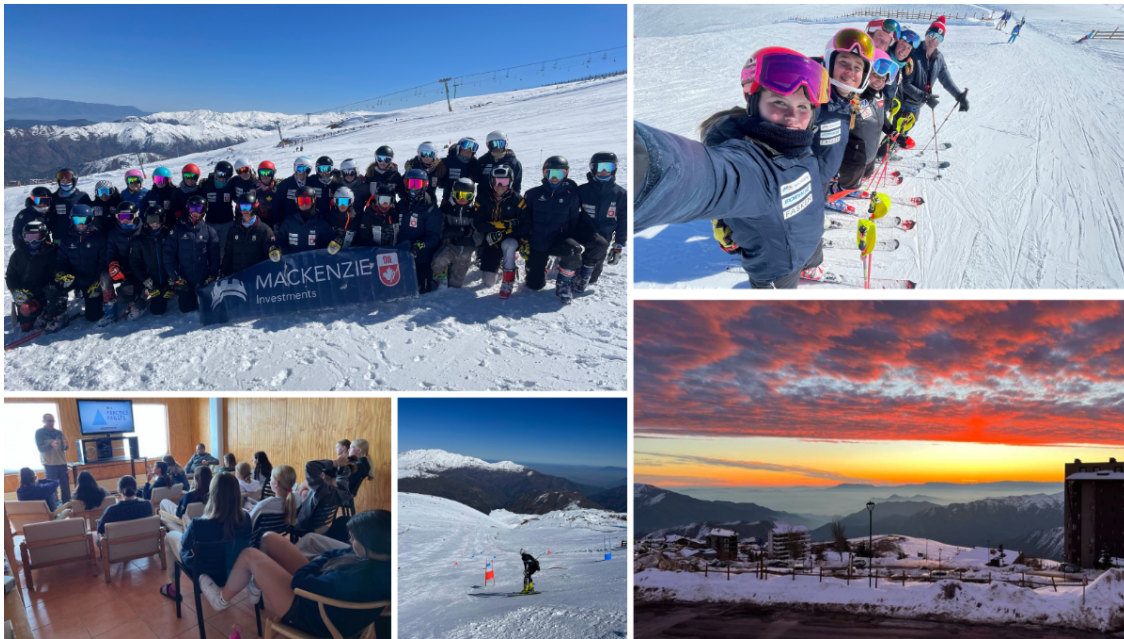


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LATEST NEWS



UPDATE FROM U16 HPP

The U16 High Performance Program (HPP) just wrapped up its first of two camps for 2023. 32 athletes from 8 clubs across the province spent the last 2 weeks training in El Colorado, Chile.

El Colorado was a little limited on snow prior to the group's arrival, but the U16 HPP brought the snow with them. The first 3 days on snow were productive albeit a little challenging with high winds and snow - the kids were awesome, continuing to work hard and stay positive. We have been able to do several runs each day and are making good progress as the terrain is quite gentle and conducive to making changes in their stance and technique.

Once the snow and wind stopped, and the sun came the athletes were finally able to see how massive and incredible El Colorado is. We had 3 days of good slalom training - the surface was a little soft to start but improved each day. We saw strong progress from all athletes which can be attributed to the time spent on drills and free skiing in the first days of the camp. We were able to

The camp finished with an incredible GS and free ski block , with brilliant sunshine and excellent lane conditions. Each day had 2 GS courses which were re-set mid morning and then ripping around the back side of the mountain, freeskiing until around 2:30. The last day was a little more challenging with some snow, wind, and flat light but kids pushed through and fought hard.

The coaches are extremely pleased with the progress the athletes have made both technically and tactically.

AOA would like to give a big thank you to the coaches that supported this camp's success – Bill Real (Searchmont), Heather Metzger (Georgian Peaks), Kevin Gosselin (Osler Bluff), Martin Rog (Camp Fortune), Stefan Overgaard (Osler Bluff).

Learn more about Alpine Ontario's U16 High Performance Program [here](#).

JOEY LAVIGNE INDUCTED INTO MACKENZIE INVESTMENTS CANADIAN SKI HALL OF FAME



category.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Joey's passion for skiing grew as he explored the local ski hills at Camp Fortune, and fostered a love for speed and navigating through bamboo poles. As a racer, Joey had a fruitful career, which eventually landed him as a member of the 1975/1976 Canadian Alpine Ski Team. When his athletic career ended, he joined the coaching profession, moving quickly through the ranks to again join the Canadian Alpine Ski Team, this time as a coach. Joey coached with the National team from 1978-1985, working with some of Canada's most recognizable names: Ken Read, Dave Murray, Steve Podborski, Todd Brooker and countless others. As his family grew, he came back to his roots in Ontario, where he has held many roles as head coach, managing director, and athletic director with Alpine Ontario. From '94-'05 he was program director for the Canadian Alpine Ski Team. Most recently, Joey has focused his efforts on building the performance pathway for youth in the National Capital Outaouais region as program director and head coach of the NCO Ski Team. With close to 50 years of working with 100s of athletes at various levels within the Canadian system, Joey has become part of the fabric of ski racing in this country. Please find a link below to further commentary from some of his former athletes.

Joey's commitment, contributions, and service to the advancement of alpine ski racing in Canada is remarkable and worthy of this incredible honour. Please join us in congratulating Joey on this remarkable honour. A nomination ceremony will take place in person November 17, 2023 in Montreal, QC. Details can be found [here](#).

[READ MORE HERE](#)

INTRODUCING MARIA BURTON

We're delighted to introduce a valuable addition to our AOA team! Please warmly welcome Maria Burton, who is taking on the Marketing and Partnerships Director role here at Alpine Ontario. Maria joins AOA with over 25 years of experience in sports, marketing, and communication management within both sports organizations and corporate partnerships. Having executed strategic marketing and partnership programs at the Olympics and being co-founder and owner of world-renowned Primal Quest, Maria's expertise will be pivotal in advancing AOA's mission.

Her primary focus will be streamlining communications and marketing programs to benefit our members and stakeholders, providing valuable resources and engaging initiatives to support racers, families, coaches, and officials, and cultivating enduring partnerships.



Club.

We are thrilled to have her on board, and together, we look forward to leading, supporting, and promoting the joys of ski racing while delivering a trusted pathway to podiums, community, competition, and careers!



ALPINE ONTARIO EVENTS

Annual General Meeting // Sept 21, 2023 @ 4pm // Virtual meeting

SAVE THE DATE: Coach Developer Summit // October 27th, 2023

SAVE THE DATE: Fall Summit // Oct 28, 2023 // More information to come soon

Tremblant World Cup // December 2-3, 2023

[GET TICKETS HERE](#)

OFFICIALS EDUCATION

The Officials Education schedule is being coordinated - Level 1, Level 2 and the Annual Update will be offered from November 2023 to January 2024. Dates and registration information will be posted

Level 1 or 2 does not fulfil the Annual Update requirement.)

***Level 3:** We will run an in-person Level 3 course in the Collingwood area on **October 15-16** if the minimum enrolment of 12 participants is achieved. There will be an in-person Level 3 in the Collingwood area in April 2024. Please contact Ontario Officials chair Nathalene Hagar at officials@alpineontario.ca.



ACA COACH OF THE YEAR - PROVINCIAL TEAMS - CAM MCKENZIE

A big congratulations goes out to Men's Ontario Ski Team Coach, Cam McKenzie who recently won the award "Coach of the Year - Provincial Teams" at the 2023 Canadian Ski Racing Awards. He has put in so much work on and off snow with his athlete's so that they are able to live up to their true potential. Executive Director Patrick Biggs says "We're extremely proud of Cam, and to see his efforts and successes be recognized with this award by ACA. Cam exemplifies the term lead by example through his extraordinary work ethic, and commitment to his athletes. Well done! Let's share in congratulating Cam on a great season, and to his future success in coaching."



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