

The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club held its Annual General Meeting and Awards ceremony at the Seamen's Hospital on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Club President Norm Brown reviewed the past season. He stated, " Although with some periods of mild wet weather the past season, the 38<sup>th</sup> for the club, was a very successful one with the trails open in excess of 70 days and an estimated 1000 people in the Miramichi region enjoying a good ski on at least one occasion!" .

Awards announced included:

Emma Septon and Lauren Martin received the Paula Keating Award for youth who ski in excess of 500 km during the season. Paula Keating, Joey Doucet, Kris Wierzchoslawski and Jeff Hans received the Bunny Dempsey Award given to skiers who ski in excess of 1000km during the season. Paula Keating won the Joey Doucet Female Distance Award for a total of 1325 km and Jeff Hans won the Joey Doucet Male Distance Award for skiing 1433 km. Jan Truka won the heavily contested Spill Award for the most spectacular fall of the season. David Veysey and Don Lynch were awarded the Dr. Guptill Award for their dedication and contribution to the club over the past year.

A special presentation was made to long time club member Bunny Dempsey for his involvement with the ski club and his contribution to the Miramichi community in general over many years. He received the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal presented by Ray Kokkonen, president of the Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association.

The Biathlon Bears, a MCCSC affiliated organization, made a presentation to their coaches David Veysey, Trent Martin, Yves St. Germain and Kris Wierzchoslawski.

During the general meeting President Brown indicated that the club is continuing to strive for improved club facilities and it is an on-going project. The present club house and parking facilities are very inadequate. In addition there is work needed on the trails to improve drainage as well as repairs needed for the 4 kilometers of lighting. He is expecting the incoming club executive to take on the challenges to insure the future of the club which is a valued asset to so many in the Miramichi region.

Members of the incoming executive from left to right - front row: Sara Martin- secretary, Paula Septon – coaching committee, Deana Gadd – social committee; back row: Gerald Smith – instruction, Gilles Chiasson – trails committee, Norm Brown – president, Linda Veysey – youth programs committee, John Oliver – vice-president and David Sisk – member-at-large. Absent, Don Lynch – past president, Nola Chiasson - treasurer and Kathleen Gadd – public relations and David Roy –loppet committee.

