

The 2008-2009 MCCSC executive. From left, front row: Loppet Chairperson Deana Gadd, Vice President Bunny Dempsey, Youth Programs Coordinator Yves St. Germain, President Don Lynch; back row: Past President Peter Gadd, Publicity Chairperson Norm Brown, Instruction Coordinator Gerald Smith, Treasurer Julia Connell, Trails Committee Chairman Gilles Chiasson, Social Committee leaders Robert and Joyce Jones, Secretary Holly Arsenault and Director-at-Large Nancy Phillips. Missing from photo is Coaching Chairperson Kris Wierzchoslawski.

Ski club elects new executive

by Peter Gadd

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
— The Miramichi Cross Country
Ski Club held its annual general
meeting and awards presentation
at the Goodie Shop Restaurant on
Saturday evening, April 5, closing
off a busy and successful season.
This was the 33rd such season in
the club's history. Highlights of
the past season were reviewed at
the meeting, but the main item
on the agenda was planning for
the club's future.

Participation at the club was very high this past season, both by members and by visitors school class groups. The severity of this past winter, however, helped to identify major shortcomings in both grooming equipment and buildings. A major effort is underway to remedy the situation.

A presentation was made at the meeting by club member and chairman of the action committee Herman Koops, regarding the development of a business plan in an effort to secure the club's future.

Special guests for the evening were the volunteer trail groomers, who had a very busy winter, and Keith and Linda Dickson and Robert Breau. MLA John Foran, Minister for Public Safety and Solicitor General. was also in attendance, bringing greetings and congratulations to the club.

Award recipients included:

- Norm Brown received the MCCSC "Spill Award"
- Deana Gadd was inducted into the Bunny Dempsey 1000 km Skied Club
- Paula Keating (1804 km) and Bunny Dempsey (1614 km) received the Joey Doucet Distance Awards
- The St. Germain family (Nicholas, Denis, Dana and Yves) received the Boston Family Trophy for Loppet participation

• Deana Gadd and Yves St. Germain received the Dr. Guptill Award for their contribution to the club

Special presentations were made to lodge keeper Keith Dickson and outgoing president Peter Gadd.

A new club executive was elected for the 2008-2009 season

The new executive is:

- Deana Gadd Loppet Chairperson
- Bunny Dempsey Vice President

- Yves St. Germain Youth Programs
 - Don Lynch President
- Peter Gadd Past President
- Norm Brown Publicity Chairperson
 - Gerald Smith Instruction
 - Julia Connell Treasurer
- Gilles Chiasson Trails Committee Chairman
- Robert and Joyce Jones Social Committee
 - Holly Arsenault Secretary
- Nancy Phillips Directorat-Large



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