



AccuWeather's Canada Winter Forecast

while a lack of late-season snow will spell a shortened ski season across much of British Columbia and Alberta. "The winter weather pattern is expected to be dominated by a developing El Niño in the equatorial Pacific," AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Brett Anderson said.

El Niño occurs when the waters in the tropical Pacific Ocean are warmer than normal, influencing the global weather pattern and the track that storm systems take, especially during the winter months.

Atlantic Canada to face stormy winter; Arctic air to freeze Quebec

Winter storms will frequent Atlantic Canada in the coming months, bringing bouts of heavy rain, strong winds and snow to the region. "The main storm track in the east will be directed toward Atlantic Canada with the potential for several large storms from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland this season," Anderson said.

"Heavier-than-normal snowfall is anticipated from southeastern Quebec through New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island this winter," he added. This includes Fredericton, Saint John, and Moncton, New Brunswick; Corner Brook and St. John's, Newfoundland; and Halifax and Cape Breton,

While the major winter storms largely stay east of cities such as Ottawa and Toronto, some harsh cold snaps could chill the region, especially during the second half of the season. "The majority of Arctic blasts will be focused into northeastern Canada, but they may shift more toward eastern Ontario and Quebec late in the winter," Anderson said.

However, the brunt of the Arctic air is expected to widely miss the Great Lakes. "Lake-effect snowfall downwind of the lakes is expected to be below average this season due to a lack of Arctic air," Anderson said. "February may actually have the greatest lake-effect due to a higher probability of cold spells."

Harsh winter chill to focus on eastern Prairies

Bitterly cold air often intrudes into the Canadian Prairies throughout the winter, but this season, it will focus more on the eastern part of the region. "The winter will be a fairly typical one across the eastern Prairies, with the highest chance for Arctic blasts during the second half of the season," Anderson said.

Meanwhile, the western Prairies will experience a milder winter compared to normal. "Chinook winds will be quite common across

southern Alberta this winter as a westerly flow of air dominates. Chinook winds are usually very strong and can bring sharp rises in temperature downwind of the Rockies," Anderson said.

Drier-than-normal conditions are also expected across the region with pockets of severe drought impacting areas from Edmonton to Winnipeg, according to the Canadian Drought Monitor.

While parts of the Prairies are coping with drought concerns, some farmers have had to leave crops unharvested due to wet and snowy weather late in the fall, according to the National Post, taking a toll on the local economy.

Dry pattern to spell shortened ski season for western Canada

The anticipated development of El Niño will have a strong influence on the weather pattern across western Canada, including the path that storms take when tracking from the Pacific Ocean into North America. "The primary storm track off the Pacific will be directed into northwestern British Columbia and the Yukon Territory with above-normal snowfall," Anderson said.

This will leave the rest of British Columbia milder and drier than normal throughout most of the winter, including in Vancouver and the city's suburbs. This winter pattern will have implications on the region's ski resorts, especially those in the Canadian Rockies.

"A majority of the snowfall in the western mountains and ski areas will come early in the season before drier weather takes hold," Anderson said.

Although this translates to a healthy start to the winter ski season, the lack of storms later on in the season may cause ski resorts to close earlier than they have in recent years.

Debert Legion Notes

By Dan Martell

After 11 weeks of play, the standings in the Friday Night Mixed Dart League shows Dwayne Turner and Ron Eastcott running along in first place with 57 points. A few points back and tied for second spot with 53 points is Bobby Freeman and Skippy Dawson. Rounding out the top three with 47 points is Charlie Moore.

The Women's Division has Debbie Buchanan running along in first place with 47 points, Deanna Martell holds down second place with 41 points. Debbie Cock and Audrey Gallagher are tied for third with 39 points.

High Start- (M) Norm Eastcott with 124, (L) Kathy Johnson 120; High Finish- (M) Jim Totten 84, (L) Audrey Gallagher and Debbie Buchanan; High Score- (M) Bob Freeman, Ian Menzies, Ken Smith, Jamie Lomond and Skip Dawson all with 140, (L) Debbie Cock 140; Most Starts- (M) Bobby Freeman 36, (L) Debbie Buchanan 26; Most Finishes- (M) Skip Dawson 27, (L) Deanna Martell 16; Most Tinkles- (M) Kenny Smith 55, (L) Audrey Gallagher 78; Least Tinkles- (M) Ron Eastcott 26, (L) Marilyn Dykens 24. There have been two 180's and the heavy hitters have been Craig Fraser and Jamie Lomond. (Thanks Skip).

Congratulations are passed along to Marian Perrin who won that beautiful quilt that the Debert Military Museum was selling tickets on.

Marian lives in Edmonton and is the daughter of Walter Perrin. To all the people who sold tickets on the quilt, thank you very much. To all who bought tickets on the quilt, thank you very much for your

support. (Thanks Dave.)

The winners for the "Brookfield Elks 82nd Annual Sports Draw" were 1st Prize- Jeep Wrangler- Sue Adshade, Tatamagouche; 2nd Prize- \$5000 Superstore Gift Cards- Boyde Stewart, Upper Musquodoboit; 3rd Prize- Husqvarna Snowblower- Robbie Newsome, Tatamagouche; 4th Prize- Louis Garneau Bike- John Collins, Parrsboro; 5th Prize- \$500 MacQuarries Pharmasave in Brookfield- Shauna Dewitt, Lorneville.

From all reports our Remembrance Day Parade and supper was very good and well attended. To all the people who helped make it so, thank you very much. Your help is/was greatly appreciated. The only derogatory remark I heard was that the lemon pie wasn't quite up to scratch.

Happy Birthday wishes for November are passed along to Robert Hill, Deanna Martell, Skip Dawson, Harold Barclay, Betty Crossman, Yvon Thuot,

Mandie Blackie, Shelly Vincent, Mary Jane Elliott, Steve Williams, Wendy Totten.

Happy Anniversary wishes for November are passed along to Bev and Lee MacCulloch, Helen and Ronnie Eastcott.

Please don't forget to thank a Veteran, it is because of their sacrifices that we are able to enjoy our freedom and our Country.

Please say a prayer for our troops who are serving in foreign countries and their families.



Ruth Thompson Reports

By Ruth Thompson

Good morning. The fall and winter season is in full swing. The fall season was great. The bazaar did well. On November 30th there will be a pot luck supper and a Craft making party at the Economy church at 5:30 p.m. Come out to enjoy some good food and fellowship.

All of the Remembrance services were well attended in difference areas in the county. I know the service in Truro had the biggest attendance ever. The one at The Veterans Park was over flowing with people. LEST WE FORGET.

Please remember all the seniors in the three communities this Christmas. Thanks to the Economy Fire Department for providing the generator for the Remembrance service at the Economy Recreation Centre on November 11th.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Ray Hyslop. Memorial service on November 17th at the Masonic Hall on Pictou Road. From Graham and I we hope that everyone has a wonderful fall season leading up to Christmas.

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Canada 2018-2019 National Winter Outlook

By Brett Anderson

Main forecast points...

- ~ Winter weather pattern expected to be dominated by a developing El Niño in the equatorial Pacific. El Niño may reach moderate strength by midwinter. Warmer-than-normal water off British Columbia, throughout the Great Lakes and off Atlantic Canada will also influence the winter weather in those particular regions. However, I am also concerned there may be other factors at play that may partially cancel out the typical impacts of El Niño.
- ~ We expect much of western Canada to experience a fairly mild winter in terms of temperatures and snowfall as a flow of milder Pacific air will tend to cut off invasions of Arctic air.
- ~ A majority of the snowfall in the western mountains and ski areas will come early in the season before drier weather takes hold.
- ~ Overall, expect below-average snowfall for the ski areas of the Canadian Rockies this upcoming winter.
- ~ Primary storm track off the Pacific will be directed into northwestern British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, with above-normal snowfall. There will also be a more southern storm track near California.
- ~ Chinook winds will be quite common across southern Alberta this winter as a westerly flow of air dominates. Chinook winds are usually very strong and can bring sharp rises in temperature downwind of the Rockies.
- ~ The winter will be a fairly typical one across the eastern Prairies, with the highest chance for Arctic blasts the second half of the season.
- ~ Less ice coverage compared to normal this winter across the Great Lakes. Despite the warmer lakes, lake-effect snowfall downwind of the lakes is expected to be below average this season due to a lack of Arctic air. February may actually have the greatest lake effect due to a higher probability of



- cold spells.
- ~ The warmer lakes will have a warming influence (especially with nighttime temperatures) on areas near the lakes this winter, which will of course impact overall average temperatures in this region.
- ~ Main storm track in the East will be directed toward Atlantic Canada with the potential for several large storms from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland this season. Heavier-than-normal snowfall is anticipated from southeastern Quebec through New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island this winter.
- ~ Majority of Arctic blasts will be focused into northeastern Canada, but they may shift more toward eastern Ontario and Quebec late in the winter.
- ~ Snowfall will be below average for much of cottage and ski country in Ontario, but near to above average for the Quebec resorts.
- ~ I expect slightly below-average snowfall in the GTA this season

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