

## CCSO awards Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal to Ross Antworth – NBFSC

In Ottawa at the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organization's (CCSO) national meetings, Ross Antworth, General Manager of the NBFSC was awarded with The **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal**. Ross received his medal on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 after being nominated by the New Brunswick Federation of Snowmobile Club's Board of Directors.



The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal is a commemorative medal created in 2011 to mark the 60th anniversary of the accession to the thrones of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Canadian medal, which is to "honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians," is administered by the Chancellery of Honours at Rideau Hall and has been awarded to citizens and permanent residents of Canada who made a significant contribution to their fellow countrymen, their community, or to Canada over the previous sixty years.

M.P. Pierre Poilievre, from the Nepean - Carleton Riding in Ontario represented the Government of Canada at the ceremony. Also extending congratulations was CCSO President, Mr. Stephen McLellan of Nova Scotia and NBFSC President Sandy Young who were also in attendance at the ceremony.

## **New Brunswick Federation Snowmobile Clubs (NBFSC) –**

### **Ross Antworth**

*Ross has been involved in snowmobiling personally since 1972 when his Dad brought home a Chaparral Firebird, 292. Since 1996 he has served the NBFSC, first as a volunteer, Club President and Board Member and then in 1997 as their General Manager. He has served on numerous committees at the International, National and Provincial levels for organized snowmobiling. Ross has received awards from the Tourism Industry Association of New Brunswick and International Association of Snowmobile Administrators. He snowmobiles, for work and play, more than 8000 kms per season covering 7 States and 6 Provinces in his career.*

CCSO President, Stephen McLellan stated, "The Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations is excited to announce our very deserving trail volunteers and support staff for the Governor General's Diamond Jubilee Award. The awards are in recognition of outstanding individual work and effort". The very deserving award winners for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Awards are:

British Columbia Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) - Nelson Bastien

Klondike Snowmobile Association (KSA) - Harris Cox

Great Slave Snowmobile Association of Trail Riders (GSSA-TR) - Bruce Hewlko

Snowmobilers of Manitoba (Snoman) - Ernie Smelski

Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) - Brenda Welsh

Québec Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (FCMQ) - Christiane Blanchet

New Brunswick Federation Snowmobile Clubs (NBFSC) - Ross Antworth

Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia (SANS) - Stan Slack

Prince Edward Island Snowmobile Association (PEISA) - Gerry Martin

Newfoundland Labrador Snowmobile Federation (NFSF) - Gloria Knowlton





Named by an Order in Council as the **Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal**, the Canadian medal was designed by Cathy Bursey-Sabourin, Fraser Herald of the Canadian Heraldic Authority, and manufactured by the Mint. It takes the form of a disc with, on the obverse, a crowned effigy of the Queen circumscribed by the words *ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA • CANADA* (Latin for "Elizabeth II, by the Grace of God, Queen • Canada"). The reverse features Elizabeth's royal cypher crowned and superimposed upon a diamond shield, behind which is a bed of four maple leaves and a ribbon with the dates 1952 and 2012 to the left and right of the shield and *VIVAT REGINA* (long live the Queen) below, all on a field of diamonds.