



VOLUNTEER WALL OF FAME

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1. What type of organizations do you volunteer for?

I've volunteered for both organizations related to professional development of geologists and cross country ski organizations but am now focussing on the latter. I just finished a four year term on the Cross Country Canada board of directors. I've been involved in the Cross Country Saskatchewan (CCS) high performance committee for several years and am now on my fourth year as CCS HP Director. I've been on the Saskatoon Nordic Ski Club executive for eight years and am just finishing up a second term as President. Finally, I've gotten quite involved in officiating (currently a level 3 divisional TD) and have served at local races, Sask Cups, Westerns, Nationals, Canada Winter Games, Norams, World Cups and the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

2. What is the most rewarding part about volunteering?

I take great satisfaction in leading and working with people who share a common goal. As an official, this would be helping run races that give the athletes a great race experience - good tracks and a fair competition. At the club level, it is working with colleagues who are trying to develop better ski trails and facilities for cross country skiers in Saskatoon and area. With CCS, it's working with local organizing committees, club coaches and our high performance committee to give our Saskatchewan athletes a passion for cross country skiing and a better training and competition experience.

3. What do you have to say about all the volunteers who make events possible?

I'd really like to thank them all. There are so many people involved with cross country skiing at so many levels across Canada, and many don't get recognition. So, whether you're working year round as a division president, or giving one weekend to work on a finish line timing crew at a local race, you know who you are - thanks!

4. Finish this sentence: I volunteer because...

It allows me to work with friends who love cross country skiing and share a vision of making good things happen to advance the sport in Canada; and it allows me to share in the excitement of cross country ski racing even though I can't step turn a fast downhill corner and would look lumpy in a racing suit.

