

# THE BUSHWHACKER

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WINTER 2018—2019

**Scarborough Cross Country  
Ski Club**

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**Scarborough Ski Club Information**

**MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$25 per person**

**SKI BUSES leave Centennial Recreation  
Centre parking lot located at:**

**1967 Ellesmere Road & Dolly Varden park-  
ing lot (near tennis courts), south side of  
Ellesmere Road, West of Markham Road.**

**BUS DEPARTURE: 8 a.m.**

**2nd Stop: York Mills TTC Station  
(North/East Yonge St.) - 8:20 a.m.**

**Bus Fees: Pre-paid \$25.00  
Walk-on: \$30.00  
Walk-on Non-member: \$30.00**

**Trail fees: As set by the ski resort  
(\$16 to \$20 range)**

**Just a Reminder!**

Membership fees are due before December 2018. Please be sure to remit your cheque for \$25, a SCCSC registration form and a signed insurance consent form. Renewing members do not need to provide another insurance consent form. For membership inquiries, please contact Susan Pruvli, membership chair, at 416-307-3276.

## President's Message – Winter 2019

The Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club started in 1978 with the help of the Scarborough Rec and Parks Department. The purpose of the club is to provide skiing opportunities to its members in a social setting. We are all looking forward to skiing this winter! Hopefully we will have a more consistent winter weather pattern this year. The price of the bus portion of the ski trip will remain at \$25 and \$30 for walk ons and non-members. Guests are welcome but must send in cheques to reserve a seat. The destinations on the schedule are a rough guide to where we intend to go. The destination can change without notice for many reasons including better conditions elsewhere and rebalancing the schedule.

The last two seasons have been very disappointing because of variable weather and unsafe conditions. A record number of ski trips were canceled last year, mostly due to safety concerns which includes: icy track conditions, freezing rain, minus 20 temperatures and forecasts for rain. Last year the weather had a 7-day cycle with very little snow, followed by rain, followed by a hard freeze into the weekend. That meant the trails became skating rinks on Saturday. While it is disappointing to miss the trip, it doesn't make a lot of sense to waste a whole Saturday chasing conditions that are marginal, at best.

We try to cancel busses as early as possible to allow you to make alternate plans for the weekend. Cancellations will be posted on the Web-site followed by an e-mail. Check your spam folder if you are not receiving my messages. For scheduled trips, I try to send an email on Thursday or Friday, confirming the venue and the trail fee, so you can have the exact change available for trail fees. Legal tender under a loonie is highly discouraged. Cancellation date and time has been revised to **Tuesday Midnight**, prior to the planned trip. The best way to cancel is to email me at [jhackert@scarboroughskiclub.org](mailto:jhackert@scarboroughskiclub.org). After Tuesday, your cheque will be cashed. Early cancellation provides an opportunity for those on the waiting list to take your place, as all our trips are fully booked. We strive to fill all empty seats and give someone else on the waiting list a chance to ski.

Some have asked why we don't accept e-transfers or PayPal and insist on cheques? If we cancel a trip we don't have to reverse entries individually or provide refunds. I just start a fire in the fireplace and dispose of your uncashed cheque. The cost of cheques is about equal to the cost of PayPal. The Outing Club of East York will be sharing our bus again this year. We will pick OCEY skiers at York Mills station. After skiing, we will stop at Centennial first and then York Mills. Parking is free at Centennial. Please make OCEY members feel welcome. I will continue to save a few seats to accommodate couples getting on at York Mills.

Last year we only had one barbeque, in which everyone appreciated the upgraded vintage wine and gourmet quality sausages and condiments served. The extravagance will continue in spite of the substantial increase in cost. Subject to instructor availability, lessons are available for free for beginner skiers or those wishing to improve technique. If you are a beginner, you should come every week to develop your skills. Don't expect much improvement if you leave a long interval between lessons. The primary goal of our lessons is to make you feel confident and safe engaging in a sport which is susceptible to falls and injury. Be sensible about strapping boards to your feet, so you can easily slide downhill in the snow.

Try to remember to wear your nametag. If your nametag has disappeared, contact George Duguay on the bus and he will make up a new nametag for you, at no cost.

Think snow — North of Highway 7!

*John Hackert*



## HOW TO ENSURE RESERVATIONS FOR BUS TRIPS

You can register by mail for a bus trip (No cash Please!) for \$25.00 and your cheque will reserve your seat on the bus.

We will require separate cheques for each bus trip. Be sure to indicate the destination on your cheque as indicated on the Schedule of Events, and note your phone number and e-mail address. In the case of poor ski conditions, do not phone us to inquire if the bus has been cancelled. WE WILL E-MAIL YOU and note the cancellation on Facebook and the web-site.

The cost for each bus trip is \$25.00. Many of our members mail all of their cheques at one time for the entire season to reserve their seats. If there is space on the bus, skiers who have not sent in their cheques will be charged \$30.00.

If you wish to cancel a reservation, you must do so by midnight on Tuesday before the trip by e-mailing John at: [jhackert@scarboroughskiclub.org](mailto:jhackert@scarboroughskiclub.org) to cancel any pre-scheduled bus trip. Your subject line should be: SCCSC Cancellation—and should note the trip date, the intended destination and the number of people cancelling.

All buses leave Centennial Recreation Centre promptly at 8:00 a.m. with a 2nd pick up at York Mills TTC Station. Please be early to allow time to load your skis. The trail fees range from \$16 to \$20 and we collect these cash fees (exact change, nothing smaller than a loonie) on the bus.



**Please mail all cheques to:**

**Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club  
c/o John Hackert  
111 Milford Haven Drive  
Toronto, ON M1G 3C9**

**Please indicate your e-mail address on your first cheque.**

### **BUS CANCELLATION POLICY**

**If we receive your phone call or e-mail by Tuesday, Midnight to cancel your bus trip, we will destroy your cheque. If you call us after Tuesday, midnight, your cheque will be cashed. (John Hackert: 647-534-7387 or [jhackert@scarboroughskiclub.org](mailto:jhackert@scarboroughskiclub.org).)**

### **WHY A CHEQUE FOR EACH BUS?**

- Your cheque reserves your seat for the scheduled bus trip.
- Your cheque tells us you are coming, and provides an e-mail address so we can notify you of any cancellation.
- You save \$5 by signing up early – The fee for “stand by” and non members is \$30.
- Cheques simplify the work of our volunteers.

A separate cheque for each ski event, dated the date of the trip, with your phone number as well as your e-mail address, if applicable, noting the destination on the front of your cheque, will continue to ensure the success of our ski bus trips.

**BUS CANCELLATIONS WILL BE NOTED ON OUR WEB-SITE**

**Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club  
Membership Application & Renewal Form**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ PROV. \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fee for the Club Year November 1 to October 31 is \$25.00**

Renewing Member

New Applicant

**Membership requirements:**

Membership Application (completion of this form)

Cheque for \$25.00      Cheque # \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cross Country Canada – **SIGNED** "Informed Consent & Assumption of Risk Agreement"

**RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**

**Release: Membership will not be accepted unless signed**

In making application to participate in activities of the Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club, I/we affirm to be in good health, capable of the required effort needed to participate in club activities and accept as my/our personal risk the hazards of such participation. I/we release the Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club, its executives, directors, instructors, trip organizers and trip leaders from any liability whatsoever for loss, damage or injury (including death) howsoever caused which may result from my/our participation in any activity organized by the club. I/we declare that the Release is binding upon my/our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I/we the undersigned have **read and understand** the Release and agree that participation in club activities is entirely at my/our own risk.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness (not family member)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

How did you hear about the Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club?

Word-of-mouth     Brochure     Website     Publication     Other  (please specify below)

In case of accident please notify:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **INVITATION TO SCCSC MEMBERS**

Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club members are welcome to join the OCEY club on their Sunday winter outings. Sunday winter outings are held every weekend in a wilderness area or park near the city.

Terrain will generally be moderate to hilly and suitable for fit beginners. Depending on conditions, we will be "off-track" skiing, snowshoeing or hiking (if there is no snow) for about 2 hours.

If we are skiing, ordinary cross-country skis will be suitable.

The exact location of each outing, the type of outing and the leader will be posted on the OCEY website, OCEY.CA.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Robin Persaud  
[skirobin@rogers.com](mailto:skirobin@rogers.com) or 416-888-4838.

**Tired of Skiing?**

**Try Snowshoeing!**

Equipment rentals now available at;

Horseshoe  
Nordic Highlands  
Mansfield  
Scenic Caves

## **NAME TAGS**

All members are reminded to help promote the Scarborough Ski Club by wearing the name tags provided. Lost or damaged name tags can be replaced on the bus from George Duguay free of charge.

## **PUB NIGHT**

### **OLDE STONE COTTAGE PUB**

3750 Kingston Road  
Scarborough, Ontario  
(Kingston Road at Scarborough Golf Club Road)

**DATE: Friday, November 9, 2018**

**7:30 p.m.**



Come on out to join us at the Pub and tell us how you stayed cool this past summer. It's time to think about the up-coming ski season and learn about the latest in ski accessories and fashions for 2019. For more information call Tammy at 416-284-5493 or Marguerite at 416-289-7532. Members are encouraged to bring their signed membership renewal forms and bus reservation cheques to this event.

### Winter 2018 - 2019 Schedule of Events

The following is a list of club activities open to all members of the Scarborough cross Country Ski Club for the 2018 – 2019 ski season. Details about these activities and how you can participate are documented in the Bushwhacker. Please be sure to read up on the cancellation policy regarding the ski bus trips. Ski venues are subject to change depending on snow conditions.

|             |          |           |           |                        |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|
| November 9  | Friday   | 7:30 p.m. | Pub Night | Olde Stone Cottage Pub |
| January 5   | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Scenic Caves #1        |
| January 12  | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Nordic highlands #1    |
| January 19  | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Nordic Highlands #2    |
| January 26  | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Mansfield #1           |
| February 2  | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Horseshoe #1           |
| February 9  | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Mansfield #2           |
| February 16 | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Horseshoe #2           |
| February 23 | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Nordic Highlands #3    |
| March 2     | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Scenic Caves #2        |
| March 9     | Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | Ski Bus   | Nordic Highlands #4    |

Ski lessons are available for free on all scheduled ski bus trips  
subject to instructor availability.

