

1973-2023 Wostawea Time Capsule Story  
“Maritime Cup: Staying Warm Outside”  
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**The call went out!** Wostawea was going to host the 2018 Maritime Cup in the new inner stadium at Killarney Lake Park, away from the main lodge. How would everyone involved keep warm, while standing outside for long periods in the cold?

David Cameron, the chief of competition, contacted me for help. I reached out to friends who have done winter camping. It turns out that the early prospectors used to put up canvas wall tents with a stove inside to keep warm in winter. One of these prospector tents was available, care of Beth Johnston and crew via The Outdoor Educators of NB and the Maritime College of Forest Technology. We were off and running.

It takes a village to put up a wall tent, and lots of gear needs to be dragged in on sleds. I learned a lot that day about tying knots and the wonderful satisfaction of seeing a tent go up and a job well done.

**Why waste a good outdoor tent experience?** A little birdie tells me that someone who worked hard putting up the tent decided it would be a good idea to spend the night there. It was supposed to be a lovely, peaceful night, away from the madding crowd. ‘Twas not to be!! Apparently the PistenBully groomer was out all night long, grooming the trails for the races the next day.

**Warming tent with hot chocolate and hotdogs enjoyed by many.** A few competitors, exhausted after their races, were tended to by first responders in the warming tent. Besides that, lots of skiers, volunteers and visitors enjoyed the hot chocolate and hotdogs on offer. Here is a photo of Carolyn Plummer and family enjoying the cozy tent.

Thanks to the wall tent team that put up the tent: Beth Johnston, Ian Smith, Rob Neish, Moon Joyce, Mike Grant, Dan Beaudette, Elaine and Blake Meldrum, Ian MacEacheron, Susan Belfry, Tess Madigan, Jessi Bradley and the Maritime College of Forest Technology (which stores the tent), and myself.

