

Viking Thursday Tour Report for 18th March 2021

Club Fondeurs-Laurentides Training Circuit – Morin-Heights

Summary: Skied ~9 km (2-1/2 hrs)

Weather: Mainly sunny +4 Deg. C

Ah!.... the unpredictability of spring skiing.....will the trail conditions be “boiler plate” or “mashed potatoe” to use the colloquial technical terms! Not discouraged, some 10 Vikings showed up for a combo-ski; firstly some 2 km along the well-groomed Morin-Heights municipal Aerobic Corridor trail, then venturing onto the Club Fondeurs-Laurentides training circuit for which we had three distance choices: 2.1 km (Green), 3.5 km (Orange) and 4.2 km (Blue).

Keen to dispel the clouds, we opted for the blue 4.2 km circuit trail.....and were all pleasantly surprised at the incredible perfection of the trail grooming, seemingly just freshly rolled and track set and having it all to ourselves!



It should be noted that it was thanks to the Desjardins bank that generously donated some \$100,000 to the Club Fondeurs-Laurentides for the creation of these ski training circuits which meet with International Ski Federation standards. This half-century old, St-Jérôme based club claims a membership of some 600, which includes 100 elite athletes. The climbs, notwithstanding, were rewarded with exhilarating wide and safe tumble-free downhill runs!

Following the return 2 km flat ski along the now softened-up Aerobic Corridor, we lunched at the conveniently available picnic tables at the foot of the historic Basler ski hill.....see pic following.

Reflecting back, this marks our 10th Thursday tour excursion this season; it remains to be seen if we can squeeze out yet another one as the spring melt-down is fast beneath us!

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Credit here to Data Dame gathering Jarmila!

