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IMPACT REPORT

ALPINE ONTARIO ALPIN





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LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends,

Every dollar given to the Alpine Fund and Path to Podium went to work this season, on snow, in coaching courses, and at the start gate. That support gives young skiers across Ontario a real chance to see how far this sport can take them. This report shows where it went, including where we still have work to do.

- Pat Biggs & Stephanie Warner

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BUILDING ONTARIO SKIING TOGETHER

Alpine Ontario Alpin (AOA) builds a community and programs where young athletes belong and grow. We provide the coaching, competition, and provincial team pathway that helps them reach their full potential and compete on the national and international stage. That pathway led to the Milan Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, where Ontario athletes raced for Canada and came home with Paralympic medals.

ON HIGH PERFORMANCE PATHWAYS

4 PARALYMPIC MEDALS
11 NATIONAL TEAM ATHLETES
9 OLYMPIANS & PARALYMPIANS



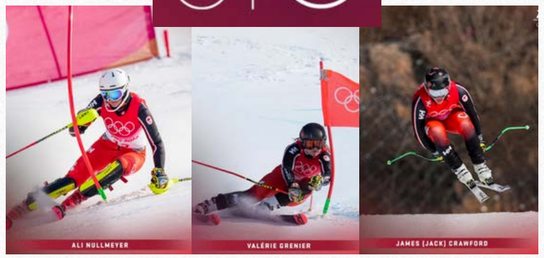




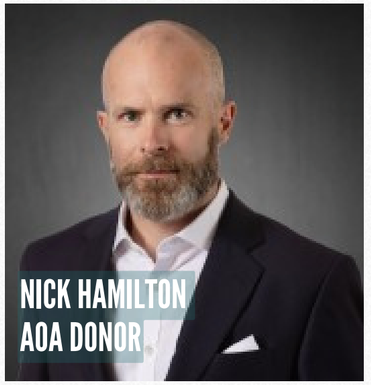
"I love the atmosphere and passion that skiers have in Ontario. We may be small, but we are mighty! It is definitely a unique environment because it is such a community."
- Michaela Gosselin







"I increasingly see the importance of keeping kids engaged in the sport, ongoing athlete development, and AOA being an integral stepping stone to the National team. I believe AOA is deserving of all our support." **- Nick Hamilton**



WHERE NATIONAL TEAM AND NEXT CAREERS BEGIN

Every athlete started at an Ontario club. Our provincial teams, the Ontario Ski Team (OST), Ontario Development Ski Team (ODST), and Ontario Para Alpine Ski Team (OPAST), bridge club racing to the NCAA and the national team.

Emma James and Jasper Williams ranked among Canada's top athletes in their age group, and James Budrow's results caught the national Para prospect team's attention.

At university, Jayden Buckrell, 2025 NCAA slalom champion, earned All-American honours again at University of New Hampshire. Former OST athlete Gabby Wall, now racing for the University of Calgary Dinos, earned multiple FIS podiums.











"My progression through the provincial system and work with Ontario Ski Team helped lay the foundation for the next chapter and success at the University of New Hampshire."
*- **Jayden Buckrell***

3 PROVINCIAL TEAMS
22 ONTARIO TEAM ATHLETES
38 UNIVERSITY/NCAA ATHLETES

PROVINCIAL PATHWAYS

BUILDING A STRONG ECO SYSTEM OF EXCELLENCE

Excellence starts with the right framework: well-calendared, sanctioned race series; skill-development tools and programs; and strong coaching leadership built through courses, workshops and mentorship. We're empowering athletes to achieve their personal best in sport and life.


LYNNE & JOHN YANTHA
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AOA SKILLS DRILLS PROGRAM
LEARN IT. EARN IT. WEAR IT


SPECIALIZED 'SKILL UP' DAYS

"As a family that has lived a true 'ski life,' we've seen firsthand—through two of our own family members—how alpine racing opens doors around the world, fostering friendships, career opportunities, and a lifelong love of the outdoors. As parents, we give back through donations and volunteerism to help inspire young athletes and empower them to reach their full potential." **- Lynne & John Yantha**


U16 ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
CHILE SUMMER CAMP

Thanks to Alpine Fund and Path to Podium donors, AOA added National Team Coach Leslie Firstbrook to the U16 ADP coaching staff.

"What an amazing ADP coaching team you (AOA) put together. Our daughter's progression was visible on video, and the attention to her learning environment beyond just the snow is beyond anything we've experienced." - **U16 ADP Parent**

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

U12 SKILLS DRILLS LAUNCH
3 AOA SKILL UP DAYS
4 AOA DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

COACH DEVELOPMENT

Through comprehensive courses, mentorship programs, and knowledge-sharing initiatives, we ensure coaches are nationally certified and equipped to deliver safe, high-quality programs across Ontario. By investing in coaching expertise, we create sustainable pathways for coach and athlete development and meaningful learning experiences that elevate the entire alpine skiing community.



Each year, AOA coaches apply to work directly alongside the Ontario Para Alpine Ski Team at Para Nationals - CADS Festival , building adaptive coaching skills and race day experience.



"I went to Kimberley, Para Interface Camp, thinking I was going to learn about coaching Para-Alpine racing. I came home realizing I had learned a lot about coaching athletes, period. It was about listening, perspective, and remembering that there's always a person behind the athlete." - **Jamie Green**

1,124 LICENSED COACHES +40%

34 COURSES DELIVERED
2 COACH CONFERENCES
6 MODULES & CAMPS



"My time on the Ontario Ski Team gave me unforgettable memories and structure when I needed it most. Supporting AOA—especially initiatives like the Women's Nor-Am that in turn supports Women in Coaching—lets me give back to that pathway and help the next generation take their leap to the world stage."
- **John & Sue Mealey**

36 CLUBS
30K COMMUNITY
4,218 ACTIVE RACERS

COMMUNITY



MACKENZIE Investments

"We believe skiing is an investment — in time, energy, and community. Through our partnership with Alpine Ontario, Mackenzie is proud to support the athletes, parents, coaches, and clubs who make the sport thrive. We're proud to partner with Alpine Ontario to help communities grow and empower Ontarians to invest in what matters most, on and off the hill. We look forward to another great ski season."
— Luke Gould

CELEBRATING 20+ YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR THE SKI COMMUNITY

AOA is proud to foster more than athletic excellence; we help build a strong, connected ski community. Through programs like She Skis and specialized Skills, Speed, and Ski Cross Camps delivered in partnership with local clubs across the province, we create opportunities for athletes of all ages and abilities to grow, belong, and thrive.





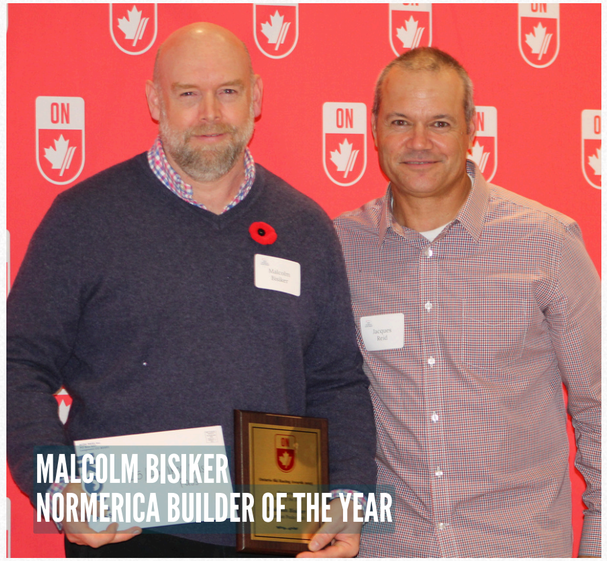
"Thanks so much for organizing such a wonderful event! My daughter came home absolutely buzzing with excitement. She made friends, was inspired, and loved the chance to meet the ski cross athletes and see the course. We watched the ski cross race on TV over the weekend and saw the CBC segment about She Skis. We've rewatched it so many times so we could spot her in quick shots skiing by. What a great day!"
- Abigale Miller - Parent of She Skis Participant

VOLUNTEERS & OFFICIALS

177+ RACES
27K VOLUNTEER HRS
202 OFFICIALS TRAINED
539 ACTIVE OFFICIALS +36% GROWTH

Our dedicated volunteers and certified officials are the backbone of Alpine Ontario, ensuring every race meets national standards in execution and officiating. Their commitment delivers world-class competition experiences that enable our athletes to compete at the highest levels across the province.







QUALITY TIME

"Nothing beats supporting our Ontario athletes as they chase their goals, build friendships, learn healthy habits, and fall in love with skiing and the outdoors. Our racing community thrives thanks to the clubs, coaches, and passionate volunteers who make it all possible. Honestly, it's pure fun to be out on the hill, connecting with the sport, meeting new people, and getting a front-row seat to the action!"

- Malcolm Bisiker

ONTARIO UNITED

ACROSS ONTARIO, OUR ALPINE COMMUNITY IS UNITED BY PURPOSE AND STRENGTHENED BY PARTNERSHIP



GROWING THE SPORT

REVENUE

- 11% MEMBERSHIP FEES
- 12% GOVERNMENT GRANTS & FUNDING
- 62% PROGRAMS - TEAM FEES, EVENTS, CAMPS, COURSES
- 15% SPONSORSHIP & FUNDRAISING

INVESTMENTS

- 72% DEVELOPMENT - ATHLETE, COACH, OFFICIAL
- 3% BURSARIES, EVENT SUPPORT, GRANTS

EXPENSES

- 25% ADMIN - SALARIES, RENT, OFFICE

ALPINE FUND

$72K+ RAISED IN YEAR ONE

ALPINE FUND + PATH TO PODIUM







A STRONG FIRST DONATION SEASON

Invest in Athletes, Dreams, & Elevating Excellence

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Alpine Fund

The AOA Alpine Fund launched in 2025–26, giving donors a tax-receiptable way to invest directly in Ontario athletes and coaches, raising **over 15K+**. With anchor event, **Path to Podium, grew from 120 to 183 guests and raised $57K.**

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