

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
April 15, 2023
President's Message

Welcome everyone to the 48th edition of the Miramichi Cross Country ski club's Annual General Meeting. This is the first AGM with a potluck supper since 2019 and I want to thank everyone for coming out.

First, I would like to acknowledge our special guests tonight. We have:

- Keith and Linda Dickson Nola Chiasson
- Jim Wiltshire Robert and Nancy Breau
- Joey Doucet David Roy
- Councilor Veronique Arsenault

The club has had a good year, albeit a short one. It was mid-January before we had enough snow to groom trails and warm weather and rain the end of March made it difficult to groom trails.

Some of the highlights of the season were the hosting of a provincial NB Cup X-C race and the annual Miramichi Ray Thibodeau Loppet, which is part of the provincial Loppet circuit. The biathlon club hosted the provincial biathlon championship on March 18, which was the biggest biathlon event held to date for the club, and it was a great success. The Miramichi Biathlon club had six biathletes represent NB at the Canada Winter Games in PEI.

The popular Jackrabbit and Bunny program ran again this year and was very successful. Another very successful event this year was the Family Day held on March 8. This event saw well over 100 participants including many new families to the area enjoy a day of skiing fun and games and a cookout. This event was sponsored by the ski club and funded by the Scott Knowles Memorial Golf Foundation. The club is grateful for their continued support.

For the second year, a Miramichi couple who wanted to see as many people as possible have the opportunity to get out in the fresh air and get some exercise offered to pay for all ski and snowshoe rentals for the entire season. The club is very grateful for this generous donation.

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Last year saw the completion of the Owl's Rest Disc Golf course on the property. This is an 18 hole disc golf course which will be officially opened later this spring. This is a significant addition to what the club has to offer as a year round outdoor recreation facility.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire executive committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the season. The club is very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who give freely of their time to ensure the club and its programs continue to run, year after year.

I would like to thank all those who worked hard to ensure the club operated this season, including all the executive, lodge keepers Nola and Keith, Peter Gadd and of course, the grooming team of Gilles, Trent and Rodney.

Also, many thanks to Chris Clark and his company for completing many projects for the club this past fall including the installation of new culverts that successfully eliminated water problems in two sections of trail.

I would also like to thank the many club members and other volunteers who helped in many ways throughout the season. It is with this support that the club continues to improve.

Last but certainly not least thanks to the City of Miramichi and council, the province of NB through the Regional Development Corporation, company 725249 NB LTD (Chris and Randy Clark), North Shore Construction Ltd, K Daigle Contracting, Adaptive Office Solutions and Doctors Roxanne McKnight and Mike Dickinson.

I would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight to support the club and I wish you all a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all on the trails as we begin season number 49! Thank You.

Norm Brown
President, MCCSC