

RA SKI-MAIL APR. 1/07

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DATES TO NOTE

Weds. Apr. 11 (To be confirmed) – Chile trip info meeting, 7 PM

Sat. Apr. 14 – End of season DH/XC pot-luck dinner, 6:00 PM

Weds. Apr. 18 – RA Ski club Annual General Meeting, 7:00 PM

Sat. Apr. 21 – Hike

NEWS FLASH!

RA SKIER SEES SASQUATCH

This morning, RA skier Mergatroid MacGillicutty saw a sasquatch on one of the runs at Camp XXXXXXXX. (At the request of the ski hill operator, we had to censor the ski hill's name, lest they be inundated with gawkers.)

The Sasquatch was at least seven feet tall, and was covered with dark, reddish hair. He appeared from the bushes on the Skyline side at about 9 AM, and disappeared back into the bushes about two hours later.

John, a liftie, complained, "I'm afraid I'm going to lose my job. I'm supposed to make sure each chair on the lift is full. However, the Sasquatch smells so bad that nobody wants to ride up on a chair with him. I doubt he's had a shower in a week."

Susan, a ski instructor noted, "No wonder people are staring at him. His skiing style is awful. He doesn't keep his shoulders pointed down the hill, and he lets his uphill arm go behind his body. I could fix that in one, maybe two lessons."

Our RA Ski Club President, Adrian, said, "I wish I could have been there. Maybe I could have got him to join the RA Ski Club. He'd be quite an attraction, and bring in lots of new members."

INFO MEETING FOR SKI TRIP TO CHILE

When: Weds. Apr. 11, 7 PM (DATE IS TO BE CONFIRMED)

Where: RA Centre

There will be an information meeting for those interested in our downhill ski trip to Chile in August. Tentative meeting date, to be confirmed, is Wednesday April 11th. We will provide you with details of the trip and the cost. We are currently negotiating with two suppliers, and hope to have the final details sorted out and a supplier chosen this week. Probable dates for the trip are Aug. 11-25, and the plan is to intersperse some sightseeing in between skiing at two ski areas.

If you are interested in going on the trip, either you or your representative must be at the meeting, because interest at the meeting will determine whether or not we proceed with the trip and book with our chosen supplier. Check the Snowphone (613-736-6235), the RA Ski club website, or the next Ski-Mail for an update as to the meeting date.

END-OF-SEASON DH/XC POT-LUCK DINNER

When: Saturday April 14th, 6:00 PM

Where: Kanata (Small community centre at 100 Pine Hill)

Come join in a celebration of the ski year just past and of the summer to come. We'll be celebrating with a potluck dinner. Everyone is to bring a dish to share and your own beverages. Since summer will soon be here, come dressed showing how you want to look for that other great season. Guests are welcome.

Wow, that sounds like fun! What do I have to do to attend? YOU MUST LET US KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING. Contact Louise and Jane at social<at>raski.ca and let us know if you are coming and what category of food you'll be bringing (i.e. - appetizer, main course, salad, dessert).

How to get there: Take Queensway to Eagleson Exit, and turn left to go south on Eagleson. Go past the Hazeldean Mall, a firehall, a funeral home. Stay in the left-hand lane, and immediately after the Tim Horton's turn left onto Stoenhaven. Go past one set of lights and two stop signs. At the third stop sign, turn left onto Pine Hill. The community centre is at 100 Pine Hill (on your left) after you pass three streets on your left.

TRIP REPORTS

XC TRIP REPORT, WEEKEND TRIP TO GRAND FONDS/MONT STE-ANNE

In the previous Ski-Mail, I inadvertently left off the last paragraph (humble apologies, Sue.) The full trip report can be viewed at

<http://www.raski.ca/index.php3?target=viewTripReport&tripRepNum=121>

TRIP REPORT – DH TRIP TO TRAMBLANT/MONT BLANC, MAR. 24

The RA Skiers who attended the trip are only now coming off their sugar high (see below.)

Four of us skied at Mont Blanc, while the rest opted for Mont Tremblant.

At Mont Blanc, we started skiing under sunny skies, which gradually changed to clouds, and, by the end of the day, snow squalls. Conditions were excellent (soft snow, spring skiing) and remained generally good throughout the day. Lift lines at Mont Blanc were non-existent. This was spring skiing at its best.

The Mont Tremblant skiers reported the hill was more crowded, with good ski conditions in the morning, however the snow gradually became skied off due to the number of skiers on the hill.

On the way back we stopped at the Brazeau Cabane a Sucre in Papineauville. What a feast! There was cold ham and roast pork, beans, omlette, bacon, potatoes, pancakes. And of course, there was maple syrup, sugar pie, and toffey on the snow.

Thanks to Ron Sweet for leading a great trip, and to Louise Cameron for organizing the sugar shack dinner.

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