Nick Soper - Builder
CCNL Hall of Fame
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Since 1995, Nick Soper has been the backbone of The Airport Nordic Ski Club (ANSC). Nick has been involved in every aspect of the Club and served as Club President since 1999. He has been the driving force for reactivating a dormant club, developing trails, acquiring equipment and buildings, taking on construction projects as well as getting a parking lot paved. One would be admis to not mention his strong involvement in promotion, officiating, coaching and fundraising. Nick has been the paramount volunteer at ANSC. The 16 km of groomed trails, lights for night skiing and a new Piston Bully along with increasing membership to almost 500 members is testament to the success of Nick's vision, hard work and dedication.

The Club's reorganization and expansion under Nick's leadership has drawn novice skiers to become members. In doing so, he has helped to ensure the Club's longevity. With a small coaching base, Nick personally provided skiing lessons and encouraged other more experienced skiers to seek out coaching/instructing qualifications. In turn, they used these skills to help beginner skiers learn proper technique under safe conditions. Although the Junior Development Ski Program took time to perfect, Nick persisted in coaching young skiers until a dedicated and well-rounded coaching staff could be established. He understood the importance of introducing youth to the sport in order to increase club membership for the future. Additionally, Nick recognized the need to establish contacts within the provincial skiing community to assist with the fledgling program. During his time as Club President, Nick represented the Central Region on the Cross Country NL Board for several years. On occasion, he still fills in when the incumbent is unavailable. During the 2003 NL Winter Games, Nick took on the leadership role for planning and organizing the Cross Country Ski Competition. Nick Soper is surely Mr. Cross Country in Central Newfoundland.