

2019 Canadian Tire President's Ride At Woodstock

Woodstock - The annual NBFSC President's Ride was hosted by the New Brunswick Canadian Tire dealers and NBFSC recently. The N.B. Canadian Tire dealers - 19 owners - came on board as the NBFSC's Exclusive Corporate Partner in the summer of 2017 including their title sponsorship of the annual NBFSC President's Ride.

For 2019 the event was hosted from the trails of our Zone 4 Clubs on the weekend of January 25th to 27th, 2019. Multiple trails in Zone 4 Clubs were the 2019 hosts of provincial Club Presidents, club volunteers, former NBFSC Presidents, other NBFSC Corporate Partners and guests from all over New Brunswick.



NBFSC President (1999-2001), Carl Smidt created the concept of the Annual President's Ride to honor and thank the many volunteers in each of the member clubs who provide all of us with the NBFSC trails. All of the Club Presidents are invited to attend each winter, usually a weekend in January. In addition, the NBFSC's Directors from each Zone, all the NBFSC Past Presidents and a number of Corporate Partners and the previous season's NBFSC Award winners also attend, annually.

Since the event began more than a decade ago we have unfortunately lost some of our former NBFSC Presidents. Those no longer able to ride with us are Greg Green, Bob Walsh, Carl Smidt and most recently Gilbert LeBlanc, who passed away in December, 2018. A moment of silence was held to recognize Gilbert, Greg, Bob and Carl to recognize their contributions to our past and our success today. May they all be riding *White Gold* somewhere better.



Past NBFSC President's joining the 2019 Ride were Brad Mann (2015-2018) from Campbellton region, Sandy Young (2012-2015) from the Moncton region, Jody Tower (2010-2012) from the Fredericton region and John McLellan (2004-2007) from Woodstock. The NBFSC has had twelve (12) club volunteers serve as President for the Federation in our 37 year history including current President, Scott Ralston of Woodstock, NB.



The weekend was capped off with a dinner on Saturday evening. Greetings and gratitude were brought forward by President, Scott Ralston. Corporate partners recognized were the Canadian Tire New Brunswick Dealers.

Also acknowledged was the four snowmobile OEMS who provide partnership snowmobiles with supporting New Brunswick dealers; Extreme Torque Motorsports / Hi-Tech Motorsports (Ski-Doo), City Argo Motorsports (Ski-Doo), Patterson's Equipment (Arctic Cat), West End Sports (Yamaha) and Hawkins Equipment (Polaris). The NBFSC thanks everyone for the use of their snowmobiles at this event and throughout the 2019 calendar.

Greetings and appreciation were capped by Mr. Pierre Girard, owner of the Canadian Tire in Athoville, NB who spoke on behalf of the 19 Canadian Tire dealers in New Brunswick. He stated they were proud to be the NBFSC's Exclusive Partner and prouder of the work of the volunteers of the Federation.



Thank you to all the Federation's Corporate Partners and those who took the time to participate in the volunteer's weekend. A final and very special thank you goes out to the club's volunteers and club's groomer operators who worked tirelessly the week preceding our event through two storms to enable us to have trails for this season's 2019 Canadian Tire President's Ride.

