



Winter
2011-12

Blackhawk Biathlon

Purpose:

The purpose of the biathlon program at Blackhawk Ski Club is to give club members the opportunity to participate in winter biathlon which combines cross country skiing and target shooting. Participants in the past have included novices with no prior experience to experienced biathletes looking for a place to practice and race.

The Blackhawk biathlon area is open to members that are participating in club practices, involved in an introduction to biathlon program or have previous biathlon experience. This season the 50 meter biathlon area is being further developed to include lights for evening practices and races. Club members interested in use of the 50 meter shooting area need prior biathlon safety certification or be involved in an organized club biathlon activity. The biathlon area also includes a set up for air rifles at a shooting distance of 10 meters. During the year the opportunity to learn about and participate in biathlon will be available to Blackhawk members including those enrolled in the Middle School and High School Nordic programs.

If you are interested in helping with the biathlon activities, construction and maintenance of the shooting area and trails or want to try biathlon contact biathlon@blackhawkskiclub.org

Requirements:

All participants must be members of Blackhawk Ski Club and need to have previously completed a biathlon safety training program prior to use of the biathlon facilities and equipment. The one exception is involvement in an introduction to biathlon event at Blackhawk. **The use of the Blackhawk biathlon area and equipment is restricted to biathlon practice and participants only. No free shooting or non-biathlon shooting is allowed.**

Practices:

New this year will be a Thursday night biathlon practice and race series. The addition of lights to the biathlon area makes this possible. There will be a very limited number of rifles to use. Club members that are serious about participating in biathlon should provide their own rifle and ammunition. Thursday evening practices and races will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Races will be held as a time trial and the format and course will vary from week to week based upon snow conditions. Dry land biathlon practices will start in October.

Additional Biathlon races will be coordinated with Wisconsin Biathlon Club at www.wisconsinbiathlon.com

Locations:

Blackhawk Ski Club biathlon area

Equipment:

A very limited number of air rifles and 22 caliber biathlon rifles, 10 meter targets and eight 50 meter target are available for use by Blackhawk members at scheduled practices.

Cost:

There is no separate fee to participate in Blackhawk biathlon. A nominal fee of \$10 per session will be collected from participants who need to use club rifles at practices to cover the costs of targets, ammunition and rifle maintenance. A \$50 Annual or \$10 daily Membership in US Biathlon is required to participate in races for insurance purposes.