

Annual Report 2024-25

As the Club enters its 90th year, it is in the midst of a significant transition but thanks to the past work and continued dedication and service of our volunteers, we stand in good stead. In fact, after travelling the province, I confidently hold the opinion that our club does the best job of making the most despite challenging terrain and weather, making ours the strongest club in the province.

Board: Over three years (this past one being the second), there will have been nearly a complete changing of the guard with the turnover of several long-serving board members. This past year marks the last year for Gregg Brewster, Kim Smith and Brent Rosbrook on the board. As well, our treasurer Dave Safnuk has indicated that the next year will likely be his last. However, due to their good work and finding replacements, we are positioned well to carry on with what we hope will be a nearly seamless transition.

Finances: while the club has enjoyed strong financial reserves, Gregg Brewster has noted many times that those funds are not merely idle cash. With the coming replacement of two snow machines at White Butte, and the replacement of the Kinsmen Park shed, you will see the club drawing significantly on those reserves.

Membership: at year end, Club membership stood at 662 members. A testament to the strength and resilience of our club are the over 300 volunteers that stepped up to assist our activities over the past year.

Trips: we were once again able to organize 4 successful Nordic trips this year (Duck Mountain x2, Eb's/Little Red, Canmore) The weather however presented challenges and, two trips ended up getting cancelled despite the flexibility of the leaders and attendees. We did not find anyone to lead alpine tours this year, however we are optimistic that someone will step up in the coming season so that we can offer this option to members.

Trails: Thankfully this past year blessed us with snow and our team of volunteer groomers (the best in the province) kept the Nordic ski trails in great shape. The Club's close working relationship with the City of Regina, Sask Parks, and the Provincial Capital Commission continues to produce benefits for skiers.

Youth programs continue to be an important part of our club's overall program.

The Adaptive Program lead by Gord Poulton was again very busy with 31 members, 17 instructors, 11 students and 6 more participants at the Challenge Cup. Regina Alpine Racing Team has 22 U12-U-18 athletes, 1 para alpine, and 38 in the Nancy Greene program this past year.

The Nordic Youth programs were supported by a much smaller but hard working group of volunteers this year, noting several former Jackrabbit & Bunnyrabbit volunteers left the program to try alpine this year. Our Nordic youth programs had 50 participants, which was approximately ½ of what it was two years earlier. High performance racers train all year while JackRabbits and BunnyRabbits began lessons in January. The Nordic Youth program again coordinated adult lessons with proceeds supporting the youth program.

Our ability to run ski trails into the Regina Wildlife Federation shooting range makes White Butte an excellent place to train for and host biathlon events.

New activities: This past year saw the Club offer a weekly social evening ski led by — as well as advanced adult lessons led by Scott Brunskill. Our intrepid social director Max organized a successful wind up pig roast

To the many people who make our club successful, whether serving as coaches, officials, board members, groomers, helping at competitions and social events, leading trips and in many other areas, thank you. You are an important and valuable part of our community, and it's your participation that makes our club strong.