
THE PENGUIN

MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Annual Dinner and General Meeting of the
Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Knights Of Columbus Hall
Newcastle, Miramichi
Saturday, April 5th, 6:00

Editor's Message

Another good season is winding down. It has been a good season in many ways, early snow and some very beautiful days for skiing. The weather hasn't always been perfect, frustrating the organizers of the annual loppet and creating icy conditions that were difficult at times to groom, but all in all, there have been many fine opportunities to ski. A special thanks to the groomers, John Locke and Norm Brown, for their many volunteer hours. Gerry Govereau has been doing much of the grooming lately and his work is greatly appreciated.

Please find in this newsletter some information about the club that you may not be aware of and particularly, jot down the date **for the AGM and plan to attend**. {Please RSVP Gayle Govereau no later than Wednesday, April 2nd if you are attending, 773-5295, (pager 623-1667) } Names of those attending the AGM are entered in a draw for three free family memberships for next season. Please call ahead but you may pay at the door. (\$10 each, guests welcomed)

It is sincerely hoped that all the members were able to ski to their heart's content this season and its hoped that you'll find your way to the trails next season

Ski Club

Lodge Keeper – Keith Dickson (506) 622-6991 (Ski lodge)



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

The AGM is an opportunity for members to get involved in the organizing and running of the club (which shouldn't be taken for granted). Please attend and show an interest. Many present executive members no doubt will re-offer but nominations will be received for : president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, trails coordinator,

AGM Saturday April 5th, 6:00 pm, Knights of Columbus Hall, Newcastle

public relations, Jack Rabbit program coordinator, coaching and instruction coordinator, loppet coordinator, director-at-large, social coordinator. John Locke, Gerald Smith and Norm Brown are the members of the nominating committee.

SPRING SKIING:

The warm weather that should be just around the corner does not necessarily mean an immediate end to the skiing season. Conditions should hold up through the first week of April. We have a good base and grooming will continue for some time yet. On days that the temperature gets a few degrees above freezing skiers need to be off the trails by 11:00 am and stay off until the next day. Under these conditions skating is usually quite good. Classic skiers will likely need klister. Call Keith to confirm that trails are open.

***Thank You Chris** Many members are no doubt aware that our president Chris Grotterod has taken a new post in the forestry industry in Vernon, BC as of mid-February. Chris served on the MCCSC executive for 5 years, coordinating the annual loppet and serving as president for the past two seasons. Chris will be missed and the gratitude of the club goes to him for his leadership and the countless hours he contributed.*

- Membership this season has reached 275 which is the highest number of members we've had for several years.

MCCSC Loppet Results - visit Cross Country New Brunswick's web site www.xski-nb.com and under EVENTS click on loppet results, 2003. Congratulations to Norm Brown and his committee for running yet another successful loppet. The miserable weather resulted in only half the number of expected participants, but the event went well all the same. This was the **25th ANNUAL PROVINCIAL LEVEL EVENT** hosted by our club.

- **SKATING CLINIC** Sunday at 1:30 at the MCCSC with Ray Thibodeau as instructor. Please call Keith at the club to pre-register ... there is no charge for the clinic.

We have new ski racks being made. This project was held up this season by circumstances out of our control. Apologies are offered for the run down racks that we have had to get by with this season.

- Congratulations to **Bunny Dempsey** for his outstanding season of skiing and fund raising. As this newsletter goes to press, Bunny is at 1500 km for the season, thought to be a club record.

RETURN YOUR RECYCLABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS TO DORANS IN NEWCASTLE AND HEBERTS IN CHATHAM AND SAY "CHARGE-IT". --- "TO THE MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB ACCOUNT". We are attempting to raise money towards some new grooming equipment and every "drop" counts.

*We hope to hold a yard sale
in May for the same purpose we may be in touch!!!*

The Jack Rabbit Program continues until March 22nd when it will hold its awards day activities. There are 25 Jack Rabbit skiers this season and it's hoped they will all return next year. Thanks are in order to Pat McCormick and his volunteer leaders.

Now a word from Pat:

"Jackrabbit 2003 has been another good year and I am sure we have all had some fun despite the COLD.... I would like to thank our instructors - Lynn d'Entremont, Sheena Phipps, Ralph Richard and Kyle McGraw for their dedication and willingness to volunteer their time and effort to help the kids involved in the Jackrabbit Program have fun and become better skiers. I would also like to thank all the parents who contributed to this year's program whether it was bringing a snack for the après ski, or helping out on the grid."
Thanks. Pat McCormick - Jackrabbit Coordinator.