

1973-2023 Wostawea Time Capsule Story
“The Hadley Family Skis the 1991 Fundy Loppet”
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Many years ago our family participated in the Fundy loppet, which started in the Chignecto campground near the top of the park. Eric and I would ski 30 kms, while our sons, Adam and Matthew, would do 20 kms.

Adam and a friend, both age 9, would ski together while Matthew, age 7, would ski with an 11-year-old.

As Eric and I started to ski down the steep road from the campground, a skier gleefully sped past us. He was crouched in a low tuck, obviously thrilled with the downhill. It was Clark Hamilton! I said, “I want **him** to wax my skis.”

We skied to Point Wolfe, turned and skied to the long steep climb to Chignecto campground. I remember thinking it would be difficult for the boys, especially as it was now snowing hard.

When we finished the 30 kms, Adam and his friend eagerly told us about their 20 km ski and the big hill they had climbed. They were obviously happy with their accomplishment. Matthew’s buddy was there. He had experienced a problem and had to stop after the first 10 km loop, but Matthew had continued on his own.

I decided to ski back and check on Matthew given the heavy snowstorm. It was difficult to see in the falling snow, plus the track was filling in with 15-20 cm of snow. After 1.5 kms I met Matthew, cheerfully skiing along by himself. He said the groomer had refreshed the track and asked if he was alright. Matthew told him he was fine and was finishing the 20 kms. Matthew kept me entertained with highlights of the loppet: how many snacks he had eaten, how hard it was to see, and especially about the long steep hill he had skied. He finished with lots of energy to spare and his usual happy smile. The Fundy loppet is one of many Hadley family ski adventures.