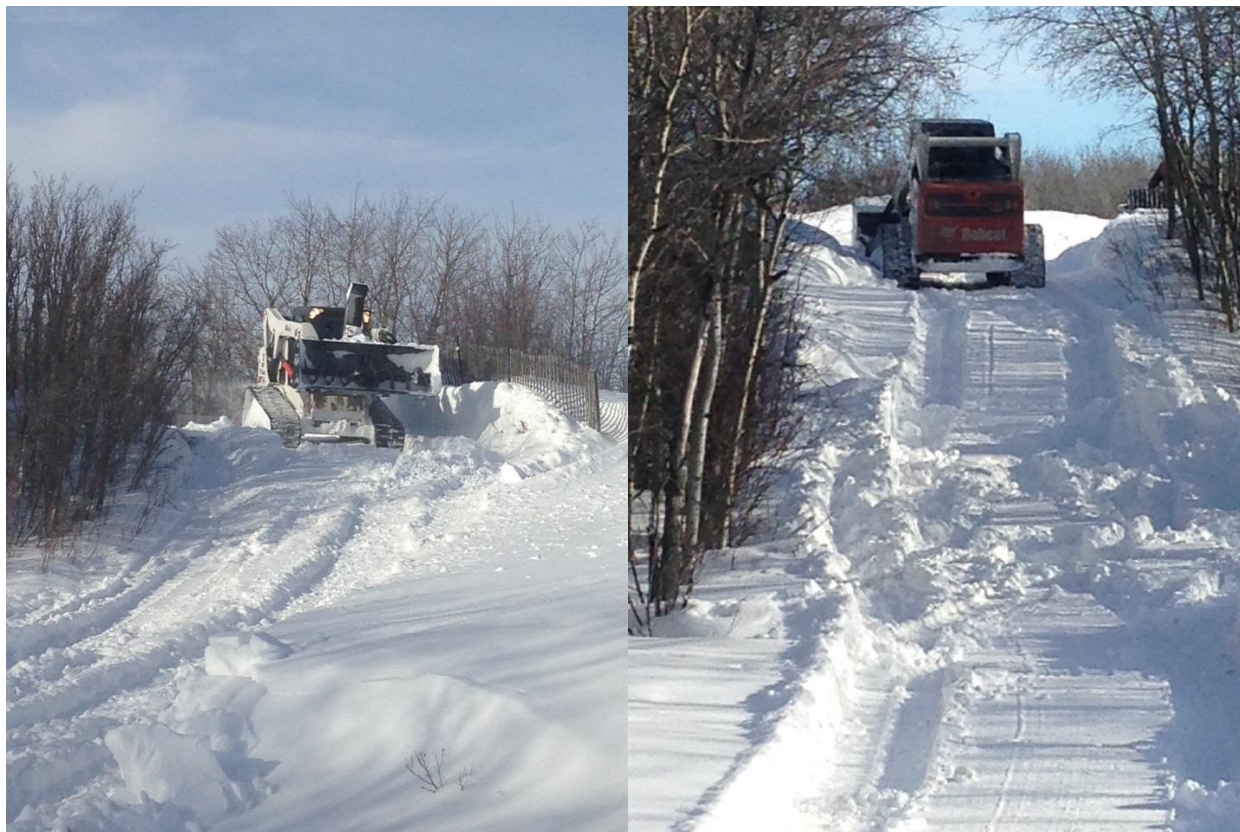




DRIFTING TROUBLES AT WBT

Trail maintenance at WBT has been a real struggle this season for both volunteers & machinery. Although the amount of snow was adequate, it was accompanied by high blizzard scale winds, creating huge drifts. On two occasions a Bobcat with tracks & snow blower had to be employed to open trails & save RSC equipment from damage. The drift management operations involved breaking up & rearranging the drifts by Bobcat, followed by several hours of grooming by RS volunteer groomers to clean up. Volunteers, all being retired, were wearing out in the process & we had to scale back grooming operations for a week or so to give them a rest & make equipment repairs.

In order of magnitude, West Butte, Biathlon, Cherry Hills, Meadow & Snowberry presented real problems due to the size & length of drifts.. The Serbu Bobcat operator admitted it was a real challenge & we were not even sure it could be done ourselves. So it was trial & error, but the challenge was met.



Top two drift work photos are Bobcat on West Butte.

Biathlon Club

Training and competing with considerations for Covid has been interesting... very little traveling was allowed, and the Saskatchewan Winter Games were postponed. However, as conditions eased this season, biathletes from the Regina Ski Club did attend races in Canmore, Camrose, North Battleford, and Lumsden. Many personal bests, and medal performances resulted.

The Regina Biathlon Club hosted a 2 day race at the Wildlife Federation - late January 2022. Mandatory prior registration totalled 147 athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers. The event was positive for athletes who've been training without competitions, and showcased the progress of the facility renovations. Many thanks to the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation for the sponsorship announcement, the Regina Ski Club for trail grooming, and to everyone who attended! Even after races that challenged all ages and abilities - those are smiles under the masks.



Events

February 20 - 21
Wascana Winter Festival
Sask Science Centre

February 23
Wednesday Night Race
Sandy Bain
Free

February 26
Alpine Adaptive Training
Mission Ridge Fort Qu'Appelle

February 26
Moose Mountain Day Trip
Kenosee
\$20 - \$35
Contact organizer:
Aldona Torgunrud (306)216-8128
Bus Hosts: Leona and Jack Spruyt

March 2
Wednesday Night Race
Sandy Bain
Free

March 19
Sasktel Challenge Cup
Mission Ridge Fort Qu'Appelle

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Wascana Winter Festival

Be sure to take in the Wascana Winter Festival formerly known as Waskimo. It is taking place Sunday February 20 – Monday February 21. On February 21 there will be Regina Ski Club toques for sale at our booth. The toques are stylish and warm and the cost is \$20.

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