

Whaleback Times

Outfitters, 47th NL Marathon

It's in the history books as an event that will be remembered as being very, very successful. Yes, it was a cold day with a wind chill of -19 degrees. 117 skiers answered the call to line up on the start line...an excellent turnout.

First of all, I single out the Marathon Sponsors, their response was tremendous. Their contribution was greatly appreciated.

A BIG thank you:

- ...to the stadium crew who battled -19 degrees both Friday and Saturday mornings to prepare the stadium developing it into something you would see at a World Cup ski event. Related to that, what a job Earl, Greg A. and Kenny did getting the trails in great shape...not to forget the brilliant signage throughout the course.
- ...to the volunteers who brought in food to sell in the kitchen, those who worked in the kitchen...thank you, thank you.
- ...to the officials who sit behind closed doors recording a skiers time, ensuring that its accurate to 1000th of a second. Great job.
- ...to the volunteers who were out all day serving drinks and snacks at the Food Stations.
- ...to the volunteers recording bib # and the volunteers in the lap lane ensuring no skier took the wrong turn.
- ...to Search and Rescue for volunteering to be of assistance.
- ...to the volunteers who coordinated parking.
- ...to the Town of Stephenville for loaning orange cones and fencing.
- ...to the Whaleback members who supported the club, taking part in this wonderful event.

During the Marathon Banquet, participants were treated to a top notch meal served in a top notch facility. One person said it was the best meal of turkey they had in a very long time. Hey, how can I forget the volunteers who brought in cookies for dessert.

Congratulations to all participants.



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A note I received from Richard Churchill, Clarenville Nordic read as follows "...I had another very enjoyable marathon in Stephenville. Your club does a fantastic job hosting. I truly appreciate the careful arrangement of the course, the hospitality of the club, and this year's banquet was SUPER! Gorgeous venue! Lovely meal! Other items...check out the Whaleback website for results and the high quality pictures taken by Sebastian! The CCNL Ticket draw will take place as soon as Aurora Nordic ticket stubs arrive. They were mailed to me today. Will keep you posted.

We do have some Marathon T Shirts available if any member is interested in obtaining one.

Marathon Lost and Found

Lost - 1 pair of sunglasses belonging to Earle Dalley, BMD

Lost - A pair of outdoor mitts belonging to Dan (the man) Rumbolt.

Found - Bruce from BMD found one left handed glove in his kit bag when he arrived home. Did you lose a glove?

Whalebackers out and about

Hats off to Jackie and Bruce Legrow who participated in the World Masters in Switzerland. To Kip Deeley and Claire St Croix who participated in the Cadet Nationals in Val Cartier Quebec. Apparently they arrived last night, Claire sporting 2 Silver Medals!!

Provincial Funding to re shingle a portion of chalet roof!

Did you hear the news? The Provincial Government provided Whaleback Nordic Ski Club with a grant for \$3086.00 to re - shingle a portion of the chalet roof.

Great stuff...this particular item has been on our "to do" list for 3 years. WOW! Thank you to MHA John Finn and district assistant Stephen Wheeler for assisting us in obtaining the grant.