



# GUY LAVIOLETTE

## Cross Country Skiing/Builder · Inducted 2011

Guy Laviolette of Charlo has been involved in cross-country skiing development and competition in New Brunswick for more than 35 years. He is credited with bringing the first national cross-country skiing championships to the province in 1981 as well as establishing trail systems and starting the first provincial competition. While he demonstrated leadership on boards of Les Aventuriers Ski Club of Charlo from 1977 to the present, Laviolette has also made his presence felt on provincial and national associations. He is an accomplished trail expert who oversaw course development for every Canada Winter Games held in the Maritime Provinces and was also a technical director for national competitions held outside the region. In addition to serving as a technical delegate during numerous national and international events, Laviolette has been honoured provincially and nationally for outstanding volunteer work in his sport.

### Career Highlights:

- He has been involved in the competition and the development of cross-country skiing for the past 35 years.
- In 1977 he brought the sport to the province; established 5 kms of trail; and established first provincial cross-country skiing competition.
- Developed trail systems in Charlo and St-Quentin; improved trails in Bathurst, Campbellton and Fredericton.
- Responsible for naming the Technical Delegates for all major events in Canada for a decade.
- Instrumental in the opening of three training centres in  
Canada (Quebec City, PQ; Thunder Bay, ON; Canmore, AB) where young skiers can obtain a secondary education and high performance training.
- Has overseen course development for every Canada Winter Games held in the Maritime Provinces (Cape Breton '87; Charlottetown '91; Corner Brook '99; Bathurst-Campbellton 2003 and Halifax 2010.
- Continues to serve as the chief of course for major events as well as working towards an Atlantic Training Centre for the sports of cross-country skiing and biathlon.

**Hometown:** Charlo

**Web page:** <https://www.nbsportshalloffame.com/honoured-members/guy-laviolette>

**Tips for teachers:** Guy is bilingual and can present in the classroom or the gym. He has a USB and CD with a short video about the NB Sports Hall of Fame and would like a table to display his artefacts. The video is also available on line at [youtube.com/watch?v=3sq8KHLc-4w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sq8KHLc-4w)



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