

Canadian Birkie News

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Cold weather cancels Birkie ski events

Many of you already know the Canadian Birkebeiner Society cancelled the 4/8/13/31/55 km ski events due to cold weather. While we are completely devastated by the news, we are overwhelmed by the outpouring of tremendous support from our ski community. We have received hundreds of messages from skiers, volunteers and sponsors who agree we made the right decision. Thank you so much; we greatly appreciate your understanding.



Special tribute to Ukrainian Village

The Canadian Birkie has partnered with the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village for over 25 years. To honor this special relationship, the Birkie will be featuring Ukrainian dancing as the Vikings' Feast entertainment. To find out the amazing organizations that sponsor our ski event year after year [click here](#). Please support

these community-minded organizations by thanking them, and/or purchasing their products and services.



Come to the Vikings' Feast

You are invited to join us at the **Vikings' Feast** at Woodvale Facility in Edmonton on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 6 p.m. You will enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, entertainment and door prizes. You can get your entry online by clicking [here](#) until 4 pm Friday, or at the door.

Birkie on cover and in centerfold of SkiTrax

SkiTrax wrote a beautiful four page article highlighting our Canadian Birkie Ski Festival. It features our history and some of the experiences that make our event so unique and special. Check out the feature [here](#) and subscribe [SkiTrax here](#).



Birkie Sunday, Ole's moved to Feb 17

Oles Tour and Barnebirkie ski events will now take place on Sunday, February 17 at the Silver Skate Festival. Children and their parents will get to ski on a 50 m, 500 m, 1.5 km or 3 km course. They will also have a fun warm up dance party, Vikings' costume contest, winter games, snacks, and hot beverages. Find more details on Birkie Sunday [here](#) and [sign up](#) today.

There will be complimentary cross country ski equipment available for **Birkie Sunday** participants. The equipment is on a **first come-first served** basis so please come early.



Birkie swag available at Feast and office

Birkie merchandise is available at both the Birkie office, **Birkie Sunday** and the **Vikings Feast** merchandise tables. Click [here](#) to view all the available Birkie Swag.



Pick up your mittens!

The first one hundred people who registered for the 2019 Canadian Birkie Ski Festival won Birkie mittens valued at \$15 each. Pick up your mittens at the Vikings Feast, Birkie Sunday, Full Moon Birkie, 2020 Nordic Fair or Birkie office. To check to see if you were one of the lucky ones, check the [list of mitten winners here](#).



Birkie story to make you giggle

Once upon a time ...in the early days of the Birkie – perhaps 1994 ... in the era when skiers were provided a black plastic bag and number tag for their clothes to be transported from the UCHV to Waskahegan ...

I arose up early on Birkie morning, as per custom – had a hearty breakfast and tied up the full and black household garbage bag for transport out to the garage. I then waxed my skies and packed my warm 'end of ski' clothes in the black Birkie bag and affixed the number tag ... very organized and all set to head out to the start line [read more](#)

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