
The Penguin

MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

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Calendar of Events - Winter 2004

- Saturday February 7th “Moonlight” Ski 7:00 pm onward
- Thursday February 12th Official Opening of the Lighted Trail
- Sunday February 22nd Miramichi Loppet 11:00 am
- Saturday February 28th Atlantic Marathon at the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
- Saturday March 6th “Moonlight” Ski 7:00 pm onward

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Up Date It's a little late in the season to welcome all to the club facilities for another great winter of skiing but none-the-less a welcome is extended. There is a great deal that I would like to mention in this newsletter but the editor has asked me to keep it fairly brief. “Yes Dear”! I'm going to do my best but much may just be in point form.

You will see below a list of “thank you's” which will indicate that the club had a busy off season; two bridges were replaced and decked and a third re-decked: two significant trail modifications were made, one on purple and one on blue: the club house roof received some professional attention: steps were replaced and trim painted and the front door was replaced. We had a major work party in early November with club members working with a group of Katimavik volunteers.

The obvious major improvement to the club facilities has been the installation of lights to 4 kilometers of our trails. This project had been thought and talked about for a year or two but didn't really get off the ground until September. With great cooperation from many sources and very good luck with the weather everything fell into place and the project obviously completed for this season. Anyone who has had a ski at night will know that the project has turned out very well indeed. It was hard work on the part of many people but I would like to congratulate technical committee, led by Gerald Smith. Many hours spent and many telephone calls made resulted in specifications that have turned out to meet our requirements perfectly. I would also like to mention the marvelous cooperation we received from the contractor, I-Line Electric, which installed wire and fixtures when trails were open yet managed the task with no damage to the trails (or skiers), and this over the Christmas Season.

I would like to welcome our two young men who are with us over the winter on a grant and under the supervision of the City of Miramichi Recreation Dept. Their names are Jonathan O'Shea and Nathan Brewer. Their main task is to do light maintenance work. Unfortunately this year we have not yet been able to acquire the services of Keith Dickson. Jonathan and Nathan are taking over some of the duties formally carried out by Keith.

Space does not permit for a full explanation of club house procedures. Please look around the club house where explanatory notes will in the near future inform one and all about lights, locks and “log-in” books.

Above is a calendars of events happening over the next few weeks. **I would like to particularly encourage the membership to attend the official opening of the lighted trail Feb. 12. The many contributors (over 50) have been invited and this is an opportunity for a personal thanks to them.** Details of the event will be posted in the club and on information provided by the White Gold Festival organization.

As always a good deal of gratitude is owed to the trail groomers who give selflessly of their time. Jerry Govereau and Norm Brown have done the bulk of the grooming to date. Newly trained groomers, Doug and Juanita Prebble and Daniel Levesque will be finishing their familiarization with procedures and be putting in many hours as the season progresses. We are expecting the arrival of a new piece of grooming equipment any day now. It is called a Renovator and will help us re-condition the snow once it becomes too firm and hard packed.

It is hoped that we can keep a canteen running between 12:00 noon and 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Green's Catering provides a varied menu that should provide a satisfying after ski snack for everyone.

Last but certainly not least is the marvelous news that we have 40 children participating in the Jack Rabbit program. Hopefully the bitterly cold weather is behind us and the program will get into full gear. Many thanks to the Jack Rabbit leaders, Pat, Lynn, Ralph and Kyle McGraw. **Peter**

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Miramichi Loppet

The Loppet is a province – wide marathon program. Loppets are mass participation events for all ages and levels of ability. You may ski them competitively – but to most skiers they are social events – and many participants ski with their family and friends. The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club has once again been included in the CCNB Provincial Loppet series. We will host the loppet on February 22, 2004. **Registration** begins **9:00 AM**. Start time for the **loppet** is **11:00 AM** sharp. For additional information you may contact the Loppet chairperson Juanita Prebble at 622-6362 or email her at dprebble@nbnet.nb.ca. Organizing an event such as this takes a lot of time and help. If you can assist in any way please contact Juanita .

IMPORTANT NOTICE SKIERS

Due to the lengthy grooming time in preparation for the provincial Loppet our trails will be closing February 21st at 3:00 PM and will reopen after the Loppet on Sunday, February 22th . We apologize for any inconvenience.

NB Loppet #1- Bathurst (Snow Bears), NB (Free)	<u>January 25th, 2004</u>
NB Loppet #2- Fredericton, NB (Classic)	<u>February 1st, 2004</u>
NB Loppet #3- Campbellton, NB (Classic)	<u>February 7th, 2004</u>
NB Loppet #4- Bathurst (Rough Waters), NB (Classic)	<u>February 8th, 2004</u>
NB Loppet #5- Fundy, NB (Free)	<u>February 15th, 2004</u>
NB Loppet #6- Miramichi, NB (Classic)	<u>February 22nd, 2004</u>
Atlantic Marathon Miramichi (Classic and Free0	<u>February 28th, 2004</u>
NB Loppet #8- Charlo, NB (Classic)	<u>March 7th, 2004</u>

