

# Shaganappi XC Skiing Fact Sheet

## *Slide & Glide close to home!*

Skiers have skied on Shaganappi Golf Course since the 1940's.  
Calgary Ski Club took over operations at Shaganappi in 1993.

### Information for skiers & the public:

- ❖ Shaganappi is located at Bow Trail & 26 St. SW:
  - There is easy access from major roadways Bow Trail, Memorial Drive, Crowchild Trail.
  - The West leg LRT station will open in 2012 and be at the junction of 26 St & Bow Trail, 200 metres from the golf course gate.
  - This will be the only European-style ski area in North America where skiers “can ride the street car to go skiing”.
- ❖ Shaganappi is open for skiing from mid-November to early-March each year subject to snow. It takes approx 2 weeks after the golf course closes to get ready and 2 weeks to prepare for the start of the golf season.
- ❖ Skiing is only permitted by the City when golf course turf will not be harmed:
  - The ground is frozen to a depth of 5 cm (2 ins).
  - There is a minimum of 15 cm (6 ins) snow, which is packed to 8 cm (3 ins) cover to prevent damage to the grass by skiers or tracksetting equipment.
  - All golf greens, tees, sensitive areas and construction areas have been fenced or roped off and signposted where needed.
  - All hazards to skiers are identified and roped and signposted.
  - All maps and signs are posted to direct skier traffic on approved trails or routes.
- ❖ Tracksetting is subject to temperature and moisture content of the snow:
  - Our first priority is to pack & preserve snow using snowmobile and grooming equipment.
  - Most snow in Calgary comes from northerly Arctic storms.
  - This snow is very cold and dry with a high air content. When you cannot to make a snowball, the snow is too cold for us to groom and trackset for skiing.
  - Optimum conditions to trackset are in temperature range  $-4^{\circ}$  to  $-8^{\circ}$  C.
  - Minimum temperature for operational safety to humans and equipment is  $-18^{\circ}$  C.
- ❖ Shaganappi is open for public use 24/7 only when ski trails are groomed.
- ❖ At other times, the outer gates will be signposted.  
“No skiing today – Gate may be padlocked without warning”.
- ❖ There are no user fees:
  - Tracksetting costs are covered by fundraising by the Calgary Ski Club (since 1996).
  - Tracksetting is done by experienced volunteers certified by Cross Country Canada using equipment of the Calgary Ski Club and Foothills Nordic Ski Club.
- ❖ There are no facilities:
  - No lighting.
  - No day lodge and No toilets. We may get approval to install Porta-potties.
  - No ski patrol.
- ❖ The existing heated washrooms will be open only for special Calgary Ski Club events.
- ❖ There is a pay phone outside the old golf course clubhouse.
- ❖ Skiers are asked to respect other skiers and the resident wildlife.
  - No dogs are allowed on the golf course summer or winter.
  - There is wildlife in the natural habitat in and around the golf course.
  - There are deer, coyotes and various birds, including great horned owls.
  - Shaganappi is a member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program.
- ❖ Trail & Snow reports are posted weekly on [www.Calgaryskiclub.org](http://www.Calgaryskiclub.org) website.  
They are also sent by fax and email to local businesses, media, clubs and school boards.

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