

The third Canada Winter Games were held in Lethbridge, which was in southern Alberta. These Games started on February 11 and continued until February 23, 1975. The interesting thing about these Games was that, they not only were held in Lethbridge, but in thirteen other communities around Lethbridge. All the communities were within one hundred kilometers of Lethbridge except Devon which was five hundred kilometers further north (McDonald and McLaughlin, 1979, p. 60). The cross country races were held in a community called Castle Junction, Alberta, which was several miles west of Lethbridge. These Games produced one of the best results ever for Nova Scotia cross country skiers. This was the first time the alpine and cross country teams were separate, and the men's relay team almost came home with a medal.

The coach for the 1975 cross country team was again Carl Purcell of Dartmouth, and the manager was Barb Linke. As with the 1971 team, coach Purcell had some very good skiers. For the men's Bryan Scallion of St. Margaret's Bay, was again a member and this time had much more experience to offer. Another top skier was Gary Hartling of Sheet Harbour who also brought a lot of skiing talent to the team. The two remaining men were a father and son combination from Shearwater: Moe Aller, the father, and Bryan Aller, his son. It is interesting to note that there was no age restriction up to 1975 for the athletes. Moe was forty-six years old at the time of the 1975 Games. This is different to the Canada Games of today where the athletes are usually juniors, under the age of twenty. The women's team was not as experienced as the men's team. They were basically a young team, but still did fairly well. The women's team was made up of Dianne Powell, from Gore, a very small community in Hants County, Nova Scotia. There was also Linda Lawrence of Sackville, Kerry Feetham also from Sackville and Jane Bagnall from Bedford (Nordic Ski Nova Scotia).



On February 7, 1975, some of the first athletes to leave for Lethbridge, from the Halifax International Airport, were the alpine and cross country skiers (Mail Star, February 10, 1975). Upon reaching Lethbridge, the athletes were confronted with avalanches and blowing snow which cancelled the alpine skiing events, but not the cross country skiing event (Mail Star, February 14, 1975). On February 13, 1975, at Castle Junction, the first cross country ski race was held. It was the women's ten kilometer individual race. The top female for Nova Scotia was Dianne Powell who placed 24th among 45 entries with a time of 47 minutes even. This was a personal best for Dianne by two minutes (Mail Star, February 14, 1975). The next best skier was Linda Lawrence who finished 29th in a time of 50:12 which also broke her personal best by almost two minutes. Kerry Feetham was next in 33rd spot in 51:51, and Jane Bagnall was 37th in a time of 53:32. Again both of these times were personal bests for the girls. Overall the girls finished ninth in this race which pleased coach Purcell because this event was the first time any of the girls had competed outside their home province (Mail Star, February 14, 1975).

On the following day, February 14, 1975, the men skied their first race of the competition, a fifteen kilometer individual race. They had tremendous results, placing two men among the top ten, out of 48 racers who were entered (Canada Winter Games Results, 1975, p. 11). Gary Hartling finished seventh, and was the top Nova Scotia male in a time of 55:41. Bryan Scallion, a veteran of the 1971 Games, was two spots back in ninth place with a time of 55:45, only four seconds behind Gary. The third Nova Scotia male was Bryan Aller. He too finished in the first half of the field with a respectable 21st placing in a time of 59:23. His father, Moe, placed 31st in a time of 1:06:14 (Canada Winter Games Results, 1975, p. 11). Coach Purcell's description of the race was simply "just beautiful" (Chronicle Herald, February 15, 1975).

This was the first time ever that two Nova Scotia participants placed in the top ten of a Canada Winter Games in cross country skiing, and there was more excitement to come.

Two days later, on Sunday, February 16, 1975, the men's team just missed a medal in the 3X10 kilometer relay race, placing fourth. Their combined time was 1:52:37 just behind the bronze medalists, Ontario (Chronicle Herald, February 17, 1975). The interesting thing about this race was they probably would have won a medal if not for Bryan Aller having the flu and being unable to compete. Instead of Bryan skiing the final leg of the relay, the fourth man on the team, his father, Moe, had to do it. There was nothing wrong with that, because that is why there are four men on a team; but Bryan was a stronger skier than his father. The great thing about the race was that the Nova Scotia team actually led for the first two-thirds of the relay race, by strong skiing from Bryan Scallion and Gary Hartling. It was not until the final leg that they slipped to fourth (Chronicle Herald, February 17, 1975).

The day before all this happened, on Saturday, February 15, 1975, the women had their relay race. It consisted of a 3X5 kilometer race and was not quite as dramatic as the men's race. They did manage to finish ninth out of a field of eleven teams. The time for the women combined was 1:08:09, and it was skied by Dianne Powell, Linda Lawrence and Kerry Feetham (Chronicle Herald, February 17, 1975). Coach Purcell was pleased with the way his girls' team skied because they performed personal bests at the games. He realized before the games started that his girls' team was young and not as experienced as his guys' team, and that Nova Scotia lacked the snow conditions and competition which is needed to improve and gain experience (Mail Star, January 30, 1975). All in all though, the Nova Scotia cross country ski team of the 1975 Canada Winter Games did very well.



SKIING / SKI

CASTLE JUNCTION WOMEN/FEMMES FEB 13. / 11:00

VENUE/LIEU DE REUNION

TIME/HEURE

SK-8

CROSS COUNTRY / COURSE DE FOND
10 KILOMETRE

		TIME TEMPS	POINTS			TIME TEMPS	POINTS
PETTERSEN (G)	BC	40:41:32	45	DUQUET	QUE	47:19:42	21
SERVOLD (S)	ALTA	40:48:39	44	ROSINGER	MAN	48:27:59	20
PARKES (B)	NWT	41:13:24	43	MILLS, C	NFLD	47:15:07	19
CEJNAR, D.	ONT	41:30:55	42	MILLS, J	NFLD	49:24:42	18
OSNESS	ALTA	41:37:30	41	MARKENF	NFLD	50:15:10	17
SANDER	ONT	41:41:57	40	SHEELEY	NFLD	50:39:20	16
JENSEN	QUE	42:00:33	39	HUTSEL	YUK	50:41:47	15
KUBICEK	ALTA	42:40:45	38	PALYNCHUK	SASK	51:26:47	14
DEHERS	QUE	42:42:22	37	PEETHAN	WS	51:51:28	13
BOETTCHER	ALTA	43:47:05	36	SCARTH, R.	MAN	52:18:10	12
SCARTH, S	MAN	44:04:42	35	SHIELLS	SASK	53:16:34	11
TUGGLE, BECKY	BC	44:06:31	34	MCMORRIS	MAN	53:44:50	10
WATT	YUK	44:19:32	33	MARKENF	WS	53:51:26	9
BULLOCK	NWT	44:44:26	32	WHEATLEY	PEI	54:11:22	8
FIRTH	NWT	45:01:29	31	TULK	NFLD	54:13:24	7
ALLEN	NWT	45:07:38	30	MERZ	SASK	55:24:27	6
CEJNAR, I	ONT	45:12:55	29	PALMER	NB	55:25:40	5
ATKINSON	ONT	45:38:16	28	AITKEN	AIR	56:44:20	4
DAY	BC	45:50:28	27	PIGOT	NB	57:04:37	3
MCDONUGALL	QUE	45:52:02	26	O'CONNER	NB	57:06:41	2
SCHIEFKORN	YUK	46:29:55	25	BAKER	PEI	1:00:01:62	1
DECHUK	YUK	46:31:08	24				
TUGGLE, BETH	BC	46:56:29	23				
POWER	BC	47:01:29	22				

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WOMEN/FEMMES FEB 13 15:00

HEURE

SK-8

10 KILOMETRE
CROSS-COUNTRY / COURSE DE FOND

	TEAM POINTS POINTS D'EQUIPE	STANDING RANG
ALBERTA	123	1
BRITISH COLUMBIA	106	3-4
MANITOBA	67	7
NEW BRUNSWICK	12	11
NEWFOUNDLAND	53	8
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES	106	3-4
NOVA SCOTIA	52	9
ONTARIO	111	2
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	9	12
QUEBEC	102	5
SASKATCHEWAN	31	10
YUKON	82	6

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WHAT LIES IN IT: ILLUSION

1602-1603 1604-1605

SK-13 3X5 RELAY / 3X5 RELAYS

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MEN/HOMMES

FEB. 14 17:00

TIME HEURE

SK-11		15 KM. CROSS COUNTRY / COURSE DU FOND					
		TIME TEMPS	POINTS			TIME TEMPS	POINTS
ANDREW COCKNEY	NWT	1530727	48	JAMES BOSS	NWT	1510455	24
LAURE KARJAVOTO	BC	1535046	47	TOFINN JEEUSTAD	MAN	1514930	23
LAURE PENTTINEN	CNT	1541162	46	HAI. AERTZEN	YUK	1522751	22
PIERRE VERZINA	QUE	1543193	45	KEVIN PERCY	NS	1525442	21
BOE PETERSEN	BC	1543500	44	TED BILLENBERG	SASK	1531920	20
BOE COCKNEY	NWT	1550493	43	RENE DUMONT	NS	1531130	19
ANDREW COCKNEY	NS	1551747	42	PAVO KIVISTO	INFLO	1540372	18
CAROL FRANK	CNT	1551249	41	SHELDON EVANOFFS	MAN	1540133	17
ANDREW COCKNEY	NS	1551337	40	CARL KATA	INFLO	1541205	16
LARRY MASON	ALTA	1542294	39	GARY BRILL	YUK	1544420	15
STEPHEN COOPER	MAN	1513501	38	CURTIS MENGE	INFLO	1545032	14
GERHARD SCHOPP	ALTA	1544203	37	SIMON LEIGH	NS	1545225	13
CON GARDNER	ALTA	1545435	36	GRANT HILCHUSE	SASK	1547254	12
CHRISTOPHE WEBER	QUE	1543353	35	ANDREW COCKNEY	NS	1551747	42
JUHANI LASSILA	CNT	1574406	34	STEPHEN VETTER	INFLO	1540372	10
HANNU HELIN	CNT	1574770	33	BOB TAYLOR	SASK	1570635	9
LARS FOSSUM	ALTA	1572220	32	ALBERT WHEELE	BC	1571250	8
BERNARD VOYER	QUE	1551161	31	BRYAN DUFFY	MAN	1574533	7
FRANK BARTICK	QUE	1549401	30	MARTIN WILLIAMS	YUK	1540372	6
GRANT PAMLSON	BC	1550070	29	BRIAN HUNT	YUK	1541205	5
ANDREW COCKNEY	NS	1551747	42	KEITH IRVING	PEI	1575555	4
KEVIN KING	NWT	1541271	27	DARKE CARR	PEI	1592713	3
JEFF GELLENBER	NS	1553535	26	MARK CARR	PEI	1522012	2
BERNARD LA PLANTE	SASK	1540190	25	BOB CANTON	PEI	1523025	1

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MEN/HOMMES

FEB 14 11:30

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SK-11 15 KM CROSS COUNTRY/COURSE DU FOND			
		TEAM POINTS POINTS D'EQUIPE	STANDING RANG
ALBERTA		112	4
BRITISH COLUMBIA		120	2
MANITOBA		78	7
NEW BRUNSWICK		66	8
NEWFOUNDLAND		48	10
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES		118	3
NOVA SCOTIA		110	6
ONTARIO		121	1
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND		9	12
QUEBEC		111	5
SASKATCHEWAN		57	9
YUKON		43	11

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