

Notice of Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for 2008

The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club Inc.



Saturday April 5th, 2008

**The Goodie Shop
On the Town Square
Miramichi West**

**Meet and Greet - 6:00 pm
Dinner – 7:00 pm
(Roast Beef)
AGM - 8:00 – 9:30 pm
Awards and Prizes 9:30 - 10:00 pm**

**RSVP by Thursday am - April 3rd
by calling Deana at 622-1313**

Adults \$15, Children's Menu \$9, Family \$40

**Members are welcome to attend the meeting and awards portion only if they wish.
There are likely to be important items to decide and this is also an opportunity to thank Keith
for the many years of very valuable service to many cross country skiers in the Miramichi area.**

**Awards - • Joey Doucet Male and Female Distance Awards •
Boston Trophy for Loppet Participation by a Family • Dr. Guptill
Award for volunteer contribution to the club • The Bunny Dempsey
1000 km Club Membership • Honourary Life Membership Award •
Draw for free family memberships for coming season and other
special recognitions.**

Call for Nominations: President, Vice President, Member at Large, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Coordinator, Public Relations, Trails, Youth Development, Instructor/Coaching, Loppet Coordinator, Please contact the nominating committee Norm Brown (622-7661) , Bunny Dempsey (352-0834) Peter Gadd (622-1313) if you wish to nominate someone. Nominations will also be received "from the floor" during the AGM.

The Penguin

MIRAMICHI CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

THE RECENT PAST: We have had a very good season (plenty of snow ...) thanks to many and thanks to mother nature. There is so much to mention and so much support to recognize from people, organizations and businesses. (Please see the item below). The ski season included: • well attended clinics put on by Gabriel Aube of Bathurst for both waxing and classic and skate skiing • a very successful Miramichi Ray Thibodeau Loppet • open house and Ski Night event that were well attended • a sprint race competitions with competitors from across the province • the Jack Rabbit program • a handful of skiers exceeding the 1000 km distance mark • the continuation of a limited ski rental/loan program that provided many with the opportunity to try cross country skiing • over 400 school children visiting the club at least once, some several times • many visitors from out of town and even out of province All in all another season the MCCSC can look back on and with pleasant memories and a feeling of pride.

THE VERY NEAR FUTURE: The club is completing its 33rd year of operation .. **it needs to consider its future. There is room for growth in all our programs as well as a need for development of facilities and equipment. Our club house, a cosy setting perfectly in character with its purpose, does have its limits and is aging rapidly. Our grooming equipment does a good job in good conditions but is very labour intensive, limited and aging as well. There are resources within the community that can be called on. We have established a team of people to look at the future and set out a strategy to ensure the club's growth in the coming years. Please give them your support.**

THE NOW: I have enjoyed this very busy year as club president and am extremely grateful for the support, involvement and contribution that so many have given to the club, we are indeed a unique organization of individuals with a single mind and single purpose ... to share our enjoyment of Cross Country Skiing with one and all. I have been proud to be part of it. We need the involvement of the membership, perhaps now more than ever – please take the opportunity to make whatever contribution you can to the club by becoming involved by volunteering, promoting or donating .

THANKS TO THE MANY: • The GROOMERS (Norm, Daniel, Herman, Yves, Gilles, Dave and Joey) • The 40 volunteers during the Miramichi Ray Thibodeau Loppet • The Jackrabbit Leaders (Yves, Dana, Herman, Kris, Deana, Burt and Bunny) • The Teachers who brought the 400 + school children • The NB Dept. of Wellness, Culture and Sport • Sport Canada • The City of Miramichi • MLA's Bill Fraser and John Foran • UPM • Keith Dickson • Newcastle Recreation and Liesure Inc. • Incline Sport • CCNB • Hitchman Construction • Robert Breau • Sunny Corner Enterprises • Smith and Smith Law Firm • I Line Electric • City Argo • Gabriel Aube • members of the clubs executive (Yves, Norm, Deana, Julia, Gerald, Bunny, Don, Robert and Joyce,) • The Kinsmen's Club • Kent Building Supplies • Marsha and Marcel Manuel • Camille Lynch • BackRoad MapBooks • Northumberland Dairy

Fourth Annual Fun Photo Contest

Categories:

1. "Fun on the Trails" ... pictures of people enjoying a good ski.
2. Views from the trails (or just off!) nature/landscapes

CONTEST RULES:

- Deadline: April 4th, 2008. Photos may be black and white, colour prints or digital.
- Please submit entries to Deana Gadd (you may leave them with Keith at the clubhouse) or you may send digital entries to Gadd1313@nb.sympatico.ca.
- Please write name etc. on the back of any prints submitted.
- Maximum of two entries per category per person.
- Pictures must be taken during this season at the MCCSC trails.
- Pictures will be judged by the membership at the AGM .
- Winning entries will be framed and displayed in the club house.
- All entries will be used as a photo album for the 2007-8 season and be displayed on the club's web site.
- Winner in each category will win a \$20.00 gift certificate for INCLINE SPORT.