

Cross Country Canada - CCC Awards

Dave Rees Award

Georgia Manhard, 100 Mile Nordic Ski Society, 100 Mile House, BC



Toni Scheier presents the Dave Rees Award to Georgia Manhard

Georgia's accomplishments relative to cross-country skiing in Canada include, but are not limited to:

- One of the founding members of the 100 Mile Nordic Ski Society in the late 1970's
- Chairperson of the Northern Zone committee of CCBC, developing all aspects of cross country skiing in the northern region of BC from 1982-1984
- Member of CCBC executive committee from 1984-1988
- Chairperson of BC's Officials Development committee in 1984
- Chairperson of the CCBC executive committee from 1988 to 1991
- Developed the Trail Grooming and Track Setting video and course material for CCC in 1990
- Developed the appeals policies and harassment policies for the sport of cross country skiing in 1989
- Was Chief of Timing for the Senior National Championships in Vancouver in 1991

- Was Chief of Race for the Continental Cup race held in Vernon in 1991
- Chairperson of the organizing committee for the 1992 World Cup held in Vernon
- Chair of the CCC Coaching committee from 1992 to 1995
- In competition with volunteers from 72 different sport organizations in BC, Georgia won the 1992 Province of BC Kaizen Award for outstanding contribution to the sport of cross country skiing in the province
- Member of the National Ski Team Committee in 1993
- Named by the province in 1993 to sit on the provincial Sport Advisory Committee which represents 72 sports in BC
- Chairperson of the CCC Membership committee in 1994
- Co-Chair of the National Coaching and Athlete Development Committee from 2000 to date
- Chair of the 2010 Sport Working Group for cross country skiing
- Coordinates all types of courses in BC. She frequently acts as a course conductor for Officials, coaching and CCBC Ski League courses. Georgia has re-written a number of course manuals such as the CCBC Ski League Manual, Level 1 & 2 Officials Manual and the different levels of coaching manuals
- Acted as the course conductor for several Level 3 Officials courses and has updated the course for a number of years.

Georgia has been involved in cross-country skiing since at least the 1970's.

We believe this nominee should receive the Dave Rees Award because we believe her contributions are second to none. Her normal working day on cross-country matters is 10 to 12 hours, seven days a week. The above list of the positions she has held is no doubt incomplete.

Georgia is the driving force in all areas of the development of the sport in BC and is in daily contact with the CCBC office in Vernon and CCBC executive members. She has acted as the motivator, the visionary thinker and the implementer of all the CCBC program committees over the years, including Club Development, Sport Promotion, Athlete Development, Competitions, Coaching and Officials. At the national level, Georgia has, over the past approximately 12 years, made an on-going contribution to a number of matters not mentioned above by coming up with ideas, providing information and working on policies.

Georgia is also the CCBC liaison with the provincial government. All required funding applications, report writing, planning reports, etc. is handled by her. Although funding for sport has been reduced, she has managed to minimize the reductions to CCBC's funding.

In 1988 CCBC embarked on an ambitious 16 year plan which was divided into four year periods. Each four year plan was documented in detail and submitted to the provincial government. Follow up and tracking reports were submitted every year. All of this work, including the monitoring of the work in progress, has been performed by Georgia. The end of that 16 year period is now approaching and cross country skiing has advanced from 36th to 2nd position in the provincial governments ranking of the 72 organized sports that it supports.

We believe the sport is very fortunate to have benefited from her tireless efforts and unselfish contribution to the sport.