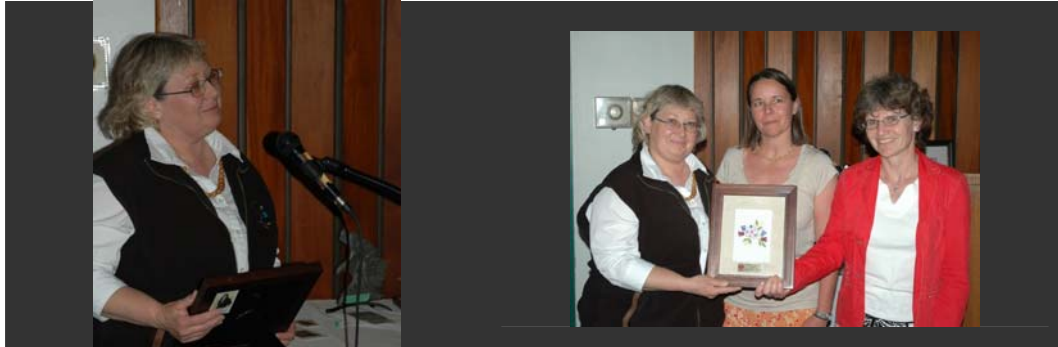


## 2007 Recognition Awards

The annual recognition of our hardworking volunteer force from across the country was once again a highlight of the banquet evening. The following recipients were honored:

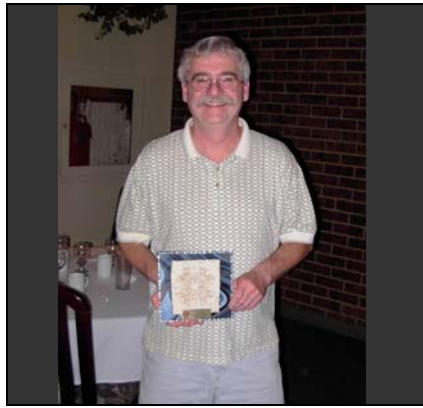
**The Firth Award** was presented to Jean Funk for her incredible efforts as the Chair of CCA.



**The Dave Rees Award** was presented to Léopold Nadeau for his outstanding contribution to CCC as President. The award (a snowshoe with a stained glass inlay) was received by André Soulières on behalf of Léopold. Presenting the award was Rob Bernhardt, one of last year's recipients of the award.



**Volunteer of the Year Awards** were presented first to Randy Erikson of the Lac La Ronge Ski Club for his many years of service as a key club volunteer and event organizer and the second recipient was Michael Badham for his dedication and contribution in the Role of High Performance Committee Chair for CCO.



**Sponsor of the Year Award** went to Igloo Vikski for their long standing contribution of 30+ years to the NST program and also many Division racing programs in the form of gifts in kind with Fischer skis and Swix ski equipment. Bob Gasbeck was singled out for his committed support over many of these years. The Igloo Vikski company has been sold to new owners this past spring and the Nordic Product Manager; Pierre Langevin will be remaining with the new management.

**Media Awards** were presented to the collective effort of the Whitehorse Media (CBC Radio, CKRW Radio, Whitehorse Star and the Yukon News. Initially they were being recognized for their efforts at the 2007 CWG but this was expanded to recognise their continued enthusiastic coverage of the successful season of the Whitehorse Nordic Ski Club, who earned 17 medals at the National Championships, was a real boost to cross-country ski sport exposure.

As our special guest Bjorger Pettersen was asked to be the guest speaker at this year's banquet. It was wonderful to hear Bjorger relate his more than 40 years of experiences in the field of cross country skiing development both as NST Head Coach and Olympic level event organizer. This occasion was also an opportunity for Cross Country Canada to recognize Bjorger's recent induction into Canada's Ski Sports Hall of Fame and to commemorate this achievement he was presented with a framed print of "On a New Path" (the original oil was commissioned to honor Beckie Scott's contribution to CCC last June). Bjorger remains passionate about the sport and is always able to offer an informed opinion about the changes he sees arriving on the playing field.



Of course it was not all play... far from it but I will leave those juicy details for the detailed minutes of the meetings which will be posted soon.

My sincere thanks to Cathy in our CCC Office and to our hosts in Lac LaRonge for taking care of all the details in an efficient manner.

Next years AGM 2008 will be in the Callaghan Valley area offering our members a chance to get a first hand look at the 2010 Olympic Nordic Venue. We look forward to being hosted by CCBC. The tentative dates are from Jun 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Photos courtesy of Mike Neary.



Georgia Manhard receives Thanks from Dave Rees on behalf on the Board.



Franklin Carrier "The King Trapper" entertaining us with his moose call!



Chief Tammy Cook-Searson and Bjorger mingle.



Our wonderful hosts Sid Robinson and Hilary Johnstone.