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The official newsletter of the Soo Finnish Nordic Ski Club



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## **GARAGE SALE**

Saturday, June 5, 2004  
8 a.m. - 12 noon  
50 Idaho Drive

Donations from Club Members are welcome  
We will pick up & store any items.  
Please call Vera McCron 949-7142

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# Annual General Meeting

At the May 17th Annual General Meeting four new executives were elected to lead Soo Finnish Nordic.

The thanks of all club members goes out to:

Kevin Hogan, President  
Jim Corelli, First Vice President  
Paul Barbeau, Second Vice President  
Adriana Tomie, Treasurer

Bob Fadock and Sue Greenwood, will continue to serve as Past President and Secretary respectively.

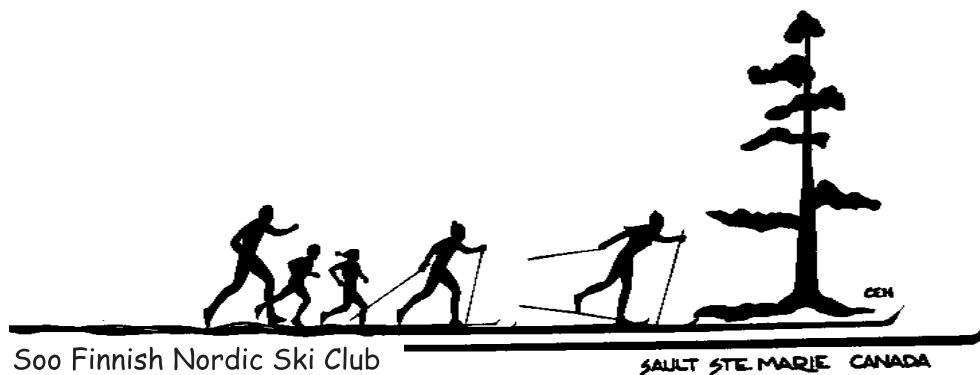
Club members who would like a copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting may contact Sue Greenwood at [richard.greenwood@sympatico.ca](mailto:richard.greenwood@sympatico.ca)

## Awards Banquet

SFNSC Annual Awards Banquet was held on April 3, 2004 and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the 180 members and guests who attended and made the evening special. Special thank you to first time MC, Jim Corelli, to Dee and the Challenge group for decorating, and to the Perkios and Sarah Cuddy for the slide show.

Mark down April 2, 2005 on your calendar and plan to attend next year!

Tasia Gordon



# Award Winners

## Time Trial Winners

### 12-13 Boys

1. Andrew Barbeau
2. Spencer Hogan
3. Patrick Noland

### 12-13 Girls

1. Erin Mallinger
2. Taylor Corelli
3. Hilaray Mallinger

### 10-11 Boys

1. Adam Hopfgartner
2. Ian Graham
3. Stephen Erickson

### 10-11 Girls

1. Catherine Mallinger
2. Maija Irvine
3. Emily Evans

### 8-9 Boys

1. Liam Ortiz
2. Matthew Seto
3. Karl Zimmerman

### 8-9 Girls

1. Frances Mallinger
2. Karine Boucher
3. Riley Hogan

### 6-7 Boys

1. James Hayden
2. Quinten Grimm
3. Max Warren

### 6-7 Girls

1. Adriane Mallinger
2. Audrey Steele
3. Emily Hopfgartner

### 4-5 Boys

1. Jack Stewart
2. Sebastien Gingras
3. Peter Warren

### 4-5 Girls

1. Amy Desrosiers
2. Emily Karklins

## Most Promising Graduating Jackrabbit Kinsmen Trophy Winners

Male            Ian Graham  
 Female        Erin Mallinger

## Most Improved Pin Winners

Bunny Rabbit Sebastien Gingras  
 Level 2A      Darcee McCaig  
 Level 3A      Max Warren  
 Level 4A      Emily Hopfgartner  
 Level 5        Riley Grant  
 Level 6        Adam Hopfgartner  
                   and Peter Nearing  
 Level 7        Leah Dominy  
 Challenge     Mandy Perkio

Level 2B      Meghan West  
 Level 3B      Hillary Warren  
 Level 4B      Evelyn Steele





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## HELP WANTED

### Special Olympics is seeking a Head Coach for their Nordic Ski program.

Special Olympics is prepared to provide and pay for all required training for a suitable candidate. The volunteer position will amount to 2-3 hours per week from October through February. Please find listed below the criteria they require for this position. Special Olympics will also cover all associated costs for this position. (travel)

- Comfortable working with individuals with a developmental disability.
- One who can teach with integrity and compassion.
- Experienced in Nordic Skiing and relevant training.
- Willing to complete a criminal reference check.
- Willing to complete required Special Olympics training.
- Good organizational skills.
- Willing to travel 1-2 weekends per year.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact:  
 Sheryl Huestis 541-9853 or 949-0101 ext. 106 or  
 Sharon Olive 949-6008



## Soo Finnish Biathlon

We were fortunate to close this season by sending Soo Finnish biathletes to both the Cadet National Biathlon Championships held at the Myriam Bedard Center, Canadian Forces Base Valcartier, Quebec and to the Ontario Winter Games at Hardwood Hills.

**At the Nationals** held from March 1 - 6, Matt and Mark McLeod and Kasey Van Scoy competed in four events, each putting in personal best performances in at least one of these:

Sprint (a 4 km for juniors /6 km for seniors race with 2 bouts of firing) in which Mark and Kasey placed 10th and 11th in the junior category and Matt placed 10th in the senior one.

Individual (a 6 km /7.5 km race with 3 bouts of firing) in which Kasey placed 7th and Mark 10th amongst juniors and Matt placed 3rd in the senior class.

Relay (a 3x4.5 km race with 2 bouts of firing/leg) in which Kasey and Matt together with another Ontario team member placed 2nd among composite teams, while Mark and his Ontario composite team placed 4th.

Patrol (a 6 km race by 3 team members carrying a military pack and load during which they must ski within 30 m of each other from the start, while entering the range and finish and fire 4 bouts, each taking at least 2 turns) in which Kasey and Matt's composite team placed 5th, while Mark and his team placed 2nd.

We were also able to send biathletes Alex Witty and Andrew Pister to this competition as officials. After completing their level 1 officials course they spent a very taxing week at the start/finish area, course controlling and forerunning. It was enough to inspire each to say they'd definitely qualify as athletes instead next year!

**At the Ontario Winter Games** while the weather warmed up to provide really wet and challenging conditions the second week of March, biathletes Heather Maxwell and Collin Edwards competed in individual and sprint events.

With the competition strong, Collin and Heather went to give it their all. The games were in full speed, they competed in the Biathlon part, with thirty competitors in all. Nervousness was rising in everyone when the first race began. Everyone was there to give it their all, still have fun, make new friends and try to improve. For the 6 km race, Edwards placed fourth, while Maxwell placed fifth. With even more determination, they went to their last race 4.5 km. The shooting for both males and females was very close, most, near perfect. With an extraordinary ski time and sharp shooting, Collin placed first by a landslide, meanwhile Heather placed sixth. Both races were very close with times, mere seconds between each other, but it was Edwards with the stronger will over all the rest. They both returned to the Sault, one with a victory and both with experience



## Kates Set To Join Canadian Cross-country Team Mates

Reported May 5, 2004 by Peter Ruicci for The Sault Star, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario

It may not have come as a complete surprise.

Yet that didn't lessen the excitement Adam Kates felt recently when informed he'd been named to the Canadian National Cross-Country Ski Team.

Beginning Thursday, the 24-year-old Sault Ste. Marie native joins his new teammates for a 10-day training camp at Mount Assinaboine, near Canmore, Alta.

"I was ranked fifth in Canada last year, so I figured there'd be some kind of promotion," said Kates, who had been skiing with the National Development Centre Team, one level below the national squad.

"I wasn't sure what kind of promotion, but this is definitely good news. It was exciting and it's nice to be on the Canadian team and skiing at the highest level possible."

The upgrade also means more government financial support for Kates, a recent graduate of the concurrent education program at Thunder Bay's Lakehead University. He goes from being on a Development (athlete's) Card, worth \$500 per month, to a Senior Card, which pays him \$1,100 monthly.

"It's definitely something I've been working towards, but I always knew it would happen once I finished my schooling," Kates continued. "Without the distraction of attending school, I was confident I'd be up with the top guys."

With plans to concentrate solely on his skiing, until at least the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy, Kates continues to seek local sponsorship to help pay for expenses.

While the five-foot-10, 165-pounder's immediate goal is to qualify for next February's World Championships in Germany, his ultimate goal is to represent Canada in 2006.

At that point, he'll reevaluate his plans, and possibly try to qualify for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

In March, Kates secured a bronze medal in a 50-kilometre event at the Canadian Championships in Charlo, N.B.

He also won an Austrian Cup 15k classic during a European Tour in February and, in January, finished fourth in a 10k skate at the Canada Cup at Mont Orford, Que.

"I think I finished outside of the top five among Canadians just twice this year," Kates said. "I was happy that my results for the year were very consistent."

