



Bio of Chris Blanchard:

- Born in Montreal in 1971; started skiing at age 2, both downhill and cross-country
- First skied in the Canadian Ski Marathon at age 6; at age 12, was the youngest to complete the Marathon with a pack
- In 1985, as a first year juvenile competing in his first Canadian Junior Championships (held that year in Whitehorse, Yukon), won three silver medals; won medals in virtually every Canadian Championship race thereafter
- Skied as a forerunner at the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in Calgary
- Competed for Canada at two Junior World Championships – 1990 (Les Saissies, France) and 1991 (Reit im Winkle, Germany)
- Competed for Canada at three World Nordic Ski Championships – 1993 (Falun, Sweden), 1995 (Thunder Bay) and 1997 (Trondheim, Norway)
- Competed for Canada at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan
- Best international result – 32nd, 30 km freestyle at the World Championships in 1997
- Best marathon result – 1st, Gatineau 55 (at that time, Pierre Harvey was the only other Canadian to have won this race)
- After retirement from the National Ski Team in 1998, skied independently in 1998/99 and won every race at the 1999 Canadian Championships

For 26 years, Chris devoted a major part of his life to skiing, and was a mainstay of Canada's high performance program through a ten year period.