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From the Board

Happy New Year!!
(membership)

The Board hopes you had a great holiday season and are ready for a wonderful cycling season. Before we're into cycling, we have pop-up skiing and walking, as well as an AGM and other social events. BUT, you need to [renew](#) your membership before you forget and try to register for 2026 events!

Upcoming Events

Pop-up Cross-Country Ski: Friday, Jan. 9, 2026

Sonja Taylor, Ski Organizer

Looks like the weather will be favourable - so come join us on Friday morning in Devon for a 5-10 km classic ski. There is a skate ski loop available too, if that is your preference!

For details and to register click [here](#).

Note: You must be a current EBTC member to register so if you haven't already done so, sign up [here](#) for your 2026 club membership.

To be notified by email of more pop-up events (and there will be more!) click [here](#).



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.



Weekly Recap

Cross-country Ski: Mayfair Golf Course, Tuesday, Dec. 30
Ann Sutherland, Ski Leader

Thirteen of us took advantage of all the glorious snow and balmy weather (+3 C) to ski almost 8.5 km at Mayfair Golf Course. It was a beautiful morning! The sun made an appearance, the air smelled like spring, and although the trails were a bit icy in spots, they were good overall. A few of us enjoyed après-ski coffee at Mood Cafe.



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