



ANNUAL REPORT

2016/2017

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NCAA UNIVERSITY OF UTAH 2015-17
NAMED TO CACT WORLD CUP TEAM 2017



Mackenzie U16 National Championships Opening Ceremonies
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MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

Promote enjoyment and excellence in ski racing

MISSION

Provide leadership and structure for high quality, sustainable and affordable programming, and communicate the competitive, recreational and lifestyle benefits of ski racing to the community

CORE VALUES

Excellence, Passion, Competition, Fun,
Sportsmanship, Fair Play and Safety

ALPINE ONTARIO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman	Peter-Paul Du Vernet
Treasurer	David Morrison
Governance	Chris Pepper
Strategic Initiatives	Kent Paisley
	Brent Norton
	Allan Mihalcin
	Peter Bier
	Michael McTaggart
	Keith Duhan

DIVISIONAL CHAIRS

National Capital Division	Interim Chair - Brent Allen
Southern Ontario Division	Ron Warren
Northern Ontario Division	Keith Duhan
Lake Superior Division Alpine	Tim Flye

ALPINE ONTARIO STAFF

Executive Director	Scott Barrett
Ontario Ski Team Program Director	Kip Harrington
Competition Director	Robyn Skinner
Accounting Manager	Angela Hobbs
Communications Manager	Kristin Ellis
Corporate Partnerships & Athletics Manager	Duncan Gibson-Maclean
Community Engagement Manager	Laura Padula
SOD Program Director	T.E.S. Hynes
SOD Program Manager	Suki Chapman

WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 2016/17 season provided the AOA community with some great storylines. We will have our work cut out for us to match Thunder Bay's hosting of the Sport Chek U16 National Championships! This event was capped off with a World Cup vibe night slalom down the famed Giant where a local athlete, Aaron Puskas, in front of a packed house at Loch Lomond skied his way to a silver medal!

The Ontario Ski Team had 15 FIS victories by the men and woman including a U19 National Championship win for Henry Luel!

We continue to earn bragging rights in Canada with Ontario leading the nation in coach education participation with over 350 candidate coaches partaking in Entry, Trained or Performance level courses.

2016-17 saw significant change at AOA. The core elements of AOA continue to evolve and we are proud of the following accomplishments:

1. Financial stability (see Audited Financial statements enclosed)
2. Increased long term consistent corporate support
3. A reinvigorated relationship with the Ontario government resulting in AOA's full sport recognition status based on the Province's new Sport Recognition Policy
4. A new athletic structure both on the hill and off to further engage our great ski racing minds across all divisions
5. Strong leadership with the new athletic committee (AOAC) led by a long time familiar face Kip Harrington who is also leading the Ontario Ski Team as its new Program Director

6. The debut of the OCUP race series (One Program, One Province) which was capped off by the highly successful races in Sault Ste Marie (U16 OCUP finals) and Ottawa (U14 OCUP Finals) which were made possible by the local community efforts.

Of course, without our dedicated partners much of what we do as a community would not be possible. I would like to thank the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Mackenzie Investments, Karbon, Sporting Life, Aviva Canada, Oxford Properties, Cadillac Fairview, Dream Reality, PizzaPizza, The Toronto Star, Blake Farrow Project and last but certainly not least the NZ Foundation for the continuing pursuit of safety advancements and athlete development not only here in Ontario but across the country.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the AOA board of Directors for their significant contribution to the organization this past year.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Scott Barrett

Executive Director, Alpine Ontario Alpin





Mackenzie U16 National Championships.
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ALPINE CANADA LETTER



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT & CEO ALPINE CANADA ALPIN

Dear Friends of Canadian Ski Racing,
On behalf of the entire team at Alpine Canada I would like to thank all of you who have enabled our athletes to have an incredibly successful season. Through your support, our alpine, ski cross and para-alpine athletes delivered a season of incredible performances and results. Here is a quick snapshot of the titles and podiums all three teams collectively amassed:

- 4 Crystal Globes
- 14 World Championship medals
- 50 World Cup Podiums
- 1 Nations Cup
- 7 Overall Discipline Nor-Am Alpine Titles
- 2 Overall Nor-Am Alpine Titles
- 2 Overall Nor-Am Ski Cross Titles
- 2 FIS Junior World Alpine Ski Championship medals
- 2 FIS Freestyle Junior World Ski Championships medals

In the final month of the season, Alpine Canada hosted two major events in Canada: AUDI FIS Ski Cross World Cup Event at Blue Mountain and the Alpine National Championships at Mont Tremblant, Quebec. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked so tirelessly to support Canadian ski racing at the national, provincial and club level. Through the Canadian Ski Racing Awards, we continue to acknowledge the pivotal role of volunteers, clubs and others in our sport.

We would also like to thank the many organizations and individuals who support Alpine Canada and our ongoing success as a world-leading ski nation. Thank you to our corporate partners and suppliers, our donors, government partners, Own the

Podium, Canadian Olympic Committee, provincial ski associations, ski resorts and clubs, all of whom contribute to our success.

Marketing Initiatives

We kicked off the 2016-17 season with successful media and fundraising events in Montreal, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

Our 3rd annual CIBC National Ski Day (January 14th, 2017), featuring 17 resort partners coast-to-coast that drove awareness for Alpine Canada, our athletes and mission. National Ski Day generated over 10 million media impressions across Canada.

AUDI FIS Ski Cross World Cup Finals, supported by Mackenzie Investments (March 3rd – 5th, 2017) in Collingwood, Ontario that showcased the top ski cross athletes from around the world as they competed for final World Cup points and trophies. Canada Ski Cross athletes provided the fans at home with a reason to cheer, thanks to incredible athleticism and podium performances from Marielle Thompson (1st), Brady Leman (1st) and Chris Del Bosco (2nd). The World Cup Finals were broadcast and streamed live by CBC Sports.

Canadian Ski Racing Awards, presented by Helly Hansen (March 25th, 2017) saw 10,000 Canadians participate in our annual voting for Athletes of the Year, Coaches of the Year, and other deserving categories.

Our digital platforms benefited from a brand refresh to better connect with our stakeholders, fans and followers, which contributed to new official merchandise sold on our online store, and impressive social media growth this past season.

Over 200,000 Canadians visited our website this past season, and over 1 million video impressions of World Cup race highlights were delivered through Facebook. Over 50,000 Canadians engage and interact with Alpine Canada through Facebook, Instagram and Twitter channels.

The Months Ahead

As you know, 2018 is an Olympic and Paralympic year, with significant planning now underway to maximize our performances in PyeongChang, South Korea. Our coaching leadership teams are hard at work, reviewing the optimal dryland, preparation and competition schedule and

programs, aligned to the goal of World Cup, Olympic and Paralympic performances next season.

On behalf of all of the staff at Alpine Canada, it has been a great privilege to work with you this past season. Thank you again for everything you have done to enable our athletes' success.



Mark Rubinstein,
President & CEO, Alpine Canada Alpin



ALI NULLMEYER
CAST / GEORGIAN PEAKS

Ali was awarded the AOA Senior Athlete of the Year Award after her strong 2016/17 season winning the overall Nor-Am Circuit.

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PARTNERSHIPS

ALPINE ONTARIO ALPIN PREMIER PARTNERS



MACKENZIE Investments

Mackenzie Investments was founded in 1967, and is a leading investment management firm providing investment advisory and related services.

Mackenzie Investments provides support to seven premier national snow sport organizations including Alpine Canada Alpin, Biathlon Canada, Canada Snowboard, Canadian Freestyle Ski Association, Cross Country Canada, Nordic Combined Canada and Ski Jumping Canada. Mackenzie Investments is also building on its long history of supporting grassroots alpine skiing in its home province through a five-year partnership with Alpine Ontario. Mackenzie Investments is the Title Partner of our U10, U12, U14 Series and Title Partner of the Ontario Ski Team.

mackenzieinvestments.com



Ontario

The Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division continue to champion participation in sport and recreation activities across the province. The Ontario Government provides funding for Alpine Ontario Alpin allowing us to carry out our ski racing program initiatives from grassroots to elite athletes.

mtc.gov.on.ca/en/home.shtml

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oxfordproperties.com



The Nik Zoricic (NZ) Foundation strives to support athletes as our ambassadors of Ontario and Canada while supporting the development of ski sport in general and its safety in particular. We envision supporting other registered charities whose missions complement ours in terms of the development of ski sport and safety initiatives. NZ's mission is to support the growth of ski sport in general while minimizing the risk of serious accidents happening due to lack of safe conditions and training. The Nik Zoricic (NZ) Foundation strives to support athletes by facilitating the continuous advocacy of the importance and implementation of safety initiatives in sport.

nzfoundation.ca



Alpine Canada Alpine (ACA) is the National Sporting Organisation for alpine ski racing (Alpine, SX and Para-Alpine) and a member of Snow Sports Canada. ACA is the parent organisation to Alpine Ontario Alpin and sets many of the programming and athletic standards and regulations for the country under guidance from the International body for ski racing, FIS.

alpinecanada.org



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2016-2020 STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW

2020 OBJECTIVES

QUALITY PROGRAMS

- ✓ Retain more athletes at all levels / all stages
- ✓ Increase pipeline of accredited coaches and officials
- ✓ Have the highest level of provincial participation on the National Alpine Ski Team

ENGAGED COMMUNITY

- ✓ Be recognized and valued by the Ontario alpine ski community for the services we provide as an organization

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITY

- ✓ Create long term financial and organizational sustainability to ensure consistent year over year programming
- ✓ Continue to focus on the establishment and adherence to robust governance in Management and Board practices

CORE STRATEGIES

- 1 Athlete Development
- 2 Growth Of Coaches And Officials
- 3 Stakeholder Engagement
- 4 Provincial Consistency
- 5 Revenue Sustainability
- 6 Not-For-Profit / PSO Best Practices



AOA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2016-2017

- A** Retention and Development of Athletes to further build the AOA pipeline and develop Ontario Athletes, ready for the National stage
 - i. Creation of new position: Athletic Director
 - ii. Continued development of coaching education opportunities: Coaching Education summit – augment offerings and courses
 - iii. Implement a formal ski career monitoring and reporting system
- B** Creation of new committee structure within AOA to further engage community involvement and to reinforce one province, one program.
 - i. Fundraising and Partnership Committee
 - ii. Membership and Club Engagement Committee
 - iii. High Performance Committee
- C** Continue to create clarity and improve consistency and transparency in how AOA provides programming to all areas in the province
 - i. Clearly define role and responsibilities for AOA in all jurisdictions of AOA
 - ii. Establish Southern Ontario Division (SOD) as a separate operational entity
 - iii. Integrate Para into AOA operations
- D** Continue to strengthen AOA governance and board management best practices
 - i. Define roles and accountabilities of board members and management



FINANCIALS

ALPINE ONTARIO ALPIN Statement of Financial Position

As at May 31	2017	2016
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 49,513	\$ 59,498
Accounts receivable	329,340	218,983
Inventory	14,721	16,246
Prepaid expenses	7,638	9,657
	401,212	304,384
Capital assets (note 3)	41,327	73,155
	\$ 442,539	\$ 377,539
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 4)	\$ 321,120	\$ 229,636
Deferred revenue	12,510	36,000
	333,630	265,636
Deferred sponsorships (note 6)	6,632	24,881
	340,262	290,517
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets	102,277	87,022
	\$ 442,539	\$ 377,539

Commitments (note 8)



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Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended May 31	2017	2016
Revenues		
Alpine Ontario programs and events (schedule 1)	\$ 1,101,877	\$ 1,055,393
Advertising and sundry sales	94,631	43,263
Fundraising (schedule 1)	126,953	47,112
Ontario ski team	438,566	614,630
Provincial grants	189,919	98,569
Southern Ontario Division programs and events (schedule 1)	629,812	693,025
Sponsorships and donations	399,611	434,089
	2,981,369	2,986,081
Expenses		
Alpine Canada memberships	392,486	325,117
Alpine Ontario programs and events (schedule 2)	436,187	353,611
Fundraising	29,016	13,291
Ontario ski team (schedule 2)	905,526	1,101,553
Operations, general and administration (schedule 2)	738,819	713,289
Southern Ontario Division programs and events (schedule 2)	426,264	447,529
Sponsorship	37,816	63,781
	2,966,114	3,018,171
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) for the year	\$ 15,255	\$ (32,090)
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	87,022	119,112
Unrestricted net assets, end of period	\$ 102,277	\$ 87,022

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended May 31	2017	2016
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) for the year	\$ 15,255	\$ (32,090)
Charges not affecting cash		
Amortization	41,100	57,451
	<u>56,355</u>	<u>25,361</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	(110,357)	(40,550)
Inventory	1,525	(4,558)
Prepaid expenses	2,019	14,251
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	91,485	(28,182)
Deferred revenue and sponsorships	(41,739)	(23,231)
	<u>(57,067)</u>	<u>(82,270)</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(712)</u>	<u>(56,909)</u>
Financing and investing activities		
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(9,273)</u>	<u>(25,561)</u>
Decrease in cash during the year	<u>(9,985)</u>	<u>(82,470)</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>59,498</u>	<u>141,968</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 49,513</u>	<u>\$ 59,498</u>



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Notes to Financial Statements
May 31, 2017

1 Nature of Operations

Alpine Ontario Alpin ("AOA") is the Provincial Sport Organization for alpine ski racing in Ontario. AOA is a member of Alpine Canada Alpin ("ACA"), the National Sport Organization for alpine ski racing in Canada. AOA is a non-profit organization incorporated without share capital. Its activities include providing leadership and structure for training, coaching, and other programs for alpine competitive events for ski racers in Ontario. As a non-profit organization, Alpine Ontario Alpin is exempt from income taxes provided certain conditions are met.

2 Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

a) Cash

AOA's cash consists of cash on hand and on deposit with financial institutions.

b) Inventory

Inventory primarily consists of clothing items which are primarily distributed to the Ontario Ski Team at no charge and others representing Alpine Ontario for a charge included in their event fee. The inventory is valued at the lower of cost and replacement cost, with the cost being determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

c) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Cost comprises the purchase price and any directly attributable cost of preparing the asset for its intended use.

A capital asset is tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that its carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized in the statement of operations when the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the sum of the undiscounted cash flows resulting from its use and eventual disposition. The impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the carrying amount of the capital asset exceeds its fair value. An impairment loss is not reversed if the fair value of the capital asset subsequently increases. As at May 31, 2016, no such impairment exists.

Capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful lives using the following rates and methods. All additions are amortized for 1/2 year.

Furniture and fixtures, Equipment	20%, declining balance basis
Computers and software	3 years, straight line basis
Gates, panels and flags, Bibs	3 years, straight line basis
Trailer	5 years, straight line basis

d) Revenue recognition

Program and event revenues are recognized in the year in which AOA delivers services or provides the program. AOA follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recognized in the year to which they relate.

e) Contributed services

Volunteers contribute significant hours per year to AOA. Because of the difficulty in determining the fair market value of the contributed services, they are not recognized in the financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements
May 31, 2017

2 Significant accounting policies continued

f) Financial instruments

i) Measurement

AOA initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value, adjusted by, in the case of a financial instrument that will not be measured subsequently at fair value, the amount of transaction costs directly attributable to the instrument. AOA subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost consists of cash, accounts receivable and sponsorships receivable. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost consists of accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

ii) Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, AOA assesses whether there are any indications that a financial asset measured at amortized cost may be impaired. When there is an indication of impairment, management determines whether a significant adverse change has occurred during the period in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset and reduces the carrying amount of the asset. The amount of the reduction is recognized as an impairment loss in the statement of operations.

g) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The principal estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements are the determination of the allowance for doubtful accounts and useful lives of capital assets. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future. All estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made in the statement of operations as appropriate in the year they become known.

3 Capital assets

As at May 31	2017		2016	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Cost	Accumulated Amortization
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 8,833	\$ 7,810	\$ 8,833	\$ 7,555
Computers and software	24,786	22,155	22,618	20,430
Equipment	45,874	23,814	40,979	18,910
Gates, panels and flags	50,721	46,870	48,511	41,063
Bibs	131,703	123,881	131,703	97,672
Trailer	10,160	6,220	10,160	4,019
	\$ 272,077	\$ 230,750	\$ 262,804	\$ 189,649
Net book value		\$ 41,327		\$ 73,155

4 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities at May 31, 2017 is \$17,159 (2016 - \$15,063) of payroll withholdings owing to the Receiver General and \$31,212 (2016 - \$Nil) of GST/HST payable.



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5 Line of credit

AOA has available a line of credit facility of \$68,000 with interest charged at the bank's prime rate plus 2.05%. The credit facility is secured by a General Security Agreement on all property of AOA.

6 Deferred sponsorships

Deferred sponsorships includes amounts received for the purpose of funding capital asset purchases. The deferred sponsorships are recognized as revenue at the same rate as the related assets are amortized.

	2017	2016
Balance, beginning of the year	\$ 24,881	\$ 48,112
Transferred to sponsorship income	(18,249)	(23,231)
Balance, end of year	\$ 6,632	\$ 24,881

7 Southern Ontario Division

There are currently four divisions in Ontario responsible for managing alpine ski racing at the regional level. National Capital Division, Northern Ontario Division, and Lake Superior Division are independently organized and therefore not included in the financial statements of AOA. The fourth, Southern Ontario Division is managed by, and consolidated with, the operations of AOA for financial reporting purposes pursuant to an agreement between SOD and AOA.

SOD has approximately 27 member clubs and 3,012 member athletes in Southern Ontario who participate in recreational ski racing through leagues, training camps and various race series. The assets, liabilities, revenues and expenditures of SOD are consolidated in these financial statements. The unconsolidated financial operating statement for SOD is as follows:

	2017	2016
Revenues		
Membership and Programs		
U10 / U12	\$ 161,018	\$ 150,590
U14 / U16	274,063	233,132
U18 / U21	29,138	22,292
Masters	4,270	3,975
	468,489	409,989
Camps	17,959	28,445
	\$ 486,448	\$ 438,434
Expenses		
Membership and Programs		
ACA fees	\$ 180,140	\$ 125,950
AOA fees	174,448	172,090
Direct program costs	52,297	57,920
	406,885	355,960
Camps	13,709	12,936
AOA allocation of overhead	65,854	69,538
	\$ 486,448	\$ 438,434

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8 Lease commitment

The organization has entered into a five year lease for office space expiring October 31, 2020. Future minimum lease payments for the next three years is as follows: 2018 and 2019 - \$43,404 per year, 2020 - \$18,085.

9 Financial instruments

AOA is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the risk exposure and concentrations.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss to the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. AOA is exposed to credit risk through its cash and accounts receivable.

Credit risk related to cash is minimal as funds are fully insured and held by credit-worthy parties. Accounts receivable are diversified, but unsecured.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that AOA will not be able to meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due. AOA meets its liquidity requirements by monitoring forecasts of cash flows from operations, anticipating investing and financing activities.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk reflects the risk that the AOA's earnings will decline due to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. AOA regularly enters into transactions to purchase goods and services denominated in Euro's and US dollars relating to the Ontario Ski Team activities. These expenses are directly impacted by the exchange rates in effect on the dates the goods and services are paid for. There is \$Nil in USD denominated accounts payable as at May 31, 2017 (2016 - \$8,738).

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. AOA is not currently exposed to interest rate risk as no amount is owing on the line of credit (note 5).

Other price risk

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency or interest rate risk). AOA is not exposed to other price risk.

Changes in risk

There have been no significant changes in AOA's risk exposures from the prior year.



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ALPINE ONTARIO ALPIN

Schedule 1

Schedule of Selected Revenues

Year ended May 31	2017	2016
Alpine Ontario Programs and Events		
Alpine Canada and Alpine Ontario registration fees	\$ 701,738	\$ 646,017
Canadian Ski Coaches Federation course fees	123,790	95,540
FIS event fees	8,590	21,905
Tremblant development camp	36,725	52,250
U14 Can Ams	33,954	47,800
U16 Can Ams	50,840	96,740
U16 Nationals	82,415	-
U16 Program	22,610	-
U18 Nationals	-	55,140
Whistler Cup	41,215	40,001
	\$ 1,101,877	\$ 1,055,393
Fundraising		
Ontario Snow Sports	\$ -	\$ 5,404
Other	6,955	10,000
Racer Chaser	119,998	-
World championship cocktail tour	-	31,708
	\$ 126,953	\$ 47,112
Southern Ontario Division Programs and Events		
Camps	\$ 17,959	\$ 28,445
Events	9,100	6,120
U14 Provincial Championships	-	42,900
U16 Provincial Championships	-	53,655
Program registration fees	260,195	259,590
SOD ski team	342,558	302,315
	\$ 629,812	\$ 693,025

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Schedule 2

Schedule of Selected Expenses

Year ended May 31	2017	2016
Alpine Ontario Programs and Events		
Alpine Ontario program expenses	\$ 10,085	\$ 8,951
Canadian Ski Coaches Federation courses	89,865	94,168
FIS events	24,459	32,588
Fitness testing	4,587	4,389
OCUP	6,429	-
Tremblant development camp	25,382	43,389
U14 Can Ams	35,603	19,289
U16 Can Ams	78,996	60,528
U16 Nationals	85,821	-
U16 Program	33,745	-
U18 Nationals	-	57,679
Whistler Cup	41,215	32,630
	\$ 436,187	\$ 353,611

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Schedule 2 Continued

Schedule of Selected Expenses

Ontario Ski Team

Airfare and ground transportation	\$ 162,021	\$ 228,686
Coaching salaries	317,732	359,837
Communication	1,580	7,325
Dryland/fitness	21,166	24,049
Equipment	2,058	1,545
Lodging	197,488	241,982
Meals	17,249	60,247
Regular season training and starts	149,780	177,882
Uniforms	36,452	-

\$ 905,526 \$ 1,101,553

Operations, General and Administration

Amortization	\$ 41,100	\$ 57,451
Audit and accounting	14,182	16,884
Bank charges and interest	64,176	53,067
Communications	10,515	9,327
Consulting	60,476	-
General office	45,088	115,950
Insurance	5,422	6,124
Meetings	4,544	4,856
Occupancy	47,096	41,702
Photocopying	2,790	2,652
Postage and courier	4,179	3,184
Salaries and benefits	349,412	373,277
Starting Gate Magazine	-	3,144
Travel	22,982	16,409
Uncollectible receivables	66,857	9,262

\$ 738,819 \$ 713,289

Year ended May 31 2017 2016

Southern Ontario Division Programs and Events

Camps	\$ 13,709	\$ 12,936
Direct program costs	101,786	64,977
Events	2,669	7,697
SOD ski team	301,700	266,806
U14 Provincial Championships	-	46,785
U16 Provincial Championships	6,400	48,328

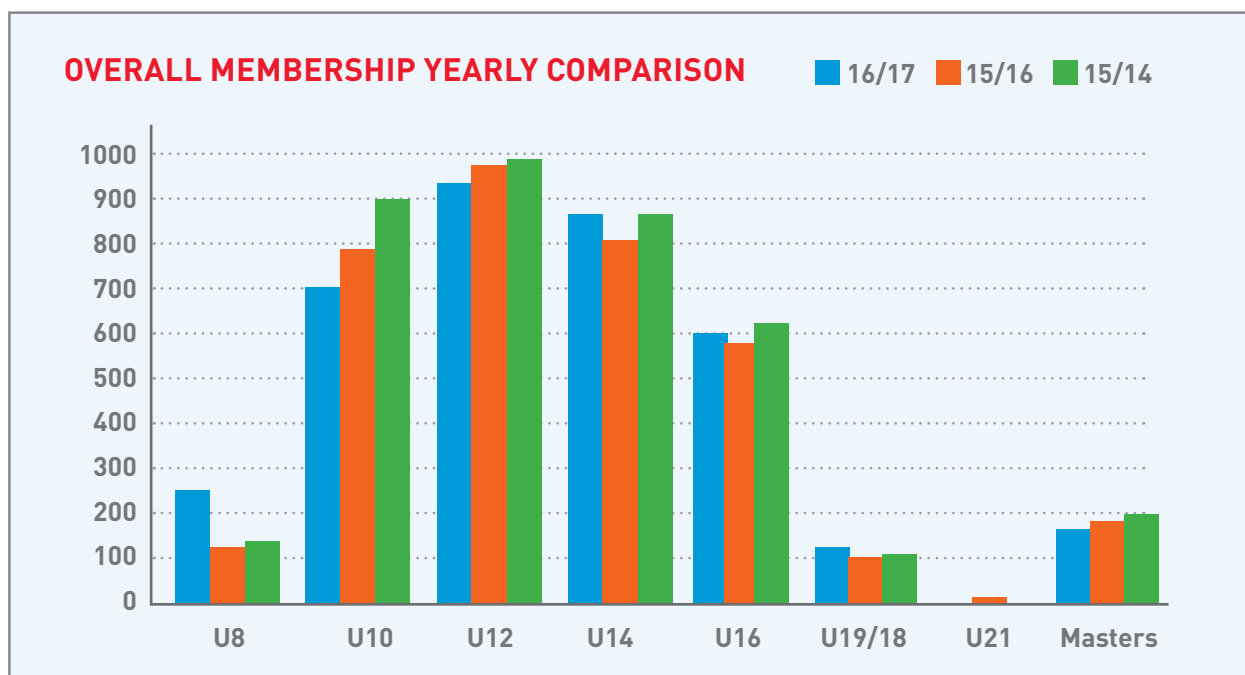
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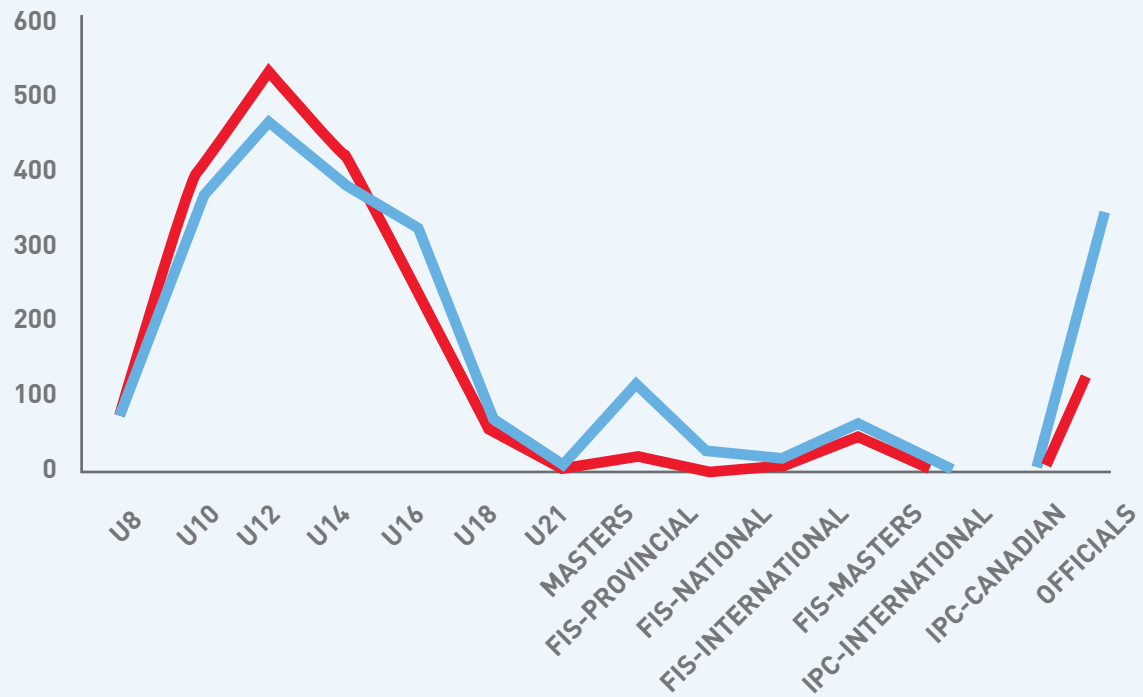
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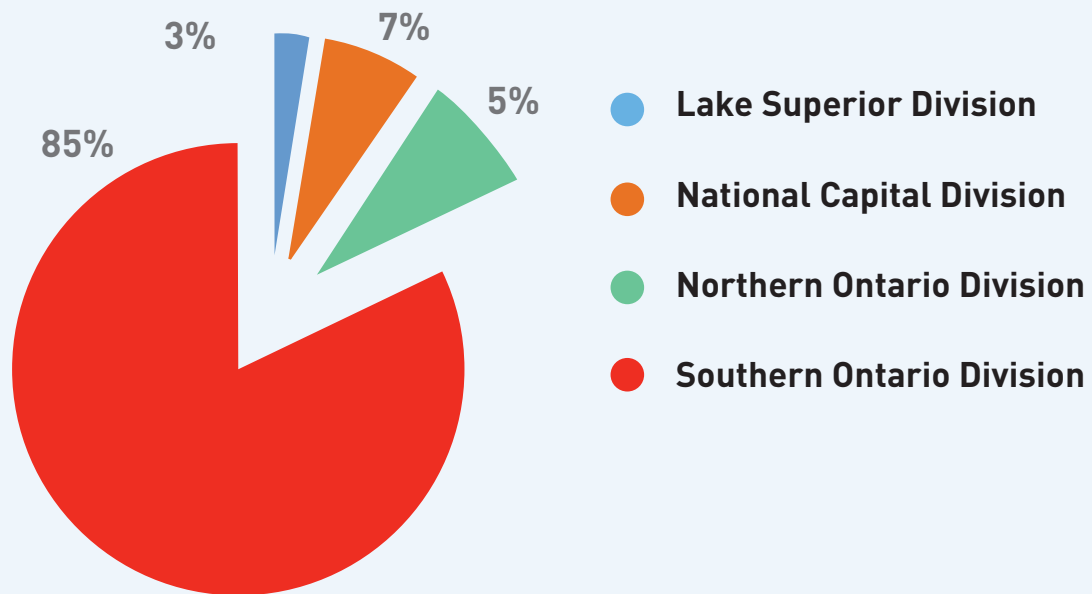
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U8	134	109
U10	351	362
U12	455	478
U14	398	462
U16	322	279
U19	84	69
U21	2	0
Masters	116	24
Masters Weekend	43	9
FIS-Provincial	15	0
FIS-National	18	8
FIS-International	51	38
FIS-Masters	14	4
IPC-International	0	1
IPC-Canadian	0	0
Officials	313	148
Totals	2316	1991



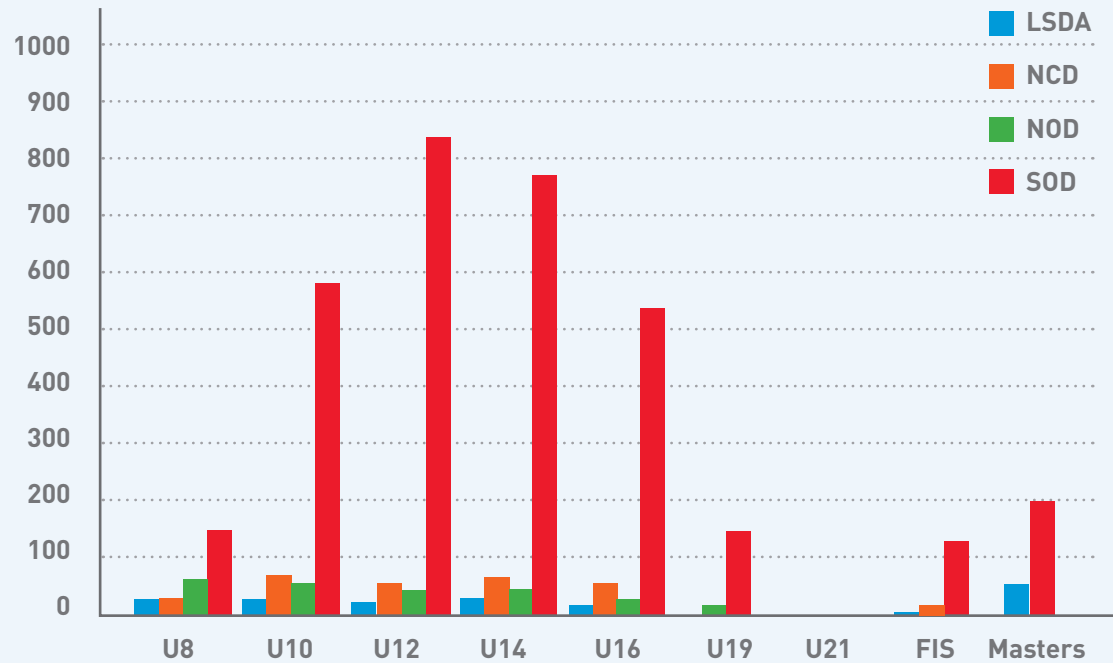
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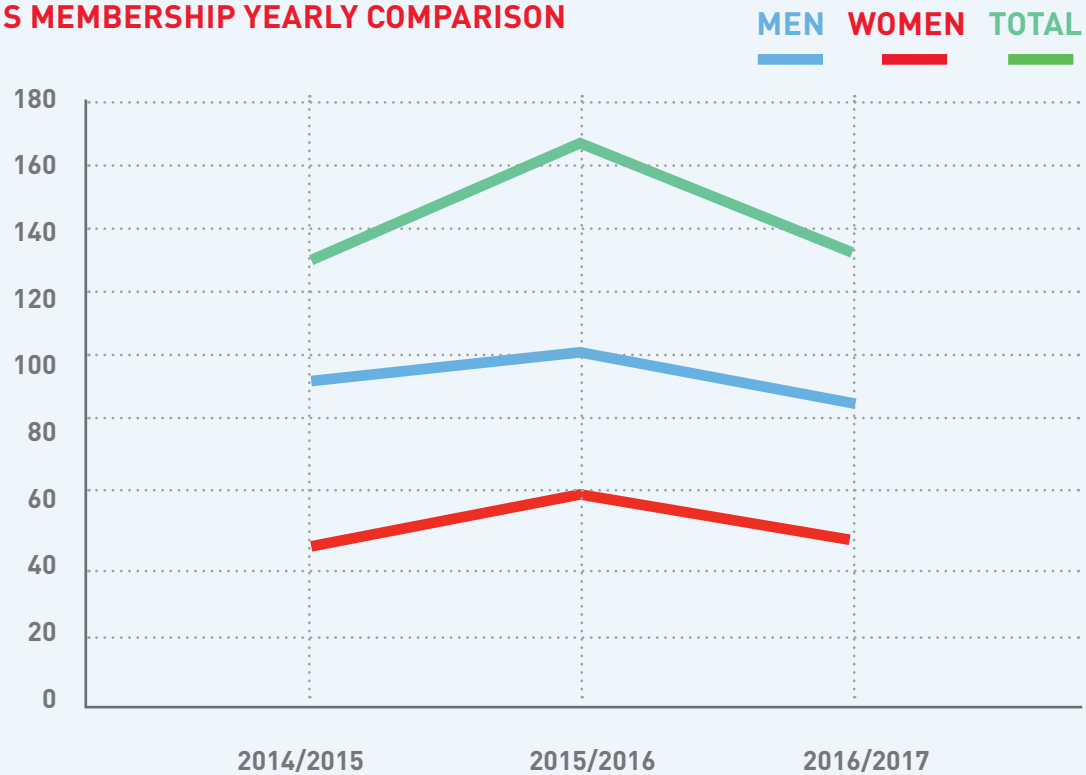
BREAKDOWN BY DIVISION



ATHLETES PER AGE GROUP/PER DIVISION



FIS MEMBERSHIP YEARLY COMPARISON



ONTARIO ATHLETES REPRESENTING CANADA

CAST DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Ali Nullmeyer (1998) Georgian Peaks Ski Club, Toronto
1st Slalom (Nor-Am Cup), 4th SuperCombined (Nor-Am Cup),
2nd GS (Nor-Am Cup), 1st overall on the Nor-Am Cup Circuit.
2nd Slalom (World Jr. FIS Championships, Sweden)

CANADIAN ALPINE SKI TEAM

Candace Crawford (1994) Georgian Peaks Ski Club, Toronto
World ranking: 34th in Super Combined

Erin Mielzinski (1990) Georgian Peaks Ski Club, Collingwood
World ranking: 24th in Slalom

Phil Brown (1991) Craigleith Ski Club, Collingwood
1st overall Nor-Am Cup Circuit

Jack Crawford (1997) Georgian Peaks Ski Club, Toronto
3rd overall Nor-Am Cup Circuit

Morgan Megarry (1993) Craigleith Ski Club, Collingwood
Morgan returned to the snow this season after knee surgery.

PARA-ALPINE SKI TEAM

Erin Latimer (1996) Craigleith Ski Club, Toronto
World ranking: 3rd SC, 3rd GS, 7th SG, 5th DH, 6th SL
Erin won silver in Kranjska Gora, SLO GS & bronze in the Kuhtai, AUT GS on the World Cup Circuit

Mac Marcoux (1997) Searchmont Ski Runners, Sault Ste. Marie
World ranking: 1st DH, 5TH SG, 6TH SL, 7TH GS.
Mac was crowned with the DH Crystal Globe and won gold in all four disciplines at the International Para-Alpine World Championships

SKI-CROSS TEAM

Dave Duncan (1982) National Ski Academy, London
World Ranking 13th overall

Kevin Drury (1988) Georgian Peaks Ski Club, Toronto
World Ranking 8th overall

Kris Mahler (1995) Craigleith Ski Club, Markham
7th in Montafon, AUT WORLD CUP



Phil Brown & Ali Nullmeyer
Winners of the NZ Cup.
Pictured here with Bebe Zoricic.





ONTARIO SKI TEAM

2016-17



COACHES



PROUD PARTNER

MACKENZIE
Investments



CAMRYN METZGER
MADDY SULLIVAN
CAMILLE VIBERT
JAKE GOUGEON
HENRY LUEL



JARED BURKS
COREY McCONVILLE



JACK NORTON
CAMERON DYMOND



STEFFI RALPH



HUNTER WATSON



EMILY FIELD
EMMA POWNELL



SIERRA CADEUX
GRIFFIN COPP
ZACHARY MAYNE

WOMEN'S COACHES: MIKE NECESANEK & JILL FUJINO **MEN'S COACHES: CAM MCKENZIE & WILL GYLES**



ONTARIO SKI TEAM

The 2016/17 Ontario Ski Team consisted of 9 men and 7 women.

The team experienced 15 FIS victories with an average of 52 starts. The men's team saw Nor Am Podiums, National Championships Podiums and one athlete – Jake Gougeon – selected to a CAST 2 Team Camp. Overall the program was a success and continues to be the elite Ontario Ski Team and stepping stone to CAST & NCAA programs.

PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

- Preparatory period camps included 49 days on snow in Saas Fee, Switzerland; Stubai, Austria & Nakiska, Alberta. All disciplines were included.
- Increased focus on dryland and physical preparation including lab testing, biomechanical screening (CSI Ontario), and prehab concussion screening with Totem Wellness (Erin Smith)
- FIS starts in Canada, USA, Europe
- Targeted races: Nor-Am series, FIS Uni series, National Championships, National Junior Championships (for U19 athletes)
- Average of 52 FIS race starts for 2nd year athletes and above (high of 70, low of 42)
- Average of 35 FIS race starts for 1st year athletes
- Jake Gougeon selected for European race project with Canadian Development Team

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

- 15 FIS victories by seven athletes: Jake Gougeon – 4, Corey McConville – 4, Camryn Metzger – 3, Jared Burks – 1, Henry Luel – 1, Cam Dymond – 1, Hunter Watson – 1
- First career FIS victory for 4 athletes: McConville, Luel, Dymond, Watson
- Five additional athletes reached FIS podiums: Griffin Copp, Jack Norton, Camille Vibert, Maddy Sullivan, Steffi Ralph
- Three U21 Nor Am podiums for Jake Gougeon
- 52 total FIS podiums
- Jake Gougeon 2nd at National Championships SG
- Hunter Watson 2nd at U19 National Championships SL
- Henry Luel 3rd at U19 National Championship SL
- Camryn Metzger 3rd at U19 National Championships SL
- Corey McConville & Camryn Metzger crowned overall O-Cup Series champions
- Hunter Watson crowned U19 Super Series Champion

LOOKING FORWARD

- Expected team size of 10-12 male athletes, 4-6 female athletes
- Initiation of a prospect athlete program
- No first year athletes to be selected in an attempt to build the strength of club and regional programs
- Fitness programming and testing facilitated by Canadian Sports Institute of Ontario
- Prep period camps in Saas Fee, Switzerland; Stubai, Austria; Nakiska, Alberta
- Speed training (SG and DH) opportunities in Saas Fee, Nakiska, Panorama
- Race starts: 50-60 starts
- Targeted races: Nor-Am series, FIS Uni series, National Championships, National Junior Championships (U19 athletes)

NCAA

The competitive stream pathway includes the NCAA pathway for many Ontario skiers. AOA congratulates the following athletes for continuing on with their elite ski career while attending such reputable schools in the NCAA system. The following Ontario athletes raced in the NCAA circuit for the 2016/2017 season.

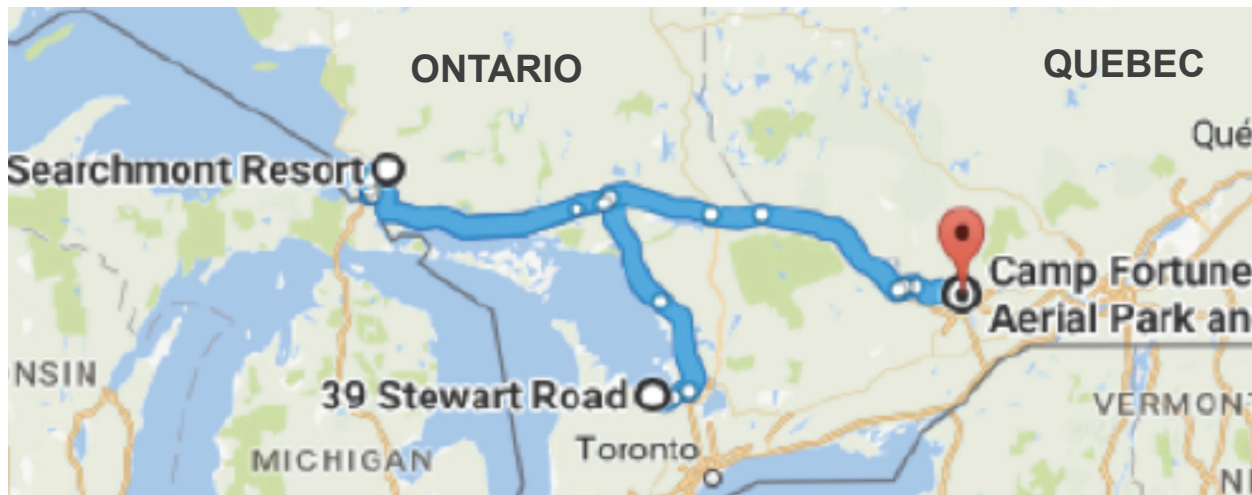
Tatum Alkier National Ski Academy	Babson College
Carter Armstrong Craigleith Ski Club	St. Lawrence University
Bartlett Caroline Beaver Valley/NSA	Middlebury College
Stephanie Currie Osler Bluff Ski Club	Dartmouth College
Meg Currie Osler Bluff Ski Club	Dartmouth College
Darquise Denis Devil's Glen	University of Vermont
Madison Irwin Craigleith Ski Club	University of Vermont
Jonathan Kellock Georgian Peaks Ski Club	Plymouth State University
Katie Farrow Craigleith Ski Club	University of New Hampshire
Kyle Farrow Craigleith Ski Club	Plymouth State University
Jak Kennedy Devil's Glen	Boston College
Karl Kuus Toronto Ski Club	Plymouth State University
Patrick McConville Devil's Glen	University of Vermont
Will McConville Devil's Glen	University of New Hampshire
Morgan Megarry Craigleith Ski Club	University of Vermont/CAST
Anjelika Nella National Ski Academy	St. Lawrence University
Alexandra Price Craigleith	Ski ClubSt. Lawrence University
Roni Remme Alpine Ski Club	University of Utah
Aaron Taylor Ontario Ski Team	Boston College
Emma Woodhouse Craigleith/NSA	University of New Hampshire



ONTARIO HIGH PERFORMANCE STREAM

Congratulations to those high performance athletes who represented Ontario at the Provincial, and National level this past winter.

10-Day Pizza Pizza road trip...covering nearly 2,000km



PIZZA PIZZA U14 OCUP FINALS MARCH 15-18, CAMP FORTUNE SKI CLUB, QC



The overall Pizza Pizza OCUP FINALS winners were **Sydney Basil** of Alpine Ski Club & **Kyle Blandford** of the Toronto Ski Club.

The overall Mackenzie Investments OCUP Series winners were **Sydney Basil** of Alpine Ski Club and **Chris Burnes** of Craigleith Ski Club.

PIZZA PIZZA U16 OCUP FINALS

MARCH 10-13
SEARCHMONT SKI CLUB

The overall Pizza Pizza OCUP Winners were **Daisy Taylor** from the National Ski Academy and **Ben Smegal** from the Craigleith Ski Club (pictured here).

The Aviva OCUP Overall Series Champions were **Elizabeth Sullivan** of Alpine Ski Club and **Zachary Temertzoglou** from Georgian Peaks



CADILLAC FAIRVIEW, OXFORD, DREAM FIS OCUP FINALS

MARCH 13-14, GEORGIAN PEAKS SKI CLUB (GS)



OCUP Series winners were **Corey McConville**/OST/Devil's Glen & **Camryn Metzger**/OST/Georgian Peaks

U14 CAN-AMS

MARCH 30-APRIL 2, MONT TREMBLANT, QC

COACHES

Patrick Beland Toronto Ski Club

Peter Metzger Georgian Peaks

Patrick Parenteau National Ski Academy

Benn Porter Norwesters Alpine Ski Club/LSDA

Jacques Reid Craigleith Ski Club

Dave Shaw Osler Bluff Ski Club

Jenn Warren Craigleith Ski Club

Yoshi Watanabe Alpine Ski Club



WOMEN

Sydney Basil – Alpine Ski Club/SOD

Gabby Eastwood – Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

Nikki Finoro – National Ski Academy/SOD

Tessa Foote – Devil's Glen Country Club/SOD

Emma Gosselin – Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD

Sarah Graham – Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

Lexi Hurdon – Norwesters Alpine Club/LSDA

Cadence Kiss – Alpine Ski Club/SOD

Frances MacGregor – Norwesters Alpine Club/LSDA

Emma Parker – Toronto Ski Club/SOD

Emma Reid – National Ski Academy/SOD

Penny Robinson – TBFST/LSDA

Paige Sproule – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Natalie Stewart – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Kylie Thompson – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Maxine Van Strien – National Ski Academy/SOD

Lily Sewell – Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

MEN

Kyle Blandford – Toronto Ski Club/SOD

Christopher Burnes – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Owen Clark – Toronto Ski Club/SOD

Robert Doman – Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD

Brian Donnelly – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

James Gatcliffe – Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

Colin Gould – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Calum Hayes – Toronto Ski Club/SOD

Maximus Keller – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Aidan Nella – Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

Benjamin Neylan – Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD

Nicholas Pilla – Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Aleksas Valadka – Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

Kaiden Villeneuve – Camp Fortune Ski Club/NCD

Liam Vlaad – Alpine Ski Club/SOD

U16 CAN-AMS

MARCH 21-23

ATTITASH MOUNTAIN RESORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COACHES

Heather Metzger Georgian Peaks and **Doug Terry** Devil's Glen

Athletes who achieved a top 5 finish at the February Mackenzie Investments U16 National Championships received an automatic spots directly into 2017 Can-Am. These three athletes

include **Ashley Campbell** Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD, **Sofie Robinson**/Thunder Bay Franco Alpine Ski Team (TBFAST)/ LSDA and **Aaron Puskas**/Norwesters Alpine Club/LSDA.



WOMEN

Samantha Brooks Caledon Ski Club/SOD
Ashley Campbell Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Emma Charton Devil's Glen Country Club/SOD
Anna Carruthers Devil's Glen Country Club/SOD
Annie Deeks Craigleith Ski Club/SOD
Charlie Gougeon Comeau National Ski Academy/SOD
Sierra Gibson Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD
Lauren Hunter Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Rylie Loft Toronto Ski Club/SOD
Mikaela Loucks Heights of Horseshoe/SOD
Claire Macdonell Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Jayden Metcalfe Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD
Jessica Popadich Craigleith Ski Club/SOD
Sophie Robinson Thunder Bay Franco Alpine Ski Team (TBFAST)/ LSDA
Madeline Skinner Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Kendra Smith Alpine Ski Club/SOD
Elizabeth Sullivan Alpine Ski Club/SOD
Daisy Taylor National Ski Academy/SOD
Taylor Unger Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Emma Williamson Alpine Ski Club/SOD

MEN

James Elmgren Camp Fortune Ski Club/NCD
Lazlo Green National Ski Academy/SOD
Griffen Hanson Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD
Jessie Hollands Camp Fortune Ski Club/NCD
Zach Hyland Craigleith Ski Club/SOD
Michael Jaques Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD
Dylan Kerr Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Peter MacGregor Norwesters Alpine Club/LSDA
Cullen Nissen Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Callum McCormack Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD
Oleksa Mojsiak Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Aaron Puskas Norwesters Alpine Club/LSDA
Michael Sellery Craigleith Ski Club/SOD
Scott Sellery Craigleith Ski Club/SOD
Ben Smegal Craigleith Ski Club/SOD
Sean Swayze Calabogie Peaks/NCD
Zachary Temertzoglou Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Kobe Villeneuve Camp Fortune Ski Club/NCD
Macleod Vibert Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Benjamin Williamson Alpine Ski Club/SOD
Mackenzie Wood Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD
Stefan Zivkovic Craigleith Ski Club/SOD



MACKENZIE U16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

FEBRUARY 21-25, LOCH LOMOND, THUNDER BAY

COACHES

Jurg Gfeller Southern Ontario Division, National Ski Academy – Team Lead Captain

Storey Badger Southern Ontario Division, Devil's Glen

Mike Byrne Southern Ontario Division, Georgian Peaks

Scott Duhan Northern Ontario Division, Timmins Ski Club

Matt Fisher Lake Superior Division Alpine Head Coach

Greg Grossmann Southern Ontario Division, Osler Bluff

Wayne Howard Southern Ontario Division, Alpine Ski Club

Rebecca Nadler National Capital Division, Camp Fortune Ski Club

Katie Twible Southern Ontario Division, Craigleith Ski Club



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WOMEN

Cassidy Brooks SOD – Caledon Ski Club
Ashley Campbell SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Anna Carruthers SOD – Devil's Glen Country Club
Emma Charton SOD – Devil's Glen Country Club
Annie Deeks SOD – Craigleith Ski Club
Sierra Gibson SOD – Osler Bluff Ski Club
Charlie Gougeon Comeau SOD – National Ski Academy
Keirsten Harvey NCD – Camp Fortune
Lauren Hunter SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Rylie Loft SOD – Toronto Ski Club
Jayden Metcalfe SOD – Osler Bluff Ski Club
Jessica Popadich SOD – Craigleith Ski Club
Sophie Robinson LSDA, Thunder Bay Franco Alpine Ski Team
Madeline Skinner SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Kendra Smith SOD – Alpine Ski Club
Elizabeth Sullivan SOD – Alpine Ski Club
Daisy Taylor SOD – National Ski Academy
Taylor Unger SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Spencer Watson NCD – Camp Fortune
Emma Williamson SOD – Alpine Ski Club
Anderson LSDA, Loch Lomond Ski Club
Remi Amy Cooper LSDA, NAC
Haley Koopman LSDA, NAC (NAC)

MEN

Alexander Day SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
James Elmgren NCD – Camp Fortune
Jack German Northern Ontario Division
 – Elite Alpine Ski Cross
Lazlo Green SOD – National Ski Academy
Zach Hyland SOD – Craigleith Ski Club
Jesse Holland NCD – Camp Fortune
Michael Jaques SOD – Osler Bluff Ski Club
Dylan Kerr SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Mathias Metzger SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Oleksa Mojsiak SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Arron Puskas LSDA – NAC
Galen Richardson SOD – Craigleith Ski Club
Michael Sellery SOD – Craigleith Ski Club
Ben Smegal SOD – Craigleith Ski Club
Sean Swayze NCD – Calabogie Ski Club
Zachary Temertzoglou Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Luka Veljovic SOD – Craigleith Ski Club
Macleod Vibert SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Kobe Villeneuve NCD – Camp Fortune
Mackenzie Wood SOD – Georgian Peaks Ski Club
Peter MacGregor LSDA, NAC (NAC)
Connor Chow LSDA, NAC (NAC)



MACKENZIE INVESTMENTS WHISTLER CUP

APRIL 13-16, WHISTLER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB

TEAM CANADA REPRESENTING ONTARIO

Wayne Howard Alpine Ski Club

Elizabeth Sullivan Alpine Ski Club

Moro Bamber Green Mountain Valley School (Georgian Peaks)

Aaron Puskas Norwesters Alpine Club

TEAM ONTARIO COACHES

Katie Twible Craigleith Ski Club

Mike Byrne Georgian Peaks Ski Club

Jurg Gfeller National Ski Academy

Martin Rog National Capital Division



WOMEN

Ashley Campbell Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

Charlie Gougeon Comeau National Ski Academy/SOD

Lauren Hunter Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

Jayden Metcalfe Osler Bluff Ski Club/SOD

Jessica Popadich Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Sophie Robinson TBFAST/LSDA

Elizabeth, Sullivan Alpine Ski Club/SOD – Team Canada

Daisy Taylor National Ski Academy/SOD

Emma Williamson Alpine Ski Club/SOD

MEN

Moro Bamber Georgian Peaks Ski Club/GMVS (Vermont) – Team Canada

Lazlo Green National Ski Academy/SOD

Zach Hyland Craigleith Ski Academy/SOD

Oleksa Mojsiak Georgian Peaks Ski Club/SOD

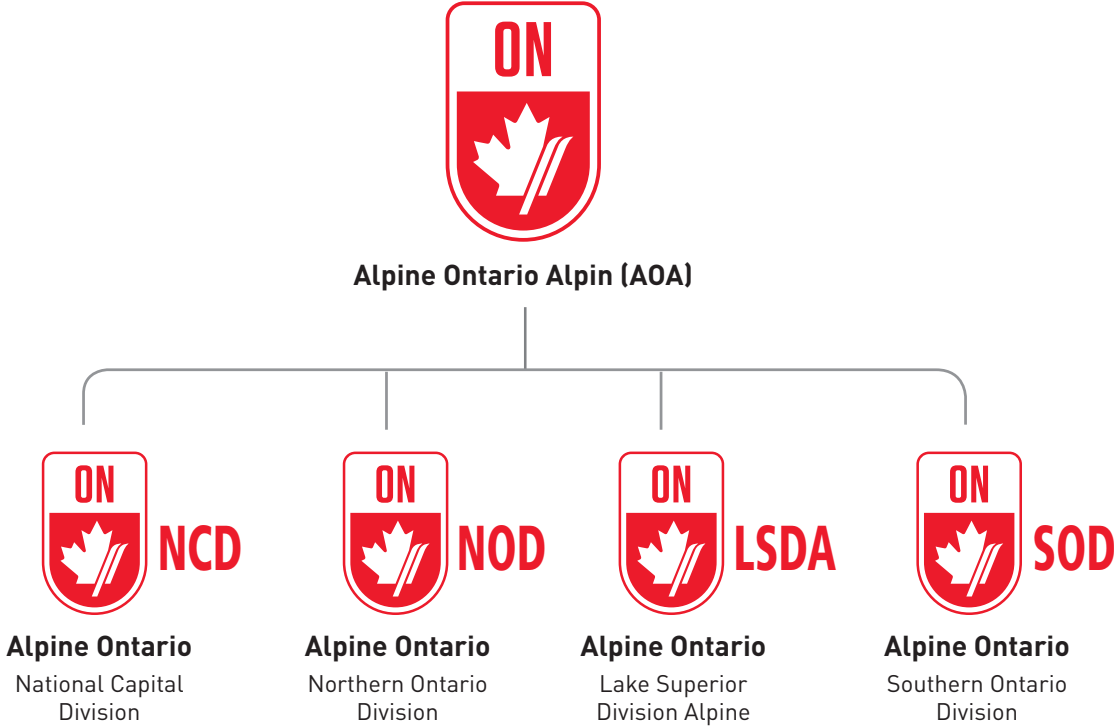
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Ben Smegal Craigleith Ski Club/SOD

Sean Swayze Calabogie Ski Club/NCD

DIVISION UPDATES



LAKE SUPERIOR DIVISION ALPINE

A REPORT FROM LSDA CHAIR, TIM FLYE



We've had another action packed season in the Lakehead, of which our ski community can be proud of as a whole. While not necessarily a banner year for natural snow, our region maintained positive momentum through the winter, culminating in the hosting of a number of world-class events. As well, we are very proud of our athletes who continue to represent our community on all levels. Whether it was on the local, provincial, national or international stage — the LSDA was there this year!

LSDA programming and development teams continued to deliver high-level training and development environments led by Head Coach - Matt Fisher, and FIS Coach - Northrop Johnston. Both North and Matt worked tirelessly to deliver effective local on-snow training, as well as delivering the division's pre-season camp in Sun Peaks, B.C.

With Mt. Baldy Ski Area under new ownership, and the continued terrain and track development at Loch Lomond, our athletes have convenient access to quality snow conditions and terrain throughout our season. We seem to be just far enough north that we do not suffer the extremes in weather/snow conditions often felt in Southern Ontario.

For a relatively small ski community, LSDA member club U14 and U16 athletes continue to ski with the best Ontario athletes resulting in Provincial and National medal performances as well as CanAm and Whistler Cup qualifications. Aaron Puskas of LSDA/Norwesters Alpine Club represented Canada in Italy at the AlpeCimbra, Trentino Children's FIS races and on Team Canada at the Whistler Cup.

Overall, it was a very successful year for Thunder Bay skiers!

LSDA 2016-17 Development Activities

LSDA athlete development is progressing steadily. The LSDA "Building our Future" Athlete Development Model is achieving the goal of creating a seamless pathway for skiers to achieve goals as age-group athletes through post-secondary racing at Lakehead University right up to weekly masters ski racing in the Ski Haus



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Senior Circuit. Many out-of-town skiers who have come to Thunder Bay for university or college are surprised to find such a fun Masters Circuit that they can enjoy.

Along this life long development pathway the LSDA clubs, Training Group, FIS, Uni/College and Senior Circuit programs enjoy strong community support, close proximity to excellent terrain, ideal racing conditions and strong event hosting capacity provided by the local volunteers.

After school Twilight Training 3 nights per week

LSDA led twilight sessions for both younger athletes and U16+ offering quality, high intensity gate training midweek after school at both areas. It also brings all of our coaches and our coaches-in-training together into collaborative training

environments. This is one of LSDA's unique opportunities which is definitely making a huge difference. Mid week gate training helps to take the pressure off ski clubs and ski hills on busy weekends where more free ski, technical free ski and drills occur. During mid-week after school training sessions all of the age groups train together on the same hill – separate age group environments are provided. This is an excellent experience for the younger kids in U10/U12/U14. Club Head Coaches, Benn Porter (NAC) and Josh Murphy (PASC) work together with LSDA coaches to offer world class training environments.

Snow Stars with Shaun

In its second year of operation, "Snow Stars with Shaun" took place during Twilight training on Wednesdays. U8 aged athletes are introduced to Snow Stars skill development and get to watch the big kids having a blast training after school! Thanks to former LSDA Head Coach and National Team Multimark/Assistant Coach, Shaun Moore for facilitating this program.

Northern Kids Spirit Camp

This camp is held on a Friday in early-February for U14 and under athletes. The purpose of the one day camp is to introduce developing skiers to full size GS turns in a controlled environment involving various skills stations. Speed elements are introduced as well. Roasting bannock-on-a-stick and marshmallows over a big bonfire tops off the day. Northern kids, celebrating what it is to be from the north and playing together, learning all day on skis, and missing a day of school – Awesome!

The LSDA Fun Day

The LSDA Fun Day has been running since 1994. It brings U8/U10/U12 skiers together from LSDA clubs to a fun Snowstars focused event. A GS,

panelled SL or dual "glalom" type event runs in the morning. In the afternoon groups roam the mountain looking for Snowstars skills stations, hot chocolate, and on-snow games. This event mixes the athletes from both local clubs, and continues to be an annual favourite among our younger skiers. A fun awards ceremony, ice cream and a prize for each participant tops off the day.

"It brings all of our coaches and our coaches-in-training together into collaborative training environments. This is one of LSDA's unique opportunities which is definitely making a huge difference."

High Performance – The 2016-17 LSDA Training Group - FIS/U18 and U16 teams

Strongly supported by local fundraising, LSDA Training Group programs offer 75 to 100 days on snow for relatively low training fees. The fall pre-season started out with a coordinated community based dryland training program on weekends that augments individual and club based programs running mid-week. Mandatory pre-season Fitness Testing happens in November and April of each year. For the second year in a row LSDA ran its fall camp in Sun Peaks

resort in late November/early December. Again, Sun Peaks proved to be an excellent venue for LSDA FIS/University and U16 athletes. And for the second year we worked directly with coach Bruce Monkman and a group of very strong U16 skiers from Calabogie Peaks Ski Club (NCD). Toward the end of the camp coach Matt Fisher and athlete Aaron Puskas branched off to join the ACA Rising Stars Camp held at Panorama.

Throughout the pre-Christmas, regular season and spring post-season, all three local ski hills – Loch Lomond, Mount Baldy and Lutsen (USSA) were used strategically to accomplish our athlete development goals at the club and LSDA Training Group (FIS/U19/U16) levels.

LSDA 2016-17 Race Season:

LSDA hosted and participated in many races over the 2016/17 race season. We enjoyed continued success from an extremely





successful Masters Series of 10+ races hosted at Loch Lomond.

Our U10, U12, U14, and U16 athletes participated in USSA Age Class Central Region 1, Northwoods Junior Race Series (northern Minnesota), AOA OCUP series races in Thunder Bay and Southern Ontario and OCUP Finals in U16 NOD (Searchmont) and U14 NCD (Camp Fortune/ Calabogie). U12 to U18 (non-FIS) athletes also hit the road to compete in NOD open races - Timmins SL Derby and the Mealey Classic in Searchmont/ Sault Ste Marie.

LSDA FIS athletes participated in USSA Midwest FIS races, OCUP FIS series races in Thunder Bay and Southern Ontario as well as the Eastern and Western Spring Series. Well known Ontario athlete Ryley Remmie spent the winter training and racing out of Thunder Bay. We are happy to say he loved his time here!

Lakehead University/Confederation College Ski Team:

LU/CC Ski Team competes in the Midwest Conference of the United States Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association (USCSA) Midwest Conference which includes 34 universities and colleges. The USCSA circuit sees high performing FIS athletes right down to students with little racing experience participating in A and B competitive streams. The tour has a

great vibe and keeps students out on the hill enjoying the sport while in post-secondary education at relatively little cost and offers students an education in a mainstream Canadian post secondary institutions. Lakehead athletes study full-time and take in a Fall Training Camp, regular training, USCSA racing and some carry a 10 to 20 start FIS racing campaign. Yes, one can ski race and get a university/ college education in Thunder Bay! And it is a Canadian education paid for in Canadian dollars and

often actually costs less than what some NCAA students on scholarship are actually paying since University is so expensive in the USA.

2017 U16 Mackenzie Investments National Alpine Ski Championships:

Thunder Bay's crowning achievement as a community was hosting Canada's return of the U16 National Championships. An incredible amount of work by the ROC and volunteers went into upgrading the race pistes at Loch Lomond as well as the timing and communications infrastructure and equipment. And a huge amount of work went into recruiting and managing more than 70 volunteers over the 5 days of racing.

Thunder Bay certainly showed its northern hospitality through its partnership with the Fort William First Nation and various special events such as an Opening Ceremony complete with the Fort William First Nation community drum and dancers in Regalia demonstrating various types of traditional dance. The U16 National Parade and Awards Ceremony which took place on Thunder Bay's beautiful Lake Superior waterfront in the Spirit Garden was a highlight! Skiers were treated to a really cool cultural experience including the women's hand drum group from the Fort William First Nation. (Check out photos at www.jamesmirabelli.com)

The quality of the race events held on Loch Lomond was second to none and truly demonstrates the growing event hosting capacity we are developing in Thunder Bay. A big thanks goes to ACA (Dusan Grasic, Ashlie Avoledo, Nick Bass) and AOA (Scott Barrett, Robyn Skinner, Mark Marshall and Devyn Scott. This was a huge learning experience for all involved and, on behalf of the entire province; Thunder Bay has set a very high standard for the event going forward.

Congratulations and a huge thank you goes out to the 2017 Nationals ROC: Dave Bradley (Event Chair), Stephanie Chow (Volunteer Coordinator), Darren Henderson (Chief of Race-Technical Events), Rolf Waffler (Chief of Race – Speed Events), Jim Colquhoun (Chief of Course and Equipment), Geoff Hall (Host Club NAC rep and Chief of Venue), Ashlie Avoledo (Race Secretary), Shelagh Duckett (ROC admin), Rose Therrien (Bookkeeper), Glen Swant (LSDA Officials Chair), Gilles Bonniot (Chief of Timing and Calculations), Neil Coates (Chief of Timing and Communications installation and infrastructure), Jason Gerry (Hill Owner and General Manager Loch Lomond – Chief of Snow and Piste Preparation).

Also many thanks to our major event partners: Title Sponsor – Mackenzie Investments, Excellence Partners – City of Thunder Bay, Fort William First Nation, NZ Foundation, TBay Tel,

Alpine Canada and Alpine Ontario. A host of other sponsors supported the event with both financial and in-kind contributions. Please visit the Nationals 2017 website at www.u16ski.ca and the U16 Facebook and Instagram feeds to celebrate our sponsors and learn more about the entire event. Live Streaming video of all the events can be found on the website as well.

Closing Comments from Tim Flye, LSDA Chairman

“I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that keep putting Thunder Bay on the map when it comes to quality events, as well as the volunteer coaching staff and parents who continue to support our entry level programs. Without you, none of our successes could be realized. My sincere gratitude also goes out to those in our community who work behind the scenes with LSDA Board, Sub Committees and Fundraising initiatives, and those who support our programming through means of in-kind donations and time. Together, we are building a ski racing community we can all be proud of”



Aaron Puskas in Italy with Team Canada at the Alpechimbra FIS Children's Races

NATIONAL CAPITAL DIVISION

A REPORT FROM NCD CHAIR, TERRY MCLAUGHLAN*



Camp Fortune Ski Club and Calabogie Ski Racing Club are the two clubs in the National Capital Division Region. The clubs offer programs from Nancy Green to FIS as well as a very successful university program that began in 2015-16 season. Because our clubs are along the Ontario-Quebec border, the NCD athletes compete with the Outaouais region of Ski Quebec Alpine in races from U10 – U16.

As well, NCD and Outaouais share responsibility for developing and supporting a high-performance ski program for U16 and FIS athletes on The National Capital Outaouais Ski Team (NCO Ski Team).

Camp Fortune started training off with an early western Sun Peaks camp with over 30 regional

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and U16 athletes as well as hosting other mini camps including a mid-season GS camp at Mont Blanc in Quebec. Camp Fortune put together yet another excellent FIS race weekend with 2 slalom races down its challenging Canadian piste. Camp Fortune also hosted the U14 OCUP Finals during the school March Break. The race organizing team put on a great event despite some challenging weather conditions. With

U12, U14 and 16 athletes in attendance. This year, Calabogie followed suit and sent athletes to an early season camp at Sun Peaks.

The region hosted over 30 races from U10 – FIS this year. The region also hosted speed camps for U14

registration quotas eliminated, over 230 athletes from around the province attended the event which included three days of racing as well as an athlete banquet. Calabogie once again hosted their Annual Dual Slalom in April with great turnout in beautiful spring conditions. To end the season, an April camp took place at Mont Ste Anne, taking advantage of the abundance of snow at the end of the season.

Our club racers had some outstanding performances on the provincial level with athletes qualifying for CanAms in both U14 and U16. Some highlights include:

U16 MACKENZIE INVESTMENTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

U16 Slalom - 8th place

Jesse Holland (Camp Fortune)

U16 PIZZA PIZZA OCUP FINALS

U16 Female Dual Slalom - 1st place

Keirsten Harvey (Camp Fortune)

U16 Male Dual Slalom 1st place

Kobe Villeneuve (Camp Fortune)

U16 Male Slalom - 2nd place

Sean Swayze (Calabogie)

U16 Male GS 3rd place

Kobe Villeneuve (Camp Fortune)

U14 PIZZA PIZZA OCUP FINALS

U14 – Male GS - 2nd place

Kaiden Villeneuve (Camp Fortune)

National Capital Outaouais Ski Team (NCO)

NCD and Outaouais Zone share responsibility for developing and supporting a high performance ski program for U16 and FIS athletes - The National Capital Outaouais Ski Team. Since 1999, the NCO Ski Team has been a preeminent ski program on the National and Provincial scene, consistently moving athletes to the Ontario and Quebec provincial ski teams. The team expanded significantly with 12 athletes in U16 and 15 in FIS with half of the athletes coming from NCD.

The team held a summer camp in Chile as well as early season camps in Hintertux, Austria and Norquay, Alberta. The U16 team has had quite a busy season with great results outside the region. The FIS athletes competed in both Canada and the US for great results. Rookie Sam Duff and second year Nicole Clarke had many top 10 finishes. Several members of the team accepted invitations for try outs with the Ontario Ski Team.

University Racing

University ski racing entered its first official year competing in the RSEQ University circuit flying

the banners of Carleton University, University of Ottawa and University of Quebec Outaouais. Carleton's Hanna Schmidt continues to have great success winning and attended the World University Games in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Coaches and Volunteers

The NCD clubs continues to support our club coaches. This year two coaches completed Performance Level (PL) coaching certification. The clubs have also introduced several former athletes to coaching with great success. Special congratulations go out to Gabriel Bouffard who completed the Level 4 Instructor certification this year.

We continue to increase the number of parent volunteers becoming officials and NCD clubs ran multiple Level 1 and 2 courses. Five officials also attained their Level 3 certification to add to the strong force of Technical Delegates in the region. NCD relies heavily on parents to volunteer for races and parents have continued to be very engaged in running successful races. All regional races are managed and run by volunteers.



* As previously advised in AOA Communications Terry passed away on August 19th, 2017. The entire ski community of Ontario is grateful for his efforts and contributions to skiing over the years.

NORTHERN ONTARIO DIVISION

REPORT FROM NOD CHAIR, KEITH DUHAN



NOD has increased from five clubs to six clubs: Searchmont in Sault Ste. Marie; Mt. Dufour in Elliot Lake; Adanac in Sudbury; Kamiskotia in Timmins; North Bay/Antoine and Elite Alpine Ski Cross based out of North Bay.

The division started a U16/U14 development team this year and traveled to races in southern Ontario and Quebec. The division also add U12 development camps to our pointed U14/U16 races allowing these athletes to learn and train around active competition. NOD continues to move forward the FIS work to homologate our Searchmont hill in the Sault. All clubs were provided with Kinder gates to develop the U10 athletes. Coaching development is a core target for the division.

NOD 2016-2017 Race Season

It was an old time winter last season with plenty of snow and excellent race conditions. The fields also were back at sizes not seen for many years and it is refreshing to see the growth returning. NOD saw entries from all 4 divisions at OCUP and divisional races as well as Quebec clubs. Competition has never been better. Many positives and takeaway's developed out of the provincial participation for all the athletes in the races.

High Performance

Our initial U14/U16 travelling team competed well in Ontario and Quebec. The success of the initial program will lead to a bigger group continuing in 2017-2018. The team's introduction to top competition improved their skill and development. All the racers were left with a desire to meet these challenges as well as future challenges.

The Initial U14 OCUP Race in the Sault was highly successful as well as the U16 OCUP Final. These divisional and AOA initiations were key drivers in performance and development of all our athletes. The division is looking to continue development out of province next season and it can only get better.

Pre-Season

NOD teams continue to participate in the weekly preseason camp at Mt Tremblant in Quebec in early December. The division is looking to expand this in future seasons as time on snow has a major impact on athlete development. The divisional goal is inclusive of all age groups for preseason training from U6 to U21.

Officials and Coaches Training

Marc Nielsen one of NOD's technical delegates and Dave Hunt one of NOD's coaches continue to drive home the need for coaches and TD's to grow and maintain the levels in the sport. The credits not only keep everyone current but also allow for personal development of each individual's skill set. Their volunteer work on getting this done is exceptional. Together with the rest of the divisional volunteers the results have allowed NOD to maintain race quality to the highest standards.



SOUTHERN ONTARIO DIVISION

REPORT FROM SOD CHAIR , RON WARREN



In another challenging winter of fluctuating weather patterns, the Southern Ontario Division hosted events at most of our 29 members clubs from U10 – U21, as well as FIS, and Masters Races.

Skier for Life Pathway

The Southern Ontario division remains committed to a Ski Racing for Life with a focus this past season on competition past the U16 Program. As the demands from school grow, we continue to build on avenues to give our U19 athletes opportunities to compete, with the Cadillac Oxford Dream U19 SOD Series and Cadillac Oxford Dream FIS OCUP series. Ski Cross continued to grow its momentum and was culminated with the AUDI SX World Cup Finals at Blue Mountain. The Live action really proves the sport is one to pay attention to and we look forward to more integrated programming of this sport in years to come.

The SOD Cup race series welcomed the new Race Fest Season Finale and we hope to build on this new initiative in years to come for the nearly 1,000 racers in this series. SOD also hosted the Master Provincial Championships at Georgian Peaks which sees 100s of graduating skiers continue to love the sport of ski racing. Lastly SOD hosted five skills camps for the U12, U14 age group – excellence venues and formats for kids looking for more time on snow.

Performance Pathway

The launch of the new OCUP Series furthered the ability for our SOD athletes to challenge themselves on the road throughout the province. Many SOD OCUP teams travelled mid-season to the Soo's Mealey Cup which challenges their skills on new terrain and teaching the youngsters the lessons of travel as a skier. The U14 OCUP Finals saw 100s of SOD racers compete on the very challenging slopes of Camp Fortune in SG, SL & GS and the U16 OCUP athletes vied for a spot to the U16 Mackenzie

Investments National Championships in Thunder Bay.

SOD congratulates the U14 OCUP Men's overall winner Chris Burnes/Craigeith Ski Club and Women's overall winner Sydney Basil/Alpine; U16 Boys Zachary

Temertzoglou/Craigeith Ski Club and U16 girls Elizabeth Sullivan/National Ski Academy. At the FIS OCUP level Corey McConville/Devil's Glen Country Club and Camryn Metzger/Georgian Peaks Ski Club won the overall titles.

Our SOD Regional FIS Team continued to gain traction, with 24 athletes participating this past season. Our coaching staff of Taylor Martin SOD Team and Men's Head Coach, Will Gyles Women's Head Coach, T.E.S Hynes Women's Coach, Northrop Johnson Men's Coach, continue to build and implement year round programs to move our athletes up the ladder.

Officials Development

This most important volunteer group continues to work on creating safe, fair and enjoyable environments between the fences on our Southern Ontario tracks. We are striving to find ways to grow the officials fraternity, with new uses of electronic media to facilitate courses and engage the masses.

Coaching Development

The SOD clubs strongly supports their coaches through coach education. We continue to



focus on getting our coaches fully licensed.

Congratulations to Jenn Warren who won Alpine Canada's Coach of the Year; Taylor Martin AOA Sr. Coach of the Year; Brian Macgregor AOA Jr. Coach of the Year; Sydney Basil Jr. Athlete of the Year and Bebe Zoricic for winning the Sandy Proctor Award.

Thank you to everyone up front and behind the scenes, whose efforts made this an amazing season for our athletes.



Batawa Racers at the AOA Mont Tremblant December camp



Bebe Zoricic & Ron Warren

COACHES REPORT

**SARAH EDWARDS - AOA EL Course Coordinator/
ACA Learning Facilitator (LF) and Coach Developer (CD)**

The 2016/17 ski season proved to be one of the strongest years in recent history for entry level/ development and performance level coaching courses in Ontario. Clubs are realizing the benefits of having U16/19 athletes participate and complete coach education courses regardless of whether they will start their coaching careers next season or in the future.

ENTRY LEVEL COURSE

24 Courses delivered across AOA

292 Candidates participated in courses

The format for the 2016-17 entry level coaching course was different this season. The first day of the course was completed indoors in a classroom type setting and three education workshops were completed which included; NCCP- Make Ethical Decisions and Planning a Practice along with the ACA – Technical Presentation for entry level coaches. This format reduced lift tickets costs for the candidates, reduced facilitator expenses and provided a better learning environment for candidates. AOA participates in the ACA curriculum review group that continues to improve the content and delivery of the entry level courses. ACA is currently exploring opportunities to move more course content to online platforms to allow for more on snow coach education modules that include ski improvement and SnowStars programming.

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL COURSES

5 Courses delivered across AOA

53 candidates participated in courses

The DL course format also changed this season to provide better indoor learning environments for days one and two. ACA provided a new technical presentation for DL coaches and the course setting evaluation component was removed to provide more setting practice and education. AOA calendared a variety of NCCP modules in the Collingwood

area that are required for coaches on the DL and PL pathways. AOA provided many opportunities with camps and projects for coaches to complete licensing credits and gain experience with senior Learning Facilitator and Coach Developer

Speed modules were scheduled however unfavorable conditions cancelled these events. ACA continues to review the courses content and delivery to ensure the greatest learning opportunities for these coaches.

PERFORMANCE LEVEL COURSES/ SKI CROSS MODULES

- PL Intro 1 – 1 course in Collingwood – 7 candidates participated
- PL Intro 2 – 2 courses in Collingwood – 16 candidates participated
- Ski Cross Module – 1 module at Blue Mountain during World cup event – 7 participants

EL/ DL Course Facilitators

- 23 AOA Entry Level (EL) and 7 Development Level (DL) Learning Facilitators attended ACA fall training in Collingwood
- 9 Learning Facilitator completed NCCP Core Master Coach Developer Training – costs subsidized by bursary received from coaching association of Ontario
- NCCP Core Training is now required for all Learning Facilitators commencing December 2017



2016-17 Ontario Coaching Courses and Events Summary

AOA offered more opportunities than ever for coach education licensing credits which were included at the spring/fall fitness testing , AOA October education summit (67 attendees), and the April SOD Coaches Congress (70 attendees). AOA continues to encourage club coaches to complete 'in the field' coaching evaluations and achieve certified and certified advanced coaching status in addition to completing required yearly education and risk management licensing credits.

2017-18 AOA Coach Education Programming

AOA is committed to providing a consistent and efficient coaching course delivery program. To support this a formalized hiring protocol for Learning Facilitator and Coach Developer is being developed and communicated to coaches who are inspired to be mentors of our future generation of coaches. The outcome will be a clear pathway for support and certification for the coaches and the learning facilitator/ coach developer in addition to offering value for money and an environment that will engage the membership to continue on the coaching education pathway.



**Congratulations to Jenn Warren,
Craigleith Coach awarded
ACA Coach of the Year**



PARA ALPINE UPDATE

A REPORT FROM PARA CHAIR, GWEN BINSFELD

The objective for 2016-17 Para Alpine program was to provide all Para athletes in Ontario an opportunity to develop race skills to achieve their individual goals.

Goals for the season included:

1. To have Para athletes integrate to able bodied teams whenever possible.
2. To provide training and mentorship to Para coaches.
3. To recruit and train young, keen, coaches to facilitate the Para program.
4. To provide an YTP and Race plan for each individual athlete.
5. To provide Para specific training camps for all racers.
6. To facilitate race opportunities for developing Para athletes
7. To develop a structure within AOA to address Para alpine needs in Ontario.

Programs

The Para alpine program was diverse, and accommodated athletes from the Learn to Race Level, to Nor-Ams and Nationals.

Para athletes were integrated into U14 SOD Series, U16 OCUP, U16 SOD series and Masters Programs. Coaches working with the athletes accommodated the needs specific to the athletes in their group. This approach has been somewhat effective in bridging the gap between the Para module, and the actual coaching of Para athletes. There remains a great deal of work to be done in this area, and is something that will remain an ongoing challenge as coaches and athletes of various needs and abilities cycle through the system.

Para Races for OPAST members were scarce, and the lack of availability for classification in North America severely limited opportunities for unclassified athletes. ACA has committed to

addressing this next season, as we have at least 8 athletes who require classification to race IPCAS, (the Para equivalent of FIS)

Training Camps

A Para training camp for Eastern Canada was initiated and led by Ontario at Mont Tremblant this year, funded through the CPC grant opportunities. ACA National Development coach Mark Newton was recruited to participate, and young male and female Ontario coaches were selected to be mentored. This camp was well received, and very productive. The goal is to make it an annual event.

Carving the Future was organized for Para athletes in Ontario, and took on a new format this season. ACA coaches spent time visiting our Para athletes at the hills where they are on integrated teams, as well as hosting training over two days.

Competitions

Higher level IPC licensed athletes competed in the Speed Events at Kimberley for US and Canadian Nationals. The Technical Nationals was at Mammoth CA.

Entry Level athletes participated in the Ontario Para Sport Winter Games, as their ONLY race opportunity in Eastern Canada this season.

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Marcus Hartmann



Learn to Race programming was provided on a weekly basis, for independent Para skiers, aspiring to race.

CADS Festival was hosted at Sun Peaks in March, was a more productive training opportunity this season, as ACA partnered with CADS to facilitate, the week of training. Rising Stars were identified, and five Ontario Para athletes were invited to an ACA sponsored development camp in BC.

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment of acquired injuries was facilitated by the annual Spinal Cord Injury Ski Day that takes place each February. This continues to be an effective recruitment strategy, and once again, athletes with newly acquired injuries were identified with potential to race.

Winter Sports Clinic for Wounded Warriors took place at Calabogie again this year. This annual event is another effective recruitment effort that has produced some capable skiers. PTSI continues to be the major disability to overcome. It is our hope that some of the INVICTUS participants may progress to skiing as well. Training environments for older athletes with acquired injuries continues to present unique challenges, and is unusually difficult to facilitate.

We have made significant progress, in addressing the first six goals identified. It has been an annual goal to develop a structure within AOA to address the needs of Para alpine in Ontario. It is an area where we need to accelerate progress, in keeping with the Ministries directive for PSO Para participation, as outlined by the MTSC. Ministry has recently developed a Para sport strategy, as presented at the Ontario Sport Symposium this spring.

Ontario is currently the leader in Para alpine, at all levels.

- We have Ontario athletes on the national team, on the podium at WC, and Paralympics.
- The largest and most successful provincial team
- The most comprehensive recruitment and development plan, in keeping with the LTSD
- The most junior racers
- The most extensive recruitment base.

All this has been accomplished without a strategic plan for Para through AOA. Para alpine has continued to plan and provide services, independently. For Para to thrive in Ontario we need to formalize roles and responsibilities so that all communication, governance, and programing is Para inclusive, throughout all divisions.



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OFFICIALS REPORT

PETER DYSON - AOA OFFICIALS CHAIR

Once again Officials across the province stepped up to run and execute fair and secure races all across Ontario. The dedicated group in the province gives up their personal time to ensure that all events run in Ontario are fair and secure for all athletes. They are spread across the province in all corners wherever the athletes and coaches are racing.

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all across Ontario. It is not uncommon to see officials from one ski club travelling to help out their counter parts at another ski area. These individuals that I have the chance to meet across the province this year are truly a dedicated group of men and women. Without their hours spent in the cold, snow, rain, wind and sun races would not happen. The job of an official is to ensure that all events sanctioned by ACA and AOA in the province of Ontario are run according to Local, Regional, Provincial, National and International Rules.

This was my second year leading the Provincial Officials committee as the Provincial Chair. Jeff Harvey continued as the Vice Chair helping to steer the committee. The regional chairs did a fantastic job ensuring each division was able to staff all events and continue the tradition of great training in the province.

The committee is comprised of six members:

- Peter Dyson - Chair
- Jeff Harvey - Vice Chair
- David Hopper - Southern Ontario Officials Chair
- Ben Kislich-Lemyre - National Capital Officials Chair
- Marc Nielsen - Northern Ontario Chair
- Glen Swant - Lake Superior Officials Chair

The committee worked hard over the season to oversee all races, assign technical delegates, and deliver education courses across the province.

This past season there were countless updates held in all the divisions in the fall and many

different officials level courses to increase the number of qualified officials across the province. As the current season is over the work of the official's committee continues. The committee will look over the past season to see what lessons we can learn and improve with an eye to next season.

Ontario continues to develop strong talented and educated officials that are respected across the country. The committee will be working on

some exciting ideas for next year that we are looking forward to rolling out. Don't forget to attend the update next fall and update your levels.

Remember, when you're an official you can be inside the fence which is the best view on the hill!

“I will be reaching out to my counterparts across the country to see what we can learn and share with each other to improve not only the quality and education of officials across the country but also use what we learn to improve the quality of races across the country ”



SKI CROSS REPORT

BY PAUL PLOTZ

SOD Committee Vice Chair, Ski Cross Technical expert for Alpine Canada Officials Committee, NSA Board of Directors, FIS TD for SX and SBX. Level IV Alpine official.

Ski Cross (SX) is an action-packed, adrenaline-fuelled sport that made its Olympic debut at 2010 Winter Games. It is a hugely popular TV sport as a result of naturally occurring terrain and artificial features including jumps, rollers (rounded and/or wavy terrain) and high-banked turns. Ski cross is set apart from other sports, including alpine skiing, because it has more than one skier racing down the course. Four racers go head to head, at the same time, with the aim of finishing first. SX can play a role in the Alpine Ontario programming due to its fantastic athletic development opportunity.

I am proud to report that Canada continues to be the leading nation in Ski Cross (SX)! However if Canada wants to continue to be the best in the world we need to stay ahead of the curve. Increased support for SX at club and PSO levels is a must for continued success. AOA will continue its partnership with Snowboard Ontario for next season but due to the growing interest in SX the goal should be to integrate SX as development opportunities for all age groups.

SX is starting to be a point of conversation for athletes at club and PSO level that are not tracking towards national team results. Canada SX has seen an increase in support from PSO's for their athletes to "try out" SX as well as a potential avenue to continue racing at a high performance level. There is a strong push at FIS level for SX to be governed under FIS Alpine which will further improve opportunities for inclusion of SX into alpine programs.

Coaching

Multiple SX Coaching modules were hosted this season across Canada including Blue Mountain to meet the continued demand for SX knowledge. Coaches are keen to learn more and gain confidence to introduce SX training into their DTE. Canada SX (CSX) also offered a Professional Development opportunity during their recent spring camps at Sunshine. Coaches that attended had the ability to work side by side with Canada SX athletes and coaches.

An additional module is due out in 2017 that will

focus specifically on how to COACH ski cross, written by Willie Raine. This module will outline yearly plan, planning of training sessions, camp and session setup, event/competition education, feature specific coaching, starts, tactics in training, qualifying and heats, passing, etc. This will also be (hopefully) tied to the amended LTAD which will elaborate on the benefits of using cross tracks and terrain for athlete development There is a CSX Webinar ongoing... and there will be a PDF version this summer

Athlete Development

SX is considered a "late entry" sport... however, the past practice of picking up athletes from provincial and national alpine level does NOT support long term success for SX in Canada. An ideal candidate for the CSX team will spend 8 years on senior national team and experience two Olympic cycles. Based on the ideal candidate model CSX has identified the following entry point ages:

- 15 to 17 – early entry
- 16 to 20 – ideal entry point
- 21+ - late entry

LTAD

SX will be included in the updated LTAD as a discipline of ski racing with SX specific skills introduced at each level of the LTAD

ACA believes that training SX will not only develop athlete depth at the club and provincial level for CSX, it will also improve the overall athleticism and skill level for all athletes.



SHORT TERM & LONG TERM VISION

1 Year from Now:

LTAD released with SX included at all levels
Inclusion of SX training (& racing) in DTE for alpine athletes

3 Years from Now

Domestic SX series created across country at each PTSO (E.G. Western SX Series (now) building Eastern SX Series

SX athlete pathway has increased # of athletes competing for NextGen team spots.

Currently the AOA race calendar includes SL, GS, PS and Kombi. Kombi has been suggested could be substituted for terrain/SX. There is a growing need for AOA to calendar SX events for the developing age groups which would include SX training. It is recognized that Terrain/SX is only a portion of development picture, but it has been missing from most programs for far too long. Of course ski cross tracks aren't the only environments that development level athletes can benefit from, each club/resort is responsible

for creating terrain such as moguls, wave tracks, pump tracks, cross tracks, parks, break overs, etc. Perhaps SX can be thought of as a simplified extension of snow stars where additional teaching skills will be developed by using current teaching skills AND terrain. SX is an environment that promotes skidding, slipping, gliding, turning legs and NOT using sidecut. Keeping in mind the ultimate goal is to raise overall skill level of ALL athletes to create more skiers-for-life. An additional goal would be to create quantifiable goals that do not need a clock.

Centralized Next Generation card athletes are based in Calgary. The NEXT Gen program is the current development team program for CSX. This program introduces athletes that are 5 to 8 years away from podium potential at major competitions. CSX recognizes the need for athletes to be able to train while pursuing post-secondary education. Currently seven athletes are enrolled in some type of continuing education. Sport Canada is fully supportive. Allows for split carding – therefore more athletes. Also allows athletes to benefit from tuition reimbursement offered through Sport Canada carding.

Who Can Play?

- Non-Points and/or Open events ... anyone can play.
- Current alpine FIS athletes have the ability to compete on the Nor-Am circuit, once they purchase a freestyle FIS bridge licence, specifically for ski cross.
- Working on merging the FIS license requirement into one license. This will allow any FIS carded athlete can compete in Alpine or SX events.
- Lots of opportunity for athletes. Current discussions revolve around implementation at the U10 and U12 ages in 2017.

SX/Terrain Development

Clubs interested in learning more can turn to a Course Building Document. CSX partnered with Canada Snowboard & White Industries to create a course building document that provides recommendations to build safe & effective

courses for all levels. This document was unveiled during CWSAA spring conference and targets resorts with unused/underused terrain and appropriate equip. to build track. We are seeing an increase in the number of SX tracks across Canada and an increase in the ability for athletes to train SX in a safe & appropriate environment.

Other avenues to explore include Track Design. Parkscapers is a great program, (Caleb Bosse is an excellent local resource for course building advice and instruction); White Industries has agreed to run a builder session in Ontario to develop confidence in building tracks/terrain for any interested resorts/clubs. There are existing track design guidelines available. It is most important to build development tracks that could be open for the public and safe. You should be able to groom entire track with a cat. If you can't roll the track with a cat to groom it each day... then it is not an appropriate development track.







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