  
Sheryl:  
Ruffed  
Grouse  
Nest at  
Eagle Hills

### Hiking Schedule

#### **September 23 – “Miner’s Creek” Hike/MacDowell Fall Supper**

Leader: Heather Bernhard 306-242-1928

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from the Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

– a lovely hike of about 12 km, through the forest, and some more open spaces

#### **September 30 – “Heartbreak Hotel” Dana Hike/Possible Supper at Dancing Sky Theatre in Meacham**

Leader: Cliff Speer 306-653-5693

Meet: 9:45 a.m. at the Saskatoon Field House parking lot, corner of College Drive and Preston Avenue

–this hike is through varied terrain, with gentle hills and a “unique” lunch spot

#### **October 7 – Thanksgiving Weekend – No Planned Hikes**

\* People are always welcome to organize their own walk/hike.

\* Please let others know, via Yahoo Groups, if you would like company.

#### **October 14 – “Buffalo Pasture” Hike/Rosthern Fall Supper**

Leader: Sheryl Riis 306-382-9462

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from the Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

–follows the South Saskatchewan River for about 12 km, through wooded and grassland areas, with lunch beside the river

#### **October 21 – “Eb’s Trails”/Duck Lake Fall Supper**

Leader: Sheryl Riis 306-382-9462

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from the Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

–investigating the fall colours, in about 12 km of our 52 km of ski trails, in the Nisbet Forest, north of Duck Lake

#### **October 28 – “Borden Hike”/Possible Supper at the Borden Hotel/Restaurant**

Leader: Bob Katarynych 306-373-1438

Meet: 9:45 a.m. across from the Lawson Civic Centre, in the Lawson Heights Mall parking lot, by the park

–hiking about 12 km through grassland, over sand dunes and through wooded areas, near the North Saskatchewan River, with lunch beside the river

#### **November 4 – “Wakaw Hills”/Wakaw Fall Supper**

Leader: Cliff Speer 306-653-5693

Meet: 9:45 a.m. at the Saskatoon Field House parking lot, corner of College Drive and Preston Avenue

–hiking about 12 km in the Minichinis Hills, northwest of Wakaw, with a variety of terrain, including a few steep hills **\*sturdy footwear is recommended\***

#### **November 11 – Remembrance Day – No Planned Hikes**

\*People are always welcome to organize their own walk/hike.

\*Please let others know, via Yahoo Groups, if you would like company.

## BLIND AND VISION IMPAIRED SKIERS by Conrad Lange, Public Relations

On Saturday October 13, 2018, the Saskatoon Blind Skiers, their guides and volunteers will have their annual Hike & Wiener Roast at the George and Loretta Kuntz acreage. This will begin our ski season. We welcome all new blind and low vision people interested in joining us at the acreage, and for our weekly fall walks along the Meewasin Trail, as well as for skiing once the snow comes. Cost for food at the wiener roast is \$2 per person.

2018 is a special year for us. It is our 40th anniversary, as The Saskatoon Blind Skiers Club was founded in 1978. To mark the occasion, we are planning a social this November for present and past members.

For further information, you can e-mail Joanne, [joanne.ferguson@sasktel.net](mailto:joanne.ferguson@sasktel.net), or Jola, [jolat38@sasktel.net](mailto:jolat38@sasktel.net).



**The Gorden Howe  
Camp Site, back “in the  
day”**

**Waiting for action at  
Eb’s Trails**

