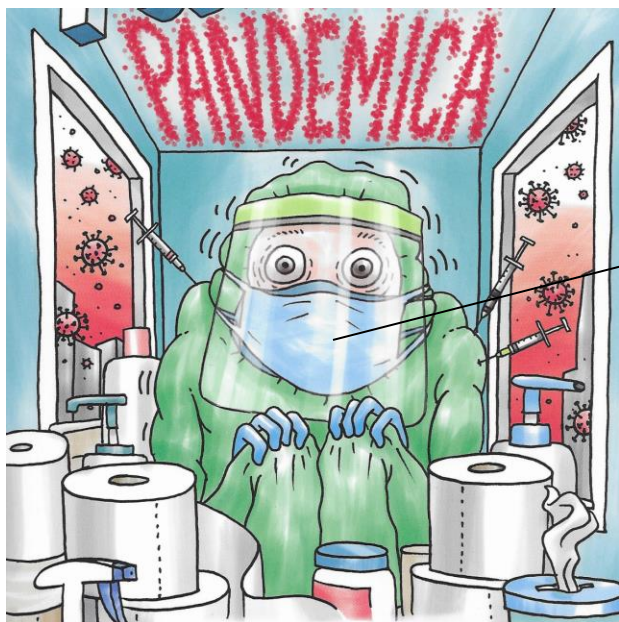


Viking Thursday Tour Report for 20th January 2022

Routing: 10 km Sheldon Racing Trails



“Can’t wait until the Viking tours start!”

Well wait no longer!..... as we kicked off the first Thursday tour of the season conveniently proceeded by generous snow dumps on Monday and Wednesday. We can only assume our earlier Amazon order for snow was delivered out in BC by error.....should of course been delivered to QC!

Not deterred by -17 Deg.C , temperatures, the usual suspects made the 10:30 am rendezvous at the Viking clubhouse: Brent, Marie-France, Jarmila, Katherine, Don, Richard, Chris, Gordon & Derek.

A cold, but warm welcome to new first-timer club members: Heidi (Buck) and Brian (Gelfand).

Also Alex (Lothian) a winter visitor (with family) from far off Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

We were impressed with the newly installed “Trail Status” display board visually advising which of the Viking trails have been track set. Till now, the lack of snow had prevented Pierre and Co. from being able to adequately track set the network with first priority being the Sheldon Racing trails, this being our only option...if we wished to avoid any exhausting trail breaking!



It took around a couple of hours to complete the 10 km in brilliant sunny weather; mercifully wind free. Thanks here to Pierre and Co. for diligent track setting, closest to being up to Beijing Olympic standards!

Although not visually obvious with the now deep snow coverage, we were for the first time able to enjoy safe passage across the multiple wooden bridges on the trails that had been completely renewed during the last summer/autumn season. Credit here to devoted and indefatigable lead installers: Doug, John, JP and David!



Amazing that Jarmila's satellites aloft were able to pick up what little heat emanated from the touring Viking skiers bodies, except for their toes!

