

ANNOUNCING
CHIEF NOONDAY HIKER CHALLENGE CUP
2009

AWARDED TO

RON SOOTSMAN



Ron Sootsman is awarded this huge 6.5" cup, "THE HIKER CHALLENGE CUP". Photo by Mick Hawkins, who slaved for hours trying to photograph this reflective surface.

Ron Sootsman logged **287.71** non-repetitive miles on the North Country National Scenic Trail in 2009 to win the Hiker Challenge. He also becomes a Chief Noonday Chapter **Hiker of Note**, 200 mile level, for lifetime mileage. To get these miles, Ron estimates over 450 total NCT miles, since a lot of them were out and back.

Prizes will be awarded at our February Chapter meeting. Other prize winners:

2nd place: **Jeff Fleming**, 123.2 miles

3rd place: **Linda Sootsman**, 71.58 miles

4th place: **Mike Wilkey**, 70.95 miles

The rest of our top 10:

5th place: **Mick Hawkins**, 34.45 miles

6th place: **Mary Rebert**, 26.8 miles

7th place: **Larry Pio**, 23.0 miles

8th place: **Bob Cooley**, 9.4 miles

9th place: **Larry Hawkins**, 6.6 miles

10th place: **Dave Cornell**, 6.2 miles

Note: the judge has determined some mileage via observation, for those who didn't properly report any mileage (not to name names, but the 9th and 10th place finishers I am sure hiked more miles, but didn't report any at all).

The rules:

1. You must be a member of the Chief Noonday Chapter at some point during the year. To become a member, go to the North Country Trail web site, select "Become a Member" from the right hand menu, select the membership you want, and pick "Chief Noonday Chapter" for your Chapter selection.
2. Only North Country Trail miles can be counted. (Our primary goal is to get people out to see different sections of the Trail.)
3. Any segment can be counted only once during the year. Even for adopters.
4. Cross country skiing is a legitimate mode of hiking. After all, our goal is to get people on the trail.
5. If you can find someone to push your wheelchair, that will count for both of you. See goal in item 4.
6. We do not want anyone to wait until December 31 to submit all their miles to win the contest. Please report your miles with a reasonable frequency, especially if you are one of the leaders.
7. Report your miles, and segment ID, to me in person, or via email to nalcoman1@aol.com with the subject CND Hiker Challenge mileage, or by mail to: Larry Pio; 2409 Woody Noll; Portage, MI 49002.