

# Wentworth Ski Racing Club's Annual Closing Banquet

By Hope Bridgewater

The annual closing banquet of the Wentworth Ski Racing Club was celebrated at the Wentworth Recreation Centre. President of the Club, Colin Stevenson, said "This year-end Banquet is celebrating our accomplishments for the 2013-2014 ski race season. We are giving out awards for our Fun Club Race to athletes,



Two members of the Wentworth Ski Racing Club welcome participants to the Wentworth Recreation Centre during the Club's annual awards banquet. They are Madeleine Myers (treasurer) and Ryan Pilmer. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

coaches, and parents. Our Club has 110 members and is called The Atlantic Club of the Year."

At the door welcoming the large crowd were Madeleine Myers (treasurer of the Club) and Ryan Pilmer. Notable before the banquet began were the many young children racing around the room and showing why racing itself is innate on how the human body expresses itself. At the side near the front of the room was a huge screen showing the photographs taken this past season of the athletes racing down the hills at Ski Wentworth and these photographs on file created a wonderful skiing atmosphere to the night's program and banquet.

The Club is a not-for-profit organization with an elected volunteer Board of Directors directing all activities, with parents of teens and children enrolled members of WSRC, and voting by all concerning the operation of the Club is done at the annual spring meeting.

The Wentworth Ski Racing Club has as a "home" well-known Ski Wentworth. The Club encourages the love of skiing by children and teens, who have acquired basic skills, the art of "ski racing" with a structured teaching program done by qualified coaches and with a ratio 1.8 or better of athlete to coach. The coaches are certified by pre-season seminars and by the Canadian Ski

Coaches Federation.

Together with having basic skills, all the ages from six years to 21 years must be able to ride the chair lift at Ski Wentworth. Usually on the first day of classes in the structured program each young skier is placed in the appropriate level. The structured program works as follows: ages 10 and under, including Snowstars; ages 12 and under (Junior Team); ages 14 and under (Junior Team); ages 16 and under (Senior Team); 18 and under (Senior Team) and ages 21 and under (Senior Team).

For ages 10 and under, the program runs for nine weekends in season, and for the other ages from 11 years to 21 years, the program runs for 12 weekends beginning in January. Weather, of course, is always taken into account. The Club relies on parent volunteers to help run all the program activities.

The banquet meal was catered by volunteer workers belonging to the Wentworth Recreation Centre. The menu consisted of a turkey dinner with gravy and vegetables (potatoes, carrots, peas, turnip, cranberries, coleslaw) and strawberry shortcake. Volunteers working in the kitchen and the floor under the direction of Mary Anne Jay were: Bob Smith, Jan Smith, Twila McMaster, Barry Patriquin, Ella Patriquin, Brenda McLean, Reg Jay, Norah Topping, Chris Topping, Joan Johnston, Bob MacLean, Marilyn MacLean, Rev. Brian DeLong, Shelly McLellan, and Hope Bridgewater.

It was a successful banquet and award night celebrating the noble art of ski racing.

## Debert Legion Notes

By Danny Martell

On Saturday, the 10th of May, the Dart League concluded another successful year with their year ending Banquet and awarding of League plaques and individual wards.

Team 6, Bill Hawker, Audrey Gallagher and Joe Rohrbach took home top honours in the Play-Offs. Team 4, Deanna Martell, Skip Dawson and Larry Hatt got second place and Team 3, Craig Fraser, Debbie and Dave MacPhee took third place money.

The order of the night was "Surf and Turf". The lobsters were lacking a little something, the BBQ steaks and chops were excellent thanks to Charlie Moore and Ron Eastcott, who did a fine job despite working under an umbrella. Thanks Charlie and Ron. Dave MacPhee and Dianne Rushton were crowned as the King and Queen of the Tinkle's.

A special thank you is passed along to Skip Dawson, Craig Fraser and Audrey Gallagher for all their help on this night. To Charlie and Ron, thank you.

Special guest of the League was Branch President Bobby Pash. Bob thanked the League for inviting him and challenged each dart player to bring another dart player with them next year (to Skip and Craig). Thank you to all who helped in any way at all to make the League the success it was thank you very much.

The Double Band Dance held here at the Branch a few weeks ago was a huge success thanks in large part to Judy Crossman, Mandie Slack, Marcia Eastcott, Sharon Kyle, Amy Clark and Joe Rhoback. Judy, Mandie, Marcia, Sharon, Amy and Joe, thank you.

Congratulations are passed along to Owen Coffell who won the \$100 Gift Card, donated by Debbie Cock and the Double "C" Restaurant that the Branch was selling tickets on. To all who bought tickets and supported the raffle, thank you (Debbie, thank you very

much).

On Wednesday, May 14th, the Crib League completed another successful year and after the pegs were moved the last time in 2013-14, Debbie Cock and Ron "Easy" Eastcott took home the First Place honours with 1550 points. Irene Blenkhorn and Jo-Ann Bartlett, with 1712, finished a distant second. Rounding out the top three was Joe Rohrbach and Yvon Thout and they had 1727 points.

Debbie Cock/Ron Eastcott were tied with Dan Martell/Leslie Fulton with Most Winning Nights. They had four each. Irene Blenkhorn/Jo-Ann Bartlett had Most Hidden Scores with 5.

There was 35 Twenty-Four hands and Debbie Cock and Earl Harvey lead the way with 4 each.

Debbie and Ron for their first place finish will have their names engraved on the "Larry Ward Memorial Trophy". Congratulations Debbie and Ron.

The League Banquet will be held on the 28th of May. (Thanks Earl).

Those Happy Hobo's from Branch 15 in New Waterford travelled to Wellington Branch in PEI and took home the Maritime Crib Championship for 2013/14. Congratulations are passed along to Ralph Dejobbi, Gordie Martell, Matt Martell and Bert Davis for their fine showing. They did drop in to see Debbie Cock and give her a few pointers on how to win when playing pressure packed crib, but alas Debbie wasn't in.

My gosh Debbie, do you really need any pointers in this fine game, called crib. April 30th, Debbie had back to back 24 hands in the same game, first was 4-5-6's dealt by Ron and on the next deal I dealt her 7-8-9's. Deb I am a thinking those Happy Hobo's from Cape Breton better be careful.

The Branch is now selling tickets in a \$100 Gift Certificate supplied by Masttown Hardware. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

A very special thank you is passed along to Bruce Higgins for the very nice donation he made to the Branch (Thanks Bruce).

The Triathlon running here at the Branch has been a very good suc-

cess and it is ongoing.

The Chowder Lunch put on by Debert United Church at the Fire Hall during the month of April are over for another year and from all reports they were a tremendous success. To all the people who helped out in any way at all you deserve a very special thank you for all the work and effort you put in to the lunches to make them the success they were.

To all the people, from far and wide, who save their pull tabs for me, thank you very much. To all the local people who save them and drop them off, thank you very much. (I wish I had jotted down your names). To Sharon, who lugged about 35 pounds back from Florida, thank you. To that little school girl in Pugwash, thank you very much. To Gerry Dykens and Terry Ryan, would you pass along a thank you to that special little girl?

Do any of our readers know of any reason why Robert Hill uses a flashlight to shave by?

Has Ger (Bear) really come up with a fool proof way to check lobsters for their liveliness? He puts his finger in their claws; no wonder he is having trouble putting his rings on.

Have you noticed how much Kenny Spence looks like the Pillsbury Dough Boy, especially when making his delicious fish chowder?

Happy Birthday wishes for May are passed along to Mike Glen, Janice Turner, Ralph Campbell, Mae MacDougall, Alfred Matthews, Virginia (Silver Cross Mother) Roberts, Kenny Smith (Sr), (my gosh Ken, that's a lot of sunrises), Shirley Lewis, Phyllis McCully and Marg Nicholson.

Happy Anniversary wishes for May are passed along to Phyllis and Gordon McCully, Annette (Jo) and Steve Williams, Gloria and Ralph Campbell and Mandy Slack and Chris Alexander.

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