

# Canadian Birkie E-News

## FEBRUARY 22 NEWSLETTER

### WE DID IT AGAIN!

Birkie 29 will be remembered for having some of the best snow and track conditions in a long time! All of our volunteers, Alberta Parks and Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village staff, sponsors and the 1,000 or so skiers truly embodied the spirit of the Birkebeiner tradition and made this Birkie so very memorable.

We had a wonderful day with great weather, some fresh snow in the afternoon, full distances, a warm Festival tent with the usual great food and service, Vikings on site and an Alley Kat beer garden. What a day!!

Our skiers were really *Flying over the Snow* and we were grateful to see so many active participants getting outdoors and enjoying winter.

See you February 8-10, 2019 for our 30th edition and have a wonderful in-between-Birkies time.



Viking Verner



# THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who made the 29th Birkie so very special. The Participants, Volunteers, Sponsors, Partners, Suppliers, Contributors, Friends and Donors allow us to provide an event that is truly a celebration of Skiing, Community and Spirit!

Numerous sponsors and suppliers have been with us for several years and we are thankful for their constant support, engagement and contributions.

A special thank you to our volunteers (550+) who donate their time and energy to make the Birkie such a great event. The skiers love your support and we appreciate your contributions and great attitudes on display at all times!

Many of our volunteers tell us they have as much fun as the skiers, and join us year after year! To those of you who went all out and donned Scandic attire: Tussen Takk!!



# FULL MOON BIRKIE

Please join us for our re-scheduled moonlight ski on Friday, March 2nd. We are looking forward to an excellent evening ski with some very nice temperatures and trail conditions.

Registration and event information can be found [here](#).

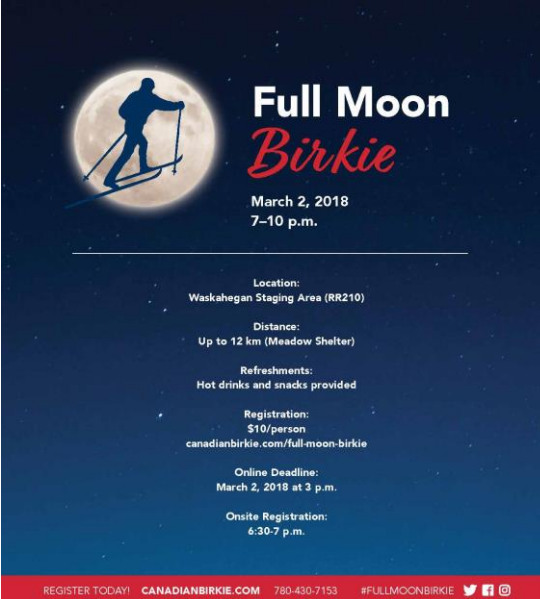
# BIRKIE SUNDAY

Unfortunately, in spite of our best intentions, the very cold weather forced us to cancel this inaugural event – safety first for our little Vikings!

We will team up with the Edmonton Nordic Ski Club to provide a great day of skiing and family fun next year on February 10, 2019.

# 10 FOR 10 CLUB CHALLENGE

Thank you to the 6 teams that joined this inaugural event. The competition was intense



**Full Moon Birkie**  
March 2, 2018  
7-10 p.m.

Location:  
Waskagegan Staging Area (RR210)

Distance:  
Up to 12 km (Meadow Shelter)

Refreshments:  
Hot drinks and snacks provided

Registration:  
\$10/person  
[canadianbirkie.com/full-moon-birkie](http://canadianbirkie.com/full-moon-birkie)

Online Deadline:  
March 2, 2018 at 3 p.m.

Onsite Registration:  
6:30-7 p.m.

REGISTER TODAY! [CANADIANBIRKIE.COM](http://CANADIANBIRKIE.COM) 780-430-7153 #FULLMOONBIRKIE



Part of the 2nd place team YEG Nordic

and the results were worthy  
of a Birkenbeiner!

Congratulations to our  
winners:

- 1st Edmonton Nordic  
Ski Club \$1000
- 2nd YEG Nordic \$750
- 3rd Vermillion Nordic  
\$500

Spread the word and train  
this summer for the 2019  
**Challenge!**

## **SPIRIT NORTH**

Thank you to Laura Filipow  
and the Spirit North group for  
participating in the event. We  
are honoured to have you join  
us, not only for the skiing,  
but for the Nordic Fair as  
well. Congratulations on  
some great skiing and we will  
see you next year.

For more information check  
their website at  
<http://www.spiritnorthxc.ca/>

## **BOARD AND LOPPET OPPORTUNIT IES**

**Board**



If you would like to get involved with the Birkie, please consider joining our awesome Board. Click [here](#) to see Board Positions.

Several positions are up for election at our Annual General Meeting in May, 2018.

## Loppet

We have over 20 of these critical volunteer [positions](#) that deal with everything from Stadium set-up to Timing, Transportation and beyond. The “Chiefs” typically start meeting in the fall and the action heats up closer to the event. A great chance to use your skills, meet new folks and make a contribution to the 2019 Birkie! [Contact](#) us if you have what it takes to be a Loppet Chief!

## RESULTS & AWARDS

Congratulations to everyone who participated; well done!

The link to results (Overall or by Age Group) is available [here](#). See if you won a medal in your age group and set goals for next year.

Did you get your Finisher Medallion for completing



A Call for Board and Loppet Members



a 55 km event for the first time? What about your pin for doing a subsequent 55 km event? **Contact** the office to collect your hardware.



## LOST AND FOUND

We have a fair amount of found items. If you lost some of your belongings, please **contact** the office to arrange pickup. If items are not claimed they will be donated to charity in the spring.



## PHOTOS

Thanks to Jamie and Nadine from JaN Studios for being our Birkie Photographers again this year.

The 2018 Birkie Photos are available on our website **here** and participants can view and purchase other images on JaN studio's **website** as well.

We would love to hear about your Birkie weekend! Share your favourite Birkie memories with the community on social media (**Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**) using the **#SKISINFLIGHT** hashtag.



# LAST CHANCE FOR MERCHANDI SE

The Merchandise Store will only be open until the end of February, so if you missed out at the event, get shopping!

The store will take a break over the summer and re-open in October next year.

See what is still available:

- Tech Shirts; current and previous years
- Limited t-shirts left
- Vests
- Toques
- Scarves
- Mitts
- Tuberz
- Caps
- Selfie Sticks
- Prints
- Books

Buy it [HERE!](#)

## OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are generally 11-3, but please be sure to call (780-430-7153) or email



before you come, to be sure we're not out at a meeting.

The office will remain open until the end of April, then be on minimal hours over the summer. We re-open again in September.

**PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

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