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Atlantic & Eastern Quebec Members' Convention

Mark your calendars, two months – that's right! Two months to the official launch of ski season. Be part of the Atlantic and Eastern Quebec Member's Convention – the biggest party of the season....

This year's convention begins on Saturday, December 3 and ends the afternoon of Monday December 5. Once again, this year's seminar includes three days of great skiing and all the fun social (wine & cheese plus banquet) events one can handle in a weekend.

For the first time, we are offering participating members the opportunity to share their "Vibrant Mountain Experience" on and off the slopes with a friend, spouse or significant other. Your guest will take part in all the fantastic social events plus a ski camp second to none. The ski improvement camp for non-member guests will be tailored for individual ability levels.

For complete details and to register, please refer to the registration form OR visit our web site www.csiaatlantic.com. Make sure you sign up early to take advantage of the special early registration price of \$175.00.

Over the past two years, I have answered a number of questions about hosting the Atlantic Convention and AGM in the province of Quebec – specifically at Mont Ste. Anne (MSA). In response to these questions, I offer the following reasons why this great event should stay at MSA. So, here goes!

Terrain and snow conditions

I can honestly say most Atlantic ski hills are not consistently open during the first weekend in December. The Atlantic doesn't typically register the cool temperatures

necessary for operators to make snow until later in the month. When we did host the event at Crabbe or Mont Farlange, conditions were always a question forcing organizers to wait until the last minute to determine if the event was a go or not. At MSA, the hill is usually open mid to late November – which pretty much guarantees us great skiing conditions in early December. The on-snow sessions have been AMAZING because we have so much hill space to work with and we are not all trying to ski on one crowded trail. With the detachable high-speed lifts at MSA, the mileage on-snow over the last number of years has been equivalent to skiing for five days in the Atlantic region.

Travel and Cost

On these two issues, I do have an even more compelling argument. For the road warrior, MSA is definitely a higher (travel) cost – in both time and money. Most of our member's require a least a half to a full day of travel to get to Crabbe or Mont Farlange. However, the analysis is more involved than the cost of an extra tank of gas and three to four hours on the road. The committee is responsible for travel and accommodations for all course conductors. When the event was hosted in New Brunswick we were often paying more in travel and accommodations than in wages. With MSA, we have very little travel costs to cover and, in some cases, we aren't charged for accommodations. These savings translate directly into both the cost of registration and the calibre of the event we can offer.

As for the members who fly, it's just as

easy to fly into Quebec City, as it is to fly to Fredericton. I would argue it is far easier to fly into Quebec then it is to travel to Edmundston.

Facilities

Another advantage MSA has over other ski areas is its range of facilities –all within walking distance of each other. All of the facilities required to accommodate members, their guests and to host the various social functions on the schedule are in one place. This not only makes MSA more convenient for our purposes, I would argue it makes it safer and more fun for everyone involved.

So when it comes down to hosting a great event, having consistent snow conditions with more than one trail open and great facilities– there is no comparison, the nod goes to Mont Ste. Anne.

Finally, I would like to thank the team that puts together all of the great Atlantic CSIA programs. A few examples include the Level I courses, PD clinics, The Profile newsletter, the Spring Fling and of course The Fall Convention. I encourage each and everyone to visit our web site, check out the new information or just drop your provincial representative's an email. We will be updating the Level I schedule as well as regional news on a regular basis.

Make tracks to our web site to sign up for the Fall Convention.

David Bugden
Chair, CSIA Atlantic

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News from NB

Mount Farlagne was back, after 2 years of closure, with a new owner who turned things around. Season pass and day pass sales far exceeded their projections. From the buzz in the Edmonston area this season is shaping up to be even bigger. They are expanding snow making, refurbished snow guns, and are expanding the terrain park to include the whole of Fraser Run.

Hats off to the Snow school for hosting the Atlantic CSIA Spring Festival, it was a great success many thanks to their hard work. Gary Thorne (506-735-8542H or 506-737-1674W admin@montfarlagne.com) is returning as Snow School Director.

Crabbe Mountain had a good season in

spite of the short fall of natural snow. The snow making and groomer crews did a fantastic job to create great conditions. Gregor Wilson is back for his second year as general manager. There are no major improvements planned for Cabbe this season. Carol Gay (506-459-4542H or 506-463-8311W; Gay.Carol@gnb.ca) will be back as Snow School director.

Poley Mountain also had a good year with the snow school being very busy. Poley has planed more expansion to their snow making system and increasing their terrain park and improvements to their trail system. Frank McShane (frankpoley@hotmail.com) and Bob Barnes will be supervising the snow

school again this year.

All snow schools are looking for instructors, they can be contacted at the above numbers.

There has been no news from Sugarloaf.

My two year term as New Brunswick Rep is up this year and I will not be re-offering for the position. I have enjoyed being on the Board for several years but it is time to let someone else bring some fresh ideas to the Board. Election for the position will be held at our Fall festival, please New Brunswick instructors consider running for the position.

Brian Kilpatrick
NB Rep

Proxy for Annual General Meeting of the Atlantic Region Members

The undersigned _____ of _____ and a
(print name) (print region/area)
member in good standing of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance hereby appoints:

_____ to the Atlantic Region board of Directors as
(print member name)
() Provincial Representative.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2005

(Signed name)
Member number _____.

Please submit this proxy by mail to Bryan Bursey, 58 Lodge Ave., Hammonds Plains, NS, B4B 1W2 or email a copy to bryan_bursey@hotmail.com or fax Bryan Bursey at 902-490-8898.

News from PEI

There are as little as six weeks until the snow starts falling and everyone will be in ski mode. I hope you all enjoyed a beautiful summer and have started your dry land training for this up coming ski season. Steve Campbell, Ian Lewis and Aundrea Wood reported another successful ski season at Brookvale earlier in 2005. The interest in learning to ski, could not be better! Snowschool.ca located on PEI will be holding a staff meeting in early December, so if you are interested in teaching this upcoming season get in contact with the school by email at info@snowschool.ca, by telephone at (902) 658-2142 or by post at P.O. Box 1512, Charlottetown, C1A 7N3, PEI. The Snow School at Brookvale are

always looking for instructor to teach the eight week programs, which will start on the first weekend in January.

The PEI Alpine Ski Association will be holding it's annual SKI SWAP at Brookvale on November 5th, (drop-off 8:00am – 9:30am, equipment sale 10:00am – 12:00pm, equipment / cheque pick-up 12:00pm – 1:00pm). As usual you will be able to register your little ones for ski lessons, sign up a friend to take CSIA Level I instructors course, enjoy a ski video, pick up a Skier magazine, collect some freebies (ie. stickers), enjoy a BBQ and have some hot chocolate. I hope to see you all at Brookvale for day full of pre season fun.

Earlier this month, I sent out a letter to

all CSIA members in the PEI area, asking if any of you are interested in traveling to the CSIA Atlantic AGM at Mont Sainte Anne this December 3rd, 4th, 5th. If you haven't sent me an email as of yet or you have not received a letter in the mail, please contact me at bookerlaura@hotmail.com. I will be putting together travel plans on November 10th, so ask for a few days off work/school and take advantage of this pre-season ski weekend and join in the fun. Don't forget to check out our website at www.csiaatlantic.com for up to date info and schedules. Have a great ski season!

Laura Booker
PEI Rep

News from NL

The almanac is predicting a cold, snowy winter and everyone is smiling! Before long we will be skiing on Newfoundland and Labrador's great mountains.

White Hills Ski Resort, just a couple of hours drive from the capital city of St. John's, had a busy season in 2004-05 and is preparing for another. They have added new features to their terrain park, a new run and snowshoe trails which all contribute to the excitement of a trip to White Hills in Clarendville! They have brush cutting in their plans for the pre-season this year, as well as some minor renovations to their lodge. They are delighted with the interest from the region's schools and anticipate another busy season for their instructors. A CSIA level I course is planned for early in the new year and you can get more information about White Hills on their website - www.discoverwhitehills.com

Smokey Mountain in Labrador receives the most incredibly dry, perfect snow. Everyone who skis there raves about the quality of the snow and the exciting terrain. They have a snow school with approximately

ten instructors, who work mostly on the weekends. They teach in both official languages with many of their skiers coming from Quebec which is just minutes away.

Mount Shana in Goose Bay, Labrador is an active ski hill with a ski school comprised of local volunteers. Level I CSIA courses are offered there when required and some of Mount Shana's dedicated instructors travel to Smokey Mountain in Labrador West for professional development prior to the season. The current owner of the hill is interested in selling, so if you are in the market for your very own ski terrain, he is accepting offers!

Marble Mountain Resort has big plans for the upcoming season. Upgrades to its snowmaking system will double the resort's capacity to make snow. The goal is to have an exciting ski product for the lucrative Christmas season. With weekly charters from the UK, Marble is enjoying significant growth in skier visits. Snow School Director, Jim Ryan (who spent the summer teaching skiing in New Zealand), will be

busy with the demands that will be placed on his snow school again this year - good news for Marble Mountain's instructors! Registration in all the snow school programs grew last season and with heightened interest in the resort, further growth is expected this season. Level I CSIA courses are scheduled for early in the season with the first course taking place December 28 - 31. If you would like to work at Marble's snow school, contact Jim at jimryan@skimarble.com. A tubing park is being added for the resort's guests (no lessons required there!) and there is a lot of excitement in the local area for the upcoming season. Check out Marble Mountain's official website - www.skimarble.com - for the latest information.

If you have any questions about skiing in Newfoundland and Labrador contact Anne Pinsent at anne@skimarble.com. Mount Ste. Anne is a great place to catch up with old friends on the slopes and to learn a thing or two while you're at it. See you there in December! Have a great winter!

Atlantic & Eastern Quebec Members' Convention Registration Form December 3rd, 4th and 5th 2005 Mont Ste. Anne

Members' Name: _____

Member #: _____

Address: _____

Ski Area: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Level: CSIA _____

Email: _____

CSCF _____

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CSIA General Ski Improvement

Level II Preparation

Level IV Preparation

CSCF General Ski Improvement

Level III Preparation

Will you bring a friend?

Yes No If yes, please provide the following information

Friend's Name: _____

Skiing Ability -

Address: _____

Beginner

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Intermediate

Email: _____

Advance

No. Party ____ @ \$175.00 \$CDN per person (Early Bird) = Total \$ _____

(includes your tuition, AGM & reception and banquet. **Cheques Payable to CSIA Atlantic**)

Important Information:

CHEQUES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 25, 2005

After November 25, 2005 - Regular Proce is \$210.00

Registration will be Friday Dec 2nd at 8:00pm - Calgary Room at MSA

Sessions start at 9:00 am.

Preferred Accommodations & Rates

Chalets Montmorency -

Phone 1-800-463-2612

Chalets Mont Ste-Anne -

Reservations: 1-800-463-4395

RETURN TO:

Mr. Bryan Bursey, 58 Lodge Ave., Hammonds Plains, NS B4B 1W2

News from NS

If I close my eyes I can feel myself arcing across some hard-pack or blasting through some pow getting a face full of snow. . . . When I open them the sky is blue the sun is out and the leaves are still green. . . Winter can't be too far off though if we're putting together the Fall Newsletter.

Greetings from Nova Scotia – All hail The Bluenose, Blueberries, Lobsters and Cape Breton!! We'll be back on snow sooner than we think. News from around the Province is good with 4 Ski Areas in full swing for the winter of 05/06.

Ski Wentworth has had some interesting projects on the go over the off season and has some interesting new programs to offer skiers through the Snow School this winter.

A 20 Million (yup 20 MILLION!!) gallon snowmaking reservoir has been constructed at the TOP of the mountain. That's 10 times bigger than the existing reservoir. This will enable Wentworth to cover more trails with more snow earlier in the season!! More snow guns are also on the way!! Its ALL GOOD!!

The Snow School at Wentworth is running the Wentworth Freestyle League and Snowboard League. These 9 week programs will offer intermediate and advanced skiers & riders a high performance environment with a focus on competition to enhance their skills. Also being offered is a 6 week program for ladies only called Women on Wednesdays.

Nina Hoffman will be returning as Snow School Director and with all of the new programs she'll be looking for full and

part-time instructors. You'll be looking sharp too as Wentworth is getting new uniforms this season. Contact Nina at 902-548-2089 ext 229 or snowschool@skiwentworth.ca.

CSIA members can check out Wentworth for FREE (zip/zero/nada) on the first day and for HALF PRICE after that!!

Up at Cape Smokey Snow School Director Mike Jackson (of the 2 gloves) reports that they are in the FINAL stages of testing of their NEW state of the art snowmaking system!! This will make for a much earlier and longer season on-snow!! They added 10 more instructors to the Snow School last season and will probably need more this year. Contact Mike at mikej_107@msn.com for more info.

Smokey has done a number of trail upgrades including the erection of a new terrain park CSIA members enjoy discounted lift tickets so make this the year that you ski the Maritimes highest vertical!!

At Ski Ben Eoin Kevin MacPhee is still at the helm of the Snow School. Please contact him regarding employment opportunities and upcoming courses at info@skibeneoin.com

Kevin reports that six of the instructors in the Snow School were successful on-course last spring and received their level 2 CSIA certification.

CSIA members will enjoy the same discounts as last season when visiting Ben Eoin – The first day is FREE (zero dinerio!!) and the next days are at half price.

At Martock Andy MacLean is at the

helm of the Sno School with Annie Macdonald as Assistant Director. They have a number of new and improved multi-week programs that offer the clients lots of flexibility in choosing the perfect program. They can be reached regarding employment opportunities at snowschool@martock.com.

Martock has made some dramatic improvements to their snowmaking system this year too!! They have installed a new compressor and improved their pipeline to accept increased pressure for increased volume which means (you guessed it) MORE SNOW. They have also been designated a snowmaking test center for Whittier Canada so will be testing various new snowmaking products over the winter, providing snowmaking expertise to resorts throughout Atlantic Canada with the skiing public as the beneficiaries!! Whittier Canada is the company providing the snowmaking systems for the 2010 Olympics in Whistler. This should mean more snow even earlier for Martock!! Also look for some new features on the hill in the terrain park and one of the best half-pipes in Atlantic Canada.

CSIA members can enjoy their first day as a FREEBIE (nada,zip,zero) and the next days at half price. All you have to do is flash your CSIA membership card.

That's all for now from the Nova Scotia perspective. Hope to see a STRONG contingent of our members at Mont Ste Anne in early December!!

Cheers. . . Gregor Byrne
NS Rep

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Members

CSIA Atlantic Region

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General meeting of the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance (CSIA) Atlantic Region will be held in The Calgary Room at the base of Mont Ste. Anne, Quebec on Saturday December 3rd, 2005 at 7:00 pm.

1. To receive the Financial Statements of the Atlantic Region for year ended June 30, 2005 together with the report of the Director's and Regional Representatives.
2. To transact such further business as properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Election of Directors

In accordance with the CSIA Atlantic by-laws, all provincial representatives will be up for election for a two-year term at this 2005 AGM. Nominations may be made verbally by members present at the meeting or made in writing 30 days prior to, provided the nominee be also present and otherwise qualify to sit on the Board. Nominations made in writing must be accompanied by the support of no less than one active member submitted to the Nominating Committee via mail, email or fax. Votes may also be made by written submission (proxy) and submitted 5 days prior to the meeting. The vote shall be indicated for a member in nomination.