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**The Penguin**  
**MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB**  
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**Annual General Meeting**  
**Saturday April 3**

<b>6:00 Meet and Greet</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Hall</b>
<b>6:30 Dinner</b>	<b>Newcastle Blvd.</b>
<b>7:30 Meeting</b>	<b>Newcastle Miramichi</b>
<b>8:30 Awards</b>	

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Well it's with a somewhat heavy heart, certainly with mixed feelings, that I am sitting down to write a message for this newsletter that will go out with the AGM announcement and dinner invitation. The sun is getting stronger daily and the skiing conditions less consistent and dependable. I'm sure I feel like most, we will be glad to see spring but the joy and feeling of a good cross country ski is very difficult to replace in the off season. Last year though, skiing was possible until past mid-April. Perhaps all is not yet lost (yet)!

That brings up a point. It is very often surprising how good spring skiing conditions can be during the first part of the morning and later in the evening. Just because the "spring has sprung and grass is ris' and we wonder where the birdies is", it may not be time to put the skis away too soon.

There are two very important tasks to be done as the season winds down. One is to express thanks on behalf of the membership to many people, individuals and those associated with organizations and businesses. I am going to be brave, and name names. I will omit people and I hope that I hear about them so that I can make the appropriate amends. We've had a quite a good season with just the barest of cooperation with the weatherman. We've been able to make do with what we had. There are lots of people that make our club's provision of skiing opportunities possible. We can not take for granted the support the club receives. Please see the attached list.

The second very important task is to ensure our club's future by nominating and electing a dedicated group of people to continue in the leadership of the club by serving on the executive. Your club needs you. Yes, if someone takes on a role on the executive, it will take some of your free time but it is marvelously rewarding. We have a very well established club. It is the result of hard work and dedication by quite a large number of people over the last 29 years. Please consider putting your name forward for one of the positions or accepting a nomination if your name is put forward by someone else. You will find enclosed with this mailing a list of the positions and the responsibilities that go along with them (a draft revision to the by-laws of the MCCSC. Deana (622-1313) is chairperson of the nominating committee ... please give her a call.

I have enjoyed my year as president. It has been very rewarding. I feel very strongly about the importance of maintaining the MCCSC as a vibrant and valuable organization in the community and have been pleased and honoured to have had the chance to take my turn at making an effort. I have many to thank for their support and am indeed grateful to everyone. **Peter**

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**Thanks to the many:** The members who volunteered their time and energy during last summer and fall when we had maintenance and development tasks to be completed. We had a number of small work parties through the summer and into the fall with the large one Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all those who took part. Thanks to Katimavik and the Youth in Action group., A big thanks to the people who worked on the lighting campaign: Gerald Smith , Norm Brown, John Locke, Doug Prebble, Mike Dickie, Juanita Prebble, Daniel Levesque, Lynn d'Entremont, Matti Halinen. Thanks to the groomers who gave up long hours to train and serve: Jerry Govereau, Norm Brown, Daniel Levesque, Doug and Juanita Prebble, John Locke. Thanks to the Jack Rabbit leaders Pat McCormick, Ralph Richard, Lyn d'Entremont, Cathy Healy and the parents who provided the refreshments. Thanks to Matti Halinen for the new maps and revised distances. Thanks to John Copp and the City Rec. Dept. for arranging for and administering the grant worker program. Thanks to UPM, Matchett Plumbing, I-Line Electric, Sunny Corner Enterprises, Trac Industries, Incline Sport, Shopper's Drug Mart and City Argo for their generosity, cooperation and great service. Thanks to the NB Government's Culture and Sport Secretariat. Thanks also to Mr. Michael Malley for his support in helping to arrange our staffing. Thanks also to Mr. Rick Patterson and his construction classes at MVHS for fabricating the new ski racks. Needless to say perhaps but thanks again to all those who donated to the lighting campaign. Thanks also to the members of the executive, listed above, for all the hours they put in to help the club run smoothly and for the support they gave me through quite a busy year. Thanks to Keith Dickson, Jonathan O'Shea and Nathan Brewer for their work in the lodge.

### MCCSC Loppet Report:

Feb 22, 2004

Youngest Skier - Hannah McCormick  
 Oldest Skier - Wally Boudreau  
 Family Award - Wierzchoslawski Family  
 Club Award - Wostawea of Fredericton

Fastest 30 km MCCSC Joey Doucet  
 Fastest 15 km MCCSC Luc Manuel  
 Fastest 5 km MCCSC Maria Sokolowski

Complete results at: <http://www.xski-nb.com/>

Thanks to Juanita Prebble and her committee for another successful MCCSC Loppet

### Atlantic Marathon Report

Feb. 28, 2004

Fastest 50 km MCCSC  
 Skating Kris Wierzchoslawski  
 Classic Wolfgang Hoeksma

Fastest 30 km MCCSC  
 Skating – No Entry  
 Classic – Jim Wolstenholme

Fastest 10 km MCCSC  
 Skating – No Entry  
 Freestyle – Norm Brown

The event went well with great skiing conditions.