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Canadian Birkie News



Biking Like a Viking Early Bird Pricing Ends June 14th

An additional distance is added to the Biking Like a Viking Biosphere Ride. Now you can choose between 50 km, 100 km and 160 km. Don't forget to [register](#) before **the Early Bird pricing ends June 14th, 2023 at 11.59pm.**

Join us for Biking like a Viking and ride a non-timed 50 km, 100 km or 160 km ride and experience the [UNESCO-designated Beaver Hills Biosphere](#). Spots are limited for this inaugural Birkie Bike Event so make sure to [register](#) today.

Find more information on our website: <https://canadianbirkie.com/bike/>

Register now

Birkie Founders & Builders Award

The Birkie Builders and Founders award is given to an individual who makes

Monica Wartenberg

For many years Monica is a critical component of the Birkie in her role of recruiting volunteers –the lifeblood of the Birkie. She is a constant dynamic presence at all events

a substantial contribution to the fundamentals and growth of the Canadian Birkie Festival. During the last Birkie AGM, on May 30, 2023, it was time to announce the awardees of the [2023 Birkie Founders and Builders award](#)

Roberta Hyland

Roberta for being a vital and inspirational component of the Birkie as a board director, as co-founder of the Barnebirkie and advancing it to the current form, as creative contributor to the marketing team and as a dedicated long time volunteer.

Cathy Schreiner

In 1985 Cathy became involved with the Canadian Birkie as skier. She moved immediately into organizing and in the early years held virtually every position with the Birkie, including President. We take the current Birkie format for granted but it was due to the efforts of our predecessors like Cathy that it evolved into its current successful and durable format. Cathy was the Birkie Office Manager for many years until 2010 and played a large role in establishing the Birkebeiner as a premier event.

and will always ready to contribute as need be.

Andy and Ann Stebner

Randy and Ann are long time volunteers with the Birkie. Randy, as Chief of Stadium, is one of the longest serving chiefs on the Loppet Committee. The Stadium Chief he is responsible for the design, set up and take down of the Waskahegan Stadium. Anne helps with registration activities for the Birkie Saturday short events, among other involvements. Both are part of the trail blazers crew, grandparents of the Birkie Baby and are omnipresent ensuring a smooth running stadium operation on Birkie Saturday.

Jim Black

As a landscape architect, Jim laid out and project managed the construction of the trail network (1984-5) at Blackfoot - as part of the establishment of Blackfoot as a multipurpose recreational, grazing and natural area. When the Birkebeiner first came to Blackfoot in 1988 he started as a volunteer and has been involved in some manner since then. In 2014 he joined the Loppet Committee as Chief of Course and has since been Chief of Loppet, President and Past President.



Did you know... [Wingspan Studio](#) kindly provided us with the design of the Biking Like a Viking logo and poster. Thank you!



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