

Cross Country Canada - CCC Awards

Firth Award

Lise Bégin-Langlois, Charlesbourg, Québec

Through her involvement and work in her favourite sport she has contributed to cross country skiing by enhancing the hopes, the joys, the enthusiasm, team spirit, sense of belonging and many happy memories to both the young and the adults who participate in cross country skiing. Lise is a great teacher and is always supportive, friendly, helpful, cheerful.

Lise has contributed to cross country skiing in Quebec as Chair of the provincial officials' committee from 1995 to 2000. Lise has been instrumental in training the current cadre of officials and technical delegates of the province of Québec and always ready to work with willing individuals in order to promote our sport.

At the national level, her contributions have been as a member of the Chair of the Event's Committee. She has held responsibilities as technical delegate and as chief of many varied official duties at several national events for cross-country skiing.

One of Lise's most challenging international tasks was quite recent: Chief of Competition for the World Masters' Championship/ Directrice compétition Championnats Monde Maîtres held at Valcartier, QC, 22 February to 3 March 2002. Her unending energy and attention to detail ensured the success of the eight-day event for more than 900 competitors. She represented well the Canadian cross-country ski community.

Lise Bégin is worthy of Cross Country Canada's award for her career of volunteering for our sport. Whenever I see her at a cross-country ski competition, I marvel at her dedication especially because she does her work out of pure dedication: she has no children stepping up to the start line!

Pierre Harvey even said: I have known Lise almost since my beginning in this sport. She was a volunteer to help us skiers at so many races I participated for the last 15-20 years. Lise did a lot for our sport and with her great spirit, she inspired many athletes and volunteers around with her dedication to cross country skiing. Always positive and friendly, she was involved in different levels of competitions from locals to international events. Lise Bégin-Langlois really deserves this award and I would be proud of her if she'd get recognized. The only concern I have is that Lise kissed me before each race I took part in when she was officiating and I almost feel guilty of favouritism...