

# SKI TRACKS

## President's Notes

The club held its **Annual General Meeting** at Snow Valley on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Approximately 140 members attended. New executive members were nominated and accepted, out going executive members recognized, reports from all committees were given and a new budget was presented and accepted.

I would like to thank the following members: Doug Knight for being Special Activities Coordinator, Vice President, President and Past President totalling 7 years of service; Art Robinson as Membership Coordinator 6 years this time plus 4 years previously totalling 10 years of service; Bob Rose as Communications Coordinator, 3 years; Don Blackwell on Newsletter, 3 years; Bernice Gordeyko as Tour Coordinator, 2 years; Judy Anderson as Social Coordinator, 2 years; Darryl Reimche as Special Activities Coordinator, 2 years; and Lucille Murdock and Gerry O'Donnell, 2 years as auditors. That is a huge commitment and we are ever so grateful for all they have done for the club. It makes me proud to be part of such a organization that so many members have given such a high degree of commitment to.

Before the formation of the RMSSC, Art Robinson was Treasurer of the Northern Branch of the Seniors Alpine Ski Club for 3 years, Membership Coordinator for 2 years and was on the Steering Committee that formed to create the RMSSC in 2008. He and his wife Kathy were tour hosts on 3 tours that I know of. Perhaps we should bestow upon him the name of RMSSC Volunteer Extraordinaire, RVE!!! He is definitely the face of our club.

We welcome the following members to our executive: John Zurbrigg joins Deanna Sharrat as Membership Coordinators; Tom Richards joins Rob Fenton as

Special Activities Coordinators; Judy Mackay joins Bonnie Burn as Social Coordinators; Ron Brown joins Gaye Carter and Blaine Larsen as Tour Coordinators and Rosalynn Ruptash takes on a special combined role of Newsletter and Communications Coordinator. Jim Vine moves from President to Past President and remains creator of newsletter's 'Getting to Know' column. Brian Craig joins Lucille Murdock as our Auditors. Without such dedication and commitment our club would not be the way it is today, the envy of many. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We know that we meet the needs of seniors in the community because of our yearly membership growth. This growth presents us with many challenges. We aim to decrease the load our many volunteers have by automating some of our systems and moving to a data base that will meet our needs and follow our privacy policies. We hope to implement our automation in baby steps as our needs are varied and complex. Please be patient with us as we move forward.

Our membership increase impacts our ski tours. Tour Coordinators will be implementing some changes in the ways we get together socially. We are always mindful that fellowship and social gatherings are integral parts of our club. Please give them feed back so we can meet the members' needs as best we can.

As summer approaches and we put away our skis we go forward to bike and golf. Enjoy the special rides and bicycling tours! Do what you can to help each other whenever and wherever it is possible.

*Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.* (Elizabeth Andrew)

Our club is full of members with heart. Be one of them.

**JoAnn Grand**, President

Getting to know .... by Jim Vine

Will return next issue



**Summer BBQ  
Thursday July 19, 2018**

Location: **Woodvale Community Facility  
(Millwoods)**

Cash Bar: **4:30 PM**

Dinner: **5:30 PM**

Cost: **\$30 per person**

**Buffet menu:**

Salad bar, 6 oz. ribeye steak, BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, dill honey glazed carrots, baked beans, garlic toast, fresh fruit, assorted squares.

Tickets available from Bonnie Burn or Judy Mackay on the Tuesday/Thursday cycling days or:

Mail a cheque payable to RMSSC to:

**Bonnie Burn  
203 Byrne Place S.W.  
Edmonton, AB  
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Deadline for tickets or refund is  
**6:00pm Monday, July 16, 2018**

For information, contact Bonnie at email:

[bbburn68@gmail.com](mailto:bbburn68@gmail.com)

or phone: 780-435-8644

**RMSSC Members – Get Involved!**

Bryan Harris, RMSSC Webmaster, requires a non-Board member assistant to handle Roommate Matching for our ski tours. This last winter, ski tours involved approximately 100 matches for roommates. Position requires moderate skill level in Microsoft Excel. Training provided.

You will be communicating with RMSSC Webmaster, individual prospective skiers, tour hosts and tour coordinators. Members can request roommates through our website. We have a dedicated seniorsski.com gmail account to receive requests. Any suggestions for improvements will be gladly considered. Contact Bryan Harris at [Webmaster@SeniorsSki.com](mailto:Webmaster@SeniorsSki.com) for more details.

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Cycling - **Ride Leaders Required** for all biking levels every Tuesday and Thursday morning during June, July and August. Training provided. Sign-up now to get first choice of dates.. Let your leadership skills shine through!

Contact Rob at [activities@SeniorsSki.com](mailto:activities@SeniorsSki.com)

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**Discounts Negotiator** - Love people? Good at relationship building? Got the gift of the gab? Good negotiator? We need you!

Looking for 2 or 3 people to confirm previous RMSSC Discounts at various retail stores, ski shops, bike shops, hotels, etc (anywhere you go or shop) AND to arrange NEW ones! Set your own hours. Chose your own office space. Work from home or while travelling and enjoying life. Contact Rosalynn for more information at [communicatons@SeniorsSki.com](mailto:communicatons@SeniorsSki.com)

## Special Activities: Golf and Biking

### Biking

Summer biking program is well underway with a whooping 350+ registered cyclists!

We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning to cycle together in groups of about 15 riders. Like skiing, there's a group for everyone's ability and comfort level: Green, Blue/Green, Blue, Blue/Black and Black. Halfway through the ride, we stop for coffee, laughter and conversation.

Each group level requires a Ride Leader. **Over 80 Ride Leaders are required per month.** We would love to see new leaders! Skills required: friendly, able to set a cycling pace and follow a route. Training provided. **Accepting June, July and August Ride Leaders NOW.** Contact Rob Fenton at [activities@seniorsski.com](mailto:activities@seniorsski.com) for more details.

**Many volunteers drive our club's multiple sports and social activities; please feel welcome to assist.**

Members are also welcome to organize special rides and social gatherings, one of our club's mandates. There is a one page guide available. For a copy of the "organizing a special ride" guide and/or scheduling advice, simply contact Rob or Tom at [activities@seniorsski.com](mailto:activities@seniorsski.com)

### Golf

RMSSC Golfers are swinging away every week at various Edmonton and area courses. The weather has been closer to summer than spring so far...and the RMSSC Golfers are loving it!

### 2018 Rocky Mountain Seniors Ski Club Golf Tournament

**Save this date...**

**Wednesday September 19, 2018** for RMSSC Golf Tournament at Raven Crest Golf Course in Edmonton.

The tournament is open to all RMSSC members, details will be sent out in mid July with more information and registration forms.

Enjoy your summer!!

Regards,

Rob Fenton and Tom Richards  
Special Activities Coordinators



## Marmot III Tour Report: April 2 - 6, 2018

“Oh to be in Marmot now that April’s there.” Browning might not agree but I think the 75 club members who went to Jasper from April 2 to 6 felt there was no place like it on earth. The weather was perfect, especially the clear blue sky, the around zero temperature of the last afternoon, and the unbelievable conditions. No ice, no rocks. Only soft, thick snow.

This trip, both the welcome party and the club dinner on Wednesday, were held upstairs so the restaurant downstairs could be left open for other patrons: The Best Western was totally full because of spring breaks in the area around Jasper. We really liked being on the second floor. Big tables that held up to ten people made visiting really easy. The Monday night buffet was excellent with a variety of salads, potatoes, two entrees, and lots of dessert. Our final dinner, with a choice of five entrees, was sit-down and served.

We were worried that the hills would be crowded but they weren’t. Lineups were almost non-existent. And better yet, if you held a Snow Valley season’s pass, there was a 40% discount off regular lift prices. A senior’s day pass was only \$47.88 and a three-day pass was \$136.00.

We were proud to uphold the winter’s record of no accidents, though Mike Tansey was advised by the hospital, after someone skied over his skis when he was getting on the lift, that biking would be his best (therapeutic) exercise: Come on, May first!

Catherine Szabo and I enjoyed co-hosting so much we might even be persuaded to do it again but don’t tell the tour hosts. The upshot is, volunteer. The registration process has been dramatically streamlined. You meet a lot of great people in the club, and you get to pay back for the wonderful ski trips you’ve had in the past.

Lorna Berlinguette  
Marmot 111 Tour Host

### Powder at Marmot in April.



**Happy skiers. See you next season!**



## May 11 Fort Saskatchewan RMSSC Special Ride and Social Gathering

On a sunny Friday afternoon, a “gang of bikers” quietly invaded the peaceful community of Fort Saskatchewan. The local folks on the trails greeted our riding groups with curious smiles and were very welcoming, although somewhat perplexed, to find 40 Club members dressed in brightly coloured riding gear cruising on bikes along the well connected paved trails. To the best of our knowledge, there was no terrorizing of local dogs, dog owners or walkers on the pathways so the police were not called. As one smiling local commentator relayed to the writer of this article, *“It was a quite sight...sort of a tame Marlon Brando in The Wild One and without the tattoos...when can I join?”*

Under the capable guidance of ride leaders Mike Tansey, Bryan Harris, Donna Reimche, Alan Lister and Brian Craig, veteran members of the club and 8 new riding club members were led some 20 to 26 kilometres on the excellent paved trails. The trails were mostly in the parks and beside the river with some short steep climbs up the river escapement. This was just enough to create a thirst and an appetite for some good drink and food.

Montana’s Restaurant hosted our happy group after the ride and provided excellent service/food/drinks and a private mezzanine location so our members could socialize. After the telling of some stories, some nicknames were deservedly bestowed upon certain members as a result of their antics such as “No Brakes” Dwayne (last name deleted for the sake of anonymity) who demonstrated exceptional skill riding down hills. Special Ride Hosts, Donna and Darryl Reimche, were thanked by Rob Fenton, Special Activities Coordinator, for their efforts organizing this event.

More Special Rides slated for this summer include: **Camrose June 1-2** (held this past weekend); **July 11 - Sherwood Park**, **August 8 - Elk Island Park** and **September** (date TBA) - **St. Albert**. Details on the SP, Elk Island and St. Albert special rides will be sent shortly by email. The **Annual Canmore Cycle Tour 2018** is slated for **June 19 to 22** and the new **Calgary Cycle Tour 2018** is scheduled for **July 16 to 19** (again please see recent emails for separate registration forms and individual deadlines for host hotels and Welcome Dinners).



## In Memorial

### Sharon Braithwaite

September 1943 - April 26, 2018

Sharon was a member of the RMSSC since since the 2011-12 season going on one or two trips a year with the Club - Sun Peaks, Marmot in March, and the first Whitefish trip. She grew up in Dewberry,



Alberta and retired in Whiterock, BC in 2010. She lived life to the fullest - enjoying the outdoors etc. She golfed three times and had a very creative side. She loved shimmying her coin belt while belly dancing and

painting in acrylics. Her attention to the details was amazing. Flowers and her annual Christmas cards were her favourite to paint. When she put her brushes down she enjoyed good times with friends whether gathering after a round of golf, hanging out at Hemmingways at West Beach, going to a movie, a play or going for coffee, she just loved connecting with friends. Her vim and vigour and her warm spirit will be missed by all those she touched.

RMSSC extends heartfelt condolences to Sharon's extended family, friends, neighbours and associates.



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## Calendar

### May 1, 2018

Cycling Program Began (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

### May 7, 2018

Golf Program Began (TBC)

### May 11, 2018

1st of 6 planned Special Rides in various locations - Red Deer, Elk Island, Sherwood Park, Calgary, Canmore, St Albert (Sept - TBD)

### June 19-22, 2018

Canmore Cycle Tour Ride

### July 11, 2018

Sherwood Park - Special Ride

### July 16, 2018

DEADLINE for BBQ tickets

### July 16-19, 2018

Calgary Cycle Tour

### July 19, 2018

Summer Barbecue

### August 8, 2018

Elk Island Park - Special Ride

### September 19, 2018

RMSSC Golf Tournament

## Ski Tours 2018-19

### Dec 9 to 13, 2018

Sunshine

### Dec 17 to 21, 2018

Jasper Mini

### Jan 6 to 11, 2019

Sun Peaks 1

### Jan 13 to 18, 2019

Sun Peaks 2

### Jan 20 to 25, 2019

Sun Peaks 3

### Jan 27 to 31, 2019

Jasper 1 (Ski Improvement)

### Feb 4 to 8, 2019

Jasper Mini

### Feb 11 to 16, 2019

Schweitzer Basin (May be Monday Saturday trip)

### Feb 18 to 22, 2019

Jasper Mini

### Feb 24 to Mar 1, 2019

Silver Star

### Mar 4 to 8, 2019

Jasper Mini