



2017 Presidents Report October 2017

The 2016-2017 season continued to build on the successes of last year, which was one of the best I have experienced with Snowboard Ontario. We supported and executed excellent programs and events across all disciplines and development levels. We want to thank everyone involved – these results could not be possible without a lot of hard work from our volunteers and staff and the financial support of Mackenzie Investments, the Ministry of Tourism Culture and Sport, Simcoe County, Canada Snowboard, the Government of Canada as well as all of our partners – Apex Sport, Bosch, Corbetts, and YYZ Canuck.

Snowboard Ontario is grateful for the support of the Government of Ontario that allows us to continue to provide grassroots level development opportunities and Coach Development initiatives.

Burton Riglet

We brought the Burton Riglet Program to 15 member clubs hosting a total of 32 Riglet Days throughout Ontario with a total of 824 participants. In addition we hosted a pilot Physical Education program at four elementary schools in Ontario with a total of 405 Junior Kindergarten to Grade 2 students (223 male / 182 female) including 192 indigenous students.

RIDERS

Building on our success with the Canada Snowboard recognized RIDERS Program, we continued to provide the program to 15 resorts with over 15,594 snow school participants being exposed to various facets of the RIDERS curriculum.

Coach & Instructor Development

The success we saw in coach development was not only through the training of 22 new Comp Intro coaches but also by funding 25 individuals who participated in NCCP module training (planning a practice, making ethical decisions & teaching and learning).

In partnership with Canadian Association of Disabled Skiers and Snowboarders (CADS) we were able to deliver an Autism Spectrum Disorder & Cognitive Impaired (ASD/CI) Snowboard Module to 16 Ontario Snowboard Instructors and Coaches, which gave participants an opportunity to become certified in CADS ASD/CI. Additionally we provided the opportunity for 18 individuals to participate in the CADS Visually Impaired Module Certification Course.



Athletes

We continued to support our LTAD Stage 4/5 athletes through hosting successful NorAm events in Parallel Giant Slalom, Snowboardcross and Slopestyle as well as hosting the Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals for the second year in a row. We are very proud of the fact that 35% of the Canadian National Team members are Ontario athletes.

Through successful funding from the Government of Ontario's Sport Priority Fund and the support of Mackenzie Investments, Snowboard Ontario was able to provide our Provincial Team athletes with subsidized preseason training as well as strength and conditioning camps.

Ontario athletes saw great success on the international stage with 6 top 8 finishes at the 2017 World Junior Championships. On home soil our Ontario Provincial Team athletes held their own taking home 5 medals at the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals. And to finish up the season Ontario athletes captured 25 medals at the 2017 Sports Experts Speed Nation Nationals held in Mont Tremblant.

Events

We continued with our strong 2017 Ontario Speed Series, presented by Mackenzie Investments, while supporting Canadian Ranking List events hosted by member clubs and resorts. Our Provincial Championships saw five events hosted across all disciplines as well as FIS SBX and PGS competitions.

Our community was proud to host the 2017 Sport Chek Air Nation Freestyle Nationals in March at Mount St. Louis Moonstone and Horseshoe Resort. It was a huge week made possible by the tremendous efforts of the riders, parents, supporters, officials, organizers and volunteers.

Snowboard Ontario continues to focus on the development of our athletes, coaches, officials and the sport. Without our volunteers we could not do what we do. Our board members are active on hill and off. Our non-board committee members contribute their time and expertise to ensure Snowboard Ontario has professional advice to implement our programs. And to our volunteers who step up and participate when needed to execute our events, thank you.



This year we are very much looking forward to hosting the Sport Chek Speed Nation National Championships. This opportunity will offer the opportunity for our athletes and volunteers to experience high-level speed events close to home.

We appreciate the backing of our long-standing partners and all the clubs and resorts that help us in hosting events. Thanks to all our financial supporters we are in a much firmer financial position than we have been in years and can now work to invest in the people and equipment Snowboard Ontario needs in order to improve the experience of our members.

The board would like to thank Mike Belobradic, Frank Gerenscer, and Lesley Dickson for their contributions to Snowboard Ontario as members of the board of directors.

We ask that anyone who is interested and isn't yet involved that you get involved. If you have a skill or an interest you think we could use, please get in touch. We can always use a good volunteer.

Thank you all for a great season. Let's do it again.

Mike Nazwaski
President