Canadian Birkie News

Birkie Sponsors Highlight Their Support

Birkie Sponsors demonstrated unwavering dedication to the Canadian Birkie Ski Festival this year. Despite facing numerous last-minute adjustments, our sponsors remained actively involved and played a significant role in ensuring the success of the Birkie El Ninõ Style.

Thank you to all our sponsors for your steadfast support and commitment!

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Lake Ski for Full Moon Birkie

Thanks to the gracious hospitality of the Strathcona Wilderness Centre, more than 65 skiers gathered on February 24, 2024, to glide under the light of the Full Moon on Bennet Lake.

The atmosphere was filled with positivity and camaraderie as Birkie Enthusiasts rejoiced in the opportunity to finally reunite on their skis, exchanging tales, laughter, and a cozy drink by the bonfire.

We extend our gratitude to all who joined us, and we are looking forward to welcoming you back for the 2025 Full Moon Birkie at Waskehegan!

Celebrating the Winners of the Virtual Canadian Birkie Photo Contest

The El Niño weather phenomenon may have posed a challenge for Birkie Saturday, but it failed to deter the enthusiasm of almost 195 individuals who eagerly embraced the winter spirit by participating in the 2024 Virtual Canadian Birkie!

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the 2024 Virtual Canadian Birkie Photo Contest, who have collectively won $900 worth of prizes.

In total nine teams competed for the Virtual Most KM Skied Award. Congratulations to the winning team Chilly Flakes who with 11 members completed 269 km. This is the second year in a row team Chilly Flakes has completed the most km's as a team.

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Birkie Training Group's Celebrate Successful End-of-Season

Birkie Training Group participants gathered on February 28, 2024, at 70 Acre Brewery to celebrate a successful end of Birkie season. Awards were claimed, delicious pizza

and refreshing drinks were enjoyed, and favourite memories from the season were exchanged. Although official Birkie Training has wrapped up, the anticipation for the 2025 Canadian Birkie Ski Festival is high while we enjoy some late season snow and watch our dedicated skiers hit the trails and continue to enhance their fitness and sharpen their skills.

Interested in joining Birkie Training? Whether you aim to finish the 13 km Global Edmonton Mini Birkie or improve your personal best time in the 55 km with Pack Torkseklubben Birkebeiner, by training ahead you will have more fun reaching your personal goals. Registration for 2025 Birkie Training will open August 2024.

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Birkie Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Canadian Birkebeiner Society AGM on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Meet us at the Belgravia Community Hall (11540 73 Ave NW, Edmonton) at 6:00 p.m. for food and drinks, with the AGM following at 7:00 p.m. An online link will be provided for those who cannot attend the AGM in person.

Interested in joining our Board of Directors? As part of the board, you will provide oversight and strategic direction to our dedicated staff and volunteers, who work so hard to deliver the Canadian Birkie Ski Festival each year.

Please complete the form below to confirm your attendance at the AGM and/ or express your interest in joining our Board of Directors. Confirmations must be submitted prior to Tuesday May 21st.

Confirm Your AGM Attendance

Join Our Board of Directors

Save the date for the Birkie Bike Events

The Canadian Birkie is excited to offer two Birkie Bike Events in 2024!

Mark your calendars for July 14, 2024, to partake in Biking Like a Viking, the Road Cycling Edition. Then, gear up once more on September 14, 2024, for the adrenaline pumping Bikenbeder, the Mountain Bike Edition. Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities to pedal your way to adventure and fun!

More Information

Nordic Roots: Exploring Ski History and the Canadian Birkie

Did you happen to miss the opportunity to speak with Dr. PearlAnn Reichwein and her colleague Lyndsay Conrad at the Vikings' Feast, or did you miss catching the exclusive Birkie TV Episode where they delved into their research on the history of Nordic skiing in Alberta? If so, fear not as you can now catch the Birkie TV Episode on Youtube!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Reichwein and Ms. Conrad for their invaluable contributions to the 2024 Canadian Birkie Ski Festival. Their presence not only enriched our event but also sparked a meaningful dialogue within our community regarding the rich history of the Canadian Birkie. We are truly thankful for their dedication and passion in fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for this cherished nordic tradition.

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Watch the Birkie TV Episode

Virtual Canadian Birkie Volunteers

A massive shoutout to our incredible volunteers who went above and beyond to make the Virtual Canadian Birkie unforgettable. Their dedication ensured no post went unnoticed!

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