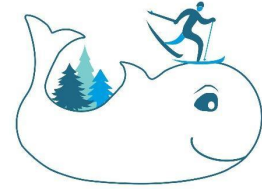


# WhalebackTimes

March 12, 2023



Whaleback Nordic Ski Club

Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, Please Shine Down on me...

## **Outfitters 53rd, NL Marathon**

Sixty nine skiers lined up Saturday morning to face the challenge distance in which they registered. Not too bad all considering Thursday evening there were 41 signed up. All hands had a great time...smiling faces across the finish line.

Highlights from the event(not in any order):

- Largest group of JackRabbits competing in a very long time...13 skiers in total
- Trails were top notch thanks to Kenny and Carter
- Fastest time for the 42km was by Jamie Merrigan, BMD...2 hours 18 seconds. Fastest female skier was Kaila Mintz, 2 hours 28 minutes..
- Ironmen Dan and Graham initially were disqualified as a result of skiing Sleep Canuck and Big Climb...these sections of the course were closed. After further review, it was decided to award these guys medals...they can make things rough if they don't get their own way!
- CCNL Draw...what are the chances of your daughter picking her Dad as a ticket winner? It happened! Anne Swift drew her Dad's ticket...#6 prize.
- Volunteers galore in the chalet, at Feed Stations on the trail and at Finish line....thank you to the international students who helped out. Volunteers from behind the scenes...hats off to John Hanratty (PR), Sebastian St. Choix who looked after Photography and Glen and Bev Kirby who served as parking attendants.
- Banquet at the Lions Club was a lovely evening...the choices of meal pies were superb.
- 3 photo finishers...how often does that happen?
- Search and Rescue were available in full force to address medical issues. They had to attend to one skier who was throwing up behind the wax hut!
- It's sad but a reflection of the times, besides skiers from BMD and Whaleback, there was 1 skier from St. John's and 2 from Springdale...from all over the province.
- Medals awarded to Whalebackers included:

Glenn Aucoin - Silver Master 1, 42 km

Brian Dunphy - Gold Master 3, 42 km

Graham Oliver - Gold Open Classic 42 km

Dan Rumbolt - Silver Open Classic 42 km

Greg Alexander - Gold, Bruce LeGrow - Silver and Jack White- Bronze in Masters 5, 21 km

Jackie LeGrow - Gold Masters 5, 21 km

Ivan MacDonald - Bronze Veterans, 21 km

RoseMarie Alexander - Silver Veterans, 21 km

Debbie Noonan - Silver Cruisers, 12 km

Mary Smith - Bronze Cruiser, 12km

Nicholas O' Rielly - Gold Junior Boys. 7.0km

Callum Gosse - Gold, Christopher Perry - Silver and Daniel Perry - Bronze in Bunny Rabbits Boys 2.5km

Lauren Ryland - Gold, Madeline Swift - Silver and Kate Ryland - Bronze in Bunny Rabbits Girls 2.5 km

Violette Aucoin - Gold Active Living Girls 2.5km

**Arthur Baker Trophy** was awarded to BMD. The 3 fastest skiers on the 42 km course were James Merrigan, Luke Dunphy and Olivier van Lier at a combined time of 6:47

Brian Dunphy, Glenn Aucoin and Mark Burt were awarded Silver at a combined time of 8:31.

**Percy Pieroway Award** wasn't presented, there weren't 3 females from the one club who completed the 42 km course.

**Ernie Langins Trophy** based in attendance was presented to Whaleback Nordic

#### Winners from the CCNL Ticket Draw

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Two Tickets anywhere PAL flies Value of \$2000.00 (donated by PAL)

Name: Jeff Lewis

Address: 44 Park Drive 640-1517

Ticket #: 0066

Seller: Gregory Lewis

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1000.00 Cash (donated by CCNL)

Name: Paulette Stephenson

Address: Lethbridge 427-5571

Ticket #: 3403

Seller: Rachel Dalton

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Apple watch Series 8 GPS Plus Cellular Value of \$750.00 (donated by CCNL)

Name: Beulah Hollett

Address: Garden Cove 425-1516

Ticket #: 3427

Seller: Mallory Flight

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Air Pods with charging case Value of \$199.99 (donated by CCNL)

Name: Scott MacKeigan

Address: 902-578-7115

Ticket #: 718

Seller: Brielle Elliott

5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Gift Certificate Value of \$200.00 (donated by The Outfitters, St. John's, NL)

Name: David Swift

Address: 25 Lakeview Drive, Kippens 283-2150

Ticket #: 2942

Seller: David Swift

6<sup>th</sup> Prize: Gift Certificate Value of \$100.00 (donated by Menihek Nordic Ski Club)

Name: Sheila Gould

Address: Bear Cove, NL 456-6534

Ticket #: 3979

Seller: Jade Toope (MSM)

Congratulations to **Mikael Budden** who received Gold Medals in the 2.5km, 5.0km and 7.5km in the NL Special Olympics held in Gander this past weekend.

We wish **Bruce and Jackie LeGrow, Greg and RoseMarie Alexander** their best as they attend the World Masters in Austria next week.

Keep on truckin

Greg N.