

Nordic Fest 2011

It was that time of year again when NDC holds it's annual fundraiser known as Nordic Fest. It was a great night filled with auctions, prize winning, entertainment and delicious, traditional food. Best of all, the amazing Thunder Bay community came out to support the training centre athletes and without them we wouldn't be able to do what we do.



The organizing committee decided to change up the venue this year and everyone congregated at the Polish Alliance Hall of Canada where we were able to sell roughly 50 more tickets and therefore have 50 more guests join in the fun. The team and NDC board members worked diligently to secure items in both the silent and live auctions from businesses around the community. Live auction features included weekend getaways, a Souris River canoe gift certificate and NHL hockey tickets. Along with the auctions there were draw prizes, a giant squash door prize, a handmade quilt raffle draw and a 50/50 "Fin Split." A big thank-you goes out to the winner of the Fin Split for generously donated their half of the winnings back to the team. It is gestures like these that add that extra bit of success to the night. A bundle of volunteers also make the night a success from set-up, to serving, to making sure everything runs smoothly, all the way to the take down at the end of the night. Thank you to all our volunteers!

MC of the night, Adam Kates, did a great job of getting the crowd going with a team introduction. The lights, the music and Jimmy's grand kart-wheel entrance were a fun way to start the night. After dinner Adam headed up a trivia game that brought sponsors and community members up to help NDC athletes answer ski-related questions. A few trick questions made for quick eliminations but everyone learned at least one fun fact along the way!

We hope everyone who attended had a great time and congratulations to all who won their final bid or brought home the prize they wanted. It is heart warming and exciting to see so many people come out to support our team. It was great to talk to people in the room and thank them for coming out.

What a night! But what a success!