

# CCC Awards 2012

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## 2012 CROSS COUNTRY CANADA'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AWARDS

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### **FIRTH AWARD 2012**

***Presented to a woman who has made a longstanding outstanding volunteer contribution to cross country skiing in Canada. Established in 1985 to honour Sharon and Shirley Firth.***

**2012 Winner: Ms. Linda Dunbar, Canmore Nordic Ski Club & Alberta World Cup Society, AB**

(Nominated by Jean Bristow, Canmore Nordic & Jean Funk, Strathcona Wilderness Centre)

Linda started skiing in 1969 in Inuvik, NT and quickly became involved in race organization, the running of a ski club and many other aspects of the sport from fundraising to organising social events to youth programming and assisting in races.

- Inaugurated the Yellowknife Ski Marathon in 1978
- In 1984, Linda became Yellowknife Ski Club's first female president for 3 years and developed many programs, activities and training programs.
- Qualified CANSI Nordic Ski Instructor & NCCP Coach and Official
- Key official at Arctic Winter Games from Race secretary to mission staff
- 1988 - Recipient of Community Coaching Award
- 1990 - Assistant-coach for Yellowknife Ski Club with Dave Sutherland
- 1993 – Race secretary for the Western Canadian Championships held in Yellowknife
- 1997 to 2003 - Yellowknife Ski Club Coach
- 2005-2008-2010 & 2012 Alberta World Cups – Linda has been very involved from officiating to Volunteer coordinator, assisting in marketing and working closely with the Organizing and Race Committees
- Volunteer instructor for Canmore Nordic Ski Club as well as with Fast & Female programs



Linda Dunbar

## **DAVE REES AWARD 2012**

*Awarded to any man or woman who has made a long-term, outstanding commitment to the sport of cross country skiing in Canada at all levels (local, regional and national) and in any of the many ways in which volunteers or professionals give of themselves to our sport. This award was created in 1989 in recognition of the outstanding contribution by Dave Rees to cross country skiing in Canada.*

### **2012 Winner: Ms. Delores Franz Los, Spud Valley & Callaghan Valley Nordic Ski Clubs, BC**

(Nomination by Mark Richards, CCBC and Verna Wagner, Program Coordinator)

- Founder of the Spud Valley Nordic Club in 1983
  - Chair of the club for 28 yrs / Jackrabbit Coordinator for 20 yrs / SDP Coord. for 8 yrs
  - Head Coach of the Junior Racing Team from 1995-present
- CCC Level 2 Official
  - Assistant Chief of Stadium: 2008 National Championships & BC Winter Game Trials, 2009 FIS World Cup & Midget Championships, 2010 Olympics & Para-Olympics, 2010 BC Winter Games Trials, 2013 World Jr/U23 Trials & National Championships
- Board of Directors
  - 2006-2012: Cross Country BC
  - 2008-present: Callaghan Valley CC Ski Club
  - 2007-present: Founding Member of CVTC
- Ski S'Kool Program: Initiator at Whistler Olympic Park
- Coaching
  - Coached "medal winners" and athletes to BC Ski Team, BC Development & Talent Squads
  - CCBC Leader Courses
  - 2004-present: NCCP Learning Facilitator for 265 coaches



Georgia Manhard (L) accepting the award on behalf of Delores Franz Los from Al Pilcher (R)

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

*Presented to any man or woman to recognize significant achievement in the regional or national development of cross country skiing in Canada.*

### **2012 Winner: Mr. Dan Brisbin, Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club, SK**

(Nomination by Jan Sedgewick, Past-president Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club & Duane Davis, CCS Division Chair)

Dan has the highest respect for our athletes, coaches, members and the sport. He has shown this by caring enough to take the courses, getting the knowledge and certification, championing the upgrading of SaskCup race series rules, working for the adoption of the CCC Competition Model in our rules and getting our races CCC Sanctioned. As a volunteer, Dan has gone way beyond the norm and continues to do it year after year. He is hard-working, humble, friendly guy who wants to make the community better for the next generation of skiers and has set about doing it by example.

- President, past-president and vice-president of SNSC from 2005-2011
- Member of CCS High Performance Committee from 2009-2011
- Director of Competition and High Performance from 2011 to present
- Organized the 1<sup>st</sup> “SaskMan” Cup with Duane Davis – a two-day competition between CCS and CCSAM
- Official Level 3 plus Assistant TD in 2009 / CCC Divisional TD in 2009-2010 / Completed FIS TD Seminar in Nov 2011
- Chosen for 3 World Cup events in Canmore and Callaghan Valley, and the 2010 Olympics, as well as at a 2012 World Cup race
- In his 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2-year term on the CCC Board of Directors



Dan Brisbin (L) accepting his Award from Peter Lloyd (R)

### **MEDIA OF THE YEAR 2012**

***Awarded to an individual, a newspaper publisher, television station or scribe in social media who has effectively highlighted and portrayed athletes in our sport, and or our sport in a positive and exciting manner, continuously throughout the year or at one significant event (e.g., National Championships, Olympic Games).***

#### **2012 Winner: Mr. Randy Starkman, ON**

(Nomination by Cross Country Canada)

Randy is a 2-time National Newspaper Award winner who covered 12 Olympic Games. Known best for his tireless, passionate and enthusiastic support for amateur sport and amateur athletes, Randy Starkman was a one-of-a-kind journalist who was held in the highest esteem by the entire Canadian sport community. Randy always had a particular affinity for cross-country skiing, and his coverage of our sport reflected this. Few journalists brought to life the stories of our cross-country athletes the way Randy did. He saw our athletes in the same light we do, as heroes and superstars, and he generously shared their stories and our pride in them with the broader Canadian public.

Unfortunately Randy took ill this spring upon return from a trip to Montreal where he was covering Canada's Olympic swimming trials. He was diagnosed with pneumonia and was admitted to hospital, where he spent several days in intensive care. Randy passed away on April 16, 2012.



## **SPONSOR OF THE YEAR 2012**

***Awarded to the sponsor or supplier who goes beyond the scope of their sponsorship agreement with CCC by making a significant commitment and support to the sport and to the National Ski Teams.***

### **2012 Winner: Auclair**

Auclair has been a CCC partner for over 30 years now. From the high flying hey-days of Al Pilcher, Pierre Harvey and Angela Schmidt Foster in the 80s, to Beckie and Sara's breakthroughs, Chandra's Olympic gold, the Mckeever brothers upteen Paralympic medals and our first ever World Championship title in 2011, Auclair has been at our side, or more aptly, on our hands for virtually every major accomplishment in CCC's recent history.

As CCC has matured and developed, Auclair has grown alongside us, and the partnership has grown as well. 2011-12 saw the renewal of an 8 year commitment by Auclair to CCC and the National Ski Teams, an agreement which includes comprehensive product supply as well as a significant financial investment in CCC programs.

This season also saw the introduction of an annual "Team Spirit" award, presented to the National Team athlete who best exemplifies qualities of leadership, teamwork and community involvement. This year's award was presented personally by company CEO Peter Monk to Devon Kershaw in Mont Saint-Anne, when Peter and his team drove up from Montreal to spend an evening having dinner with the Team and discussing product lines for 2013 and beyond.

It goes without saying that Auclair has gone above and beyond the call of duty this year, and their 30+ year commitment to cross-country skiing in Canada is nothing short of incredible. Our most sincere thanks to Peter and Joan Monk and their fabulous team at Auclair.

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Members of the Auclair management team including Joan and Peter Monk (second and fourth from the left) joined the 2011/12 World Cup Team for a product consultation session and dinner in Mont Sainte Anne during the 2012 Haywood Ski Nationals