



Yellowknife Ski Club Annual General Meeting
2017/2018 Annual Report

June 13, 2018

President's report

Chris Joseph, President

The Yellowknife Ski Club (YKSC) continues to be one of the most significant sports and recreation organizations in the city of Yellowknife. The 2017/18 season has been a tremendous year for the YKSC, with visible improvements to the club's programs, events and infrastructure. Perhaps most importantly, this has coincided with a rise in both membership numbers and volunteer participation.

Following our constitution, the object of the YKSC continues to be "to promote cross country skiing and biathlon, and to provide the Yellowknife community with opportunities for growth, development and enjoyment through skiing, and to support other organizations that promote outdoor activities that complement skiing." To this end, the YKSC board has been engaged over the past year with a wide range of community-minded organizations and business that share our passion for recreational and on-the-land activities. Through these partnerships, we have endeavoured to maximise the benefits of our facilities and attract new life-long members.

The near completion of the Chalet Renovation Project has clearly energized the membership and reaffirmed the chalet as the geographic centre of the cross country ski community in Yellowknife. This has meant being more than a place to simply wax our skis. Rather, the chalet has increasingly become a place for community, family and friends to connect with each other while enjoying the beautiful and pristine land that surrounds the chalet.

Youth programming is the heart of any sport and the YKSC continues to serve its membership well in this regard by providing high level Jackrabbits, Track Attack, High Performance, Go Ski and Biathlon programs. The addition of adult beginner and intermediate lessons this year has created a new avenue for membership and revenue growth. Moving forward, we hope to continue increasing the accessibility of the sport through programming and events that cater to the diverse needs and interests of Yellowknife residents.

The success of our programs continues to rely on the caliber of our coaches. From year-to-year, our coaches train for, certify and upgrade their coaching certification, prepare lesson plans, train and provide skill development to athletes, assist with trips, fundraising, equipment selection and waxing.

I encourage all members to look at the YKSC and our facilities as an extension of their home. It is a place for each of us to engage with our friends and to watch our families build a lifelong relationship with sports and winter recreation.

However, none of what we have achieved can be maintained without a core team of dedicated volunteers. I encourage each member to consider what a great and unique opportunity the YKSC provides and how they might contribute to its continued growth and prosperity moving forward.

Trails report

Chris Hotson, Trails Director

The 2017/2018 ski season saw slightly lower than average snow but the trails were in great shape.

Although the club's trails are used primarily in winter, the work to keep them in good condition goes on all year. This work starts in the summer including painting and straightening signs, repairs and upgrades to equipment, and improvements to the trail surface. Fall sees a spike in activity with brushing of the trails in preparation for snow, followed by the winter's continual efforts at grooming snow into those excellent trails we all appreciate. These combined efforts require over 1,000 hours of volunteer time and it is the effort of club members who make it all possible.

Our summer crew was led once again by Brian Latham and included Brian Render and Bob Reid. In addition to keeping the snow machines running during the grooming season, Rob Tumchewics and Bruce Look spent considerable effort during the off-season this past year ensuring the grooming equipment was in perfect operating condition for the winter. Their efforts paid off with no equipment down time during the ski season.

The grooming team resumed a regular grooming schedule of Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays to ensure that the trails were always in top shape for the weekends and then touched up for the week after heavy weekend use. The Thursday crew consisted of John Buckland, David Speakman and Ed Hove; the Friday crew was Bruce Look, Colin Morris and Sean Marshall; and Sunday was Greg Littlefair and Paul Guy. Bob Reid ensured that the equipment was able to run by keeping fuel supplied throughout the

winter. If you see any of these members make sure to let them know you appreciate their efforts.

The Jonas Konge Grooming Garage was fully operational this winter and made working on and starting machines much easier. Finishing touches on the interior will happen through the summer and include lighting and painting.

Julie Ward and Doug Townsend continue to manage the Banting Tent. The tent is available for booking for overnights by club members. If you have never been, check out the link on the club website under facilities, it is a wonderful place to spend a night or two.

Thank you to the efforts of all who contribute to the operation and upkeep of the trails and a special thanks to John Stephenson and Greg Littlefair for their assistance and guidance in my first year as director of trails.

Events report

Kerry Wheler, Director of Events

Thanks to all the participants and volunteers for another great season! Here are all the events the ski club hosted in the 2017/18 season:

Nov 4 – Snow Show, 10am-1pm

Nov 12 – Introduction to Community Coach Workshop (ICC) with Karen Johnson

Nov 16 – Wax & Wine, 7-10pm

Nov 24 – Jackrabbits Family Dance season kickoff, 6-7:30pm

Dec 1-3 – Community Coach workshop (CC) with Mary Waddell

Dec 17 – Trail grooming workshop

Dec 10 – "Get Active" Potluck dinner, 5:30pm with carols

Jan 7 – Sunday Lunch featuring "Coffeelicious"

Jan 14 – Potluck dinner 5:30pm

Jan 21 – "Get Active" World Snow Day featuring YK Ski Club 50th Anniversary and Grand Opening of Canada 150 Teaching Hill. Pancake breakfast and free rentals

Jan 28 – Sunday Lunch featuring "Coffeelicious"

Feb 4 – Sunday Lunch featuring "One of a Thai"

Feb 11 – "Get Active" NWT ski day; Potluck dinner 5:30

Feb 18 – Sunday Lunch featuring "Flavour Trader"

Feb 24/25 – Yellowknife Ski Races

Feb 25 – Sunday Lunch featuring “One of a Thai”

Mar 11– Potluck dinner 5:30pm

Mar 17 – Frostbite 50 in conjunction with the Multisport Club

April 8 – Yellowknife Gold Loppet, sponsored by TerraX

April 15 – Ski Duathlon

June 13 – AGM, volunteer appreciation BBQ & awards

Snow Show

The Snow Show is the day to learn about club programs, buy memberships and visit the ski swap and the Overlander Sports booth. There is a silent auction, which is a significant fundraiser for the High Performance (HP) team and our club. Track Attack sets up a canteen with chili and treats to raise money for their program, and there is a bake sale table for general club revenue.

Wax & Wine Soiree

The Wax & Wine kicks off the ski season with wine, good food, and good company while your skis are waxed by the High Performance skiers. It's a wonderful fundraiser for them and a great way to start the season and enjoy time with other outdoor enthusiasts!

Jackrabbits Family Dance

This was a new event to kick off the season for our youngest skiers and their families.

Potluck Dinner & Ski

Held the second Sunday of every month, club potlucks provided a chance to share food and company before or after a ski on the trails. Families with children often shared child-minding while adults would alternate on longer ski loops. The December potluck featured caroling after dinner.

ICC (Introduction to Community Coaching) and CC (Community Coaching) Courses

These Cross Country Canada (CCC) courses provide training to people who are interested in coaching the Bunnies & Jackrabbits Programs (approx. ages 4-10). People of all ages are encouraged to share their enthusiasm for outdoor activity by taking these courses and joining the coaching team to help get kids outside. ICC is now being offered as an online course.

Trail Grooming Clinic

Trail Grooming Clinics are held early each season to train new and returning groomers. New groomers are always welcome.

Sunday Lunches

With the new renovation of the kitchen, we were able to apply for a commercial kitchen licence which allows vendors to come and use our facility to sell food. We launched a pilot project of “Sunday Lunches” from 11:30-2 p.m. on designated dates with a few interested vendors. This was generally well received by both our members, the public, and the vendors. We hope to continue this next season and we are looking for someone who would be interested in taking the lead on this project for our club.

World Snow Day

We designated the international celebration of “World Snow Day” to celebrate many exciting things happening at our club: our 50th anniversary and the grand opening of the Canada 150 Hill. The YKSC partnered with the Recreation & Parks Association’s “Get Active” program and the YK Co-op to provide a pancake breakfast from 10-2 and free trail fees for the day. Complimentary ski & snowshoe rentals were provided by JH Sissons school (made possible by John Stephenson) and Overlander Sports. Mini-lessons were made available during the day.

This event was very well attended (with about 300 people) by both members and non-members and provided a wonderful opportunity for new skiers to try out the sport.

Yellowknife Ski Races – NWT Territorial Championships

The Yellowknife Ski Club hosted an open event for skiers of all ages and abilities in February. This annual event gathers various programs and people together at the club in a fun, celebratory way. Every skier was awarded a (homemade) cookie medal at the finish line. Since this event was designated as the NWT Territorial Championships, gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded in Peewee, Bantam, Midget, Juvenile, and Junior categories. Former Olympian, Sharon Firth, and Overlander representative Sandra Stirling were invited to give out medals for the classic event.

This was the first event using our new chip timing system that was generously donated by Overlander Sports. We are thrilled to have this new, user friendly system. Many thanks for Damian Panayi for his dedication to accurate timing results!

We were fortunate to have warm enough temperatures to hold races both days, for the first time in many years. “Coffeelicious” was set up in the chalet to serve gourmet coffee. “One-of-a-Thai” served lunch on Sunday.

Frostbite 50

In partnership with the Yellowknife Multisport Club, the Frostbite 50 was another huge success this year, with warm weather and good conditions. This 50 km ski and snowshoe event follows snow machine trails from the Ski Club to Walsh Lake and Prosperous Lake in five stages. It is always very well attended with around 80 skiers and runners. When the designated organizer notified the Multisport Club in January that he was unable to do it, the Frostbite was at risk of being cancelled. Thankfully, a wonderful group of people stepped forward, led by Bob Hermanutz, to pull it all together.

Yellowknife Gold Loppet Sponsored by TerraX

The 40th annual loppet had a record number of 345 participants! The Yellowknife Ski Club, with support from TerraX, continues to offer a unique loppet experience of groomed trails on the wilderness route starting at Vee Lake. Conditions were ideal with phenomenal grooming, sun and little wind. Our dedicated ski club grooming team and equipment, with the addition of Niels Konge’s PistenBully, created tracks that kept calling many skiers back for more. Jack Panayi, an HP skier, skied over 100km that day, with many others doing multiple loops of our four, 15 and 25 km routes.

Hot drinks and chili, cooked by the K’alemi Dene School in N’Dilo, were served in the chalet in the afternoon by a dedicated crew of Rotary volunteers. Kathi Woodward made her classic 100 dozen cookies for the checkpoints, and hot soup, beverages and energy bars were served at Banting Lake. Thanks to Damian Panayi for continuing to be the mastermind behind the complex organization of this important event, the many volunteers that make it possible, and for TerraX for providing ongoing sponsorship.

“Get Active” events

The NWT Recreation & Parks Association provides funding to host free events to promote recreational activities. Trail fees were waived on these days and refreshments and draw prizes were available in the chalet. Our “Get Active” events for the 2017/18 season were: the Dec. 10 potluck dinner with Christmas carols, the Jan. 21 World Snow Day, and the Feb. 11 NWT Ski Day.

Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

As a thank-you to members, the YKSC hosts an annual volunteer appreciation event to celebrate the success of the season and the people who make it happen. Volunteer recognition awards are given in the following categories and the 2018 award recipients are: Wooden Ski (long service) – Julie Ward and Mike Argue (in an unusual tie); Double Poler (outstanding adult) – Alex Lothian; Stellar Snowflake (outstanding youth) – Ella Kokelj; Herringbone (outstanding company) – Overlander Sports. This year, the board also elected to extend a Lifetime Membership to longtime volunteer Kevin Hodgins.

How to get more involved

The Events Director is looking to have a team/committee to make events happen! If you are interested in taking on a leadership role for a particular event, that would be wonderful! Please contact kerrywheler@gmail.com.

Programs report

Steve Reitsma, Director of Programs

This year we continued to offer Jackrabbits, Track Attack, High Performance, Biathlon and Ski Parents programs. While we were hoping to offer a Go Ski and Chix on Stix program, neither was implemented due to low interest (finding coaches for Go Ski was also an issue).

We also re-introduced adult ski lessons to our programming this year. Thanks to instructors Rob Matthews, Kevin Durkee, and Karen Johnson, we were able to instruct over 40 people from January to March. This program was a benefit to the club financially, and the feedback we received on the instructing was overwhelmingly positive. Our hope is to expand and streamline this program next season.

Below are season updates from the coaches of our four programs.

Jackrabbits

This year, seventy kids enrolled in the Jackrabbits learn to ski program. Alex Lothian and Kerry Wheler worked together to coordinate this year's program, held on Saturday afternoons.

It took a large team of coaches to make this happen. This year we were fortunate to have the volunteer services of: Kirk Tastad, Trena Heseltine, Mike Mitchell, Meghan

Vissers, Wendy Lahey, Ella Kokejl, Heather Scott, Julian Kanigan, Gerald Enns, Meghan Beveridge, Alex Lothian, Erica Janes, Sarah Beattie, Monte Kehler, Julie Ross, and Lisa McShane.

We also leaned on many parents who help us out, as well as a long list of sub-coaches: Shauna Morgan, Liliith Brook, Bernadette Knox, Laurence Rivet-Gareau, Cheryl Mandeville, Ruby Pigott, Leslie Gray, Rae Panayi and Kerry Wheler.

Andrea Bettger coordinated our canteen, which produced after-skiing snacks and hot chocolate after every ski.

Ron Seale Award winner - Mike Mitchell

Every year we recognize one coach in particular with the Ron Seale award. We asked the parents for nominations and one name came forward several times. To present the award, we invited Lorraine Seale, daughter of the late Ron Seale.

Mike Mitchell has been coaching Jackabbits for many years and brings a wealth of experience to the coaching team. Kids responded well to his no-nonsense manner, creativity and big heart. Mike organized Olympics for his level 1s, and inspired the kids' spirit of adventure by exploring new trails. Over the season, he increased their endurance so that he knew, with confidence, his group of five and six year olds could make the big trek all the way to the snow castle. His initiative inspired the whole fleet of Jackrabbits to migrate to the castle on that beautiful Saturday in March and will likely become an annual tradition.

Blachford Spirit Awards

Every year, select skiers are recognized for their "spirit": attitude, attendance, joy of skiing. This year, that group included:

- Bunnies - Ari Fulford
- Level 1 - Jolliffe Mitchell, Lila Townson
- Level 1 - Pippa Palmer
- Level 2 - Madeline Hotson, Luken Bjorgan
- Level 3 - Toryn Wheler, Aaden Dwyer
- Level 4 - Will Kanigan
- Mixed ages - Kate McShane

Track Attack

This year was a banner year for Track Attack, with 36 skiers in the program. Skiers were put into one of three squads depending on skill level, to keep skiers of comparable ability together.

Our season started with dryland training every Saturday morning from September to November, and added in weeknight practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays once snow arrived in November.

We celebrated the start of winter with our annual overnight camp in November, which was also used as the introduction to our yearlong Olympic competition – a new event this year. All skiers were divided into four teams: Alaska, Greenland, Sapmi and Yamal (the four international teams of the Arctic Winter Games). These teams competed in a variety of events all year, gaining points for their team, culminating in the annual Track Attack Olympics, our year end, weeklong event, which involves a series of events based on other sports, including bobsleigh, snowboard, curling, speedskating, mushing, marathon and tug of war, all on skis.

The lead changed after almost every event, with all four teams holding the lead at some point during the year. Things were very close until the last week, when Sapmi pulled ahead to claim the first Olympic title. Skiers will be kept on the same teams for next year, and new skiers will be added – the coaches are excited to see how next year shapes up!

Four skiers attended the Alberta Cup races in November, five went to the Arctic Winter Games trials in Fort Smith in December, most took part in the Yellowknife Invitational in February, ten went to the Alberta Youth Championships in Bragg Creek in March and four skiers were named to Team NWT – congratulations Makoa, Morgan, Shannon and Joe!

On the coldest practice days, and thankfully there weren't many this winter, we ran indoor sessions, including fitness dodgeball, strength intervals and beep tests.

A big thank you to our coaches this year. We had a large turnover as several of our long time coaches “retired” to raise the next generation of Track Attackers. Returning coaches Eric Reed and Julie Ward took on running weeknight practices, assisted by new coaches Steve Reitsma and Geoff Ray, and Amanda Johnson-Dunbar, who kept us all organized. A special thank you to all the parents who came out to help when needed, including our Saturday lunches.

- Stephen Dunbar - Head Coach

High performance

The HP skiers started their season at the end of May with individual skier/coach meetings to discuss the season past and goals for the season to come.

Throughout June, July and August, dryland practices were held three days a week and involved running, roller skiing, and for the first time, ongoing strength training in a weight room. Highlights included new pavement and a widened Frame Lake Trail for roller skiing (three cheers for roller ski time trials!), a short training camp in July, and supported by coach Kevin, a small group headed to Kananaskis for the opportunity to ski on the Haig Glacier and roller ski and hike in the Canmore area. Added emphasis was placed on heart rate during these early months of practices with skiers monitoring their heart rate with specific training zones in mind.

In early September, a fourth weekly practice was added and the focus on speed and intensity was increased as we moved closer to race season. This coincided with a second short training camp, and the great fun that was had at the ski club during the inaugural Mud Run.

Our first on-snow practice was held in early November at Fred Henne campground. While the early skiing at Fred Henne was enjoyed, it was disappointing to not be meeting at the Ski Club in order to enjoy the newly renovated lodge! In a season filled with many highlights; having the updated lodge space to hold practices and to meet as a group was top of the list.

The first races of the season saw fourteen skiers head to Canmore for Alberta Cup races in early December. While snow was limited, the races were very well attended by skiers from across Canada and Yellowknife skiers raced very competitively.

Following races in Canmore, the majority of the group was off to Fort Smith for Arctic Winter Games trials the following weekend. This trip provided a great chance for skiers to familiarize themselves with the trails they would be competing on during the South Slave Arctic Winter Games in March.

With the weather cooling in December, we had the chance to make use of the new “ski erg.” Similar to a rowing machine, the ski erg monitors power, but instead of a rowing motion, the double poling motion is used. The erg now allows our skiers to do a harder workout when our temperatures are too cold to increase the tempo outside. The

inclusion of the Canada 150 Hill was another early season highlight and it was incorporated into numerous practices throughout the winter.

Racing continued in January for a small group who attended the Western Canadian Championships in Red Deer. Two weeks later, fourteen racers headed to Ottawa for the Eastern Canadian Championships. This event is the largest set of traditional cross-country races in Canada with nearly 900 racers attending. Having travelled to this event each of the past five years, Yellowknife skiers had their strongest showing to date.

Further racing was enjoyed during two great days of the YK Ski Races in late February. This event also overlapped with the Olympics and an Olympic Cross-Country viewing party was held at the club to cheer on Team Canada.

In early March, five skiers from Yellowknife headed to Thunder Bay for the National Champs. This included four races in six days before hopping on a plane and heading back north for a quick turnaround to Arctic Winter Games three days later.

It's tough to beat the excitement and fun of multisport games and the South Slave Arctic Winter Games did not disappoint. HP skiers raced exceptionally well throughout the week and enthusiastically cheered on their Team NWT teammates, traded piles of clothing, and made new buddies with athletes from other contingents.

We continued to meet as a team to enjoy the warmer weather and sunny days in late March and April. The Yellowknife Loppet was a late season highlight as was the Top of the World Loppet in Inuvik which was attended by a small group of HP skiers.

Our last practice on April 21st involved another record breaking fast ski from Prelude Lake back to the Club for a wrap up barbeque.

A big thank you to all of the many Club volunteers, parents, and the HP skiers themselves -- Niva Stephenson, Ella Kokelj, Rae Panayi, Ruby Pigott, Kea Furniss, Emily Carroll, Mira Mercer, Moira Green, Angus Martin, Jack Panayi, Donny Boake, Nicolas Bennett, Spencer Littlefair, Jack Kotaska, Tyson Green, Chris Mathison -- for your hard work, dedication, and making it so much fun for us coaches!

Sheena Tremblay
Kevin Durkee
Miriam Green

Alicia Tumchewics
Mike Argue

Grants & Fundraising

Tania Hercun, Acting Director of Grants & Fundraising

The community really gave back to the Ski Club in its 50th Anniversary year. We received an astonishing level of support from our community to build our programs, grow our trails and revitalize our chalet.

We received over \$25,000 to build the new Canada 150 Hill from the Yellowknife Community foundation, the federal government, the NWT Power Corporation and local businesses. Our trails have a new snowmobile to help out with grooming thanks to Aurora Dodge, which donated an Arctic Cat to the club this year. The chalet renovation project has seen over \$200,000 (2016-2018) in support from government organizations, local business and individuals: \$12,000 of that came from donations from YKSC members.

TerraX was our corporate sponsor for the loppet again this year, which had a record breaking 345 skiers. The trails at the club were groomed early in the season thanks to Niels Konge, who also expanded our community skiing trail network to Frame Lake this year with his PistenBully.

As well, the City of Yellowknife continued to support the operations of the ski club, providing \$20,000 as per our three-year contribution agreement. This year alone we relieved \$210,000 in sponsorships, donations and in-kind service donations. It truly was a great year!

This upcoming year we will be focus on finding sponsorship for new race suits for th youth programs and building our Yellowknife Ski Club brand. Watch out for potentially new apparel in the fall.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors for their continuous support. Listed below are our 2017-18 sponsors.

2017-18 Yellowknife Ski Club Sponsors greater than \$100 (as of April 30, 2018)		
Gold (\$10,000)	Silver +\$1,000	Bronze \$100
Aurora Dodge Canada 150 Infrastructure Program City of Yellowknife Konge Construction Ltd. Yellowknife Community Foundation	Andrew Kotaska & Christine Scott Corothers Home Hardware Building Centre Creative Basics Crowe MacKay Dot VanVliet & Kevin Hodgins DTE Electric Elite Flooring Glencoe Enterprise Inline Painting Northern Interiors NorthSky Consulting NWT Power Corp Overlander Sports Robert Tumchewics RTL Construction Sir John Franklin High School TerraX Minerals Vince Barter	Andrew Norman Arctic Appliances Aurora Ford Yellowknife Bob Gamble Brian Latham David Gilday Jeannie & Craig Scott JH Sissons School John Porter John Stephenson Jonny Covello Kerry & Brett Wheler Marie & Pete Fast Northern News Services NWT Recreation & Parks Association Overlander Sports Roy's Audio Electronics Tania Hercun & Alex Lothian Verge Communications

Secretary's report

Toby Kruger, Secretary

The YKSC Board held regular monthly meetings this past year. There was a lot of energy on the board this year, and we grateful to all those that volunteer their time to make this club great.

All board minutes are posted to the website under the "Governance" tab,

and I would encourage members to review the minutes to learn more about the work of the board.

A significant initiative of the board this year has been finalizing the chalet renovation project, as detailed elsewhere in this report. The secretary worked with other board members to ensure that the board's policies (in particular the Financial Management Policy, Board Governance Policy, and Chalet Reserve Fund policy) and the YKSC's constitution and bylaws were respected throughout this process. In particular, the secretary noted the requirement for the board to seek the membership's approval for a loan to finance capital improvements, which was obtained at the 2017 AGM. However, due to a successful fundraising campaign and other sources of grants, a loan for the project was not required.

The secretary also organized the sale and promotion of YKSC toques this past year. Membership was very enthusiastic and we encourage members to sport their toques as often as possible in support of the club.

The YKSC has kept its Societies Act filings, lease payments, and other administrative requirements up to date. The lease for the Banting Lake Tent was renewed for another five-year term. The secretary also reviewed the club's vehicle and building insurance requirements and made arrangements, in consultation with the president and treasurer, to ensure the YKSC's needs are being met in the most cost effective manner. The secretary also took steps to ensure that the biathlon range certification renewal is maintained (five-year renewal period).

Communications report

Sara Minogue, Communications Director

Communications got off to a great start this year with a thorough handover from outgoing communications director, Lisa Scott, who continued to be a great help.

The communications position manages club advertising and promotion, updates and fixes to the club's website, our Facebook page, a more or less weekly email newsletter and monitoring of our info@skiyellowknife address.

Once again, Jennifer Luckay provided excellent graphic design for the club free of charge, allowing us to update our Banting Lake brochure. Five hundred copies were printed this year.

From November to April, a somewhat weekly email was published via Mailchimp to all members, including updates on events, volunteer opportunities and other items of interest. Items of broad public interest (reno updates; Sunday lunch schedule; loppet info) were also posted to our website and Facebook pages.

Our Facebook page grew slightly this year reaching 528 followers, up from 398 at the close of last year. There is still opportunity to grow in this medium, particularly through simple photo sharing. Our trails team occasionally used our Twitter account to give updates on trail conditions. There remains an opportunity to improve this reporting to members who are very keen.

Our advertising campaigns included with three full-page ads in Edge magazine highlighting the variety of activities at our club as well as event promotion and business thank you ads in the Yellowknifer and radio ads to promote our Snow Show and the Loppet.

The ski club also got a big promotional boost due to the revival of postering. Thanks to events director Kerry Wheler for designing several posters and to the Yellowknife Association for Community Living which put up 50 posters at a time for us at the low cost of \$50. This was a great, and affordable, way to make our club more visible in the community.

Several photos were also purchased this year from photographer Brian Collins, who took photos as part of World Snow Day. These were used in advertisements and on social media and will be available for promotional use next season.

Facilities Report

John Stephenson, Acting Facilities Manager

The position of facilities director was vacant this year. Thanks to Greg Littlefair for many years of service in this role. This year, John Stephenson stepped up to coordinate facility actions and maintenance, on the chalet especially, including cleaning, rentals, repairs and emergency callouts.

Facilities includes the chalet, trail maintenance buildings and the biathlon building.

Chalet renovation

The big news this year was the major improvement to the chalet, a \$270,000 project that began in October of 2017.

This project included the installation of a biomass (pellet) boiler in the Jonas Konge Memorial Grooming Garage with trenching/piping across the parking lot to heat the chalet. The first floor of the chalet underwent significant floor plan changes with the addition of a members lounge and kitchen, benches made from the old doors by Steve Reitsma, new cubby shelves, a new wax room (remaining dedicated to long time coach, the late Dave Sutherland), new windows overlook the stadium, new double doors to the stadium, and new furniture and carpet. In all, the new space is both welcoming and useful, coming alive with skiers stopping in, staying a while, enjoying all aspects of their ski.

The upstairs/second floor also received a major facelift with new paint, LED lighting, acoustical ceiling panels, repairs to base heater covers, the replacement of broken window and screens and new window blinds. The biggest change came in the kitchen, which underwent a full makeover and has now been certified as a commercial grade kitchen. The chalet is now 100 per cent LED illuminated.

The final decor and artwork will be mounted in June, which will include historical photos of the NWT and Yellowknife ski community and athletes. We look forward to enjoying the revitalised chalet in the years to come.

A big thank you to all our contractors involved in the renovation: Konge Construction Ltd., Inline Painting, DTE Electric, Elite Flooring, Renaissance Services, J& R Mechanical and Ideal Woodworking, as well as our chief coordinator for this transformative project: Tania Hercun.

Canada 150 teaching hill

Another major development for our club this year was the construction of our new Canada 150 Teaching Hill. This past season, the hill was already offering a brand-new learning opportunity for our young skiers and racers, within sight of the newly renovated chalet.

This initiative was made possible by the Community Fund for Canada's 150th, a collaboration between the Yellowknife Community Foundation, the Government of Canada, and extraordinary leaders from coast to coast to coast. The ski club would also like to thank: RTL Construction, Northwest Territories Power Corp., Glencoe Enterprises and NorthSky services.

The club would like to thank Jackrabbits coach and volunteer project lead Alex Lothian (who emphasizes that this was a team effort), who made this project possible.

This total value of the project was \$27,146 of which \$25,165 was funded by our sponsors and our Canada 150 grant.

Cleaning

R3 Cleaning Inc. continue to do once per week cleaning. This year we added an additional twice a week cleaning by the YES group of work experience volunteers from the Yellowknife Association of Community Living. Their contributions included cleaning as needed, garbage removal, washroom checks and snow shovelling.

Rentals

The City of Yellowknife continues to provide booking service for a modest fee. For Chalet Bookings call the City Facilities Clerk at 669-3457. Rentals include meetings, youth group sleepovers, family events and weddings.

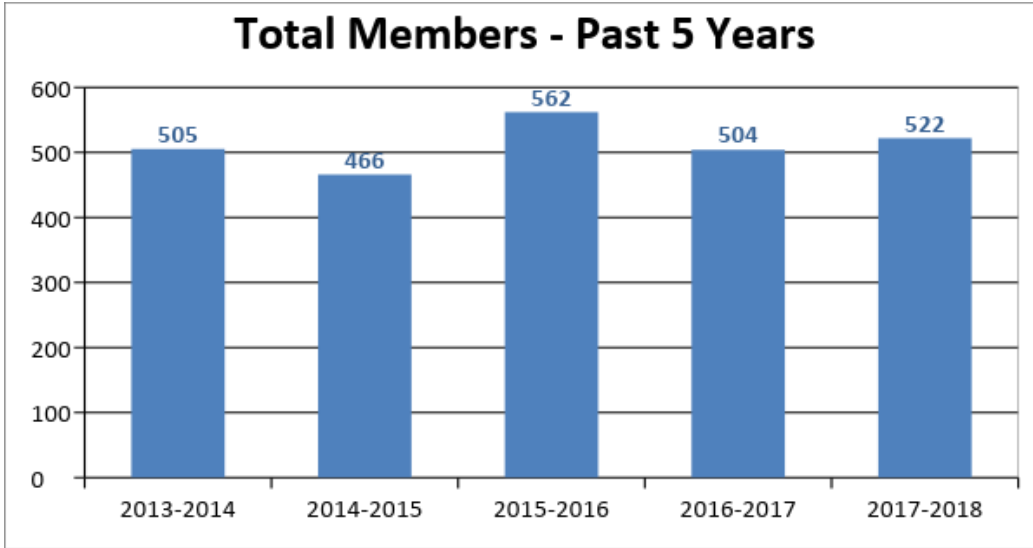
Facilities Committee

In 2018-19 we will be putting together a building committee to help manages the club chalet, grooming garage and biathlon building. Please let us know if you are interested in helping; it's a great opportunity to ensure our facilities stay sustainable for years to come.

Registrar's report

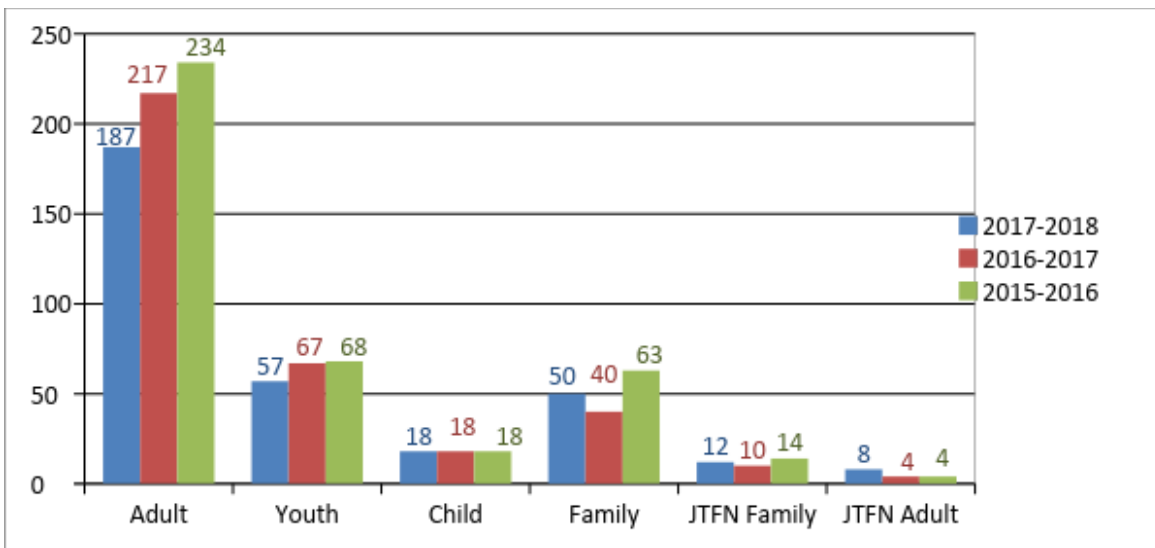
Mark Cliffe-Phillips, Registrar

The Ski Club saw a total of 522 members register this year, which is a slight increase in members from 2016-2017 and above the five-year average of 511 members. (See figure below).



The club had 62 total family memberships, with an average of approximately four members per family, along with 195 adults, 57 youth, and 18 individual children registrants (see Figure below). Of the registered members, 12 families and eight individual members registered as part of our partnership with Joint Task Force North. Seventy-one individuals identified themselves as new members to the club, which is an increase from the 57 new members of the previous year.

Registrant Category Trends - Past 3 Years



We had 356 members take advantage of the early bird pricing and many using the in-person registration available at the annual Snow Show. This is an increase from our early bird registration from the previous year. The majority of registration occurred prior to the new year. We had an increase in the registration of members later in the season coinciding with events like the World Snow Day and NWT Ski Day. In addition, we offered a discounted rate for registration later in the season during the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

Financial report

Tania Hercun, Treasurer

The following documents are available on our website.

- 2018/2019 budget
- 2017-18 Income Statement
- 2017-18 Balance Sheet