

Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club
Annual General Meeting
April 18, 2026
President's Message

Welcome everyone to the 51th edition of the Miramichi Cross Country ski club's Annual General Meeting.

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

- Keith and Linda Dickson
- Councilor Veronique Arsenault
- Councilor Peggy Doyle

Although this year was a somewhat short season it was much better than the last 2 seasons. This season the club was able to host a provincial NB Cup race on Feb 1st and the annual Miramichi Ray Thibodeau Loppet on Feb 15th. Both of these events were successful and drew skiers from around the province. Also this season the club hosted the Atlantic Cup biathlon championship and the NB provincial championship, both were successful events. These events drew competitors from NB, NS and PEI. The membership increased by approximately 20% from the previous year.

Again this year during the annual family day event many new skiers turned out for a fun day of skiing and an outdoor 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. The popular Jackrabbit and Bunny program ran again this year and was very successful as was the biathlon bears program. The club offered beginner adult ski lessons this year, thanks to Yves.

For the fifth year, a Miramichi couple offered to pay for all ski and snowshoe rentals for the entire season. The club is very grateful for this generous donation.

The Owl's Rest Disc Golf course had another a very successful season. They held a tournament last September that saw some 80+ players from PEI, NS and across the province of NB attend.

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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.

A special mention to Cheryl and her team on the NHL ticket fundraiser which brought in over \$11,000 and to Kari and her team for the auction which brought in over \$7600. Also to Arlene and her social committee for several successful events. All of these fundraisers were for the acquisition of a newer groomer.

I would also like to thank all those who worked hard to ensure the club operated this season, including all of the executive, lodge keepers Keith, Karen and Darlene, and the grooming team of Gilles, Trent, Rodney, Tyson and Csaba. And, of course Peter our club photographer, webmaster, Zone 4 membership coordinator and trail condition updates.

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

Last but certainly not least thanks to the City of Miramichi and council, company 725249 NB LTD (Chris and Randy Clark), North Shore Construction Ltd, Kevin Daigle Contracting, Doctors Roxanne McKnight and Mike Dickinson and the Scott Knowles Foundation.

A big thank you to all who donated to the groomer fund, whether through the annual Nordiq Canada club fundraiser, the auction, or during membership registration.

Finally I would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight to support the club's 51th AGM. I wish everyone a great summer and I look forward to seeing you all on the trails as we begin season number 52! Thank You.

Norm Brown
President, MCCSC