

Announcement – Provincial Championships – Birch Ski Area – Feb. 14th & 15th, 2015

Well, here we go again! Saturday looks simply horrible for an event. We are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable race experience for all and the [non wind chill] temperatures for Saturday are forecasted to be well below acceptable. Therefore, **all races scheduled for Saturday Feb 14th are cancelled.**

RRNSBC will reimburse Saturday race fees or transfer them to the Sprint Provincials (Feb. 28 at Windsor Park Nordic Centre). Please email race convenor, Jamie Giasson, jgiasson@shaw.ca with your preference. Please allow a week or two for reimbursement cheques.

Racing Sunday Feb 15th, 2015 will take place as previously detailed in the Race Notice - Free technique. Assuming, of course, the forecast holds true. Notice will be posted at www.ccsam.ca on Saturday by 6:00 PM should there be any change to this (i.e. "no news is good news").

The **Citizen's Race** will take place Sunday and will be **Free technique**. Race day registration is welcome. If the weather permits, there will be a call for youth skiers as well, either new to the sport or pre-Pee Wee. We are looking at a 1 km track for this and all participants will receive a prize - we want to get the youngsters hooked on skiing! Awards for all other categories will be presented in the clubhouse immediately after the completion of all races.

Regarding the **Saturday night** banquet - reimbursements will be made. In negotiation with the caterer, who has been very understanding of our climatic dilemma, RRNSBC would like to invite registered racers and their families who are planning on being in the area Saturday evening, to join us for **dinner in the Carman Legion Hall at 6:30 PM**. Essentially, the hall is rented and we are able to cut back significantly on the size of commitment of food. As we know a number of people plan to be close to the race site the evening prior to competitions, an informal evening of food and family games, music, etc. would be in order. This will be an **informal evening so bring your favorite game or musical instrument**.

Please RSVP your plans to join in the evening meal by emailing algiasson@shaw.ca by Friday mid-day. We request **\$15 per plate, payable on site** - comparable to any restaurant and food is homemade (less expensive than the formal banquet as staffing costs are very limited with this format).

Yes, we have considered a Sunday/Monday event scenario but this proves problematic in several areas. The most compelling is the lack of accommodations on Sunday night (other groups are booked in the area). Volunteers would have to drive both days and we feel that is unreasonable given the required time commitment (early set up and late take down). We feel the above plan is the best that we can offer this year.

Registered athletes for Sunday will be presumed to indeed participate, even with the altered weekend plan.

Please consider the following:

1. Do I wish to be reimbursed for the cancelled race Saturday or do I wish to have it transferred to Sprint Provincials (Feb. 28, Windsor Park Nordic Centre, Winnipeg)?
Please mail skinnyskis@icloud.com
2. Sunday is a go, but given only the one day of racing, do I wish to pull out of the event altogether (both days)?
Please email jgiasson@shaw.ca
Note: only partial reimbursement will be possible for withdrawal from the race on Sunday.
3. I am around Saturday evening in preparation for Sunday racing and would like to join in on the evening meal
Please email algiasson@shaw.ca
4. Wondering if the 2015 Provincial Championship Classic technique race will be rescheduled?
Please email info@ccsam.ca

Thanks for your understanding; it has been a challenging season.

J. Giasson – Red River Nordic Ski and Biathlon Club