



Virtual Loppets 2021-2022

Virtual loppets are held again this season with a one-time registration to include January and February for a fee of \$20/individual or \$50/family. You may decide a goal distance for each month, either for one day or the entire month or season. Register at [Virtual Winter Loppets – 2021-2022 on Zone4](#).

The swag for this season includes a custom designed toque, a coupon for a 15% discount from both Fresh Air Experience and Sunshine and Ski. (exceptions apply). The toque and the FAE coupon will be provided to you upon registration. The coupon from Sunshine and Ski and a few other goodies will be available to you at the end of the season.

All members of the ski club, including those who are not registered for the virtual loppet, are encouraged to join a virtual community where fun and informative ski experiences are shared. Consider joining the private Facebook group, “Regina Ski Club Virtual Loppets”.

Biathlon Club

Biathlon is a sport with many “moving parts”. Much knowledge is needed for skiing, rifles and marksmanship, range and safety, ski trails and very busy families. No matter how much planning occurs - wrenches tossed into the moving parts are bound to happen.



Snow drift accumulation was amazing at the biathlon range

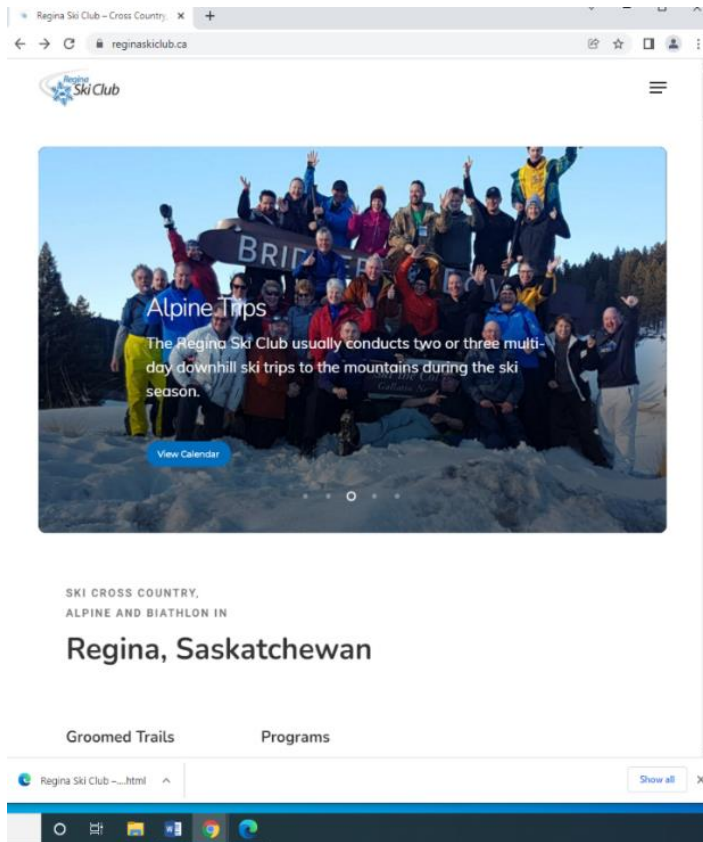
The weather “wrench” - > specifically the very cold, windy, blizzard snow storm last week put a damper on biathlon practices and ski trails and race hosting.



Saving the day are the group of Regina Ski Club volunteers who groom and maintain the trails at White Butte and the adjacent Regina Wildlife Federation. Three days of work with a variety of machines was needed to get the trails in condition. The trails moved from ‘marginal’ to ‘excellent’ for both skate and classic. The transformation at the biathlon range was a particular highlight which involved creative solutions and much grunt labour:

Thanks for saving the season. Might be needed again...

Regina Ski Club New Website



By now most of you will have noticed that our club has redesigned its website and moved from reginaskiclub.com to <https://reginaskiclub.ca/>.

In developing a new website we wanted to make it easier to use on smart phones allow use of better quality photos, restructure to make it easier to find things and update the technology so it is easier for the webmaster to maintain.

We invited bids and selected Web developer Julien Locke, partly because he had developed websites for other ski clubs and showed a good understanding of the needs of a ski club. Julien worked with our webmaster, Dave Wessel and Board members Guy Hughes, Gregg Brewster and Dale Hjertaas to redevelop the website.

Events

January 18
Intermediate Skate Technique
Nordic Adult Ski Lesson
Sask Science Centre

January 19
Intermediate Classic Technique
Nordic Adult Ski Lesson
Sask Science Centre

January 19
Wednesday Night Race
Competitive and Rec
Check Facebook

January 22
Alpine Adaptive Training
Mission Ridge Winter Park
Fort Qu'Appelle

January 25
Intermediate Skate Technique
Nordic Adult Lesson
Sask Science Centre

January 25
Intermediate Classic Technique
Nordic Adult Lesson
Sask Science Centre

January 26
Wednesday Night Race
Competitive and Rec
Check Facebook

February 1 @ 6:45 – 8:00 pm
Learn to Classic Ski
Nordic Adult Lesson
Kinsmen Park South

February 2 @ 6:15 – 8:30 pm
Wednesday Night Race
Competitive and Rec
Check Facebook

February 12 – 13
Kenosee/Moose Mountain
Valentines Weekend Trip

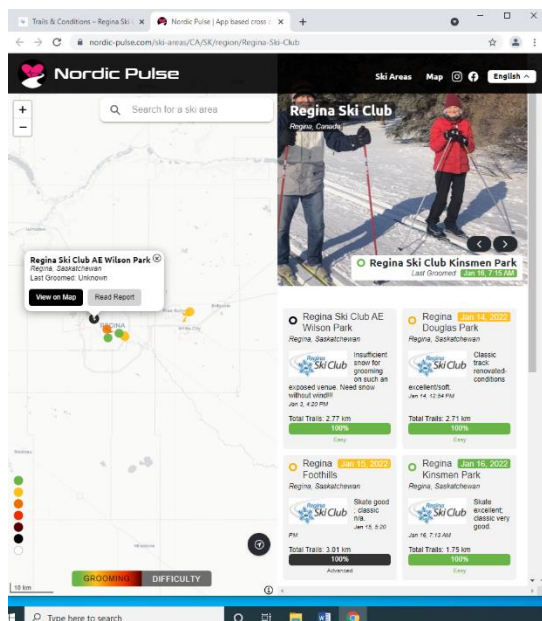
You will notice more use of photos, now limited by the photos we had rather than the website capacity. Look at the photos showing the alpine adaptive program to see happy participants.

Different people think differently when looking for something on a website, so we tried to provide several ways of finding things. The basic organization is shown at the top of the page where you can click to find information about our club, programs, or events. If, for example, you were looking for information on Nordic Bus trips, you would go to events and then click on Nordic Trips. Or, on the home page, the photo keeps changing to feature programs and one shows Nordic Trips. Clicking there take you to the events. Simply scrolling down on the webpage will also take you to information on our programs.

One of the features we incorporated is use of [Nordic Pulse](#) to show trail conditions. The Nordic Pulse maps are colour coded to show how recently trails were groomed, and, if you have the mouse on a trail, it will show the last grooming date.

A table shows grooming date, trail length and any grooming comments can be found by pointing the mouse at the information symbol (i). By clicking the difficulty bar at the bottom of the map you can also the difficulty rating assigned to each trail. Another nice feature of Nordic Pulse is that you can check the status of any trails using Nordic Pulse by clicking “Ski areas” at the top right I side of the page. So far, only La Ronge Ski Club in Saskatchewan is using Nordic Pulse, so you can check trail conditions at La Ronge, but you can see a number of sites across the country, especially in Alberta and British Columbia. We hope more Saskatchewan sites will start using Nordic Pulse so skiers can check ski conditions from one site.

I hope you enjoy the new website!



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