

Event Invitation

Soo Finnish Nordic 2nd Annual Searchmont Open

22nd - 23rd March 2014

**Searchmont Resort
Searchmont, Ontario**



TO: All members of Biathlon Clubs and Divisions

FROM: Mike Hertz, Biathlon Director, Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club

DATE: 08 March 2014

SUBJECT: Invitation – 2nd Annual Searchmont Open 22nd – 23rd March 2014

LOCATION: Searchmont Resort, 103 Searchmont Resort Road, Searchmont, ON, Canada P0S 1J0

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Competition Chief | Mike Hertz |
| Chief of Range | Pascale Breckenridge & Calvin King |
| Chief of Timing | Marc Boissonneault |
| Chief of Course | David Gaudette |
| Chief of Stadium | TBD |
| Competition Secretary | Darren Linquist |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Colin Edwards |

Information: Contact Colin Edwards at 705-542-6756 or eddies_colts1375@hotmail.com

COMPETITION JURY

Chief of Competition plus two other competition officials.

Other members: Two team captains will be elected to the jury during the first team captains meeting on 22nd March 2014.

ELIGIBILITY

All members of Biathlon Canada Divisions and of the United States Biathlon Association, with a valid membership are eligible to participate. Day permits must be purchased for participating athletes who do not have memberships with either.

MEDALS

Soo Finnish Nordic medals will be awarded to the top three athletes of each category opened for the Individual race. Medals will be given to the top three teams for the Mixed Relay race. Medals will follow the competition final results.

PROTESTS

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary, in accordance with IBU event and competition rules along with a deposit \$10.00 (CAN). Deposits will be returned only if the protest is upheld by the competition jury. If a protest is rejected, the protest fee will be kept by the Organizing Committee. Forms will be available at the Competition Office.

COMPEITOR CATEGORIES AND EVENTS

| Air Rifle (.177) | Age | Individual | Individual Sequence | Mixed Relay | Mixed Relay Sequence |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Senior Boys | 15-16 | 7.5 km | PSPS | 4.5 km | PP |
| Junior Boys | 13-14 | 6 km | PPP | 4.5 km | PP |
| Juvenile Boys | 10-12 | 5 km | PPP | 4.5 km | PP |
| Senior Girls | 15-16 | 7.5 km | PSPS | 7.5 km | PP |
| Junior Girls | 13-14 | 6 km | PPP | 4.5 km | PP |
| Juvenile Girls | 10-12 | 5 km | PP | 4.5 km | PP |
| Experienced | 17+ | 7.5 km | PSPS | 4.5 km | PP |
| Novice | Open | 4 .5 km | PPP | 4.5 km | PP |

- Age as of December 31st, 2013.
- (P) indicates Prone shooting; (S) indicates Standing shooting.

REMARKS

Weather dictating, the Organizing Committee may modify start times. In the event of cancellation on the day of a competition, the Organizing Committee will not refund any entry fee in order to cover any cost incurred.

Mixed Relay race will be in accordance with the usual relay procedures, with modifications allowing for air rifle use and team building. Relay teams will be based on Saturday's results; this may be a 3 person or 4 person Relay team based on the number of entries. Information will be provided Saturday.

REGISTRATION

Registration: See the accompanying **Registration and Waiver Form**.

Option 1: Registration by **Mail** – send the **Registration** form and signed **Waiver** form with a **cheque** (or **cash**) payable to: **Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club**.

Mail to: Darren Linquist
183 Landslide Road
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
P6A6J8

Option 2: Pre-register by e-mail to: **Darren Linquist**, thelinquists@shaw.ca. **Registration** form and signed **Waiver** form with a **cheque** (or **cash**) payable to: **Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club** will need to be submitted to the Race Secretary in the Competition Office before the start of Zeroing.

Required information: Name of Athlete, Date of Birth, Competitive Category, Both Races or Single Race (Individual or Mixed Relay), Current Biathlon Member or Day Membership required, Number of Banquet Tickets.

All Registrations must be received no later than 10:00 pm on Thursday March 20th.

Note: \$10.00 added for **all** registrations received after the deadline of (**10:00 pm on Thursday March 20th, 2014**).

Registration Fees in \$CND

| Category- | 2 Competitions | 1 Competition |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Senior Boys/Girls | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Junior Boys/Girls | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Juvenile Boys/Girls | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Experienced | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Novice | \$30.00 | \$20.00 |
| Day Membership (Non-members) | \$10.00 | \$5.00 |

EVENT PROGRAM

| Day | Time | Description |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Saturday, March 22 nd | 11:00 am | Team Captains Meeting |
| | 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm | Rifle Training (Inexperienced Athletes) |
| | 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm | Zeroing |
| | 2:15 pm | Individual Race (Start) |
| Sunday, March 23 rd | 9:00 am to 9:45 am | Zeroing |
| | 10:30 pm | Mixed Relay Race (Start) |

- The competition committee reserves the right to change start times subject to weather conditions. The committee also reserves the right to cancel or postpone races and to retain up to 25% of the entry fees to cover expenses.

SKI & RIFLE STORAGE AND WAXING

Waxing is available at the blue Wax Shack at Hiawatha Highlands with wax benches. See the map on Page 7 for directions from the Water Tower Inn to the Wax Shack. A refundable deposit of \$20 is required for a key. Contact: Colin Edwards at eddies_colts1375@hotmail.com for details.

Wax benches will not be available at the race facility. Skis and rifles cannot be stored at the race facility. All rifles and biathlon equipment must be properly secured and supervised at all times.

PARKING

There will be available parking at the Searchmont Resort.

LODGING

Listed below are the hotel and motel locations that are within a close proximity of the competition site, and are not associated with the event venue.

The Algoma's Water Tower Inn
www.watertowerinn.com

Searchmont Resort
www.searchmont.com/stay-slopeside/

Glenview Cottages
www.glenviewcottages.com/

Comfort Suites & Conference Centre
www.comfortsuites.com

Additional accommodations can be found at:

http://www.google.ca/hotels/?gl=CA&cu_link=1#search;l=Sault+Ste.+Marie,+Canada;q=sault+ste+marie+hotels;d=2014-01-19;n=1;si=;av=r

MEALS & RESTAURANTS

Shortly following the race on Saturday March 22nd a Pasta dinner will be held at Searchmont Resort for \$10 per person. Volunteers will be provided a meal ticket for their helpful assistance throughout the day. Presentation of the medals for the Saturday results will be presented throughout the dinner.

Tickets can be found in the Competition Office or can be purchased on the Registration Form.

Food and beverages can also be found in the Searchmont Resort cafeteria.

A list of restaurants can be found at:

http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Restaurants-g155012-Sault_Ste_Marie_Ontario.html

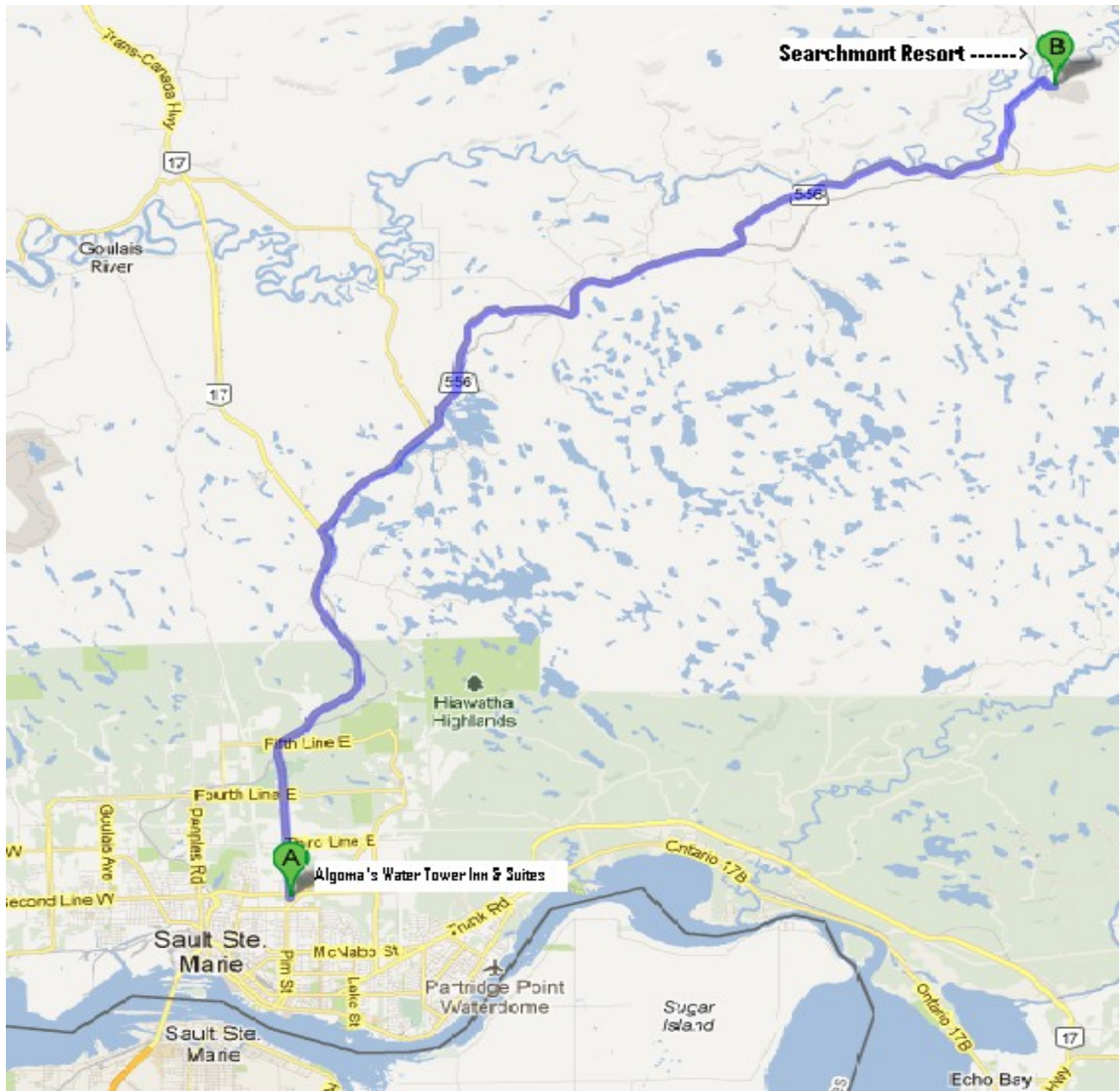
VEHICLE RENTALS

<http://www.yellowpages.ca/search/si/1/Car+Rental/Sault+Ste+Marie+ON>

Directions to Searchmont, 103 Searchmont Resort Road, Searchmont, ON, Canada P0S 1J0

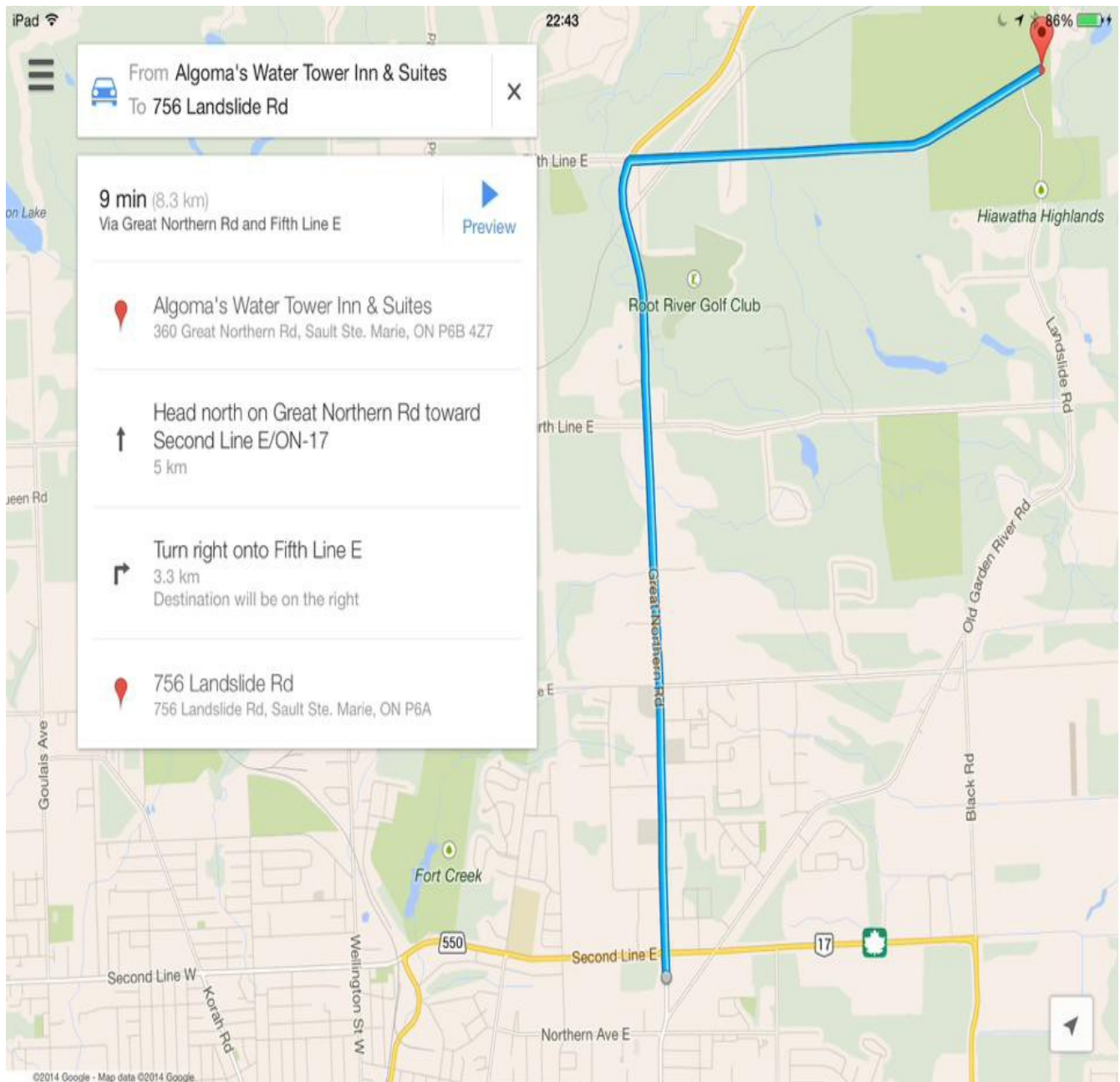
From Algoma's Water Tower Inn & Suites (A) to Searchmont Resort (B)

1. Head north on Great Northern Rd/Trans-Canada Hwy/ON-17 N
2. Continue to follow Trans-Canada Hwy/ON-17 N (13 km)
3. Turn right onto ON-556 E (signs for Searchmont/Ranger Lake)
4. Continue to follow ON-556 E (25.5 km)
5. ON-556 E turns slightly left and becomes ON-532 N
6. Continue to follow ON-532 N (3 km)
7. Turn right - Destination will be on the right (Watch for Biathlon Ontario Signs)



WAX SHACK

From Algoma's Water Tower Inn & Suites to (Red point) Wax Shack.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____
Date of Birth: ____ (DD) ____ (MM) ____ (YY) ____ **Gender:** **Male** **Female**
Class of Competitor: _____ **Address:** _____
City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____
E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____
Club Name: _____ **Biathlon Ontario Member #** _____

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| Juvenile Boys/Girls | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 |
| Experienced | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 |
| Novice | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 |
| Day Membership (Non-members) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 |
| | | Circle: Individual or Mixed Relay |

Banquet Ticket: \$10.00 ea. x _____ Individual(s) = \$_____

Total Payment: \$_____

Release Clause:

I hereby release Biathlon Canada, Biathlon ON, Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club, and Searchmont Resort, its members or agents, all sponsors, all officials, and any other persons officially connected with the competitions from any liability for any injuries or damages whatsoever arising from my participation in or presence at this event.

 Signature of Participant

 Date

 Signature of Legal Guardian, if under 18

 Date

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- All registration fees must be handed in at the Competition Office before zeroing.

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LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM

NAME:

ADDRESS:

TEAM:

GENDER:

DATE OF BIRTH:

CLASS OF COMPETITOR:

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