

Viking Thursday Tour Report for 15th March 2018

Summary: A 14 km loop (~3-1/2 hr.) on the Morin-Heights Municipal trail network which included:

Triangle (No. 2) and the Salzburg (No. 4),

Temp: a balmy -1 Deg. C, sunny, no wind, (except when traversing the Balmoral Golf Course!)

Fresh snow and freshly track set.....excellent conditions!

Our gender balanced band of 6 attendees: Daphne, Kathrine, Marie-France, Brent, Gordon and Derek could well have been chanting “Where have all the skiers gone?” given the ideal weather and trail conditions! Somewhat puzzling as to why so many Vikings were “missing out?”

Our 10:15 am rendezvous was at the newly renovated Chalet Bellevue (ex-hotel and old folk’s home) wherein we were greeted by the friendly Sylvia (Fendle); always a fund of useful, up to the minute trail information. We were assured that track setting was in progress; indeed we had Brent break trail for a short section on the Salzburg, but were relieved to be met with the “municipal machine” coming toward us!

We set off at the foot of Basler Hill for the introductory climb up the Triangle trail, but first we must show our trail credentials (Viking membership cards) to the on duty “Trail Monitor”, a jolly lady called Bridget!



We reach the Austrian border, turn right for Salzburg!

Welcome to the "DOUG HAUS"



The best dining that Salzburg has to offer!

We were advised that local deer could be found here, bedding on the straw!

Lucky we had booked ahead with Air Bed-and-Barn!



Our trio of ladies, back on track, post lunch stop



**View from
a trail bridge**



**We ski by humble dwellings.
Golfing below....skiing above!**



**The Triangle Trail takes us across
Club de Golf Balmoral**



The Triangle Trail was on our bucket list!



A happy trio after 13 km

Bridge over
Simon River
on Triangle Trail

For apres-ski, we retire to the local Morin-Heights O'Petit restaurant for soup, coffee and/or hot chocolate options!