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# Birkie Feb 9-10, 2018

## *Welcome to Fall!*

### **Exciting Announcements!**



We are pleased to be back in the office and looking forward to Birkie 29 with our new theme:

*Flying over the snow with skis*

We hope that you had a wonderful summer filled with running, cycling, swimming and keeping in shape for the 2018 Birkie! Although we had a glimpse of winter a few days ago, we are thankful for this lovely autumnal interlude between our preferred seasons of snow and more snow.


We have several newsworthy items this year including:

**A new and improved website** that will be online very soon

**A new-look newsletter**

**A new venue!** The “Festival” portion of the Birkie - Volunteer Appreciation, Nordic Fair (opening ceremonies, trade show and registration package pickup) and the Viking’s Feast will all be held at the [Woodvale Community Facility](#) this year (Millwoods Golf Course) located at 4540 50 Street NW in Edmonton. An excellent, easy to get to location with ample free parking.

Some exciting potential changes to the event that may include a new competition – stay tuned for details in our upcoming newsletters

<p><b>Mark your Calendar</b></p> 	<p><b>Birkie 29 is February 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018!</b></p> <p>Friday the 9th:</p> <p><b>Birkie Opening Ceremonies</b> 11:30 am - noon  <b>Nordic Fair and Registration Package Pick Up</b> noon – 8 pm</p> <p>Saturday the 10th:</p> <p><b>Birkie 29 Ski Events</b> - day  <b>Vikings' Feast</b> - evening</p> <p><b>Registration will open at the end of October.</b></p>																										
<p><b>Your 2017/2018 Birkie Board</b></p>	<p>We are pleased to introduce our 2017/2018 Board, elected at the AGM in May:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Postion</b></th> <th><b>Board Member</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Mark Ryan</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice President</td> <td>Dave Cooper</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Peter Kershaw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Lawrence Vincent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chief of Loppet</td> <td>Jim Black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Past President</td> <td>Cam McGregor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Human Resources</td> <td>Dave Johnston</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Festival</td> <td>Mae Nandlall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Program Services</td> <td>Bas Delaney</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marketing</td> <td>Leandra Grenier-Green</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director at Large</td> <td>George Foxcroft</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Director at Large</td> <td>Natalie Kristoff</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Postion</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	President	Mark Ryan	Vice President	Dave Cooper	Secretary	Peter Kershaw	Treasurer	Lawrence Vincent	Chief of Loppet	Jim Black	Past President	Cam McGregor	Human Resources	Dave Johnston	Festival	Mae Nandlall	Program Services	Bas Delaney	Marketing	Leandra Grenier-Green	Director at Large	George Foxcroft	Director at Large	Natalie Kristoff
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<p><b>Board Positions still available</b></p>	<p>Joining the Birkie Team is a great way to support your favourite ski event. There are still two positions available on our board. Interested parties please email the <a href="#">office</a>.</p>																										
<p><b>Join the Birkie</b></p>	<p>The Canadian Birkebeiner Society is seeking more Loppet Chiefs (training/mentoring provided):</p>																										

## Volunteer Opportunities



**Assistant Chief of Loppet** - This official aids the **Loppet Chief** with the technical preparation, administration, execution and supervision of the loppet by chairing the loppet committee and supervising/coordinating the efforts of the loppet committee members ensuring each of these people complete their respective tasks.

**Chief of Transportation** - responsible for planning and implementing the transportation logistics to get participants to and from the event site. Responsible for transportation and parking signage relating to skiers and spectators for all Birkie events.

**2 Assistant Chiefs** - Many Loppet Committee positions are big enough for two! If you would like to assist with any of the [Loppet Committee positions](#), or if you're flexible and can provide back up, we would love to have you!

You would work on a great team with training/mentoring provided. If you want to learn more about the Loppet positions, click [here](#). If you have an interest in one of these positions please contact the [office](#).

## Get Outdoors



Want to get out on the ski trails early? Come out and help with field work on the trails!

Birkie volunteers come out as groups or individuals to help cut back shrubs, move big sticks and get the trails ready for snow and skiers.

If you want to join our friendly group of pruners, please contact us at the [office](#).

## Birkie Training Groups

Details on Birkie Training Group Courses will be included in upcoming newsletters and website as available.

## Birkie SWAG

Get Your **28th Birkie Swag!**

Take a piece of the Birkie home with you with Canadian Birkebeiner Merchandise!



## REDUCED PRICES!

Check out the great deals in our Merchandise Store!

For details and to purchase, get your Birkie swag [here](#).

(2018 shirts and other new swag will be available in January 2018)

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