

Date, Events and Description Summary December 2011 to March 2012

November

Thurs. Nov. 17 – Winter Information Night

Join your fellow members and guests to learn more about the club's winter activities. There will be a presentation on the latest equipment and clothing for X-C skiing, snowshoeing and winter hiking. Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested in our club. Light refreshments will be served.

Fri. Nov. 18 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface. Adults only.

Sun. Nov. 20 – Day Hike – Mono Cliffs – 15 km

We will be hiking the Boyne Valley Provincial Park, varied terrain, wooded with some open spots (Bruce Trail Guide Map 19).

Sun. Nov. 27 – Day Hike – Hilton Falls

This is a great hike along the Niagara Escarpment with lots of unusual natural features such as the glacial potholes and the beaver ponds. An early "industrial site", the ruins of Hilton's lumber mill link to Toronto's 1837 political uprising. Bring birdseed, the cocky chickadees at the fire pit (lunch stop) eat out of your hand.

December

Sat. Dec. 3 – Hike in the Rouge Park –13 km. loop

Wed. Dec. 7 – Evening Hike and Pub Stop

Hike will be from 6:30 to 8:00 from different locations with a hike leader familiar with the area. All locations will be easily accessible by public transit – e.g. High Park, Riverdale Park, a local neighbourhood. Afterwards, we will go to a local pub/restaurant. Please call for details. For hikes/snowshoes in parks, a headlamp would be useful.

Thurs. Dec. 8 – Christmas Concert – Etobicoke School of the Arts

This concert by the talented students of the School of the Arts has generated rave reviews from the many club members who have attended in past years. The finale is the stirring Hallelulah from Handel's 'Messiah' performed by the school's award-winning choir. This is always a sold-out event so be sure to call ASAP.

Sun. Dec. 11 – Hike Lake Ontario Shoreline – 9 km.

Wed. Dec. 14 – A Merry Walk of Lawrence Park at Christmas

Our annual walk viewing elegant homes laden with colourful strings of lights, reindeer, joyful wreaths and other decorations of the season.

Fri. Dec. 16 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface. Adults only.

Sat. Dec. 17 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Warsaw

Impeccably clean and minimally adorned, this Roncesvalles Ave. family-friendly spot specializes in extremely hearty Polish fare. Outgoing staff make first-timers feel like long-lost relatives.

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Sat. Dec. 17 – Ski – Ganaraska Trail

Ski the Ganaraska Trail on the Oro-Medonte moraine between Bass Lake and Horseshoe Valley. This is an activity for intermediate skiers. If the snow is lacking, there will be a hike.

January

Sun. Jan. 1 – Day Walk – Toronto Island

Traditional New Years' walk on the islands. It's a different world on the islands in the winter. The farm animals of Centreville look for visitors, skaters grace the canals, and Christmas decorations still adorn the houses of Ward's and Algonquin Islands. Snow crunches as you walk along the boardwalk and explore the quaint cottage communities.

Tues. Jan. 3 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Sat. Jan. 7 – Bus Trip No. 1 – Ski or Snowshoe –Horseshoe/Ganaraska Trail/Copeland Forest

Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing activities, alpine skiing available at the resort. The bus will drop track skiers at Horseshoe Resort, off-track skiers on the Ganaraska Trail and snowshoers in Horseshoe vicinity. At the end of the day, the bus will pick up all participants at Horseshoe and return home.

For track skiers, Horseshoe offers 40 km of trails meticulously groomed for both classical and skating techniques. There are trails catering to all skiing levels.

Off-track skiers will ski along the nearby Ganaraska Trail with XXXXX from Oro Concession 4 and follow an improved trail to Concession 11 to be picked up by the bus at the end of the day – a distance of 14 km through wooded uplands.

For snowshoers, XXXXX will lead snowshoers from the Chalet to the adjacent Copeland Forest and the Ganaraska hiking trail. Snowshoes can be rented at Horseshoe, however, a trail pass will have to be bought as well.

Sun. Jan. 8 – Snowshoe – Glen Major

We will explore the trails and hills in the large wilderness area at Glen Major and the old Pleasure Valley for about 5 hours...there will be dropout points. Refreshment stop after, at a café in Claremont or in Brougham on Highway 7. Call leader for details and to arrange rides or car pooling.

Tues. Jan. 10 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Tues. Jan. 10 – Moon Light Night Ski – Wilket Creek Park

A short ski in the park on a moonlit night.

Wed. Jan. 11 – Evening Hike/Snowshoe and Pub Stop

Hike/snowshoe will be from 6:30 to 8:00 from different locations with a hike leader familiar with the area. All locations will be easily accessible by public transit – e.g. High Park, Riverdale Park, a local neighbourhood. Afterwards, we will go to a local pub/restaurant. Please call for details. For hikes/snowshoes in parks, a headlamp would be useful.

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Fri. Jan. 13 – Skating – York Mills Arena

Enjoy two hours of ice skating at this indoor ice surface. Adults only.

Fri. Jan. 13 to Sun. Jan. 15 – Snowshoe Weekend – Waubaushene and Area – Part 1

We'll go where the snow takes us. Most areas will be on Crown land using map and compass through hidden trails, bushwhacking and frozen marshes and swamps. Muskoka, Severn, Tay and Georgian Bay townships are all within easy reach from our base in Waubaushene, an old 1880s farmhouse ½ hr. north of Barrie. Bring your lunches and a pot luck dish for Saturday night's dinner.

Sat. Jan. 14 – Bus Trip No. 2 – Ski or Snowshoe – Hardwood Hills/Simcoe County Forests

Ski or snowshoe at Hardwood Hills Resort, Ontario's best cross-country resort. Hardwood has five recreational ski trail systems with a combined mileage of 88 km. available. Snowshoeing will be led by a knowledgeable leader TBA in Simcoe County forests nearby. Snowshoes should be rented before coming on this trip for use off the property. Off track skiing is available with XXXXX.

Sat. Jan. 14 – Pub/Restaurant/Music

Come one, come all to The Magic Oven and enjoy a fine selection of gourmet pizza and pastas to the sounds of memorable musical ambiance. Toronto's stellar musicians bring you sounds of Jazz, RnB, Soul and Funk every Saturday night.

Mon. Jan. 16 – Safety Seminar – Toronto Public Library

The Five Winds Backcountry Ski Club is pleased to present this year's annual safety seminar on the topic of Crisis Management in a Wilderness Environment with the Original Survivor Man (who do you think taught Les Stroud?) the authority from Survival in the Bush, <http://www.survivalinthebushinc.com>, Dr. Gino Ferri.

This interactive seminar will focus on the risk factors of a remote location, cold climate and aging population. Learn from real life situations on what to do when things go wrong. Know the factors that can prevent an incident from becoming a tragedy. Would you be surprised to know that men and women respond differently in a crisis situation?

Tues. Jan. 17 – Skating – Cedarena

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Fri. Jan. 20 to Sun. Jan. 22 – Ski & Snowshoe Weekend – Camp Wanakita

Camp Wanakita is a YMCA outdoor centre 12 km south of Haliburton village. There is a main lodge with dining room and recreation facilities. We will have sole use of the Health Centre building which has rooms with 3 or 4 beds plus a common room, washrooms with showers, a laundry and a kitchen. Wanakita provides a group facilitator dedicated to our group who will lead guided snowshoe or ski trips and offer some ski and/or snowshoe instruction. Skis and snowshoes are available for participants to borrow at no charge. The centre has 25 km of groomed cross-country ski trails and 25 km of snowshoeing trails as well as a skating rink, toboggan hills and an area for indoor games. It is also close to the 100 km trail system of the Haliburton Nordic Trails Association. On Saturday night, there is a guided ski excursion to a fire pit.

Fri. Jan. 20 – Skating – York Mills Arena

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Sat. Jan. 21 – Snowshoe/Ski – Long Sault Conservation Area

Rugged terrain and an enchanting day for anyone who has some experience on snowshoes. Ski poles would be a definite asset and a camera is a must. Call the trip organizer for more details.

Sat. Jan. 21 – Bus Trip No. 3 – Ski or Snowshoe – Highlands Nordic/Bruce Trail – Ski Instruction

For skiers, Nordic Highlands at Duntroon offers Niagara Escarpment Nature at its best with 20 km of ski trails. They are groomed daily for classic and skate skiing. The trails go through maple bush and rolling hills with panoramic views of Georgian Bay. XXXXX who is familiar with the area will take snowshoers to the nearby Bruce Trail. It offers many kilometres of trail with views of Georgian Bay. Snowshoe rentals are available at Highlands Nordic.

Ski lessons: XXXXX will be providing two half-day cross-country ski lessons with a maximum of 6 people in each session. Cost will be \$5.

Sat. Jan. 21 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Mexico

This former luncheonette near the TTC yards may seem to be situated in the middle of nowhere – blink and you'll miss it – but the convenient location makes the cozy cantina popular with Annex denizens and patrons of nearby Tarragon Theatre. Think intensity of flavours, not fireworks.

Sun. Jan. 22 – Ski – Beausoleil Island – 20 km.

We will ski for about 6 hours, mostly on the ice, circumnavigating Beausoleil Island. Great views across the vast expanse of ice on the far side of the island including a stop at a remote lighthouse. Optional dinner stop after TBA. Call leader for details and to arrange rides or car pooling.

Tues. Jan. 24 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Fri. Jan. 27 to Sun. Jan. 29 – Snowshoe Weekend – Oxtongue Lake

Join us for a fun-filled weekend at the very rustic Wolfden Bunkhouse at the Oxtongue River near Algonquin Park. Explore by snowshoe the many trails in this beautiful area. Relax in the log sauna or socialize at the cozy fireplace. The potluck dinner on Saturday night is always delicious. All previous trips booked out quickly so register early. Deadline no later than Jan. 4.

Sat. Jan. 28 – Bus Trip No. 4 – Ski or Snowshoe – Wasaga Beach Provincial Park/Ganaraska Trail

Wasaga Beach offers some of the most exciting Nordic ski terrain in Central Ontario with 32 km of trails located in the Dunes area of Wasaga Beach Provincial Park. Expert skiers are challenged on the groomed and track set High Dunes Trail, or you may choose a more leisurely ski on the Blueberry Plains Trail. Blueberry trails has modern equipment rentals, washrooms, fireplace and refreshment facilities. For snowshoers, XXXXX will take the group bushwhacking over the dunes near the Nottawasaga River. The ski lodge rents snowshoes. Come on out for a great day in the snow.

Sun. Jan. 29 – City Walk – Corktown and Distillery District

Always a favourite, the distillery district is a fun place to visit. If the weather is tolerable there will be an informative historic walk with special emphasis on the Corktown neighbourhood, leading up to our final destination where welcoming hot beverages can be procured. If however the weather is bone-chilling, we will keep warm by walking more briskly and directly to the warm comfort of the distillery district buildings.

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Tues. Jan. 31 – Skating – Cedarena – 84th Annual Birthday Party

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Tues. Jan. 31 – Moon Light Night Ski – Wilket Creek Park

A short ski in the park on a moonlit night.

February

Date TBA – 7th Annual Reel Paddling Film Festival

Sat. Feb. 4 – Snowshoe – Spencer's Gorge Wilderness Area

Rugged terrain and spectacular waterfalls will make this frozen wonderland and enchanting day for anyone who has some experience on snowshoes. Ski poles would be a definite asset and a camera is a must. Call the trip organizer for more details.

Sat. Feb. 4 – Bus Trip No. 5 – Ski or Snowshoe – Kolapore/Scenic Caves

Ski in-track or off-track ski Kolapore or bushwhack snowshoe. The bus will drop off track and snowshoers enroute at Kolapore, continue to Scenic Caves and return to Toronto in reverse order. Bus leaves Scenic Caves at 3:30 p.m.

For track skiers, Scenic Caves offers 16 km of trails meticulously groomed for classic, beginner and intermediate with excellent views of Georgian Bay from up on top of Blue Mountain. Off-track skiers will ski at Kolapore doing a fairly moderate off track trail with possible deep new powder snow. Snowshoers will be led by XXXXX who is knowledgeable with the area. Snowshoeing through Kolapore is only for those that can bushwhack, and they should have their own equipment. Rental snowshoes are available at Scenic Caves while we are there. Expected return at EYCC is 6:30 p.m.

Tues. Feb. 7 – Skating – Cedarena – Alternate Birthday Party Night

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Tues. Feb. 7 – Moon Light Night Ski – Wilket Creek Park

A short ski in the park on a moonlit night.

Wed. Feb. 8 – Evening Hike/Snowshoe and Pub Stop

Hike/snowshoe will be from 6:30 to 8:00 from different locations with a hike leader familiar with the area. All locations will be easily accessible by public transit – e.g. High Park, Riverdale Park, a local neighbourhood. Afterwards, we will go to a local pub/restaurant. Please call for details. For hikes/snowshoes in parks, a headlamp would be useful.

Fri. Feb. 10 – Skating – York Mills Arena

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Fri. Feb. 10 to Sun. Feb. 12 – Snowshoe Weekend – Waubaushene and Area – Part 2

We'll go where the snow takes us. Most areas will be on Crown land using map and compass through hidden trails, bushwhacking and frozen marshes and swamps. Muskoka, Severn, Tay and Georgian Bay townships are all within easy reach from our base in Waubaushene, an old 1880s farmhouse ½ hr. north of Barrie. Bring your lunches and a pot luck dish for Saturday night's dinner.

Sat. Feb. 11 – Bus Trip No. 6 – Ski or Snowshoe – Horseshoe Resort/Ganaraska Trail/Copeland Forest

Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing activities, alpine skiing available at resort. The bus will drop track skiers at Horseshoe Resort, off-track skiers on the Ganaraska Trail and snowshoers in Horseshoe vicinity. At the end of the day the bus will pick up all participants at Horseshoe and return home.

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Off-track skiers will ski along the nearby Ganaraska Trail with XXXXX from Oro Concession 4 and follow an improved version of the trail to Concession 11 to be picked up by the bus at the end of the day – a distance of 14 km through wooded uplands.

For snowshoers, XXXXX will take the group to Horseshoe and the adjacent Copeland Forest with its many kilometres of quiet forest trails. Snowshoes can be rented at Horseshoe, however, a trail pass must be bought as well.

Ski lessons: An instructor, TBA, will be providing two half-day cross-country ski lessons with a maximum of 6 people in each session. Cost will be \$5

Tues. Feb. 14 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Thurs. Feb. 16 – Theatre Outing: West Side Story – Etobicoke School of the Arts

A modern day adaptation of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet set amongst rival gangs in a New York City ghetto. Hit songs include: 'Maria', 'Tonight', 'I Feel Pretty' and 'Somewhere'. Previous plays at the school have been successful sold-out events and this will prove to be no exception. Book early to get your seat for this sure to be a hit play.

Thurs. Feb. 16 to Mon. Feb. 20 – X-C Ski & Snowshoe Long Weekend, Val David, Quebec

We will be staying 4 nights at the Chalet Beaumont Hostel above the Village of Val David about 80 km north of Montreal. Accommodation will be in private rooms with 2 beds each and private or shared bathrooms. The hostel has a comfortable common room, solarium, full kitchen with food storage and laundry facilities. There is access to 70 km of cross-country trails from the door of the hostel as well as opportunities for snowshoeing on nearby hiking trails and downhill skiing.

To simplify the group reservations we have reserved for four nights but if anyone wishes to stay longer, they can reserve the additional nights directly with the hostel.

Food will be independent, except we will have a communal pot luck supper on Sunday night and perhaps go out to sample the delights of Val David on the Saturday evening.

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Sat. Feb. 18 – Bus Trip No. 7 – Ski or Snowshoe – Mansfield Outdoor Centre/Dufferin Forest

For skiers, Mansfield offers 35 km of groomed and track set trails catering to all skiing levels. If you are new to Mansfield, be sure to ski the blue trail to the lookout with a view of the Pine River Valley. For snowshoers, XXXXX will take the group to the adjacent Dufferin County Forest with its many kilometres of forest trails. Mansfield rents snowshoes at \$5 a pair. Come on out for a great day in the snow.

Sat. Feb. 18 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Shreveport, Louisiana

Let's add some heat to a cold winter's day! Except for extremely cold days, diners can eat outdoors on a covered, heated patio at this New Orleans style eatery in the heart of Mirvish Village.

Sun. Feb. 19 – City Walk – Jarvis Street and the Palm House

Although today it is hard to imagine, but in the 19th century Jarvis Street was once Toronto's Millionaire Row. Look carefully now, and in places, shadows of the former glory of this thoroughfare is still visible. We will show you where to look. Afterward's we will visit the Palm House greenhouses in Allan Gardens, a comfortable respite from wintery temperatures.

Mon. Feb. 20 – Ski – Five Winds Trails

Ski the challenging Five Winds Trails northwest of Gravenhurst. This will be an all day activity for intermediate skiers. Be prepared to break trail and contend with deep snow on narrow trails.

Tues. Feb. 21 – Skating – Cedarena

Enjoy an evening of skating. This picturesque outdoor natural ice rink is located at Cedargrove on Reesor Rd., just north of Steeles Ave. East.

Sat. Feb. 25 – Special Event – Pub Night

Share good cheer and mouthwatering snacks at the lively Whistler's Pub (Broadview & Mortimer). Leave the winter blues behind and enjoy a night out with your fellow club members. A good time is always had by all! Light refreshments will be provided. Beverages are extra.

Sat. Feb. 25 – Bus Trip No. 8 – Ski or Snowshoe – Kolapore/Scenic Caves

Ski in track or off-track ski Kolapore or bushwhack snowshoe. The bus will drop off track and snowshoers enroute at Kolapore, continue to Scenic Caves and return to Toronto in reverse order. Bus leaves Scenic Caves at 3:30 p.m.

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Snowshoers will be led by XXXXX who is knowledgeable with the area. Snowshoeing through Kolapore is only for those that can bushwhack and they should have their own equipment. Rental snowshoes are available at Scenic Caves while we are there.

Sun. Feb. 26 – Snowshoe – Durham Forest – 12 km. loop

We will snowshoe on the Oak ridges Moraine in the Durham Regional Forest Trail with its many side trails and loops through sun-filled forests of deciduous and evergreen trees.

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Tues. Feb. 28 – Moon Light Night Ski – Wilket Creek Park

A short ski in the park on a moonlit night.

March

Sat. Mar. 3 – Bus Trip No. 9 – Ski or Snowshoe – Horseshoe/Ganaraska Trail/Copeland Forest

The bus will drop track and alpine skiers at Horseshoe Resort, off-track skiers on the Ganaraska trail and snowshoers in Horseshoe vicinity. At the end of the day, the bus will pick up all participants at Horseshoe and return home.

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Tues. Mar. 6 – Moon Light Night Ski – Wilket Creek Park

A short ski in the park on a moonlit night.

Fri. Mar. 9 to Sun. Mar. 11 – Ski/Snowshoe/Hike/Eat Weekend – Killbear Provincial Park

We had so much fun at the new staff house in Killbear Provincial Park last winter, so have decided to book it again. Killbear is a gorgeous park for snow-shoeing or hiking. Skiers can enjoy the Georgian Nordic Trails near Parry Sound with its free ski lessons and 25Km of trails from novice to expert. Any offers to demo (and consume) special foods could turn this into a gourmet weekend!

The accommodation is in rooms with two beds each. There is an enormous kitchen for preparing and cooking our own food and a comfortable lounge area.

Sat. Mar. 10 – Bus Trip No. 10 – Ski or Snowshoe – Hardwood Hills/Simcoe County Forests

Ski or snowshoe at Hardwood Hills Resort, Ontario's best cross-country resort. Hardwood has five recreational ski trail systems with a combined mileage of 88 km. available. Snowshoeing will be led by a knowledgeable leader TBA in Simcoe County forests nearby. Snowshoes should be rented before coming on this trip for use off the property. Off track skiing is available with XXXXX.

Wed. Mar. 14 – Evening Hike/Snowshoe and Pub Stop

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Sat. Mar. 17 – Pub/Restaurant/Music – St. Patrick's Day

Come one, come all to The Magic Oven and enjoy a fine selection of gourmet pizza and pastas to the sounds of memorable musical ambiance. Toronto's stellar musicians bring you sounds of Jazz, RnB, Soul and Funk every Saturday night.

Thurs. Mar. 22 – 2011 Spring/Summer/Fall Information Night

This event will launch our new calendar, April to November, listing the best selection of outdoor events in the city. Our hiking, cycling and paddling programs will be highlighted as well as many social outings. This is a great opportunity for members to meet up with each other and to get a head start on the upcoming activities. Bring your friends along. There is no better time to introduce them to the club and the tremendously varied program we offer. Refreshments will be provided.

Sat. Mar. 24 – Restaurant Outing – Great Foods of the World® – Wild Card

Location and type of cuisine to be determined. Vote for your favourites!

Sat. Mar. 24 – Ski – Awenda Provincial Park

Don't put away those skis yet. The ski trails at Awenda still have some snow. The terrain is relatively flat and there are excellent views of Georgian Bay from the crest of the Nipissing Bluff. Along the shore, there may be the unusual remains of gigantic ice formations. If we must, then hike we will.

Sat. Mar. 24 – Day Hike – Forks of the Credit – 12 km

After all the snow this winter, why not come and join us for a spring hike through the rolling countryside and woodlands of the Forks of the Credit.

Sun. Mar. 25 – City Walk – Cabbagetown

Once considered one of the worst slums in Toronto, Cabbagetown has evolved into one of the more desirable addresses in the city. In this walk, we will learn about some of the local history and find out why Cabbagetown was what it was, and how it has transformed itself.

April

Fri. Apr. 13 to Sun. Apr. 15 – Algonquin Awakens

Spring in Algonquin is bursting forth in abundance. Come join the Club in celebrating the reawakening of Nature. We will be staying at the Wolf Den Lodge (www.wolfdenbunkhouse.com) and Saturday night will feature the ever-popular pot luck dinner. Be prepared for lingering snow and ice on Park trails. Spots fill fast so book early.