

THE BUSHWHACKER

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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 2019. 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 2020

The Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club was started in 1978 with the help of the Scarborough Rec and Parks Department. The purpose of the club is to provide ski opportunities to its members in a social setting. 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. We are looking forward to a great ski season in 2020. Last year was great, with only having to cancel one ski bus due to poor conditions. History may repeat itself. Although the price of our bus trips will remain the same as last year, I do warn everyone that the trail fees seem to be going up by at least 10 % from last year.

The destinations on the Bushwhacker schedule are a rough guide to where we are going and are subject to change without notice for many reasons, including better conditions elsewhere and rebalancing the schedule. Arrowhead has upgraded their facilities. The club skied Arrowhead twice last year and everyone enjoyed the trails. Although not on the schedule this year, we may go there if conditions further south are poor. The bus cost is 25% higher when we go to Arrowhead so we will be adding \$5.00 to the trail fee to cover the extra expense which will bring the trail fee to about \$15.00

The criteria to cancel a trip includes the safety of ski conditions anticipated at the resort, specifically icy downhill track conditions. When it has rained or very mild temperatures are followed by a hard freeze it causes unsafe icy downhills. Also, if the temperature is going to be below minus 20 the trip may be cancelled. If it is going to rain heavily the trip may be cancelled. 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 as early as possible to allow you to make alternate plans for the weekend. I will post cancellations on the Website and send you an email. Check your spam folder if you find you are not getting my messages. I try to send an email on Thursday or Friday advising where we are going and the trail fee so you can have exact change ready. Also, legal tender for trail fees on the bus does not include any coin under a loony.

The day and time when you can cancel your reservation has been changed to 6 PM Tuesday. The best way to cancel is to email me at jhackert@scarboroughskiclub.org. After 6 pm Tuesday your cheque will be cashed. This provides an opportunity for those on the waiting list to take your place. All our trips are fully booked with a waiting list. We will fill the empty seat and give someone else 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 have a fire in the fireplace. The cost of cheques is about equal to the cost of PayPal and is very secure.

The Outing Club of East York will be sharing our bus again this year. We will pick OCEY members up at York Mills station. After skiing we will stop at Centennial first and then York Mills. Please make them and all new members feel welcome. All our buses will be full so don't expect to have a seat to yourself on the bus. I will continue to save a few seats to accommodate couples getting on at York Mills.

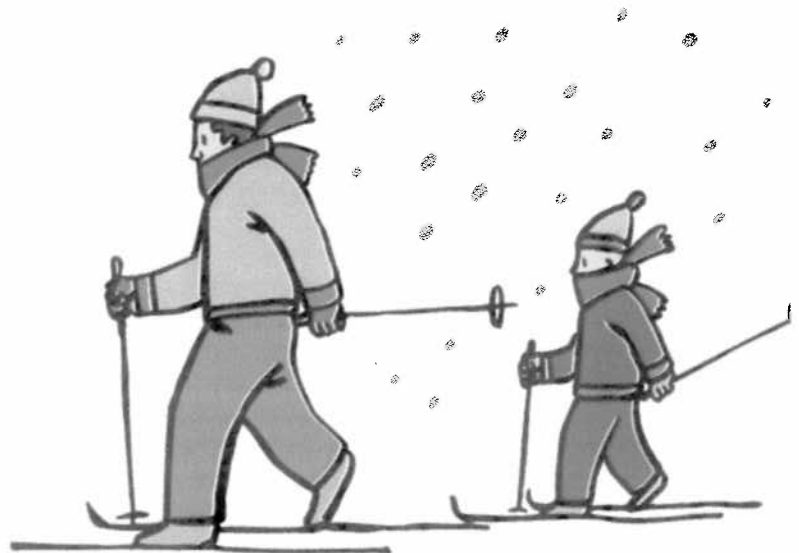
Last year we had two Barbeques. Everyone appreciated the upgrade in the wine, gourmet sausages and condiments, so the extravagance will continue. Lessons are available for free for beginner skiers or those wishing to improve, subject to instructor availability. If you are a beginner you should come every 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 as safe as possible doing a sport which is intrinsically unsafe. What is sensible about strapping boards to your feet so you can slide faster 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 charge.

View: www.scarboroughskiclub.org regularly.

Think Snow: North of Highway 7.

John Hackert



HOW TO ENSURE RESERVATIONS FOR BUS TRIPS

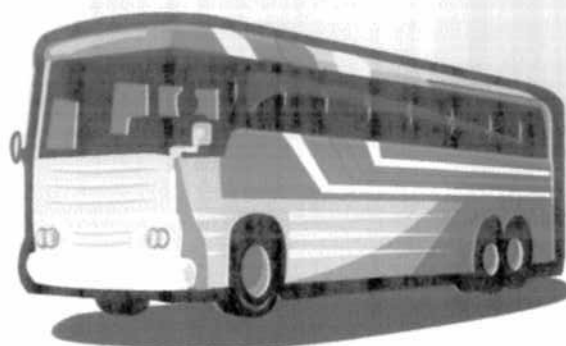
You can register by mail for a bus trip (No cash Please!) for \$25.00 and your cheque will reserve your seat on the bus.

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 ski 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 6 p.m. on Tuesday before the trip by e-mailing John at: 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, 6 p.m. 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.)

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: _____

Mail Membership Application & Cheque to: Scarborough Cross Country Ski Club
c/o John Hackert
111 Milford Haven Drive
Toronto, ON M1G 3C9

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 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 8, 2019

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 2020. 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 2019 - 2020 Schedule of Events

The following is a list of club activities open to all members of the Scarborough cross Country Ski Club for the 2019-2020 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 8	Friday	7:30 p.m.	Pub Night	Olde Stone Cottage
January 4	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Scenic Caves #1
January 11	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Nordic highlands #1
January 18	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Nordic Highlands #2
January 25	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Mansfield #1
February 1	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Horseshoe #1
February 8	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Mansfield #2
February 15	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Horseshoe #2
February 22	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Nordic Highlands #3
February 29	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Ski Bus	Scenic Caves #2
March 7	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.

