

President's Report

2006/2007 season

What a season!

While the Yukon Ski Team has had a lot of successes in recent years, nothing can top the three medals the group picked up at the Canada Winter Games. And while we tend to focus on medals, every member of the team turned in impressive performances, despite their relative youth.

This is not just flash in the pan stuff. It's the result of a long development process that started with basic skills learned at an early age, and then steady progression under the tutelage of skilled coaching staff led by CCY's superb head coach, Alain Masson, all working to our long term athlete development model.

All of which brings me to the point of the exercise. Every sport needs its heroes, who inspire both recreational skiers and aspiring Olympians alike. What seven year old Jackrabbit wouldn't want to be like one of the Nishikawas, or David Greer or Bryn Knight?

Success breeds success. Having heroes brings more people into our programs, allows our member clubs to expand their facilities and benefits everyone. Let's keep the momentum going.

This is my final year as CCY President. I have been privileged to serve with a number of fine board members over the last nine years on the board, as I worked my way through the various positions I've held.

I have been particularly honoured to work with our impressive staff at Cross Country Yukon. Alain Masson is one of the finest coaches in the country and his guidance over the past decade is the reason we have heroes, past, present and future.

Mary Waddell, our assistant sport coordinator, has been instrumental in getting some of our new programs off the ground and setting the stage for the next generation of skiers coming out of the schools and the communities. In the process of developing these initiatives, she has also turned into a true friend to all of us and we'll miss her greatly as she moves onto new challenges next year.

And last, but not least, Paula Stoker has been a pillar of support to me and to the board as a whole, as she keeps the books, the board and especially the president organized.

My sincere thanks to all.
See you on the trails

Claude Chabot