

Ski club elects new executive

by Norm Brown

SKI CLUB - The Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club held it's annual general meeting and banquet on Saturday evening at the Kinsmen school in Miramichi.

There was a good turnout of members and guests for the event which featured a hot turkey meal and live entertainment.

Holly Arsenault was the recipient of the DR Guptill award for outstanding contribution toward the sport of cross country skiing.

The award was presented by last year's recipient John Locke.

Awards for the most kilometers skied during the season were presented to Joey Doucet of Nelson with a total of 659 and Janis Brown of Newcastle for her total of 355.5.

Gerald Smith, outgoing president, was presented with a plaque for his contribution as president for the last three years.

Brenda Allain was presented with a gift as appreciation for her work as canteen worker.

The following people were elected by acclamation as the new executive for the 97/98 season -

president, Norm Brown; vice president, Burt Cain; past president, Gerald Smith; secretary, Marilyn Williamson; treasurer, Marvin Geurts; social, Cathryn Sproul; trails, John Locke; instruction, Gerald Smith; Jackrabbit, Cheryl Geurts; publicity, Wally Boudreau; Loppet, Raymond Leger; coaching, David Roy.

In his annual report president Gerald Smith thanked the outgoing executive for their hard work during the past season and welcomed the new members to the executive.

Smith called on all members to each bring one new member to the club next year. "This would effectively double our membership" said Smith.

He thanked MLA's John McKay and Frank McKenna and mayor Janice Morrison for their help toward the club and to the Kinsmen club for providing their building for the meeting.

Smith also recognized the Newcastle Recreation and Leisure Inc. for their assistance in acquiring much needed trail grooming equipment over the past two years.