



CANADIAN MASTERS CROSS-COUNTRY SKI ASSOCIATION
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Fall 2018 Newsletter

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to another successful ski season.

Interest in MWC 2019 in Norway has been tremendous with approximately 100 Canadians having booked accommodations. Here is the information I have received to date on MWC 2019. The formation for the start of the races will be different from other years. The “chevron or arrowhead” formation will be used instead of the 20 lane straight across. The “ **no double poll zone** “ for the classic races will be implemented. Only diagonal stride can be used in these designated areas.

Canadian Masters are to use the online registration process only. Registration will be through datasport where you will have to open an account with password. Registration should open on **November 1st and close on February 15, 2019. The link to datasport should be on the host website.** Last year for the first time skiers were allowed to participate in any three races instead of having to do a middle distance, short distance and long distance. This option will also be available for MWC 2019. Oslo is the most convenient airport to use. Please check

the host website at www.mwc2019.com for information on transportation from Oslo airport. During the week the bus leaves from downtown Oslo. There is the possibility of renting a bus if numbers warrant. To hopefully avoid any confusion with relay team selection I will be circulating guidelines in the near future.

The 2019 Canadian Masters will be held in Timmins, ON from February 8-10. Please check the Canadian Masters website for a copy of the Bid Document which has all the relevant information. I urge everyone to make an effort to attend.

Wendy Grater has ordered more Canadian Masters toques. If you are interested in purchasing one, you can contact her. The cost is \$35 taxes in plus shipping. Her email address is wendy@blackfeather.com

I know there are a number of Masters who have booked their own accommodations for Beitostolen. I would appreciate it if you could email me so that I can add your email to the group list and keep you informed as to what is going on.

At the recent meeting of the World Masters which was held in Cogne, Italy , the Alberta World Cup Society was awarded the 2021 Masters World Cup. The Canmore Nordic Centre will be the host site.

Congratulations to Norbert Meier and Dave Rees for the preparation of an excellent Bid Document.

Alberta has a new Provincial Masters Director with Sheila Lenes taking over from Dave Rees. One would have to write a book to fully describe Dave's contribution to cross country skiing in this country. I will just say from all Masters skiers **'Thank you'**.

I encourage everyone to support our ski draw when you take out your annual membership. With the drastic reduction in membership last year the revenue from the ski draw becomes more important.

The BC Masters have arranged a waxing service for MWC 2019. Below is all the relevant information.

Waxing service Option for Beitostolen Norway 2019

BC's Sovereign Lake Nordic Masters group is again organizing a waxing service for the trip to MWC in Norway.

Joel Knopff, an experienced World Cup and Olympic waxer has agreed to head up this service on our behalf.

Joel will be with us in Beitostolen on March 5th and stay with the group through to the Birkiebeiner in Lillehammer before returning to Canada.

BC's Coach Eric and Mike Bell, will work through the details of organizing the wax and the equipment needed as well as finding a second person to partner with Joel to make up a wax team.

Each skier interested in being part of this wax group will need to pay **\$500.00** to reserve a space. **\$100.00** of this payment is non refundable in case someone's plans change before the March trip. A second fee will also be collected if you are interested in having Joel wax your skies for the Norwegian Birkie.

Coach Eric will design a system for keeping track of wax applications so the actual costing of this waxing service will reflect individual wax use rather than be generic as it has been in the past. After all the competitions are over, the wax use will be calculated and some skiers may need to pay a little more while others may receive a small refund.

An example of this individual waxing scenario would be that more wax may be used if a skier wants to wax 2 pairs of skis for a particular race or if one skier is classic and needs kick wax applied while others are skating. Also, some skiers will race all the possible races while others may choose to race in a select number of races.

Please send your \$500.00 payment to attention Anya Lee at anymlee@gmail.com to indicate your interest in being part of this wax service in Norway. We intend to cap the group at 30 skiers to ensure good service for all.

If you have any questions or concerns you can be in touch with Mike Bell at mikebell10@gmail.com.

Mike Bell has also taken the lead on having warmups available for purchase this season. Below is the link.

<https://checkout.na3.netsuite.com/c.3373696/designApprovalCenter/index.html?n=2#/?msId=1142506&msApK=ZGOLBzFqoj>

The price list did not copy and paste very well so I am including it as an attachment. We will let everyone know when the online store opens.

I will have information on accommodations for MWC 2020 in Cogne, Italy later in the season.

All for now. I hope to see you all in Beitostolen or Timmins.

Regards, Bruce LeGrow