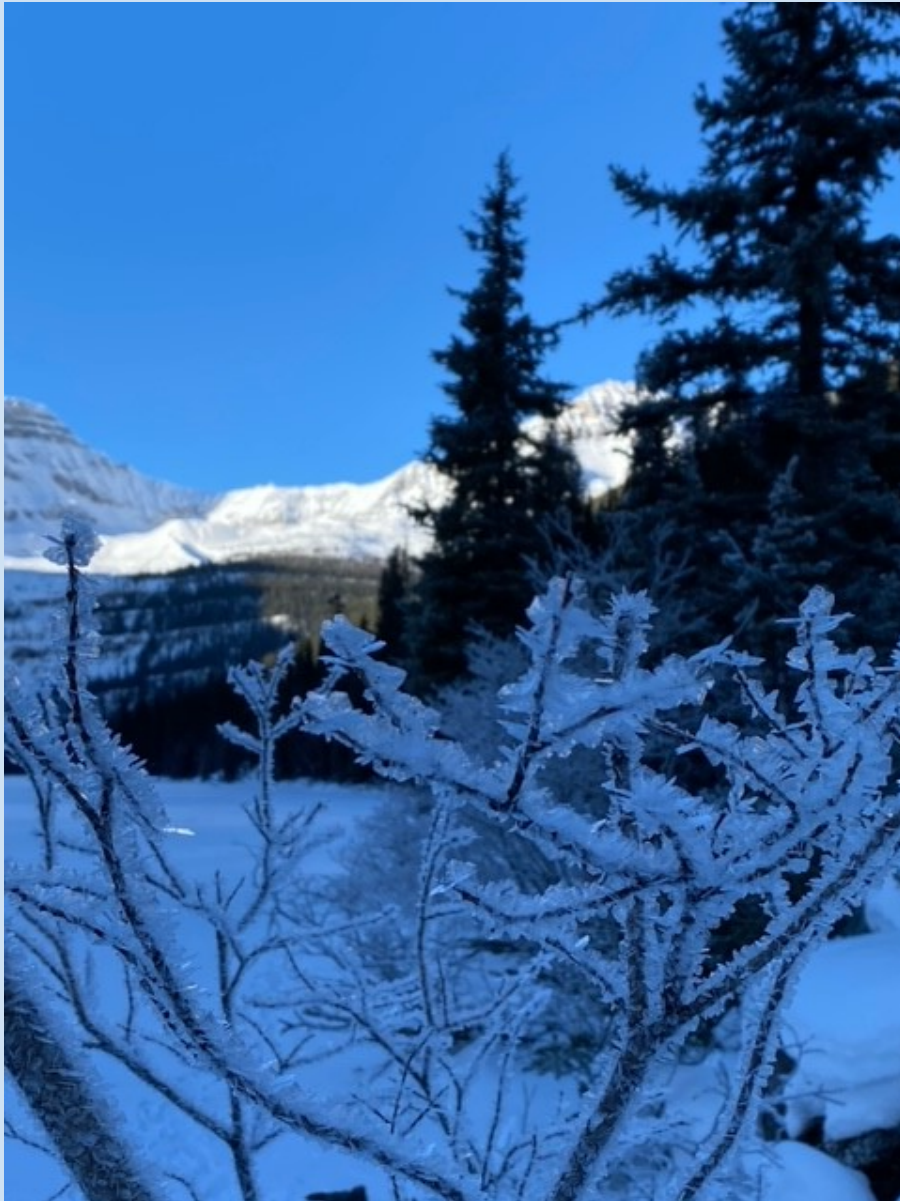


Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club



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President's Message

In a year where we all feel it is likely better to look forward than look back, we still need to take a minute and reflect upon the past months and some of our accomplishments as a club. Just as another successful winter season of skiing and snowshoeing was about to wind down, Covid-19 became a new obstacle that threatened to totally derail our activities for the foreseeable future. Bus trips to the mountains were out of the question and we were being asked and encouraged to stay in our homes.

For awhile, we had no organized outings and then in the early spring a few of our members worked out a plan for hikes to resume, organized by the club and through the website. These were enormously successful and as of the end of October, Johanna recorded a total of 950 member outings and 111 visitor outings for an average of 48 hikers each Thursday! That, in itself is a success story!

Now, we are well into the "Second Wave" and the situation is far more critical than it was earlier in the year. We have recently made the prudent decision to cease all club sanctioned activities for the time being. We are hopeful that with a vaccine, things may gradually get back on track and one day we will be back on the bus!

In the meantime, keep in touch with your club friends and do what you can to stay in shape! At the end of this all, whenever that may be, we need to be ready!

John McLean

December 2020

Hello Evergreen Members,

We have had an unusual year. Since buses were no longer allowed, part of our members have not been on club outings to the mountains. The remainder have mostly driven themselves to the trailhead. Although I have kept track of all of this, the Board has decided earlier that trips taken in the past membership year will not be counted towards deciding on membership status. Full members will remain full members and associate members will remain associate members for the 2021-2022 season. The Board has also decided not to charge the \$20 membership fee for the coming year.

In February, members will be asked to submit the membership form as usual. If any Full member would like to move to Associate status they can indicate that on the form, or let me know at any time. We currently have 135 Full members, 34 Associate members and seven people on the waiting list.

Your membership director since
March 2020,

Johanna Voordouw,

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Club Goings On

Club members are reporting hiking and walking all over the place, racking up the steps. In the city...



Near the city...

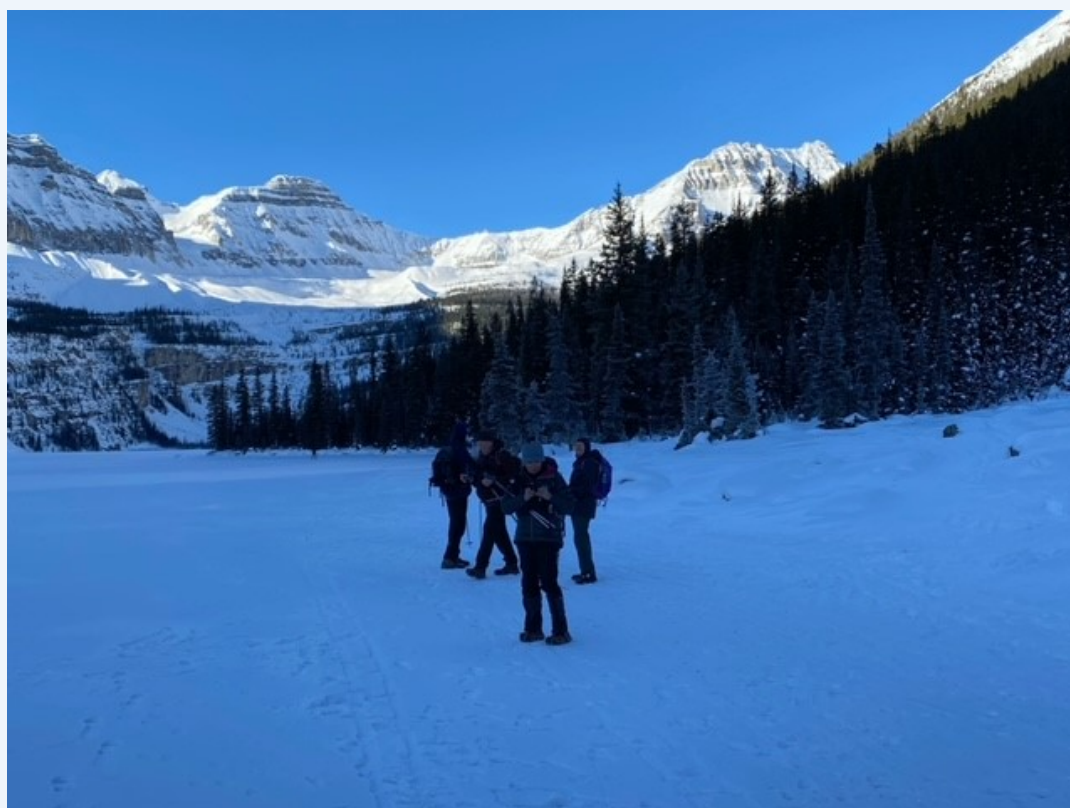


In the wilderness...



December 3, 2020 Sheep River

And walking in the snow...



Boom Lake

Photo: Gary Kerr

Boom Lake, December 3, 2020



On December 3 a group of six hardy B1/B2's met at Boom Lake parking lot to hike into Boom Lake. We left Calgary with mild Chinook weather but by the time we arrived at our departure point the temperature had plummeted to -15C. Brrrr, put on the woolies! Our intrepid group Patrica and Gary Kerr, Elizabeth Snowball-Beggs, Kyra Fiisher, Johanna Voordow and our fearless leader, Gerrit Voordouw set off up the snow packed trail with our cleats on, under a beautiful "bluebird" sky. We ran out of sun as we journeyed up the trail with Boom Mountain shadowing us due to the low sun angle. We followed two gents that were on skis all the way to the lake. Arrived at the lake and traversed down the shoreline stopping to chat with the skiers who were heading back to ski a couple of runs in the off piste areas. We carried on until the snow got deeper and decided that without SS it would be challenging. We returned to where the trail met the lake and had a nice, but cool lunch break, took a few photos and headed back. Saw our skier friends but they were moving much quicker than us going out. Got back to the lovely sun on the way out which really warmed us up nicely. Back in the parking lot we all agreed it was a great day in the winter wonderland. Many thanks to Gerrit for his leadership!!

Gary Kerr

Some snowshoeing ...



Photo: Andrea Zahn



Hello Everyone!

Thanks to all of you for participating in our winter wonderland adventure in beautiful Lake Louise!

We had a heavy snowfall the night before our first day that turned out to be perfect snow conditions for our skiing, snowshoeing and walking. [Tuesday](#) was mild, partly sunny; [Wednesday](#) sunny all day; [Thursday](#) the temps dropped somewhat under sunny skies.

Despite the latest CoVid restrictions on top of the already existing ones, we persevered, adapted and enjoyed the pristine winter wonderland.

A special thanks to Gerrit, Keith and Hugh for leading groups and Johanna for keeping track of waivers.

A VERY special thank you 🙏 to Hugh, my Executive Assistant (self titled, haha!) for doing so much work! The numerous notices he sent out, the spreadsheets, the revisions, updates.....it all worked out smoothly.

Hopefully, we can try this multi day style event again in the future.

All the best of health to all,
stay safe and happy!

Andrea



Moraine Lake Road
Photo: Gary Kerr

The Last Word

I am most appreciative of everything the Evergreen executive, day and hike leaders have done for the membership this past year. It has been extremely trying times for everyone during the pandemic yet despite the limitations they enabled all of us to continue having our "normal " access to the outdoors. Participating in these weekly hikes has been the focal point of my life during these surrealistic times. We have been so fortunate to have such a dedicated and professional body of volunteers working tirelessly to provide high quality and interesting options for us.

Thank you! Take care and stay safe everyone and I wish you all the best for the holiday season and for the fast- approaching - unpredictable new year!

Kyra Fisher



Great Divide/Photo Gary Kerr