

Viking Thursday Tour Report for 6th February 2020

Viking Ski Club Trail Network



It would seem that the Norse goddess of winter, ice and snow, namely Skadi, had Viking tourers interest at heart given that she was able to delay an intense snow storm by a day, and so facilitate some 11 mortals, namely:

Judy Rogers, Howard Bussey, Daphne Armstrong, Kathy Walsh, Chris Neal, Jicheng Huang, Jan Brochocki, Frank Philpott, Gordon Cohen, Derek Wills & a welcome first-timer Sandy Harrington

....to enjoy prime ski conditions on the Viking network! At least at -8 Deg. C we were able to glide on a satin-like surface of some 2 cm of snow, rather than the previously forecast 30 cm....Flake News!

From the Viking clubhouse, we proceeded to ski to Junction "D", the so called "Ruin," where a routing decision had to be made, to ski the Red Trail, or head off to the southerly Crown trails? An Empire Loyalist among us rather optimistically pointed out that there could be a chance encountering Harry and Meghan on the Crown West trail, since they were Crown members who had gone West! Royalty won out and we headed off on the Crown East, a trail that brought back memories of autumn trail clearing, with soggy encounters on the swampy sections, but now able to glide effortlessly across it all!

The Crown East concludes with a ski across Lac Dey to join the junction of the Crown West and Crown South trails. Following a "junction debate", we decide to head up to junction "G", via Lac Hills, on the Crown West, wherein a further debate takes place with the taking of sides: the "let's head back" group versus the "let's do more" group. And so we amicably split into two groups, with the early birds getting back to the Viking clubhouse to lunch at around 1:30 pm and the longer distance must impress my Fit-Bit folks at around 2:30 pm.....each group having returned along the Red trail.

Let's hope that goddess Skadi will likewise act favourably for two key, up and coming events, namely:

The Viking Ski-O on Sunday, 16 February 2020

and

The Viking Loppet on Sunday, 23 February 2020

Derek

Photo Gallery



Route decision making..... democracy or anarchy, at work!



Seems to be an avian real estate boom on Lac Eduard!