

Whaleback Times

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HEALTHY LIVING

48th, Outfitters NL Marathon

Its in the history books...the 48th Marathon...listed below are many fond memories...

- thanks to Percy's Path, the course was over the actual Marathon distance.
- congratulations to Doug Fowlow, after skiing 30+ Marathons, he received his first Marathon medal.
- Jason Reid, BMD said it was his first 42 km Marathon. I told him that he picked a challenging day to accomplish that feat.
- Madelyn St. Choix was the only female participant from Whaleback Nordic to complete the 42 km course
- Congratulations to one of our own, Luke Dunphy who finished the 42 km course first overall.
- one female skier (who didn't want to be identified) thought the glide was great, beautiful sunny day for a ski, to my knowledge was the only participant who decided to add more distance than what she registered. She registered for the 12km course, but completed the 21km course!
- Congratulations to Luke Dunphy, Jamie Merrigan and Andrew May from BMD who earned the Arthur Baker Award for the 3 fastest skiers completing the 42 km course.
- first year that I can recall the Percy Pieroway Award not being presented.
- Hats off to Whaleback Nordic for earning the Ernie Langins Award.

- Nice to realize the top 3 in the Masters 4 Men's were from Whaleback Nordic...Brian Dunphy, Dave King and Jack White.
- Congratulations to all participants especially those who completed 42 kms.
- great that 3 skiers who wanted to classic ski the 42km course, took advantage of the 10:00AM start. Hopefully skiers wishing to classic ski the course, will increase as a result of an earlier start.

Areas of improvement...

- with ski and temperature conditions that was on our plate Saturday, another feed station along the course would have been great.
- again, with ski and temperature conditions like they were, an earlier start might have been the order of the day.

So many positive comments...it would not been possible except for our volunteers...

- in the Timing Room
- in the stadium - outside bib recorder, lap lane, attending the feed station
- in Don's Don Feed Station.
- the tag team at the Foxtrot intersection
- da boys responsible for signage
- PA announcer
- help assembling the stadium
- Sebastian, our photographer for the day
- in the kitchen as servers and donating delicious meals
- volunteers arranging parking
- Kenny Young...did you know he groomed the complete course at 3:30 in the morning?

and our sponsors...

- The Outfitters

- NL Power
- Atlantic Minerals
- OK Tire
- Bay St George Ready Mix
- Marble RV
- Colemans
- Mills Law Firm

Eastern Biathlon Competition

Congratulations to both Sam Parsons and Claire St. Choix who performed quite well this past weekend. Claire earned 2, first place finishes in the 10km individual and the 6 km sprint while Sam earned a 3rd place finish in the 10km individual and a 4th place finish in the 6km sprint. Very good indeed.

Apparently, Claire has been asked to stay and serve as one of the coaches in the upcoming Biathlon Nationals...a compliment for sure.

While I'm on the topic of young Whalebackers out and about...we wish **Isaac Blundon** his very best as he is participating in the NL Winter Games in Deer Lake/Pasadena next week.

Exercise Caution

Folks there is plenty of skiing left in this ski season. I don't want to scare you from skiing but you should note that conditions at this time of the year are not the same day to day and most times, change hour by hour. Be careful when you venture out on the trails...especially in the evenings when snow conditions tend to become hard, crusty or icy. Please bring your cell phone...if you come upon a skier in distress or if something happens to you, phone the chalet at 643-3841.

PWC:

Last count...17,500kms skied. Keep it up, season is not over yet...do you think we'll reach 25,000kms this year? Remember, every time you ski 50kms, your name goes in for a draw to take place during our spring AGM. 1st place will receive a free membership for the 2017-18 ski season.

Cycle Solutions have agreed to donate consolation prizes. So...keep on kickin and glidin.

Lourdes Cadets

Did you know we are expecting a large group of visitors in our Ski Park this Saturday? If your out skiing that day and meet them on the trails, wish them their very best with your Whaleback smile. Don't hesitate to offer assistance.

Happy Trails
Greg N.