

# Winter fun in Marmora

## SnoFest...

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fire,” said Nash.

Nash said this was also the first year organizers scheduled all races on one day.

She said next year they would like to add some longer races to the event.

“This year we were a sprint festival. A sprint is anything under 20 miles ... Our longest race was 10 miles.” Originally SnoFest included a 150-mile race, she said.

“Events like this are great because they happen in the winter and it’s a time when not a lot of people are up here in what is considered cottage country. They’re a really important way for people to come out in the community and spend some time together in the winter and get exercise and have fun in

the snow,” said Nash.

“We had the Scouts here. Gateway Brewing from Trenton came and gave us beer and warmed us by the

“We hope people will keep getting outside and getting active in the winter.”

Heidi Crothers, from Carleton Place, Ont., said, “This is a very nice little community, very friendly people. I’m impressed and I will be coming back, I think, every year from now on.”

She said the cold wasn’t too bad and added, “The toes were frozen for a little while but we managed to get them warmed up.”

Chainsaw carver Levi Caya displayed his work and spent the afternoon carving on stage. Circus Jonathan, a juggler and stilt walker, also performed and was a hit with the younger audience.

Nash said dogsledding is a Canadian tradition but there aren’t as many dogsled races held every year as there used to be.

“It’s a lot of work for these mushers to come out and they keep the tradition alive,” she said.

For a video story on this event, go to:  
<http://www.qnetnews.ca/?p=48795>



(Above, left) “Circus” Jonathan Seglins entertains children during the dogsled races at Marmora SnoFest on Saturday. Seglins made balloon hats and animals, did juggling performances and presented a small show during the event.

Photo by Julia Rhebergen

(Above, right) Marissa McFarland hugs her dog Peru during a quiet moment before the first dogsled race of the weekend at Marmora Snofest.

Photo by Curtis O’Connor

(Left) Shane Cox and his dogsled team thunder towards the finish line during the four-dogsled races.

Photo by Curtis O’Connor



(Above) A dog howled to the delight of spectators in Marmora on Saturday.

Photo by Nino Liu

(Right) Competitive dogsled racer Karen Koehler whizzes by during the first skijoring race.

Photo by Curtis O’Connor

