



The Penguin
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President's Message

This season has been a little slow in getting underway. Hopefully the recent snowfall will now allow us to get all our trails open and we will still have many kilometers of enjoyable skiing this winter. Our club will be hosting the Provincial Championships in conjunction with our annual loppet on the weekend of February 17th and 18th. Much of the planning is under way. The organizers do need volunteers for race day so if you can help please get in touch. We have a "Moonlight Ski Social" planned for February 10th, Saturday evening, from 7:00 p.m. on. Cost \$2.00. We hope to have live music later in the evening. A pulk has been recently acquired for skiers with young children to use free of charge. Shortly we will have 10 pairs of skis available for rent. Both of these initiatives have been with the support of the Wellness Culture and Sport Dept. NB Government. It is wonderful to have Keith back with us this season. Keith's regular schedule is Wed. to Sun. 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. A couple of requests **Please discourage people walking on the trails** .. if absolutely necessary have people walk far to one side, **please try not to let Kleenexes fall out of pockets**, and if you think you might be the last skier of the day ... **lights out and lock up!** Thanks Happy Skiing Peter Gadd Pres. MCCSC

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Trail Condition Up-Dates – If you wish to receive brief emails informing you of changes in trail conditions, please send an email to Peter at gadd1313@nb.sympatico.ca

WHEN YOU SEE A TRAIL GROOMER SMILE AND SAY "THANKS"

N. B. Provincial Championships and MCCSC Annual Loppet – February 17th and 18th 2007

At the AGM last April the club accepted the request that we host this event. There is a committee working at the moment to make this event something the club can be proud of. Volunteers are needed event day.

Please contact event chairman Norm Brown (622-7661) if you are available.

New Brunswick Loppet Schedule		
Location	Date	Style
Bathurst	January 28 th 2007	C and S
Fundy	February 4 th 2007	C and S
Fredericton	February 11 th 2007	Classic
Miramichi	February 18 th 2006	Classic
Atlantic Marathon (Kouchibouguac)	February 25 th 2007	C and S
Charlo	March 4 th 2007	C and S
Campbellton	March 11 th 2007	Classic

Some Notes

- We will be welcoming athletes from the **Special Olympics** program to our club this season as well as children from **Croft Elementary School** and the return of students from **Nelson Rural School**. The equipment for these programs has been supported by Wellness Culture and Sport Dept. NB Government.
We will also be welcoming School District 16 exchange students from time to time.
- This year you will be asked again to complete a waiver form when you join the club. This is a requirement of Cross Country Canada which provides our liability insurance. These forms will be available at the club house.
- **Jackrabbit Program** every Saturday at 1:00 pm.
- **Club Social** (Formerly called Moonlight Ski) will be held Saturday Feb. 10th at 7:00. Come for a ski, meet fellow club members, refreshments will be served and possibly even entertainment will be provided.
- Call the club, 622-6991 for the latest on **trail conditions**.
- If you think you are the last **skier of the day** please put out the lights and lock the door.
- The **MCCSC Loppet** is Sunday Feb. 18th at 11:00am. The Loppet is a participation event for everyone ... come and enjoy the day. (If you decide not to ski ... we need volunteers)
- The MCCSC will be hosting the Provincial Championships Sat. Feb 17th (the same weekend as the loppet). If you are interested in helping see Norm Brown or Peter Gadd. Help is needed.
- The second annual club photo contest will be held this year ... two age groups: youth and adult; two categories of photos: people and nature. Contact Deana Gadd for more details.

CONGRATULATIONS Annual MCCSC Awards and 2005-6 season's recipients:

1000 km Club – No new members from the past season

Joey Doucet Distance Awards – Paula Keating 1312 km, Bunny Dempsey 1653 km,

Boston Family Trophy – Club family with most Km skied at Miramichi Loppet The Wierzchoslowski Family ... Kris, Anna, Bernard, Miriam and Julia.

Lifetime Honourary Memberships - No new recipients from the past season

CCNB Gold Distance Awards – Adrian and Braden Koops

Dr. Guptill Award for the outstanding contribution to the club – Jennifer and Burt Cain.

Our club is very keen to encourage children to come out and enjoy skiing on our trails. Please let them know they are welcome. Skis are available for groups of school children organized through their schools.

What a great way to get some winter exercise and fresh air!