

Ski the Spoon on February 7

Did you know... the name “Silver Spoon” is attributed to a silver spoon found by two boys playing in the bush while their dads (Henry Hollo and Aston Eikrem) were cutting ski trails, back in 1972. Over the years, two loops grew into a beautiful 35-km trail system. The area has become a haven for wildlife and a treasured community resource.

On Saturday February 7, the Silver Spoon trails will be humming with skiers during the annual Ski Fest races. There’ll be something for everyone: competitive races, participation and open events, and the furious ski-skating knock-outs. You can count on immaculately groomed trails, friendly marshals, and pure joy in crossing the finish line.

NEW this year: The original D-loop has been restored to the race courses, thanks to land purchased last year by the Four Seasons Conservancy and supporters. This means less time on the golf course, a safer road crossing at Banting Drive, and course distances reduced by 0.3 km!

Also NEW this year: Kids in the Deep River Jackrabbit Program are automatically entered free of charge in the 1.5 km Participation Mass Start, as part of their lessons. There’s something special about skiing with a race bib, even if it’s just for fun.

The classic races will be professionally timed by Sportstats. Maps for the various race courses are posted on the Silver Spoon website (see link below).

Registration deadline: Wednesday February 4. Late entries are accepted until 10:30 am on race day for the Participation Mass Start and the Open events, and until 1:15 pm for the Skating events.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Silver Spoon website www.bright-ideas-software.com/silverspoon/. Forms are also available at the DRXC chalet on Balmer Bay Road. Hard-copy forms can be mailed (P.O. Box 999, Deep River) or hand-delivered (255 Thomas Street, Deep River) to the Race Secretary by Wednesday February 4. Registration can be done more conveniently on-line (for a small fee) at www.eventsonline.ca with key words “Silver Spoon”.

Tickets for the buffet banquet at the Bear’s Den on February 7 are available through registration, or from The Olive Tree shop in Deep River. The deadline for tickets is also Wednesday February 4.

Many volunteers for this fun event return year after year. If you’d like to join this enthusiastic group, contact Volunteer Coordinator Diane Davis at 584-3033. Questions? Contact the Chief of Race Helena Rummens at 613-584-4321.