



ANNUAL REPORT

2015-2016

OUR HIGHLIGHTS

Seven Inducted into the NWT Sport Hall of Fame

Sport North welcomed 26 new members to the NWT Sport Hall of Fame. The 1979 Merchants Fastball Team, Sport North Founders – Dennis Crane, Peggy Curtis, Jim France, Roland Gosselin, Dave Hurley and Meika McDonald were all honoured at a special ceremony in November.

Games Success

At the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games in Fort McMurray, AB, Team NWT saw three fourth place finishes. Hay River's Skylar Horton narrowly missed the bronze medal in the women's Triple Jump with a jump of 10.99 meters, Yellowknife's Bronson Dolynny swam to fourth place in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 0:24.10 and Wilson Elliot (Yellowknife) found fourth in the over 81 KG Judo competition.

At the 2016 Arctic Winter Games in Nuuk, Greenland, Team NWT brought home 16 Gold, 12 Silver and 23 Bronze Ulus. Our women's Junior Hockey and Juvenile Futsal teams took home Gold for the first time ever in their division. Congratulations to all our athletes who attended the 2015 Western Canada Summer Games and 2016 Arctic Winter Games.

2015 Sport North Award Winners

Congratulations to all the 2015 Sport North Award Winners. The bar set for athletes, volunteers and sponsors continues to grow higher and higher each year. Congratulations to the following athletes, volunteers and sponsors:

Youth Athlete of the Year

Donny Boake
Wren Acorn

Junior Athlete of the Year

Nicolas Bennett
Davina McLeod

Senior Athlete of the Year

Keelan Mooney
Hannah Clark

Team of the Year

Woman's Junior Hockey Team

Ruth Inch Memorial Contributor to Sport

Kelvin Yee

Delma Kisoun Memorial Community Contributor

Yvonne Careen

Dennis Crane Memorial Official of the Year

Janie Hobart

Coach of the Year

Mike Argue

Corporate Contributor of the Year

GAP Electric Ltd.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

As Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA), I would like to thank the Sport North Federation and all the Territorial Sport Organizations for your efforts to provide opportunities for northerners to lead active and healthy lives.

I would like to sincerely thank the many volunteers who contribute their time, talent and energy to the recreation and sport system. The work you do is important to the well-being of our youth, the growth of the sport system and our collective efforts to build healthier communities in the Northwest Territories.

My congratulations go to all those involved during the 2016 Arctic Winter Games, which took place in Nuuk, Greenland and Iqaluit, Nunavut. These games were very successful and provided tremendous opportunity for youth to experience the excitement of a multi-sport event. While the games were taking place in Nuuk, MACA also supported five sports that were not able to be part of the Games. Some of the highlights of this concurrent initiative included the midget hockey team travelling to Europe to compete in a series of exhibition games, curling teams participating in developmental clinics, and youth dog races that coincided with the dog mushing circuit.

Looking forward, planning and preparations for the upcoming 2017 Canada Summer Games, which will take place July 28 to August 13, 2017, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, has already commenced as well as the 2018 Arctic Winter Games being hosted in the NWT in the South Slave region. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage the sport community to work with the 2018 Arctic Winter Games Host Society in the coming months as we prepare to host the circumpolar world in 2018.

During the past year, the Sport North Federation continued its efforts to lead a variety of equally important initiatives. KidSport, a charitable foundation, provided disadvantaged youth the chance to participate in sports, the National Coaching Certification Program offered quality training to aspiring coaches, and your Awards program, which honours the very best athletes, coaches, officials and leaders from our territory. These initiatives are important elements of sport programming in the NWT, which helps us achieve our goal of improving the daily lives of people in our communities.

Please accept my best wishes to Sport North, the Territorial Sport Organizations and your many volunteers on your continued success. I look forward to continuing to work together in promoting a robust culture that empowers healthy, active lifestyles throughout the north.



Caroline Cochrane
Minister of Municipal and
Community Affairs



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Minister,
Municipal and Community Affairs

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Maureen Miller
President

Every year I look back at what great accomplishments we've had in sport. This past year, with the Sport North Awards, NWT Sport Hall of Fame, school sport initiatives, Western Canada Summer Games, and Arctic Winter Games, I am more than ever proud to be a part of this organization.

Over the past year, Sport North has taken a series of steps to position the organization to achieve greater impact to the territory and, with our strategic plan, we have been guided by the developed objectives and clear strategies to achieve our goals.

The "goals" have been designed to ensure Sport North's continued and enhance prominence in the North, building on our extraordinary history and seeing the values and mission shape the sport sector, providing new and exciting opportunities for Sport North and our members.

We would like to thank everyone who has played a part in achieving our success – the hundreds of volunteers, the athletes who represent our territory with passion and pride, sponsors, fans and participants young and old.

We especially would like to thank our many partners, sporting and other, for their continued commitment to enriching the lives of NWT residents through sport and recreation. This includes our sponsors, NWT/NU Lotteries, Coast Fraser Towers, First Air, Northwestel and Top of the World Travel Agency.

There are many new and challenging opportunities that lay ahead for the next year. We hope to take these head on and continue to work with our members and partners to provide the best we can for the sport sector.

Thank you to all our members, athletes, coaches, officials, administration and certainly volunteers. We have another great year coming up and we need all of you to make it that much more special.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Miller', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

ABOUT SPORT NORTH

The Sport North Federation was incorporated in October 1976 to assist in the promotion and development of amateur sport in the Northwest Territories.

Mission

Sport North represents the Territorial Sport Organizations of the Northwest Territories. We are dedicated to the development of sport at every level of participation in the Northwest Territories.

Vision

Sport North Federation will be the recognized leader in sport development and will ensure that opportunities in sport, based on fair play, are accessible to all residents of the NWT.

Values

At Sport North, we value:

Integrity: Applying our policies and procedures in a consistent, fair and transparent manner.

Responsibility: Meeting our obligations to our members and partners.

Fairness: Free from bias, dishonesty, or injustice.

Honesty: The quality of being truthful and trustworthy.

Respect: Reflecting the values which we seek to instill in our children and youth.

Excellence: Demonstrating high standards in all areas of our organization.

Responsibility: Something for which one is responsible; a duty, obligation, or burden.

Board of Directors

The Sport North Federation is governed by a Board whose members and president are appointed by the Federation's members, the Territorial Sport Organizations. The Board is responsible for setting Sport North's strategic direction and providing governance and leadership for the Federation.

The following members sit on the 2015-2016 Board of Directors:

- Maureen Miller, President (Yellowknife)
- Ryan Fequet, Vice-President (Yellowknife)
- Elaine Keenan-Bengts (Yellowknife)
- David Poitras (Yellowknife)
- Theresa Ross (Inuvik)
- Les Skinner (Inuvik)
- Tim VanOverliw (Yellowknife)
- James Wong (Yellowknife)

Sport North Staff

Our team at Sport North is led by Executive Director Doug Rentmeister. We then have Sport Manager Bill Othmer, Marketing and Communication Coordinator Melanie Kornacki, Sport Consultant Rita Mercredi and Finance Manager Connie Lee.

At Sport North we also house three sport Executive Directors:

Spider Jones – Executive Director for NWT Gymnastics, Hockey NWT and NWT Kayaking

Andrew Williams – Executive Director for NWT Softball

Lyric Sandhals – Executive Director for NWT Boardsports, NWT Soccer and NWT Volleyball

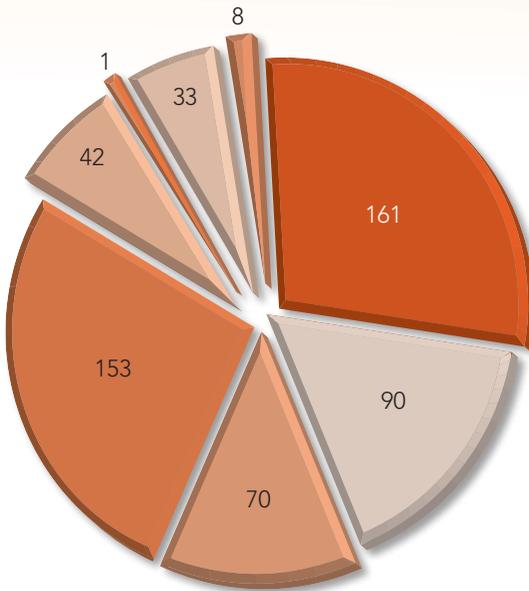
WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

Total Members – 22,701

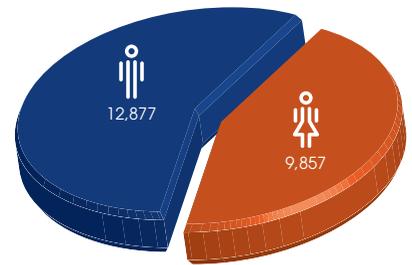


Total Number of Events – 558

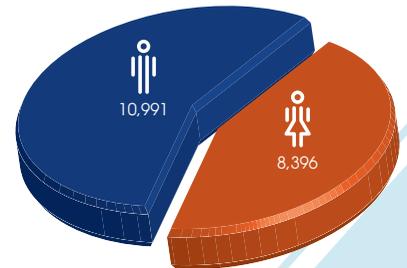
- 161 Player Development Clinics
- 90 Coaching Development Clinics
- 70 Officials Development Clinics
- 153 TSO Competitions
- 42 Territorial Championships
- 1 Western Canadian Championships
- 33 National Championships
- 8 International Championships



Gender Breakdowns



Membership



Athletics



PARTICIPATION

With increased collaboration, partnerships and resources within the sport system, Sport North has helped to create a system that is inclusive for sport in the Northwest Territories. Sport North manages several programs that identify and address barriers to ensure all have an opportunity to participate.

Opportunities offered throughout the year have included KidSport and ParticipACTION grants, coaching clinics and a partnership with the Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) University. All opportunities have helped to encourage individuals to get involved in sport as an athlete, ambassador, administrator, coach or volunteer.

KidSport grants provide financial assistance for registration fees and equipment to kids aged 18 and under. Through a confidential application process, KidSport provides grants so kids can play a season of sport. In 2015, KidSport provided over \$43,000 to 1,290 kids.

ParticipACTION Teen Challenge is a national program that inspires and supports teens aged 13 to 19 to move more. This innovative program is aimed at getting teens moving by providing funding to organizations for things such as coaching, equipment or access to facilities. Grants of up to \$500 are available. ParticipACTION provided \$5,650 in grants to 13 organizations.

Sport North and our members offered 90 coaching development clinics, from entry level to high performance level coaching clinics. These clinics range from sport specific programs to general courses offered by the National Coaching Certification Program. Partnering with the Coaching Association of Canada, Sport North promoted and offered free coaching events during the first annual Coaches Week in September.

Our partnership with the CS4L University included two projects. The You Can Play has just wrapped up with filming territorial athletes, administrators, coaches and volunteers to promote equality in sport. This coming year will show a promotion of the video and initiative of putting athletes who participate in sport all on an equal playing field, "If You Can Play, You Can Play". The second project included the promotion of Sport for Life in the Mackenzie region. The Town of Fort Smith hosted the 2016 NWT Sport for Life Mini-summit from May 3 to 5. The Summit provided sessions to educate the local community and sport leaders on the Canadian Sport for Life Movement and Physical Literacy. Workshops included: Introduction to Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L), Becoming a CS4L Community, Physical Literacy 101: Introduction to Physical Literacy, Physical Literacy 301: Integrating Physical Literacy into your Programs, as well as certification opportunities with High Five training and NCCP's Fundamental Movement Skills.



Wren Acorn
Youth Athlete of the Year



Davina McLeod
Junior Athlete of the Year



Hannah Clark
Senior Athlete of the Year

EXCELLENCE

The Federation assists athletes, teams, coaches and officials to achieve excellence through Excel NT, Rising Star, Elite Athlete Assistance, player development clinics, coaching development clinics and officials' clinics.

Excel NT is a high performance sport program that funds NWT athletes and coaches for the Canada Games. The primary focus of the Excel NT program is preparing athletes for the Canada Games. This year, summer sports entered their third year and winter sports their first year in the Canada Games cycle. The program funded \$149,200 to 18 sports.

The Rising Star follows the CS4L train to train model. It is a program that provides funding to athletes (females 11 to 15 and males 12 to 16) that exhibit potential in their sport of choice and wish to receive additional training through a camp format. This past year, 42 individuals were funded, giving out \$37,750 for sport camps.

Sport North partners with the GNWT Municipality and Community Affairs to offer the High Performance Athlete Grant. This grant provides funding for high performance athletes from the Northwest Territories to assist with the costs associated with training and competing in their chosen sport. The funding level for each recipient is based on athletic achievement and recognition at the national or international level. The Sport North Federation and MACA jointly approve all recipients. This past year, 22 athletes were funded for the grant.

While supporting our members and athletes' endeavours, Sport North annually recognizes and celebrates the achievements of NWT's amateur athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and sponsors through the Annual Awards Banquet and NWT Sport Hall of Fame. Ten individuals, one team and one sponsor was recognized at the 2016 Awards Banquet held in May 2016, and one athlete, five builders and one team were inducted into the 2015 NWT Sport Hall of Fame.



Donny Boake
Youth Athlete of the Year



Nicolas Bennett
Junior Athlete of the Year



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CAPACITY

Sport North is committed to ensuring the sport system has strong financial and human resources, from grassroots through to high performance participation, by continually looking to secure long-term funding with the GNWT as well as discovering ways to partner with organizations within the sport sector.

Partnered with the Aboriginal Sport Circle of NWT, the Petersen and Auger 64th Annual Golf Tournament in support of KidSport NWT was held in May 2016. With 22 teams, this year's event was a success. The 18-hole tournament offers competition and fun, with a number of auction prizes to be won, including a diamond sponsored by Diavik Diamonds and two hole in ones sponsored by Petersen and Auger and Aurora Ford.

With a long-standing partnership with Top of the World Travel, Coast Fraser Towers and Northwestel, Sport North consistently offers their membership the best opportunities for their sporting teams and upcoming events by developing cost-effective partnerships with the private sector. Sport North has continued to be able to align programs and events with corporate clients.



Yvonne Careen
Delma Kisoun Memorial
Community Contributor



Kelvin Yee
Ruth Inch Memorial
Contributor to Sport



Women's Junior Hockey Team
Team of the Year

INTERACTION

Sport North strives to promote interaction among key members of the NWT sport community by developing clear roles and responsibilities for the Federation and its partner organizations. With our partners, Sport North looks to share knowledge, maximize resources, and leverage opportunities and efficiencies at the community, territorial and national level to achieve sport sector objectives. The final product being a better connected and coordinated sector.

For a cohesive vision of the role of sport in the NWT, Sport North actively communicates to and encourages communication among all sport organizations and advocates to ensure that the needs and interests of our Territorial Sport Organizations are clearly understood and effectively represented in national programs and initiatives.

This past year, our TSOs represented the Northwest Territories at 24 Western Canadian Championships, 37 national competitions and 15 international competitions, growing NWT's representation at national and international competitions.

Sport North also continues to represent the NWT sport community at the national level, with continuing our membership and commitment to the Canadian Council of Provincial and Territorial Sport Federation and National Sport Trust Fund as well as representing the NWT on national organizations like KidSport, Coaching Association of Canada, Canada Games Council, Western Canada Games Council and Canada Sport for Life.

To enhance the communication with our members and the public, Sport North continues to provide monthly E-newsletters, regular news releases and utilizes social media to convey events, results and success. As well, annual Sport North membership meetings, annual general meeting and sport forum, provide our members with an opportunity to share information and discuss essential issues. Through regular communication Sport North's public relations has established stronger relationships with partners, stakeholders and TSOs in support of working cooperatively toward common goals within the sport sector.



Janie Hobart
Dennis Crane Memorial
Official of the Year



Mike Argue
Coach of the Year



GAP Electric Ltd.
Corporate Contributor of the Year

HALL OF FAME



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Sport North Federation

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sport North Federation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2016 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sport North Federation as at March 31, 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Ashton Chartered Accountants
Hay River, Northwest Territories
May 28, 2016

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash (Note 3)	1,363,509	1,645,128
Marketable securities	-	250,642
Accounts receivable	220,123	116,599
Due from related parties (Note 15)	345,357	194,720
Prepaid expenses	1,356	93,391
Due from government agencies	20,612	9,654
	1,950,957	2,309,071
Capital Assets (Note 5)	22,760	33,401
Investment in Lex Borealis Ltd. (Note 4)	833,476	899,469
	2,807,193	3,241,939
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable	54,446	177,478
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 16)	-	62,130
Wages payable	96,425	101,799
Deferred revenue (Note 7)	673,249	705,859
Due to related parties (Note 15)	34,584	40,454
Contribution repayable	-	379,389
	858,704	1,467,106
Accrued termination benefits (Note 13)	153,446	151,406
	1,012,150	1,618,515
NET ASSETS		
General fund	1,633,238	1,461,621
Restricted fund	139,098	139,098
Reserves (Note 14)	22,707	22,707
	1,795,043	1,623,426
	2,807,193	3,241,941

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

For the year ended March 31, 2016

	Budget 2016 (Unaudited) \$	Actual 2016 \$	Actual 2015 \$
REVENUE			
Contribution SRC	2,377,285	3,160,159	2,004,046
Lottery Operations (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	55,162	84,398	8,464
	2,432,447	3,244,557	2,012,510
Other Revenues			
Government of Canada Grant	5,252	-	4,130
Pan Territorial Sport Strategy – TSO Contribution	100,000	162,498	125,000
Coaching Registration Fees	4,000	124	-
KidSport Donations, Fundraising and Interest	40,000	43,520	49,119
ParticipAction Contribution	18,000	12,844	13,273
MACA Funding	-	212,000	-
Registration Fees	-	195,600	49,889
Unrestricted Revenues	150,600	113,140	175,775
Miscellaneous	10,000	32,621	11,901
	327,850	772,347	429,087
	2,760,297	4,016,904	2,441,597
EXPENSES			
Core (<i>Schedule 3</i>)	316,335	309,524	316,055
Member Development (<i>Schedule 4</i>)	1,397,326	967,143	812,798
Member Recognition (<i>Schedule 5</i>)	62,300	159,302	144,695
Coaching (<i>Schedule 6</i>)	175,989	55,826	88,631
Excel NT (<i>Schedule 7</i>)	171,923	195,541	249,421
Rising Star (<i>Schedule 8</i>)	69,500	52,484	57,096
KidSport (<i>Schedule 9</i>)	133,560	97,089	103,848
Golf Tournaments (<i>Schedule 10</i>)	-	14,388	9,453
ParticipAction (<i>Schedule 11</i>)	18,000	12,844	13,273
Non-recurring Programs (<i>Schedule 12</i>)	-	112,000	-
Unrestricted Operations (<i>Schedule 13</i>)	-	65,993	21,272
Summary of Games (<i>Schedule 14</i>)	-	1,803,153	273,800
	2,344,933	3,845,287	2,090,342
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	415,364	171,617	351,255

Aurora Horse Association	NWT Gymnastics Association	NWT WTF Taekwondo
Badminton NT	Hockey NWT	Tennis NWT
Basketball NWT	NWT Judo Association	NWT Track and Field Association
NWT Biathlon Association	NWT Karate Association	NWT Traditional Sports Organization
NWT Boardsport Association	NWT Kayaking Association	NWT Volleyball Association
NWT 5 Pin Bowling Association	NWT Ski Division	NWT Wrestling Association
NWT Broomball Association	NWT Soccer Association	* 22,701 members from 33 communities
NWT Curling Association	NWT Softball Association	Affiliate Members
NWT Dog Sledding Association	NWT Speed Skating Association	NWT School Athletic Federation
NWT Federation of Shooting Sports	NWT Squash Association	Special Olympics NWT
NWT Figure Skating Association	NWT Swimming Association	
NWT Golf Association	Table Tennis North	

SPORT NORTH MEMBERS



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