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From the Board



Seasons Greetings to All

We wish you a safe and healthy holiday season and a wheelie awesome 2026.

Your Board is pedalling hard on planning the year ahead so the Club can offer a full calendar of some 200 rides, other great outdoor activities and social events.

Raise your water bottles for a toast to more Fun, Fitness, Friendship, Fresh Air....

2026 Membership is Open: Sign Up and Gift \$'s to a Non-Member to Join

All 2025 memberships expire on Dec. 31. Click [here](#) to sign up or go to bikeclub.ca and click on Membership Sign-Up:

- At \$45 for one person and \$25 for an additional adult in the family, you'll join Edmonton region's best and most experienced recreational cycling club.

- The sooner you sign-up, the earlier you can register for walk/hikes, cross-country skiing, and socials happening early in the new year.

Upcoming Events

Check for 'What's On' in the Calendar or in a Pop-Up Email

Click [here](#) for the Calendar of Events to view what's on and to register.

However, 'tis the season" for weather dependent Pop-up walks/hikes and cross-country skiing, which are planned and opened for registration close to each event's date. If you haven't already done so, sign up for EBTC's Pop-up List [here](#) to be notified by a Karelo email, with the link to register, whenever a 'Pop-up' is available.

EBTC's Pop-up List will be carried over into 2026. However, you will need your 2026 membership to register for events.

Volunteer for 2026 Edmonton Birkebeiner

Volunteer at Birkie Aid Station, Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026

Freeman Taylor, EBTC Member

EBTC has participated in the Birkie for over 25 years by supplying volunteers to operate the Round-Up Food Station. This is the first food station where both the 31 km and 55 km skiers pass through.

Many of us have worked at the station for several years now and for this year's event we are seeking additional EBTC volunteers to join in the fun on **Saturday, February 14th**.

As volunteers we have an early morning start to set up the station, prepare Gatorade, water, and various snacks for skiers. Once skiers start to arrive, the environment is fast paced and continues until the last skier has passed through.

What you need to know:

-Be prepared for a 7:00 a.m. meet-up at the Waskahegan staging area in Blackfoot Provincial Recreational Park where, once all our equipment is loaded up, we are transported to the Round-Up Station. We usually finish around 2:00 p.m. and are taken back to the staging area for refreshments and a smokie or hot dog lunch.

-Remember that it could be (will be) cold so dress in layers of your warmest clothing and have appropriate warm footwear as you will be standing in the snow for several hours (we do set up a tent with a heater and start a firepit to offer some warmth)

-Most of all bring your biggest smile, be prepared to laugh (even when cursing the cold), cheer on the skiers, and enjoy the company of your fellow volunteers

If you would like more information and/or would like to volunteer, please contact Freeman Taylor at freeman.taylor@shaw.ca.



From the Saddle

Clothing for Safe Winter Riding (& other Outdoor Activities)

Given our long stretch of coldish (darn cold!) weather, here are three good articles to read. These articles were written by Scott Keast, past Safety and Education Coordinator. They can also be found on the website, bikeclub.ca, under Resources - click Safe Cycling, then Winter Cycling:

- **Layering.** Click [here](#) to read.
 - **Torso and Legs.** Click [here](#) to read.
 - **Extremities - Heads, Hands, Feet.** Click [here](#) to read.
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Helpful Links

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