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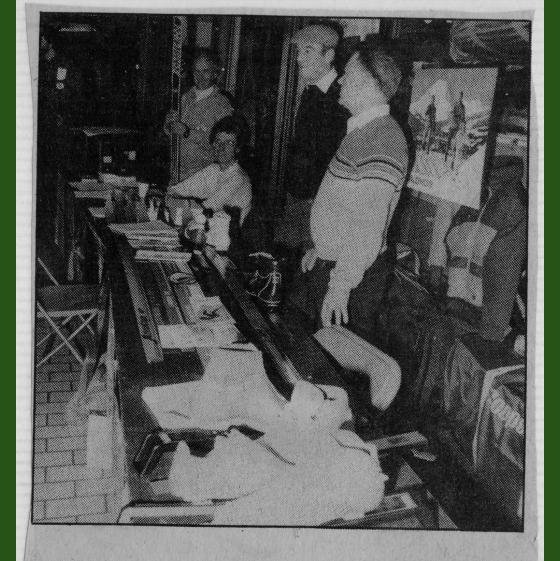












Seeking members

The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club held its annual membership drive at the Northumberland Square. Members of the executive taking part were, from left to right, Bunny Dempsey, Ruth Burns, Ray Thibodeau and Gary Mahoney. (Brian Richard





























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Ski news

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Thibodeau wins ski event

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Welcome to the Miramichi Ray Thibodeau Loppet

A Little Bit About Ray

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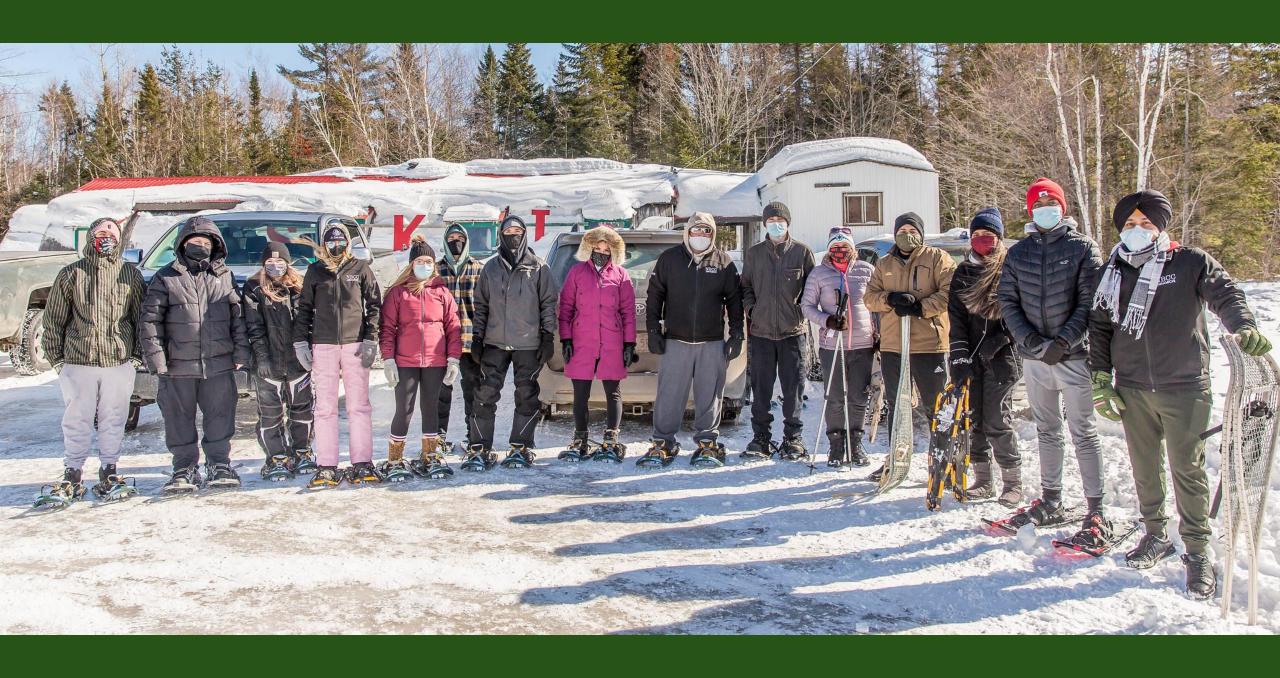








































































L- Front to back

Dale Thibodeau Son of Ray

Jan Truka One of beginning members

Ray Thibodeau

Pauline Thibodeau

Liane Thibodeau

Daughter of Ray

R- Front to back

John Mc Master - One of PPresidents

Diane White Early President of Mccsc

John Nimchuck - Came to party from Ont

Wised to work for Ray & once

Brenda Dempsey - Friends President of Mccs

Bunny Dempsey - in Service at Same time

Ivan Breau - Worked with Ray on base a

also Skied at one time.



L- Front - back

Gerald Smith. Ray Spent time Coaching Nancy Smith. their son Andrew.

Janis Brown - Met Ray in the 70's-used to Norman Brown - Work with his wife on base. Norman Brown - Norm has spent a lot of time with Ray over the years through the Club. Skied in many events together and travelled to these and also to meetings over the province.

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Burton Cain - Ray Spent Home Coaching his

Cathy Healy - Sking friends of

Basil Blanchard - Rays

Gabriel Aube - Skied with Ray in many

events. He came down from

Bathurst



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Gary Mahoney (Krzysztof)
Dr Khis Khris (Wierzchoslawski)
Anna Wierzchoslawski
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Dave Tweedie
Gerry Twe-edie
David Roy.
Soey Doucette.

Cross country ski season not over yet

A friend of mine, who has been an avid skier, has been stricken with the dreaded disease of cancer.

One of the founding fathers of the cross country ski club, he is unable to ski because of the area the cancer is located.

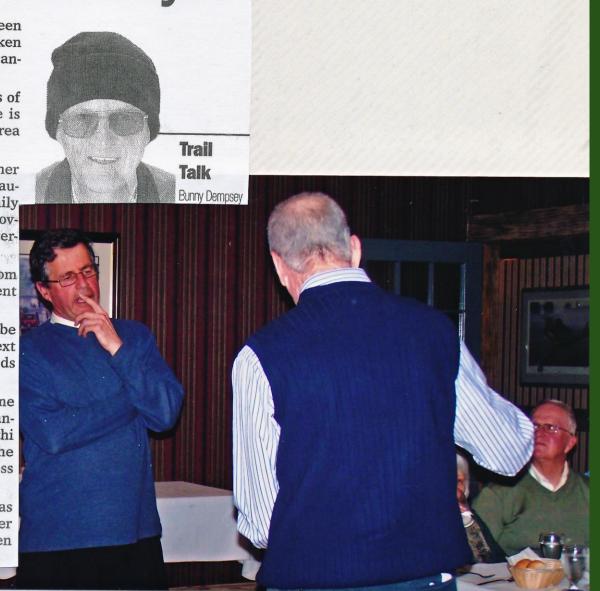
A surprise birthday dinner was held at the Portage Restaurant. In attendance were family and friends and a sprinkle of government co-workers from yester-year's workplace.

Some 48 people with faces from the past including past president of the club, John Nimchuck.

John had driven 12 hours to be here and returned home the next day. He said "That is what friends are for."

Presentations included some ski action pictures and an announcement that the Miramichi loppet has been renamed the Ray Thibodeau Miramichi Cross Country Ski Loppet.

A plaque presentation was made by club president Peter Gadd and a poem was written and presented by myself.







A SKIER CALLED RAY 1931 - 2007

A snowflake fell, he saw it fall Without hesitation, he answered the call Addiction to the sport increased as he grew older Welcomed the winter as each day got colder. He stood out from the rest, in every direction Handling his gear with love and perfection From the beginning and down through the years He stands on a pedestal with well deserved cheers. He served the club in various positions Thought and time spent in making decisions For a number of years he travelled the road To schools in New Brunswick, teaching the code. Relocating buildings, four was the amount On his input and opinion, we could always count. The north one hundred, so dear to his heart In organizing, trail cutting he took an active part. Meetings, marathons, social gatherings or race Some part of the action, so would be his face. At the World Masters, he put on a show Placing second in Canada, congratulations to a pro On the world stage tenth to cross the line A toast is in order, raise your glasses of wine To Joseph Real Thibodeau, better known as Ray With love and admiration, we salute you today. In life's decisions you were always on track May those trails be lengthy with the wind at your back.

Bunny Dempsey

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club

Cross Country Club meeting on Saturday

Brian Richard

The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, April 30 at the Newcastle Town Hall, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Ski Club had an extremely busy and productive year, led by the moving of the Ski Club from Newcastle to Douglastown. A grant was obtained and three people were employed moving the lodge and then fixing the interior and grooming trails.

New bridges were constructed and a 5 km trail (green) was added to the present trail network. New trail markings (yellow, blue, green) were also installed.

The club has a 20 km trail network which is among the top ones in the Province. The club also added a quantity of new equipment led by a Skidoo and a chain saw!

Under a Canada Works Program, a sewage system was installed; a new club entrance and washroom facilities were constructed. In addition, the interior of the club was painted and refinished with logs; plumbing and electrical fixtures were installed; power and water supply

were connected.

A number of events were held during the winter beginning with a 10 km Jog A Thon from Newcastle to Chatham in October and raised a total of \$389. The North 100, a joint undertaking with the Bathurst Ski Club, drew 168 participants which is 50 more than last year.

The annual Mini and Teen A Thon attracted 32 young and exciting

children from age 4 to 19 years of age.

The highlight of the season for many people was the club's hosting of the first Fraser Cup Race, or as it is now called The Miramichi Moosehead Open. Sixty-eight racers took part from all over the Atlantic Provinces.

A number of local skiers had a very good year in the competitive ski

their age class in the New Brunswick Fraser Cup.

The meeting will begin with a meet and a greet at 7 p.m. followed by the annual meeting and dance. Admission is \$12 per couple or \$7 per single person. Everyone is welcome and tickets can be obtained at the door..



Norm Brown left president of the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club, presents Ray Thibodeau past president of the club, with a plaque for his service to the club over the past year. The Ski Club held their annual general meeting at the Newcastle town hall on Saturday evening. (Brian Richard photo)











After the 10 km run, walk-jog athon, all the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club participants along with children pose at the front of their newly finished club house. (Jo Anne Nimchuk photo)



Norm Brown presents Bunny Dempsey, a long time member of the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club, with his own apres ski coffee mug for having the most pledges for the fund raising run. Dempsey gathered \$170 worth of pledges. (Nimchuk photo)