

Clarenville welcomes Santa



A polar chill enveloped Clarenville Saturday morning and a wind off Random Sound created a wind chill factor of about -15 C.

The sun shone, however, and the clear blue sky and the residue of Thursday's snowfall, created a perfect backdrop for the annual Clarenville Lions Club Santa Claus Parade.

This year's event proved a tremendous amount of Christmas spirit exists. Hundreds lined the streets from Cormack Drive in Clarenville to Shoal Harbour Drive in Shoal Harbour, to watch a variety of floats pass by.

The designs were varied, and entries came from local businesses as well as community groups, individuals and families.

The award winners for their efforts in this year's parade were: A & W Restaurant, Best Commercial float; Correctional Centre for Women; Best Non-Commercial float; Nancy Standford School of Dance, Best Group; Renee Woolfrey and Bellies and Bottoms, Best Family float; Restland Motel, Best Other; NL Power, Best Overall Float; and CIBC, the Spirit of Christmas award.

Paul Abbott of the Lions Club said while the Lions organize the parade, "It's the community that puts it together."

He commended all participants for their efforts in making this year's parade another spectacular event.