

## *Slide & Glide close to home!*

XC Skiing at Shaganappi Point Golf Course, Bow Trail & 26 St. SW

### **Thanks Santa: Great Skiing – Snow & XC Ski Trails Report – January 14, 2018**

- ◆ **GREAT NEW YEAR PRESENT OF SNOW** – Trails groomed for both Classic and Ski-skating technique.
- ◆ **But as usual, our Calgary Chinooks and Deep Freeze play havoc with our tracksetting & grooming.**
- ◆ **Explore and enjoy the good trails and varied terrain at this City-Centre XC ski area.**
- ◆ **Ride the C-train to Shaganappi and enjoy the only European-style XC ski area in North America with a Street Car / LRT service to within 200 metres to the entrance and trail head!**
- ◆ **Please note – NO DOGS ALLOWED – Shaganappi is an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary for the resident deer, coyotes, rare birds and other wildlife.**
- ◆ **WE HAVE A MAJOR PROBLEM** – vandals cutting many ropes around sensitive and dangerous areas and breaking down the perimeter fences. CSC Volunteers have not yet had time to repair our cut ropes
- ◆ **PLEASE DO NOT CROSS ANY ROPES** – These are sensitive areas and costly to repair. Thanks.
- ◆ **Please check the brochures and maps at the parking lot and the big maps at all 10 trail intersections.**

1/ Date of report: Jan. 14, 2018 Time: 16:00 Temp: - 4 °C Date last groomed: Sat & Sun 13 & 14 Jan.

2/ Surface Snow Conditions:

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| ■ Machine groomed | ■ Loose granular  | ■ Hard pack   | □ Corn snow                 |
| ■ Packed powder   | ■ Frozen granular | □ Windblown   | □ Thin cover in some places |
| ■ Powder          | □ Wet Granular    | □ Icy patches | □ A few bare spots          |

3/ Snowfall in past 24 hours: **3 cm**

4/ Snow depth average off trail: **Variable 20 cm**      Compacted snow depth average on trails: **10 cm**

5/ Number of trails open: **7 km** Trackset: **7 km**      Ski-skate groomed: **7 km**

- ◆ Easy 1 km Teaching loop on the driving range      ■ Open      □ Closed
- ◆ 2 Teaching grids on the driving range      □ Open      ■ Closed
- ◆ Shaganappi is open day & night when there is sufficient snow, usually mid-Nov. to mid-March.

6/ **Skiers & snowshoers are asked to respect sensitive areas of the golf course:**

- ◆ Please do not ski on golf greens, tee boxes or bunkers at any time. Even when rope fences are cut. Thanks.
- ◆ Please do not walk or snowshoe in set ski tracks. Thanks.
- ◆ Ski-skaters are asked to avoid damaging set tracks, Thanks.
- ◆ Wildlife (coyotes, deer & rare birds) live on the golf course, an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.
- ◆ **No dogs allowed on Golf Course at any time, summer or winter (Calgary By-law 23M89).**

7/ **Grooming & Tracksetting is undertaken by volunteers with the approval of the City of Calgary :**

- ◆ Calgary Ski Club and its volunteers have contributed a benefit of approx. \$250,000 incl. capital and operating costs as well as volunteer training courses since 1993. This is at no cost to Calgary taxpayers or to XC skiers and snowshoers thanks to CSC volunteer fundraising by grants and casinos.
- ◆ Trained volunteers undertake tracksetting with certification from Cross Country Canada using equipment bought by the Calgary Ski Club.
- ◆ Safety & Risk Management follows Cross Country Ski Areas Assoc. prescribed procedures.
- ◆ We will try to have the best skiing conditions ready for weekends & holidays.
- ◆ Our first priority is to pack & preserve snow using a snowmobile & grooming equipment.
- ◆ To increase skier enjoyment, we will set track if there is sufficient snow depth (15 cm, 6 inches).
- ◆ **Tracksetting is best during temperature range of -4 to -8°C and a falling temperature to harden.**
- ◆ **Our operating minimum temperature for both volunteers & equipment is - 18°C.**

**For more information, please contact the Calgary Ski Club** Tel: (403) 282-4122 or [www.calgaryskiclub.org](http://www.calgaryskiclub.org)  
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