

## General Manager Report 2023

As many of you are aware, Dennis Balogh, our previous General Manager, moved on to a new challenge in November of 2022. We wish Dennis the best and look forward to seeing him and his family out on the trails. As a result, I returned to the General Manager position for the remainder of the year. It was a challenging adventure, as I was also a full-time classroom teacher with the school board, but also very rewarding. As always, it was a busy year at the club, but with the assistance of our great staff and fantastic volunteers, we were successful. I thank all those that assisted in our many events and projects. This season, I focused on a few goals, and added some new ones:

- Build the Community with more events and opportunities for our members

With the 2022-23 winter season, we saw the return of some great events. The Nordic Winter Fest, Family Day and the classic Brewski. These are great events and it is always a pleasure to participate in each. We thank all our staff and volunteers for helping to make these events happen and we are looking forward to building our social events for the club community in the coming season.

- Continued Development of a year-round plan for the club

With each Spring comes the return of our many walkers, hikers and bikers. We saw the return of our Spring Saturday Bike Programs and Summer Camps for community youth. Best thing ever, the new DISC GOLF COURSE!! 18 Holes of awesome. This was a intro year for the course. It will require some tweaks in the future, but we are going to have an amazing course moving forward. We hosted a Fall tournament and have our Upcoming “Night Flight to Venus” Glow Tourney on October 28. Fun stuff for all.



- Increase program opportunities at the club and in the community

We were excited to join HUB Cycling this season to bring cycling road safety programs to our community schools. We visited 6 schools (Malaspina, Heritage, Hart Highlands, Heather Park, in the Spring of 2023. We saw over 650 students on bikes learning the skills required to commute safely to school and in their neighborhoods. This program will continue into the 2023-24 season and we have already visited 2 schools this Fall 2023 (Southridge, Vanway)

- Work with Staff and volunteers to accomplish club goals

For the most part, our club staff returned for the 2022-23 season, and are looking forward to the 2023-24 season. This speaks well towards the positive environment provided to the staff by all. Our staff includes:

- Carolyn Thorp: School Ski/CANSI Coordinator
- Sadie Bialuski: SDP Programs Coordinator/Office
- Aarushi Bhanot: Office
- Peter Hoffman: Trails Manager

o Our grooming team includes Peter Hoffman, Erik Hoffman and Steve Cutts. They did a fantastic job last season and look forward to what they can do this season. We are please to have Sage Bialuski joining the team next season.

o Our coaching team was supported by Ali Cadell last season. It was more work than expected with the loss of Head Coach Simone Lamarche (positive move to Engage Sport North) and we thank Ali and all our volunteer coaches for all their efforts this season. We are pleased to have Tuppy Hoehn join our Head Coach team this season. It should be amazing!



As always, I am looking forward to the coming season. We continue to build upon ideas and bring forward new ideas to further improve the club and all it has to offer. Please continue to come and visit me in the office. I appreciate any and all feedback and continue to be interested in discussing the club and its future.

All the Best



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