



## VOLUNTEER WALL OF FAME

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### 1. What type of organizations do you volunteer for?

Cross country has really absorbed a lot of my volunteer time in the last few years. Funny how that happens.... I have been on my club executive for many years in various roles and am currently president. I volunteered for the Olympics and all the test events. I have volunteered in the past for CANSI, and have supported other sporting events such as the women's soccer league in Whitehorse, triathlons, and music and storytelling festival.

### 2. What is the most rewarding part about volunteering?

The happy faces and smiles and truly appreciative thank you comments from happy participants, sponsors, and other volunteers when an event comes off well.

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

Volunteers are the glue, mortar, nails - the substance that holds it all together and makes everything happen. Without volunteers, literally none of the things we need to make our sport successful would happen; because there is simply no way staff could be hired to do it. There would be no ski clubs, no coaching, no athlete development, no races of any kind. They provide the sport with the gift of their time, which is impossible to put a value onto. I believe volunteering is truly a luxury, as people in many parts of the world don't have the ability to contribute free time to events or organizations, so we are lucky to be able to do it. But with so

many things happening in this busy world, I think it is crucial to acknowledge how lucky we are when volunteers choose our events to contribute their time to. Sadly, I think sometimes they are also taken for granted, so I am happy CCC is making efforts like this to recognize them!

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

I like challenges? I always want to learn new things, and I like to solve problems, so organizing events certainly provides that! I really enjoy the cross country community, and I have met some interesting people and made new friends. I volunteer for events at Whistler Olympic Park because the Lower Mainland area/BC desperately needs an area like this for people to ski and to help the sport of cross country skiing grow in the province. I like to think every little bit helps, even my drops into the bucket! Okay, that was more than a sentence, but that's a complex question!

