



ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT
2025-2026

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President's Report

Nathalie Comeau, President

SUCSESSES

The 2026 ski season saw Wostawea successfully host a first national event, the 2026 Bill Gairdner Canadian Masters Championships. This had been a long-term goal for the club. Thanks to the collaboration of the city and a dedicated group of volunteers, our club hosted one of the most successful and most fun Canadian Masters Events, according to many skiers and to the National Masters XC Ski Association.

The Wostawea Board decided that this year's loppet would be a fun, family and community-oriented event. The loppet became one of the most successful events ever held with 180 participants of all ages and abilities.

Despite low snow conditions, most of our programs held successful seasons. The youth programs ended with a Funday full of treats and discoveries.

CHALLENGES

Wostawea has amazing volunteers. We always seem to have many volunteers show up for events and to help at a moment's notice. We do need to recruit some volunteers ready to commit to longer engagement periods to ensure the sustainability of our programs. We managed to deliver our programs with two empty positions at the board level but it's not possible to maintain this situation in the long term.

Snow conditions have been a challenge for the last 3 consecutive seasons. If this is indicative of our winters from now on, it does pose serious questions to any cross-country ski club. It challenges our ability to offer consistent programs, to organize event, to create enthusiasm and engagement.

As always, we need to cater to all cross-country skiers, to their skill levels, interests and objectives. It's always a challenge in the few short weeks of relatively good snow conditions to do all of this!

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

During the 2026-2027 winter season, Wostawea should review its strategic planning. The last exercise in strategic planning was five years ago. On top of examining our structure, programs and projects, many questions spring to mind, some of them:

- Locations of our trails? Long term planning? Looking for new trails?
- With current (and coming?) weather patterns, do we collaborate with other outdoor clubs? Do we expand to other outdoor activities?
- Do we explore snow making capacities? With the city of Fredericton?

In the coming years, we also must keep focusing on volunteer recruitment and on capacity building or consolidating. We need to offer proper training to our volunteer coaches, solidify our safety plans, continue to develop and expand partnerships.

I know we can count on our dedicated volunteers and ski enthusiasts to provide insights and solutions as they have been doing for more than 50 years!

2026 Masters

Nathalie Comeau, David Cameron and Kristie Heard, Co-Leads

Although the number of Masters attending was lower than some years, the event was a huge success. Trail conditions were great, thanks to many volunteers and the City of Fredericton groomers.

With minimal snow cover, the week before the Masters event, the City of Fredericton used 1-ton trucks to plow snow off the lake and haul loads of snow into accessible trail locations and stadium area. Due to weather conditions, the City trucks were getting stuck and snow hauling needed to cease. In hard-to-reach areas, a couple of teams of snow shoveling volunteers used sleds and shovels along with the snowmobile and sled brought much-needed snow to areas of low cover. Fantastic job was done by all.

Total registrants for the Masters event: 89

The event consisted of 4 days, with one race each day. Either a 5 km race on a 2.5 km loop, or 10 km/20 km race on a 5km loop.

Canadian Masters was supported by:

- Sponsors: Canadian Masters, NB Liquor, NB Provincial government, CIBC Wood Gundy, Assante, JIL Construction, Radical Edge, Trailway, Lanctot (Swix and Fischer), Salomon, Webb Insurance, Corey Insurance, Custom Communications, Home Fashions, IJB Consulting, Maritime Environmental, Canadian Tire-Northside, Terrane Geoscience Inc., Range of Motion, Costco, Atlantic Superstore, Mrs. Dunster's, Ganongs, Tim Hortons, Covered Bridge chips, Partake Brewing, Made with Local and Dutch Viking Events, NB Chiropractors Association
- CCNB donated the use of provincial timing equipment
- City of Fredericton: Groomers and supply of delineators and picnic tables
- Jean Corbin as Technical Delegate
- Edouard and Carole Daigle for timing/race office
- And MANY volunteers (95+) who donated time to help set-up and support during the races. A huge thank you to all the competition chiefs for putting in countless hours in planning and setting up.

Competitive Programs

Ski Team

Wostawea Ski Team Coaching Group

SEASON OVERVIEW

The Wostawea Ski Team completed a strong 2025–2026 season with 24 registered athletes across three development groups: Junior (6), Intermediate (9), and Senior (9). Athletes trained from September through March. The program delivered dryland development, on-snow technical training, and a full competition calendar aligned with Nordiq Canada’s long-term athlete development principles.

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Team members participated in structured and adventure-based programming including:

- Fall dryland training (orienteering, biking, running, roller skiing, strength, agility, ski-specific conditioning)
- Three training camps (PEI Nordic Camp, Fundy Camp, Fredericton on-snow Camp)
- Weekly on-snow technical sessions and race preparation
- Age and developmentally appropriate race exposure from regional to national levels

The program emphasized technical development, athlete progression, teamwork, and enjoyment of sport.

COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

Major competitions included:

- Canada Cup – Gatineau, QC (4 athletes)
- Quebec Cup – Rimouski, QC (13 athletes)
- NB Cup Series – Charlo, Miramichi, and Tracadie (16–23 athletes)
- NORAM Youth Championships – Joliette, QC (5 athletes)
- Eastern Canadian Championships – Gatineau, QC (7 athletes)
- NB Provincial Championships – Charlo, NB (20 athletes)
- Nordiq Canada National Championships – Mont-Ste-Anne, QC (3 athletes)

Season highlights:

- Wostawea won the NB aggregate club points trophy
- Canada Cup – Liam Mooers qualified 21/71 and finished 26th in heats
- Easterns – Liam Mooers qualified 15/72; Rein Jones qualified 19/72 and finished 18th
- Easterns Classic Mass Start – Rein Jones 13/74
- Quebec Cup – Keller Lesco 2nd (skate), 1st (classic); Eliot Dupuis 3rd (classic); Rein Jones 10th (skate)
- NORAM Youth – Sarah Elkins 14/32 (classic interval start)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND TEAM BUILDING

- Woolastook Run for Your Life fundraiser support
- Team triathlon event for Junior and Intermediate athletes
- Family trail run and BBQ at Crabbe Mountain
- Strong Wostawea participation in all NB Cup races

These activities strengthened team cohesion and reinforced the club's community presence.

FUNDRAISING SUMMARY

Team fundraising contributions totaled \$1,123:

- \$165 – Woolastook Run for Your Life
- \$148 – Ski Team Ski Swap
- \$810 – Event waxing fees

KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2026–2027

- Grow team membership, particularly at the Junior level
- Continue supporting athlete progression to national level racing
- Maintain strong coaching capacity through alumni engagement
- Expand fundraising to offset increasing travel costs
- Provide skiers with a local stage race experience similar to the 2025 Tour de Ski

CONCLUSION

The 2025–2026 season represents another successful year of athlete development and program delivery. The combination of our coaching crew (Etienne Dupuis, Kaj Jones, Janice Lawrence and Anna Healy), our on-call alumni coaches (Jamie Heard, Jack Toner, Mikaya Hoyt-Hoga), our wax support crew (Nat Couture, Shane Foreman), our dedicated parent volunteers, and our engaged athletes continues to position the program well for future growth, fun, and competitive success.

Masters Group

Stefan Kruse, Lead

This year in the Masters group, we had 18 registered individuals, with 5 to 8 who attended regularly. The focus of the group was technique improvement and race strategy for intermediate to advanced adult skiers. We alternated between skate and classic technique. Sessions were led by myself, Nathalie and John Ball. We also did a technique video analysis session, which was well-received by those who participated.

At least six people from our group participated in the Canadian Masters races. For some it was their first race, including one visually impaired skier. Many also participated in the Loppet.

Overall feedback seemed to be positive and there were some notable improvements in ski technique, particularly amongst the intermediate-level skiers.

Racing Events

Kristie Heard, Lead

No NB Cup competitions were held in Fredericton this year, however many athletes were able to travel to races within the province and some to larger events outside the province.

Races attended outside of Fredericton:

Dec 19-21 Eastern Canada Cup – Gatineau, QC	4 athletes
Jan 11-12 Quebec Cup – Rimouski, QC	13 athletes
Jan 17-18 NB Cup 1&2 – Charlo, NB	26 athletes
Feb 1 NB Cup 3 – Miramichi, NB	24 athletes
Feb 6-8 Eastern Canadian Champs – Gatineau, QC	4 athletes
Feb 14 NB Cup 4 – Tracadie, NB	16 athletes
Feb 21-23 NORAM Championnat Jeunesse – Joliette, QC	5 athletes
Feb 28 NB Cup 5 – Charlo, NB	24 athletes
Mar 9-14 Canadian National Championships – MSA, QC	3 athletes

Ski Lessons

Youth Programs

Nathalie Comeau, Interim Lead

OVERVIEW

The 2026 youth programs were successful once again this year, thanks to all the coaches and volunteers. This year, registration reached seventy-one participants, ranging from Bunny to Track Attack levels, including U12 ski team members.

Despite low snow conditions, 6 lessons were conducted. Due to very icy conditions, 2 lessons had to be cancelled for safety reasons. Some groups did meet for a seventh lesson the weekend of the Bill Gairdner Canadian Masters at the Woodlot, thanks to the dedication and organization of Toon Pronk, level 2 instructor.

The lack of a dedicated lead for the Youth programs is a challenge for current board members. Although all programs were offered this past season, finding a dedicated lead is a priority for the coming season.

VENUE

The youth programs were held at Killarney Lake Park (KLP). The KLP trail network and infrastructure were adequate for the number of registrations in 2025. Lessons were offered from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday morning. The warm-up song and the hot chocolate/cookie cart remained a notable feature for many participants and parents. I strongly encourage this tradition to continue.

INSTRUCTORS

We had a core group of 13 instructors and many occasional fillers. We did have many new assistant coaches this year. Training for these new coaches should be a priority, to ensure quality programs and to help with retention. A community coaching workshop should be given before the coming ski season. Recruitment and training of new instructors remain a priority if the club wants to continue offering Youth Programs.

PARTICIPANTS

The registration for 2026 was as follows:

- Bunnies 13
- Level 1 13
- Level 2 11
- Level 3 16
- Level 4 9
- Track Attack 9

EQUIPMENT

The current equipment inventory seems adequate for the number of participants registered for the programs. Some families are finding buying two pairs of skis for their Track Attack level skiers difficult. A suggestion was made to offer classic skis from our inventory for the classic equipment needs of these skiers. They would need to own only the skate ski equipment.

FALL DRYLAND TRAINING

The fall dryland training for Track Attack (U12) was piloted by the Ski Team.

UNPREDICTABLE SNOW CONDITIONS

Last season, the programs had committed to hold all sessions planned with or without snow. This initiative was very successful. Coaches had reported that having the participants on boots for the first lesson allowed them to familiarize themselves with each group, explore the venue, and deliver mobility training, nonetheless. Furthermore, many physical literacy drills do not require skis after all.

We had planned to proceed in the same manner this year. Unfortunately, for two Saturdays, the ski trails, ski playground and field were not only snowless, but covered in many inches of ice. We had to cancel those two Saturdays for safety reasons.

The low snow and icy conditions make offering the planned number of sessions difficult. This is the third year in a row that we're facing these difficult conditions. Having snow making capabilities at KLP, even for a short loop, would guarantee a more consistent offer of all programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT SEASON

Planning for the 2027 youth program may include consideration for:

- **Lead:** Finding a lead for the Youth programs.
- **Training:** A Community Coaching Course should be offered in Fredericton next fall/winter for our new instructors and for the previously trained group to complete their on-snow curriculum. A Learn to Train course next season would also be beneficial.
- **Unpredictable snow conditions:** Keep planning to hold all planned sessions, doing dryland training if there's no snow and no ice and that conditions are safe. Start discussions at club level and with the city to have snow making equipment at KLP. Snow making capacity would allow the club and the city to hold competitive event but would also allow a smoother and consistent delivery of educational and recreative programs.
- **Equipment:** Skiers in Level 4 or Track Attack skiers require classic and ski equipment. The club should consider offering the use of classic ski equipment from its inventory for those skiers to alleviate financial challenges.

In closing, we must acknowledge the dedicated help of many volunteers, coaches, and parents who contributed in many ways to this successful season.

Adult Lessons

Ernie MacGillivray, Lead

We had a challenging but largely successful season.

We were faced again with a late start to on-snow training and mostly marginal conditions throughout the season. We cancelled two sessions due to unsafe conditions and only managed to offer instructional six sessions. We did schedule one additional session after Fun Day, but it was rained out.

It appeared that the limited snow in December and January discouraged participation, and a few registrants never attended. Enrollments were 32, the same number as 2025 season and 3 fewer than 2024. Students comprised 16 Level 1s, 13 Level 2s and 3 Level 3s. With 14 active instructors, we did have an impressive instructor-student ratio. Student participation remained high once we got underway, and students made good progress in spite of the trail conditions.

Trail conditions at Killarney were viable even though snow depth all season was close to the minimum for tracking. Shout out to the groomers who were limited to smaller machines but maintained the network to a very good standard.

The availability of equipment rentals was very welcome. This initiative helps a number of our students in two ways. It removes a barrier for those who cannot source or afford appropriate equipment, and enables adjustments to incorrectly fitted equipment, such as poles.

One deficiency remains the absence of formal coaching development opportunities or activities. Some instructors have expressed interest in a clinic and I would encourage consideration of that for next season. Given that Crabbe Mountain has early snow, we might take advantage of that.

Outreach Programs

Toon Pronk, Lead

GENERAL

The goal of our outreach programs is to help fulfill Nordiq Canada's vision to have "All Canadians on Skis" and our own club's goal to be an all-inclusive cross country ski club and to instill a life-long love of the sport! It was Mary's vision to make our ski gear inventory more generally available to club members and new skiers for use during programs and when we have the lodge rented. We built on that vision again this season with more rentals and tied it into the city-wide winter FROSTival.

LEARN TO SKI FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

In 2026 we partnered again with the Multicultural Association of Fredericton (MCAF), welcoming 51 newcomers (including 14 teenagers) from all continents. A general orientation session and first lesson kicked off in real winter fashion with temperatures well below -20C. Despite this, 42 of the 51 registrants participated that first cold day! We started the program a bit earlier than normal because of

the other events on the calendar. This proved to be fortunate as we had decent trail conditions for all four sessions.

The deposit refund system introduced last year seemed to work well, as we had a larger than 80% participation rate each week. Eight of the Learn-to-Ski participants took part in the Family Day loppet, that took place on the Monday after the last session.

We are supported by a great group of 22 coaches and helpers/encouragers which this year saw two Learn-to-Ski alumni join the volunteer group, which in itself is success!

Anna Ivanova from MCAF promoted the program and handled registration; our superb administrator Susan Belfry who kept track of deposits/refunds, Karen Dickinson looked after hot chocolate and snacks; attendance tracker and clipboard king, Dan Beaudette; and organizer extraordinaire, Kristie Heard.

Next year will mark the 10th year for this program!

INDIGENOUS OUTREACH

The absence of students at the Kehkimin Language School this year prevented outreach to their class. Lisa Perley-Dutcher shared Wolastoqiyik culture and language in their tipi with young skiers and their parents during FunDay, which was appreciated and well received.

NEW INITIATIVE

We have been skiing with a Special Olympics athlete for a couple of years now and Shelley is trying to get some specialized training to see if we can facilitate a larger group of their athletes.

2SLGBTQIA+ INTRODUCTION TO SKIING

Nathalie organized a 2SLGBTQIA+ XC ski event for March 7, but weather and trail conditions were not conducive for new skiers and unfortunately had to cancel the event.

EQUIPMENT RENTALS

Last year's 'pilot' ski rental afternoons were very well attended and this year the city's FROSTival committee reached out to the club if we could tie these in with the festival. We did 3 Sunday afternoons, the first one was during the arctic temperature weekend and we only saw 8 skiers, with 4 rentals. The following two weeks broke last year's record and the last Sunday all skate skis were rented continuously. Lots of very positive feedback, accessibility, and affordability were key. But what stood out was how appreciative new skiers were with the assistance of ski club members! **REMEMBER** that XC skiing is not an intuitive activity and that some initial help can make or break a first experience/impression. This is why calls go out for volunteers to help out with rentals. You do not have to size and fit equipment, but you can help transfer some of your skills/knowledge, and encourage new skiers.

After FROSTival rentals questions came into the club about more ski rental days. This can only happen with more city, as well as volunteer, involvement.

We hope to build on these experiences and with the help of the city and all of you Wostaweans we can get "all Canadians on skis"

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

We were approached by one of Fredericton's MS to see if their activity classes would fit in our schedule. Trail conditions, timing, etc. prevented this from happening this year, but the seeds are planted. We were also contacted to see if we can help one of the autism centers with outdoor winter activities for some of their students.

Recreational Programs

Adult Ski Tours

Ernie MacGillivray, Lead

We conducted adult ski tours at Killarney on Thursday afternoons from 1330-1530. These sessions were fun as usual, but definitely not as well attended as in recent years. This was partly due to better conditions for part of the season at the Woodlot, as well as several regular participants being absent on other adventures. We might revisit how to spruce these sessions up a bit. Thanks to David Palmer and Milda Markauskas for leading.

Loppet

Ron Smith, Lead

Despite a less than stellar snow year Wostawea, the 2026 Loppet was a huge success. We had over 180 skiers plus volunteers. Everyone enjoyed almost perfect weather, great food, and fellowship. This is what our sport is all about!

This would not have been possible without the many volunteers. Mother Nature did cooperate 'just enough' this year (LOL) and the City Groomers did a wonderful job with the trails not only for the loppet on Monday but the Canadian Masters Nationals. The list of volunteers to thank is very long so rather than missing anyone please accept our heartfelt thanks. We also want to thank the Saint John Ambulance team for being there ready to help. Fortunately, their services were not required this year.

This year we want to congratulate the Forman family for winning the prestigious Morimanno Cup: in alphabetical order – Alex, Drew, Natalie, Sara and Shane. It was great to see so many families skiing in the Loppet. Families enjoying XC skiing is what this cup is dedicated to.

Para Skiing

Dorothy Drost, Lead

This year we were again able to host a "Have a Go" day. This was a coordinated event organized by Wostawea and ParaSport NB with equipment from ParaNB and CCNB. Individuals from Wostawea and the Para community had the opportunity to try and use a sit ski and learn more about para skiing.

There are sit skis available for people in our club who would require them to ski.

Vulnerable Sector Checks & Coaching Certification Database

Ron Smith, Lead

The safety of participants, coaches and volunteers in all the Wostawea activities continues to be at the forefront of all Wostawea programs. The 2025-2026 season was the fourth year of Wostawea's updated enhanced security program. The executive continues to ask all coaches and volunteers to undergo vulnerable persons checks (VPC). This was one of the 'renewal' years in that many volunteers cheerfully renewed their VPCs (they are good for three years). Thank you all for your cooperation.

Nordiq Canada continues to require coaches and volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults to take additional on-line training. The two training modules: "Safe Sport and Understanding the Rule of Two" further help ensure that coaches and volunteers have the knowledge and skills needed to ensure the safety of both leaders and participants.

Training is an important part of ensuring that coaches have the tools they need to deliver quality programs. This is an ongoing process, and we thank the many coaches who have recently taken training and for those who continue to advance their coaches skills through continuing education and advanced certification training. To all members of Wostawea, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact yours truly, or any member of the Executive.

Trails

David Cameron, Lead

GENERAL

We started off the season with some good skiing in December, but then came a big thaw, and experienced marginal conditions throughout January and February. In fact, according to Environment Canada, Fredericton had only 14 per cent of the precipitation it would normally get in February. This obviously has a detrimental effect on trail grooming and a good skiing experience. This has been a trend for several winters now. However, we have managed some great skiing in both locations – skiers have to learn to get out when the going is good and not wait for another day!!

KINGSWOOD/WOODLOT

There are only the two approved access locations: Kingswood–Radisson and Lian Street. We did manage to get some improvement done to the Lian entrance near the Kent Road, although more improvements could be made under the power line section.

We are still having ongoing discussions with DTI, UNB and the city regarding improved access from the city depot. This is complicated by the fact that UNB is imposing more restrictions on the agreement we have with them for our use of the woodlot trails, and there is a possibility that UNB will impose fees in future years.

If that is the case, it becomes even more important that trail users do join Wostawea, as those fees, and donations are the only source of revenue for our trail maintenance and grooming efforts.

Our three snowmobiles allowed us to groom the trails effectively when there was snow, although each one did require some maintenance this season. The roller and ginzu (the piece of equipment that the snowmobile pulls to enable us to groom and set tracks) also needed some maintenance this year. We will need to replace a roller for next season

KILLARNEY

The city continued to make some trail improvements in the fall, and it is hoped that further improvements will be made this year. Work on trails 6,7,8,9 in particular is hampered by vandalism by rogue ATVs which continuously bring rocks to the trail surface. The city has not yet found a solution to this problem.

Once snow came, grooming took place using the side by side/roller/ginzu initially, and then the Pisten Bully when conditions allowed. The city does need a wider roller to be used with the side-by-side, to avoid leaving tracks.

The Wostawea programs were curtailed because of the poor snow conditions, notably the first two Saturdays because of ice.

We were able to host the Canadian Masters Cross-Country Ski Championships successfully in February, but it did require snow moving: the city moved snow from the lake onto trails, and we had over 40 volunteers shovelling snow from the sides onto trails.

We learned some lessons from this difficult winter, and from hosting the masters, as the city did.

We will continue to work with the city to see how improvements can be made regarding the consistency of grooming and trail preparation and identify low snow trails where we could focus on summer work, to ensure we have the best chance to have some usable trails in those conditions. Regarding the use of Nordic pulse, we will be asking the city to add some notes in the comments section.

We do need the city to inform the public that from mid-December to mid-March, trails 2,3,4,5,6,8,9, are designated as ski trails. Walkers generally ignore the existing signage, walk wherever they want, and do not respect the ski trails, oblivious to the damage they do to the trails, especially in the freeze-thaw cycle, or low snow conditions.

The education of park users is expected to improve trail conditions, but how that can be done is challenging, and we continue to work with the city and the Fredericton Trails Coalition to find a resolution. It has been suggested that there is a separate dog off leash trail, to divert users from the main trails.

If we can isolate the ski trails, it is recommended that we pursue, in conjunction with city, snow management and snow making for short distances on trails 2,3,4. This has been done successfully in PEI (provincial park), and St Johns (city park) as well as other areas. This would be made easier if we could convert more of our 2,500 followers on social media, Nordic Pulse and blog users into Wostawea members!

Park users will have noticed that work was started on the disc golf course, and mountain bike trails, and when complete are not expected to interfere with skiing. There is also a possibility that preliminary construction of the Killarney ball fields will start. These will be accessed through the red gate, where a bigger car park will be made. It is planned that Ski trail #1 will be maintained in this area, although we do not have details as to how it will interface with the ball fields.

Communications

Carolyn MacDonald, Lead

This report highlights the activities of the communications team who informed and engaged Wostawea members, volunteers, partners, and the public during the 2025-2026 season.

THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Thierry Arseneau	Facebook
Carolyn MacDonald	Newsletter, Website and Email

THIS SEASON'S COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES

1. Member Newsletters and Announcements

A series of weekly and bi-weekly newsletters, along with occasional announcements, were issued to approximately 540 club members between October 1st and March 30. All club leads were invited to contribute items each week, resulting in timely content covering the full range of club activities. The open rate for newsletters and announcements averaged 45% over the season.

2. Website

The website this season featured information about regular club programming, event announcements, a dedicated page for the Canadian Masters Championships, and active trail blogs for both Killarney Lake Park and Kingswood/UNB Woodlot trail networks. This season the website had approximately 7000 active users, 7000 new users, and 125,000 visits. Planned improvements for the off-season include updating content related to programs, ensuring all links and buttons are functional, and addressing an issue with junk posts on trail blogs.

3. Social Media

- a) Facebook engagement was maintained throughout the season with regular postings of club announcements, programs and event news, as well as ongoing responses to skier inquiries. Special events and posts about members' accomplishments were especially popular with our 2500 followers.
- b) The Instagram account was not used this year.

4. Earned Media

- a) [CBC New Brunswick article about the Masters Championships](#)
- b) [Radio-Canada story about the Masters Championships](#)
- c) [Rogers TV community news segment about the MCAF outreach program](#)
- d) President Nathalie Comeau appeared on CBC Morning (English radio) twice: once in December, to speak about the club in general; and once in February, to speak about the Masters Championships. She also gave an interview in February on the Radio-Canada French provincial morning show.

5. Email

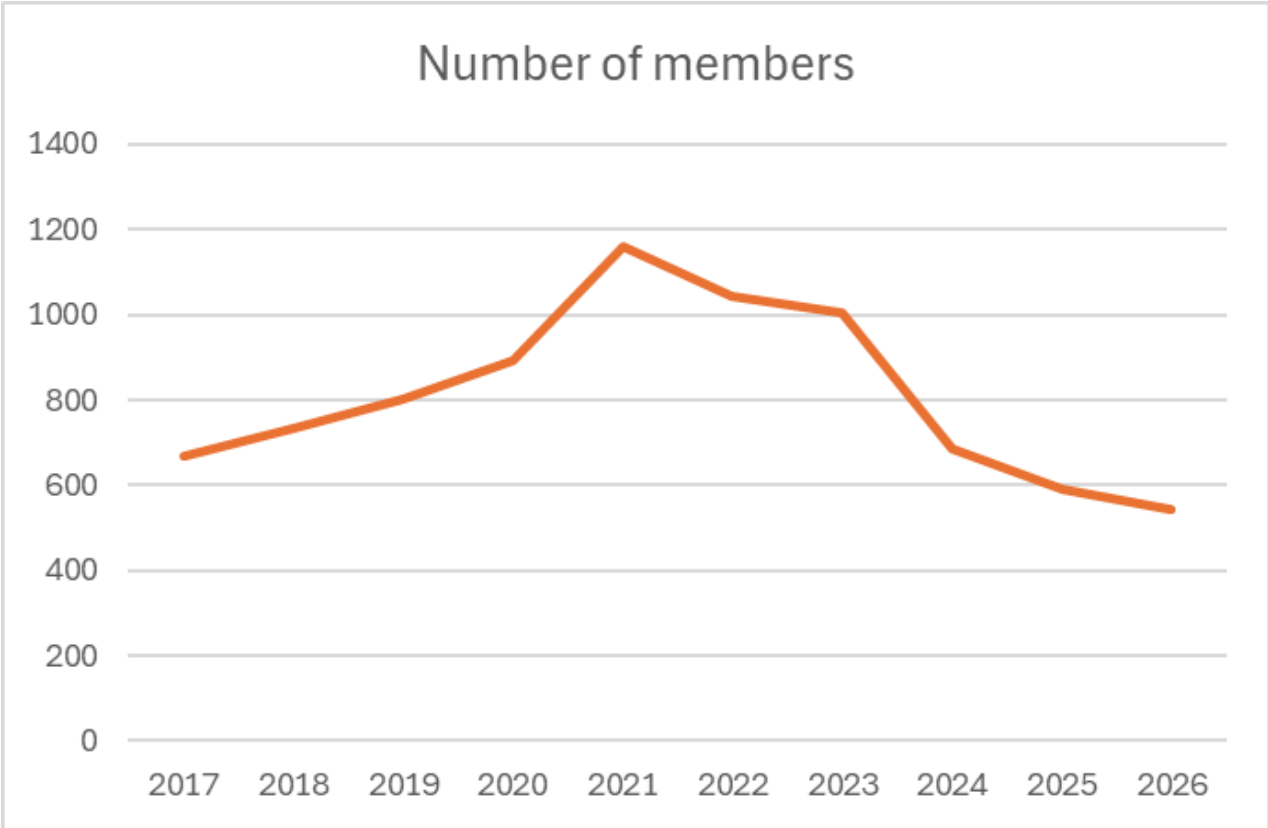
Wostawea received approximately 250 email inquiries between September 2025 and March 2026. The most common queries were about lessons, ski rentals, buying/selling/donating equipment, and special events such as the Canadian Masters Championships and the Loppet.

Membership

Berend van Middendorp, Treasurer & Registrar

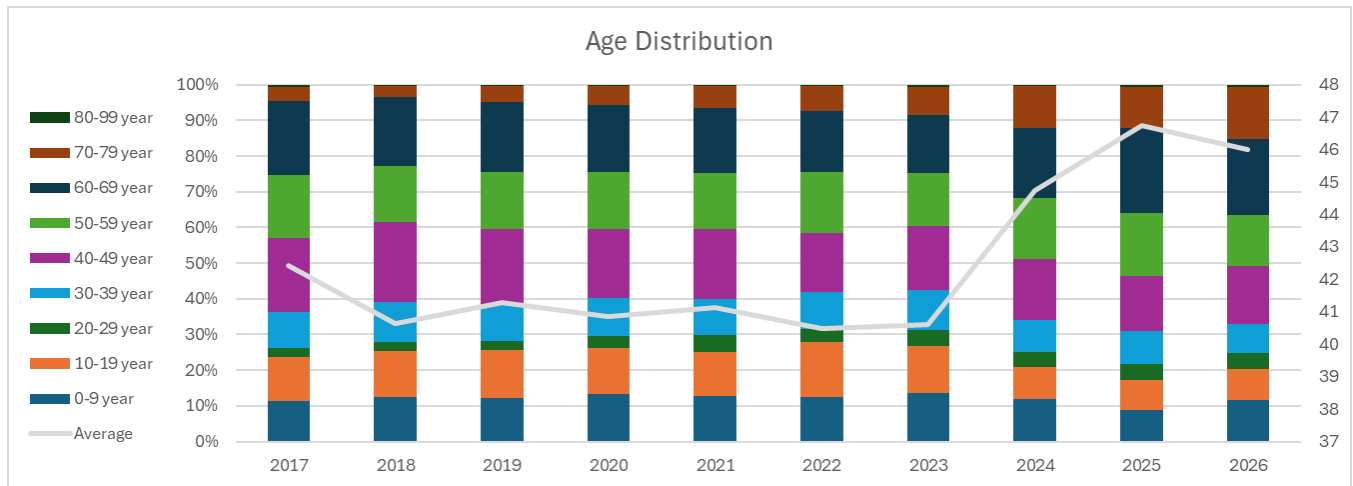
NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Year	Number of members
2017	668
2018	734
2019	803
2020	893
2021	1158
2022	1042
2023	1004
2024	686
2025	589
2026	542



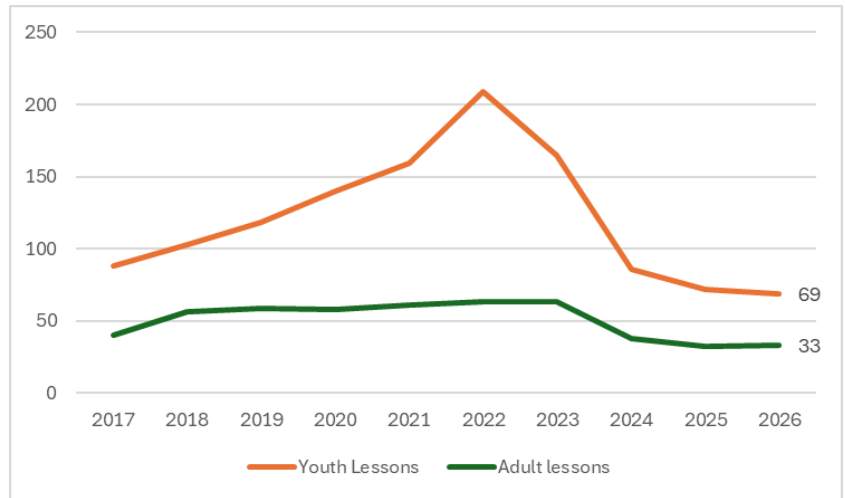
AGE DISTRIBUTION

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
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10-19 year	12%	13%	13%	13%	13%	15%	13%	9%	8%	9%
20-29 year	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
30-39 year	10%	11%	10%	11%	10%	10%	11%	9%	9%	8%
40-49 year	21%	22%	21%	19%	20%	17%	18%	17%	15%	16%
50-59 year	18%	16%	16%	16%	16%	17%	15%	17%	17%	14%
60-69 year	21%	19%	20%	19%	18%	17%	16%	20%	24%	21%
70-79 year	4%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	8%	12%	12%	15%
80-99 year	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%

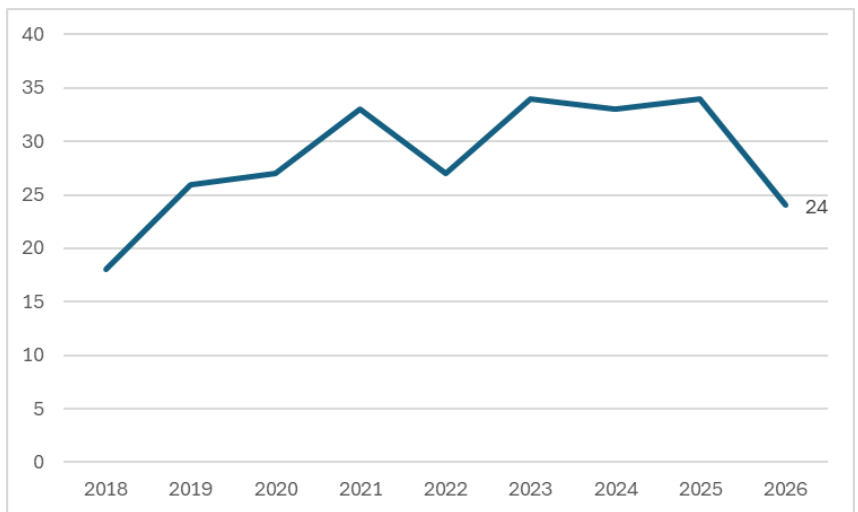


LESSONS AND SKI TEAM

Year	Youth Lessons	Adult lessons
2017	88	40
2018	103	56
2019	118	59
2020	140	58
2021	159	61
2022	209	63
2023	165	63
2024	86	38
2025	72	32
2026	69	33



Year	Ski team
2018	18
2019	26
2020	27
2021	33
2022	27
2023	34
2024	33
2025	34
2026	24



Finances

Berend van Middendorp, Treasurer & Registrar

General

REVENUE

General	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
Membership - total *	\$17,000	\$16,220	\$0	\$16,220	-\$780
N.B. Govn Grant - General club	\$4,250	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$750
Club Donations	\$0	\$1,035	\$0	\$1,035	\$1,035
Nordiq Canada Sport for all Grant	\$9,021	\$8,571	\$451	\$9,022	\$1
Total	\$30,271	\$30,826	\$451	\$31,277	\$1,006

EXPENSES

General	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
Killarney lodge rental	\$700	\$556	\$0	\$556	\$144
Misc. (mailbox, stamps, office supplies)	\$400	\$221	\$0	\$221	\$179
Annual General Meeting	\$150	\$0	\$86	\$86	\$64
Provincial Exec. Meetings - Expenses	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Miscellaneous Bank Fees	\$150	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$149
Nancy Hamilton Award	\$300	\$0	\$400	\$400	-\$100
Nametags - Exec	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50
Property Insurance	\$796	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$796
Membership Refund	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Square payment system	\$200	\$79	\$0	\$79	\$121
Swag Prizes	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Swag - Stock Purchases	\$180	\$180	\$84	\$263	-\$83
Volunteer Thank You	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Volunteer Appreciation Night	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Door Prizes at Volunteers Appreciation Night	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,546	\$1,546	-\$46
Frosted Bites - 24/25 Season Going Forward	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400
No Skier Left Behind	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800
Equipment Repairs	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Race Officials Training	\$0	\$32	\$0	\$32	-\$32
Homologation	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Web hosting and MailChimp	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Total	\$10,026	\$1,069	\$2,116	\$3,185	\$6,841

BALANCE

General	
Total Expected Revenue	\$31,277
Total Expected Expenses	\$3,185

Balance **\$28,092**

Lessons

REVENUE

Lessons	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
Youth Lesson registrations	\$5,500	\$5,520	\$0	\$5,520	\$20
Adult Lesson registrations	\$2,500	\$2,690	\$0	\$2,690	\$190
Ski Clinic Fees	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$450
Masters group Registration	\$1,000	\$850	\$0	\$850	-\$150
Total	\$9,450	\$9,060	\$0	\$9,060	-\$390

EXPENSES

Lessons	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
Masters Group - Coach Thank you	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150
Killarney lodge rental - Youth	\$800	\$845	\$0	\$845	-\$45
Jackrabbit material	\$1,100	\$833	\$0	\$833	\$268
Coach training (lodge rental & L2T Jackets)	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250
Canteen supplies - Youth	\$550	\$269	\$0	\$269	\$281
Coach thank-you - Youth	\$1,150	\$563	\$0	\$563	\$588
Fun Day	\$600	\$139	\$0	\$139	\$461
Equipment	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Criminal Records Check	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50
Miscellaneous - Youth	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Equipment & First Aid Kits	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300
Kouchibouquac Trip - Track Attack	\$700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$700
Youth Lesson Refund	\$232	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$232
Killarney lodge rental - Adult	\$250	\$311	\$0	\$311	-\$61
Coach training Including lodge rental	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250
Canteen Supplies - Adult	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Coach Thank-You - Adult	\$700	\$525	\$0	\$525	\$175
Equipment & First Aid Kits	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200
Criminal Records Check	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50
Miscellaneous - Adult	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Total	\$7,732	\$3,484	\$0	\$3,484	\$4,248

BALANCE

Lessons	
Total Expected Revenue	\$9,060
Total Expected Expenses	\$3,484

Balance **\$5,576**

Ski Team

REVENUE

Ski Team	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
Ski Team Registration	\$10,000	\$7,916	\$0	\$7,916	-\$2,084
Super Camp	\$0	\$420	\$0	\$420	\$420
Ski Team Donations	\$3,500	\$535	\$0	\$535	-\$2,965
Ski Team Donations	\$1,500	\$1,127	\$130	\$1,257	-\$243
Total	\$15,000	\$9,998	\$130	\$10,128	-\$4,872

EXPENSES

Ski Team	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
Killarney Lodge Rental	\$1,500	\$1,346	\$0	\$1,346	\$154
Facility Rental (YMCA, City Gyms) Room	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Roller Skis/Repairs	\$200	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	-\$1,300
Coach thank-you's	\$250	\$0	\$350	\$350	-\$100
Waxing Supplies	\$1,200	\$1,171	\$0	\$1,171	\$29
Coach Training	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Coaching Support/Team Equipment	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300
Team Jerseys	\$1,000	\$274	\$0	\$274	\$726
Subscription - Final Surge Athlete Manag	\$150	\$673	\$0	\$673	-\$523
Subscription - Onform Video Analysis	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Year End Party	\$350	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$100
Dryland Training/Equipment	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300
Ski Team Refund	\$240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$240
Equipment	\$1,000	\$299	\$0	\$299	\$701
Super Camp Refunds	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Super Camp Expenses - travelling PEI	\$500	\$131	\$0	\$131	\$369
Ski Team Location rental	\$0	\$162	\$0	\$162	-\$162
Ski Team Member to Nationals	\$1,000	\$0	\$501	\$501	\$499
Total	\$11,090	\$4,055	\$2,601	\$6,656	\$4,434

BALANCE

Ski Team	
Total Expected Revenue	\$10,128
Total Expected Expenses	\$6,656

Balance **\$3,472**

Club Coach

REVENUE

Club Coach	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
Nordiq Canada - Club Coach	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	-\$500
Club Coach Position Donations	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$5,000
Total	\$10,000	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	-\$5,500

EXPENSES

Club Coach	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
Salary	\$31,625	\$24,438	\$2,875	\$27,313	\$4,313
Total	\$31,625	\$24,438	\$2,875	\$27,313	\$4,313

BALANCE

Club Coach	
Total Expected Revenue	\$4,500
Total Expected Expenses	\$27,313

Balance **-\$22,813**

Trails

REVENUE

Trails	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
Trail Maintenance Donations	\$3,750	\$3,260	\$0	\$3,260	-\$490
Total	\$3,750	\$3,260	\$0	\$3,260	-\$490

EXPENSES

Trails	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
Equipment maintenance & rental costs	\$2,500	\$2,879	\$0	\$2,879	-\$379
Gas - Avg last 3 years	\$1,400	\$951	\$0	\$951	\$449
Miscellaneous	\$100	\$383	\$0	\$383	-\$283
Ski-Doo insurance	\$2,000	\$1,726	\$0	\$1,726	\$274
Groomer thank-you	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350
Trail Signage/Fencing	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300
Ski-Doo/Trailer Registrations	\$200	\$123	\$45	\$168	\$32
Trails Maintenance Contractor	\$2,500	\$2,100	\$0	\$2,100	\$400
Nordic Pulse	\$1,265	\$1,208	\$0	\$1,208	\$58
Woodlot Trail Updates	\$5,000	\$4,830	\$0	\$4,830	\$170
Total	\$15,615	\$14,200	\$45	\$14,245	\$1,370

BALANCE

Trails	
Total Expected Revenue	\$3,260
Total Expected Expenses	\$14,245

Balance -\$10,985

Events

REVENUE

Events	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
Loppet Registrations	\$3,000	\$1,239	\$0	\$1,239	-\$1,761
Loppet Sponsors/Donations	\$500	\$710	\$0	\$710	\$210
Ski Rental	\$3,000	\$956	\$0	\$956	-\$2,044
Total	\$6,500	\$2,905	\$0	\$2,905	-\$3,595

EXPENSES

Events	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
Loppet	\$2,500	\$1,021	\$200	\$1,221	\$1,279
Sprint Races	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300
Total	\$2,800	\$1,021	\$200	\$1,221	\$1,579

BALANCE

Events	
Total Expected Revenue	\$2,905
Total Expected Expenses	\$1,221
Balance	\$1,684

Masters

REVENUE

Masters	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
2025/2026 Masters Donations	\$29,810	\$19,400	\$10,410	\$29,810	\$0
20252026 Masters Registration	\$16,725	\$16,725	\$0	\$16,725	\$0
Masters - Misc. Revenue	\$1,215	\$1,215	\$0	\$1,215	\$0
Total	\$47,750	\$37,340	\$10,410	\$47,750	\$0

EXPENSES

Masters	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
Masters Expenses	\$33,700	\$32,192	\$1,508	\$33,700	\$0
Total	\$33,700	\$32,192	\$1,508	\$33,700	\$0

BALANCE

Masters	
Total Expected Revenue	\$47,750
Total Expected Expenses	\$33,700
Balance	\$14,050

Outreach

REVENUE

Outreach	Budget	Actual Revenues April 1	Expected Revenues	Total Expected Revenues May 31	Difference with Budget
Outreach revenues	\$3,600	\$55	\$0	\$55	-\$3,545
Total	\$3,600	\$55	\$0	\$55	-\$3,545

EXPENSES

h	Budget	Actual Expenses April 1	Expected Expenses	Total Expected Expenses May 31	Difference with budget
MCAF - Various cost	\$2,000	\$1,992	\$0	\$1,992	\$8
Outreach Equipment	\$5,500	\$4,766	\$0	\$4,766	\$734
Total	\$7,500	\$6,758	\$0	\$6,758	\$742

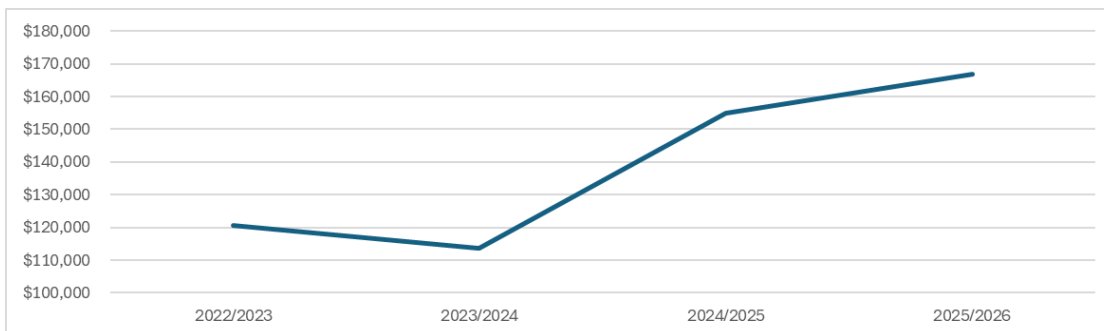
BALANCE

Outreach	
Total Expected Revenue	\$55
Total Expected Expenses	\$6,758

Balance **-\$6,703**

Balances

Capital Equipment Fund	
2025/2026 Start balance	\$12,462
Transfer from General	\$3,000
2025/2026 Result	\$0
End of Year Balance	\$15,462
Ski Team	
2025/2026 Start balance	\$16,530
2025/2026 Result	\$3,472
End of Year Balance	\$20,002
Outreach	
2025/2026 Start balance	\$10,705
2025/2026 Result	-\$6,703
End of Year Balance	\$4,002
Trails (4 Life)	
2025/2026 Start balance	\$16,666
2025/2026 Result	\$0
End of Year Balance	\$16,666
Ski Terrain Park Fund	
2025/2026 Start balance	\$11,371
2025/2026 Result	\$0
End of Year Balance	\$11,371
General	
2025/2026 Start balance	\$87,337
Transfer to Capital Equipment Fund	-\$3,000
Transfer to Radical Edge Balance	-\$500
2025/2026 Result General	\$28,092
2025/2026 Result Lessons	\$5,576
2025/2026 Result Club Coach	-\$22,813
2025/2026 Result Trails	-\$10,985
2025/2026 Result Events	\$1,684
2025/2026 Result Masters	\$14,050
End of Year balance	\$99,442
Overall Result	
2025/2026 Start balance	\$155,071
Aggregate results	\$11,874
2025/2026 End balance	\$166,945



Assets

Assets till May 31. 2025	\$ 168,385
Added:	
ESCAPE 51 PLUS w/ Prolink Access - 198 - 2 units	\$ 409
ESCAPE 51 PLUS w/ Prolink Access - 190 - 2 units	\$ 409
ESCAPE 51 PLUS w/ Prolink Access - 182 - 2 units	\$ 409
Salomon Aero Grip Premount w/ Binding - 161 - 2 units	\$ 343
Vitane - Black/Clrock/DUSTY - 6.5 - 5 units	\$ 851
FISCHERXC COMFORT PRO ws - 36 - 2 units	\$ 340
Vitane - Black/Clrock/DUSTY - 6 - 2 units	\$ 340
SALOMON VITANE PROLINK US 9.5 - 4 units	\$ 681
Swix Focus Nordic 145 - 2 units	\$ 46
Swix Focus Nordic 150 - 2 units	\$ 46
Swix Focus Nordic 140 - 2 units	\$ 46
Swix Focus Nordic 135 - 2 units	\$ 46
Salomon Escape Pole - 155 - 2 units	\$ 46
SALOMON ESCAPE PLUS BOOTS US 15.5 - 1 units	\$ 205
SALOMON ESCAPE 5 GRIP - 174 - 2 units	\$ 313
PROLINK AUTO BINDING - 2 units	\$ 97
Square reader	\$ 79
Waxing table	\$ 299
Current Non-depriated value of assets:	\$ 173,391