

Father Mouchet Award

- The Father Mouchet Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the sport of cross country skiing. It can be awarded to volunteers, staff, businesses or individuals who have shown dedication, leadership and commitment to cross country skiing, not only in Whitehorse but in the whole Yukon.
- The award was established in 1991 in honor of Father Jean M. Mouchet. Father Mouchet inspired the award by making a life-long commitment to cross country skiing in Old Crow, Inuvik, Telegraph Creek, Whitehorse, Dease Lake and other small communities in the Yukon and BC.
- His dedication motivated many young skiers to make their own life-long commitment. Many of the skiers that he coached in the 70's became national team skiers and a few went to the Olympics. Many are still skiing and giving back to the community and some have been honored with the Father Mouchet award in past years. Father Mouchet's leadership resulted in the T.E.S.T. program and many school programs run by dedicated teachers and principals.
- **SELECTION PROCESS:** Ski club members may submit nominations for the award at any time. In past years the WCCSC Board has delegated the selection to a committee made up of the current Past President and other volunteers who the Past President may recruit. The nomination process is flexible and **does not occur every year.**

Father Mouchet Award - Previous Recipients

- 1991 Don Sumanik, Ed and Betty Schiffkorn, Selwyn Hughes, Grant Meekins Sr., Peter and Sarah Steele
- 1992 Brian Hunt, Sandy Johnston
- 1993 Haakon Arntzen, Elizabeth Eso
- 1995 Judy Kelly, Northwesel
- 1996 Annette and Chuck Bertrand, Yvonne and Keith Frostad, Yvonne and Paul Harris
- 1999 Duncan's Limited, Mike Wagner
- 2000 Norcan, Don Roberts
- 2001 Mike Phillips and Barb Phillips
- 2002 Mike Gladish
- 2003 Alain Masson and Lucy Steele-Masson
- 2005 Mary Whitley
- 2006 Gary Bailie
- 2007 Claude Chabot
- 2008 Dave and Irene Brekke, Jim Boyde
- 2009 Rudy Sudrich
- 2011 Nick Stratis
- 2014 Bob Nishikawa and Joan Stanton
- 2016 Karen McKenna

Sport Yukon Active Member Awards

- Each year Sport Yukon hosts an Awards Ceremony to recognize athletes, clubs and sport supporters. Each member club nominates club members to receive the Sport Yukon Member Awards.
- Clubs may recognize members for any category. The WCCSC has used the following categories over the last several years: Volunteer of the Year, Event Volunteer of the Year, Administrator of the Year, Skier of the Year, Trail worker of the Year, Special Project Volunteer of the Year and others.
- SELECTION PROCESS: For the last 10 years the Board of Directors has relied on management to make nominations. The board then approves and submits the nominations to Sport Yukon. Each nominee receives a framed certificate which is presented at the Awards Ceremony near the end of November. Club members are encouraged to submit nominations to the board at any time.

Active Member Award recipients 2015:

- Skier of the Year - **Helen Jeong**

Active Member Award recipients in 2014 were:

- Skier of the Year - **Terry Markley**
- Project Volunteer of the Year - **Grant Abbott** - Homologation of the ski trails in preparation for 2016 Nationals
- Administrator of the Year - **John Wright** - equipment capital purchase long range planning

Honorary Life Member Award

- PURPOSE: To recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the sport of skiing. This membership is for life.
- ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Persons appointed as honorary life members of WCCSC should have demonstrated substantial and recognizable service beyond what normally would have been expected.
- The criteria include but are not limited to: membership in WCCSC for at least 5 years, extensive participation at all levels of the club, demonstrated leadership and commitment to the growth and unity of cross country skiing, significant contribution to the sport of skiing through coaching, participating in club events and volunteering for the club.
- The WCCSC may recognize a substantial financial contribution to the club by an individual with an honorary membership.
- Selection of honorary members shall not be limited to current WCCSC membership

- PROCEDURE:

1. Member proposing the nomination must submit a letter, preferably typed, to the executive describing how the candidate meets the eligibility criteria.
2. Three additional members of WCCSC, endorsing the nomination, must sign the letter.
3. The letter and any supporting data available will be sent to the WCCSC President.
4. All information will be distributed to the members of the executive for review. The executive will be asked to vote on whether the nominee sufficiently meets the eligibility criteria.
5. If there is more than one nominee that successfully meets the eligibility criteria in a given calendar year, then the executive will vote on the first choice for honorary life membership.

- **AWARD:**

1. The honorary membership may be awarded annually at the AGM
2. The award is a framed parchment certificate or plaque and a life-time membership to WCCSC. A brief description of the individual shall be handed out at the AGM and printed in the newsletter.
3. A wall plaque in the chalet provides a permanent display of the Life Members.
Current Life Members: Tom Fairman, Keith Frostad, Yvonne Frostad, Harris and Linda Cox, Peter Steele, Lucy Steele, Elsie Westerveldt (Sumanik)
Past Life Members: Gordon Taylor, Betty Taylor, Ted and Nicky Harrison

Monique Waterreus Award

- **PURPOSE:** Award was established in 1990 to recognize a skier who best represents the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club at national or international competitions in the past year. Monique Waterreus was the first WCCSC club member to be named to the National Junior Team, in the mid 80's.
- **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** membership in WCCSC as a junior skier – based on CWG and FIS standards this would include all skiers under 23 years of age, outstanding results at national or international cross country events, recommended by Cross Country Yukon coaching staff
- **PROCEDURE**
 1. Club Manager or Board member requests a recommendation from Cross Country Yukon staff before end of August
 2. CCY staff provide recommendation based on results of previous season
 3. WCCSC board votes on a motion to name a recipient
 3. Award winner is notified and invited to Annual General Meeting.
 4. Club Secretary adds award presentation to the AGM agenda
- **AWARD**
 1. Cash award of \$200 presented to the recipient at the AGM each year
 2. Wall plaque to provide long term recognition of recipients and to honor Monique Waterreus in the Chalet.

Award Winners:

- 2016 Natalie Hynes
- 2015 Annah Hanthorn
- 2014 Dahria Beatty
- 2013 Caelan McLean
- 2012 Janelle Greer and Dahria Beatty
- 2011 Janelle Greer
- 2010 Dahria Beatty
- 2009 Janelle Greer and Colin Abbott
- 2008 David Greer and Emily Nishikawa
- 2007 David Greer
- 2006 Bryn Knight
- 2005 Emily Nishikawa
- 2004 Brittany Greer
- 2003 Graham Nishikawa
- 2000 Kim Aschacher

Masters Trophy

- Awarded to Outstanding Male and Female skier nominated by peers and presented at the AGM.
- PURPOSE: Award was established to recognize Masters Skiers who are considered role models and are nominated by their peers.
- ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Male and female skiers who are over 30 years old, outstanding results at national or international Masters cross country ski events, considered to be excellent role models in the sport of cross country skiing
- PROCEDURE: Any member of the Canadian Masters Association and WCCSC may nominate recipients
- AWARD: Trophy held at the WCCSC and presented to the recipient at the AGM or other club event as determined by the board

Award Winners:

- 2015 Lois Johnston and Dave Brook
- 2003 Bill Slater and Yvonne Harris
- 2002 Bill Parry and Christine Todd
- 2001 Mike McCann and Mary Whitley
- 2000 Claude Chabot and Sue Johnson
- 1999 Mary Whitley and Mike McCann
- 1993 Dermot Flynn and Lene Nielsen
- 1990 Henk Waterreus and Duchane Richard

Gordon Taylor Memorial Trophy

Don Sumanik Cup

- **PURPOSE:** The Don Sumanik Cup is awarded each year at the Don Sumanik Memorial Race(s) to honour the memory of Don Sumanik and to recognize the fastest male and female skiers. Don Sumanik was one of the founders of the ski club and Cross Country Yukon and was one of the organizers of the 1981 World Cup Final, held in Whitehorse. Don died suddenly in December 1982.
- **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** The award criteria have been modified over the years. It was based on fastest combined time for male and female skiers over the classic and free technique races for many years but recently has been based on only one race, usually the classic event.
- Presently, the award policy reads: awarded each year to the fastest open male and female skier on the first day of racing, skiing a common distance. For example, all males skiing 10 kilometers on the same course, and all females skiing the same 7.5 kilometers on the first day of racing, regardless of age would be eligible for the award.
- **PROCEDURE:** Any skier entered in the Open Male or Female category (or skiing the same distance, but in a different category) of the Don Sumanik Races on the first day of competition is eligible for the trophy. The winners of the trophy will be announced as soon as the official results are available. Trophies will be presented at the Award Ceremony for the Event.
- **AWARD:** A large trophy for Male and one for Female are kept in the Wax Room and updated with small plaques each year. Keeper trophies were also presented for several years but that was discontinued. Traditionally, the Trophies have been presented by a member of the Sumanik Family.

Schiffkorn Trophy

- Awarded Yukon Championships to the fastest time for male and female 14 years old and younger, skiing a common distance.
- **PURPOSE:** This trophy was donated by the Schiffkorn family to complement the Gordon Taylor trophy which was always awarded to older skiers. The Schiffkorns wanted to recognize the achievements of younger skiers.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Skiers must be in the juvenile or younger categories which includes boys and girls who are 14 years old and younger. To be eligible the skiers must compete on a common distance, for example, all juvenile and younger boys who ski in the 7.5K would be eligible.
- **AWARD:** A large trophy that is kept on display in the Wax Room. The male and female winner are engraved on one name plate. For many years, the trophy has been presented by a member of the Schiffkorn family.

Trophy Recipients:

- 2015 Sacha Steele-Masson, Dahlia Lapointe

- 2014 Michael Kischuk, Regan Feurstner
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City of Whitehorse Volunteer of the Year

- Awarded annually by the City of Whitehorse to volunteers who are nominated by clubs and organizations in Whitehorse. One volunteer for each organization is honored by the City of Whitehorse and a committee selects one of the nominees as 'Volunteer of the Year'.
- **PURPOSE:** The City of Whitehorse values the importance of volunteers and their contributions to our community. It celebrates and publicly acknowledges outstanding volunteers by providing an opportunity for citizens to recognize and appreciate volunteers who have made significant impacts to their organizations.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** The City annually invites your organization to nominate an individual as a candidate for this honor. The nominee should be someone who has made a significant contribution to your organization or to the community as a whole.