

CANSI Ontario – XC Programs Director’s Report for 2017-2018

XC Programs had fantastic winter in many aspects (number of courses, new professional members and course conductor trainees and finances) despite even more challenging winter than previous.

This winter started well and our annual Course Conductors Training and Briefing was very productive on and off snow. It was attended by 12 Course Conductors and Trainees. However, if past two seasons taught us anything – it is that no course is safe during Ontario winters. There was a lack of snow, then spell of very cold temperatures followed by double digit warm days with rains. Some December courses in Ottawa were cancelled and some had to be moved well into January due to lack of snow. Many courses in both Ottawa and Barrie/Collingwood areas were at risk during the season and we had to make last minute decisions whether we should have course or not. Also, chalet at Hardwood Ski and Bike was destroyed by fire on Christmas Day and that required us to relocate few courses we planned to run there to Horseshoe Resort. All this, together with extremely hard packed courses schedule, made running the programs this year quite difficult.

Despite all these challenges we managed to run 14 courses in 11 events at 4 different locations out of the [22 planned XC courses](#) and 19 events. This 55% up from [last year’s 9](#) offered courses in 7 events. We had to cancel XC Level I and Level II Preparation courses in Eastern Ontario due to low or no signup and lack of a snow and extremely cold weather in Ottawa.

This season we attempted to introduce new type of a courses – 1-day Thematic Clinics (for classic, skate, hills and teaching techniques). Out of 8 planned clinics (4 in each Ottawa and Barrie areas) only 2 in Ottawa actually were run. The rest were cancelled – mainly due to low or no registrations. The ones that happened had only 2-3 participants who used this opportunity in leu of cancelled Preparation courses in Ottawa. This clearly tells us that Ontario members prefer to get training by taking Preparation courses. This was probably the only disappointment this season because pre-season survey indicated great interest in this type of a courses. Therefore, we most likely will not have these clinics next season.

We have sent our fliers with Level I Preparation and Certification courses schedule to over 80 XC ski clubs in Ontario and I was pleased to get some interest in our programs from couple of large Northern and Western Ontario clubs. While it didn’t result in actual courses this year due to late requests, it is a good potential to extend our programs to cover remote areas in Ontario and grow our membership next season(s).

There was a concern expressed last year, that we don’t have enough Level III instructors to grow our Course Conductors ranks. This year I’m especially happy to report that we now have three new XC Level III instructors successfully passed Level III course at Horseshoe Resort this season and, hopefully, few more to come next season. We also have one new Level IV instructor – congratulations to Wendy Grater - who passed XC Level IV course at Silver Star, BC and Level I Telemark course in Quebec. We also have three new Course Conductor Trainees participated this season in CC Training event and two of them later assisted with Level I courses. This will help to strengthen our cohort of Course Conductors and Trainees and ability to deliver variety of high quality courses to our members in a future.

The following two tables summarize the course events we offered this past winter. The first table shows profit/loss and donations for each course event. The second table shows the participation numbers for each course, sorted by course type.

Course Event (Location)	Date	Income	Expense	Donation	Profit / Loss	#Participants
CC Training & Level II+ Refresher (Highlands Nordic, Duntroon)	Dec. 9-10	\$805	\$2,956	\$645	-\$1,506	12
Level I, II, III Preparation (Highlands Nordic, Duntroon)	Dec. 16-17	\$4,340	\$2,511	\$0	\$1,829	26
Thematic Clinic - Classic (Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa)	Dec. 23	\$240	\$284	\$0	-\$44	3
Level I Certification + Refresher (Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa)	Jan. 20-21	\$970	\$1,199	\$60	-\$169	3 + 5*
Refresher (Horseshoe Resort, Barrie)	Jan. 21	\$5	\$422	\$0	-\$417	7*
Level II Certification (Horseshoe Resort, Barrie)	Jan. 26-28, Feb. 24-25	\$2,060	\$2,091	\$0	-\$31	4
Level III Certification (Horseshoe Resort, Barrie)	Jan. 26-28, Feb. 17-18	\$2,450	\$3,501	\$0	-\$1,051	5
Level I Certification (Pembroke Ski Club, Pembroke)	Feb. 1-2	\$5,120	\$3,234	\$0	\$1,886	16
Level I Certification + Retest (Highlands Nordic, Duntroon)	Feb. 3-4	\$2,944	\$2,218	\$100	\$827	9 + 1
Thematic Clinic - Skate (Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa)	Feb. 4	\$180	\$272	\$0	-\$92	2
Level II Certification (Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa)	Feb. 9-11, Mar. 3-4	\$1,470	\$2,011	\$0	-\$541	3
Cancelled Clinics (6) and Level I & II Preparation Courses (2) in Ottawa ~	-	\$0	\$3	\$0	-\$3	0
<i>National Subsidy</i>		\$206~~			\$206	12**
<i>2017-2018 Season Total ~~~</i>		\$20,790	\$20,702	\$805	\$893	96
<i>2016-2017 Season Total</i>		\$11,010	\$11,948	\$1,345	\$408	62
<i>2015-2016 Season Total</i>		\$5,415	\$8,272	\$2,672	\$205	48
<i>2014-2015 Season Total</i>		\$14,108	\$15,895	\$2,593	\$807	76
<i>2013-2014 Season Total</i>		\$11,617	\$16,306	\$4,764	\$621	87

* This is the number of people completed Refresher only during the course

** This is the total number of people who took free, 1-day PD/Refresher courses. (Last year it was 8.) This doesn't include those who attended Prep. Courses and CC Training.

~ These courses were cancelled (due to low/no sign, snow/weather conditions or instructor was not available).

~~ National subsidy of \$306.61 split with Telemark based on # of free Refresher participants (12 XC vs. 9 Telemark)

~~~ Most \$ amounts are rounded to the closest whole numbers, so the totals may not fully add up.

| Course Type                       | Date                   | Location                    | #Registrants | No show*  | #Successful students |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| CC Training & Level II+ Refresher | Dec. 9-10              | Highlands Nordic, Duntroon  | 12           |           | 12                   |
| Level I Preparation               | Dec. 16-17             | Highlands Nordic, Duntroon  | 7            |           | 7                    |
| Level II Preparation              | Dec. 16-17             | Highlands Nordic , Duntroon | 10           |           | 10                   |
| Level III Preparation             | Dec. 16-17             | Highlands Nordic, Duntroon  | 9            |           | 9                    |
| PD/Refresher                      | Jan. 15                | Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa   | 5            |           | 5                    |
| PD/Refresher                      | Jan. 21                | Horseshoe Resort, Barrie    | 7            |           | 7                    |
| Thematic Clinic (Classic)         | Dec. 23                | Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa   | 3            |           | 3                    |
| Thematic Clinic (Skate)           | Feb. 4                 | Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa   | 2            |           | 2                    |
| Level I Certification             | Jan. 14-15             | Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa   | 3            |           | 2                    |
| Level I Certification             | Feb. 1-2               | Pembroke Ski Club, Pembroke | 16           |           | 16                   |
| Level I Certification + Retest    | Feb. 3-4               | Highlands Nordic, Duntroon  | 9            |           | 8                    |
|                                   |                        |                             | 1            |           | 1                    |
| Level II Certification            | Jan. 26-28, Feb. 24-25 | Horseshoe Resort, Barrie    | 4            |           | 4                    |
| Level II Certification            | Feb. 9-11, Mar. 3-4    | Mooney's Bay Park, Ottawa   | 3            |           | 2                    |
| Level III Certification           | Jan. 26-28, Feb. 17-18 | Horseshoe Resort, Barrie    | 5            |           | 3                    |
| <b>2017-2018 Totals:</b>          | <b>14</b>              | <b>4</b>                    | <b>96</b>    |           | <b>91</b>            |
| <i>2016-2017 Totals:</i>          | <i>9</i>               | <i>5</i>                    | <i>64</i>    | <i>2</i>  | <i>60</i>            |
| <i>2015-2016 Totals:</i>          | <i>8</i>               | <i>3</i>                    | <i>48</i>    |           | <i>48</i>            |
| <i>2014-2015 Totals:</i>          | <i>12</i>              | <i>5</i>                    | <i>76</i>    |           | <i>72</i>            |
| <i>2013-2014 Totals:</i>          | <i>14</i>              | <i>5</i>                    | <i>89</i>    | <i>11</i> | <i>76</i>            |
| <i>2012-2013 Totals:</i>          | <i>8</i>               | <i>2</i>                    | <i>48</i>    |           | <i>39</i>            |
| <i>2011-2012 Totals:</i>          | <i>8</i>               | <i>3</i>                    | <i>47</i>    |           | <i>46</i>            |
| <i>2010-2011 Totals:</i>          | <i>14</i>              | <i>4</i>                    | <i>69</i>    |           | <i>67</i>            |
| <i>2009-2010 Totals:</i>          | <i>14</i>              | <i>4</i>                    | <i>82</i>    |           | <i>78</i>            |

\* These are people who registered for a course but did not showed up and did not make a cancellation.

From these two tables, you can notice that during the last winter:

**A.** We certified 27 new XC Level I instructors. I'm pleased to notice that there are 16 young members among them – all students of Algonquin College. Congratulations to:

**Eastern Ontario**

1. Matthew Asselin
2. Matthew Dau
3. Ryan Doucet
4. Connor Hamilton
5. Tristan Hassanzadeh
6. Timothy Hodgins
7. Taylor Holman
8. Jesse Lacroix
9. Julien Lafreniere
10. Nathalie Oh
11. Nathan Ostle
12. Nelson Ouderkirk
13. Samuel Scott
14. Spencer Smith
15. Joe Spratt
16. Justin Vanderheyden
17. Lyse Patenaude
18. John Fahey

**Southern Ontario**

19. Adrienne Marcotte \*
20. Adrian Butscher \*
21. Andrew Mahoney Y
22. Nicole Pepper
23. Laurel Christie
24. Ming (Charles) Ma
25. Sigmund Rannem
26. Heather Steel
27. Wei Guan

\* *Achieved XC Level I Classic-only certifications*

**B.** Also, congratulations to 10 instructors who achieved next certification levels this year:

**XC Level II**

1. Xavier Lambert
2. Karen Evans
3. Sylvia Crowhurst
4. Patricia Simons
5. Fil Bohac
6. Jocelyn Marcotte

**XC Level III**

1. Chris Clarke
2. Martha Rafuse
3. John Machatchion

**XC Level IV**

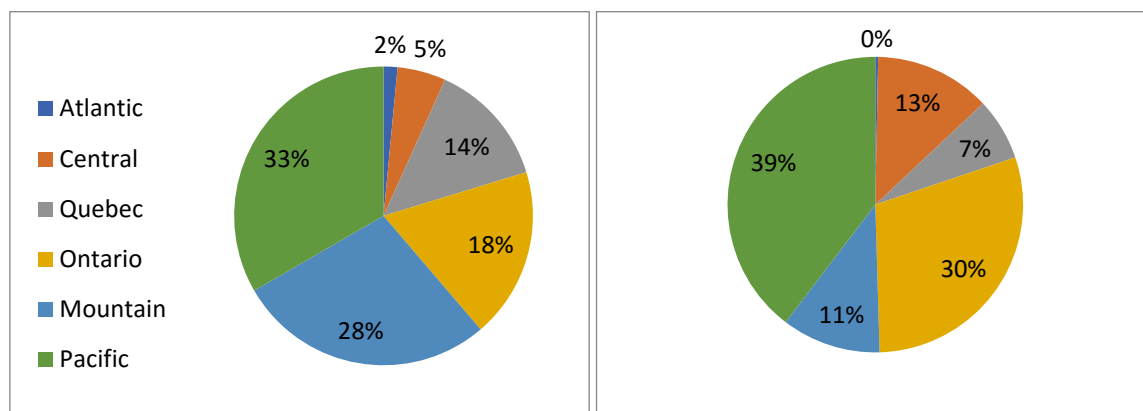
1. Wendy Grater (course was in BC)

**C.** We refreshed 40 existing XC instructors - 12 during free 1-day PD/Refresher courses, 17 in Level II & III Prep. Courses and 11 in the XC Course Conductor Training weekend. This is a bit up from 32 previous winter but still a lot less than in winter of 2008-2009 when 55 XC instructors were refreshed.

**D.** Overall, the courses made a profit of about \$893 (including National subsidy). But this was largely because the course leaders generously donated about \$805 to CANSI Ontario. On positive note - these donations are about 40% less than donations for previous year courses (\$1345) which resulted in only \$408 profit (with help of National subsidy). Details of these calculations are in the XC financials spreadsheet for winter 2017-2018 could be found at:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KHHZRll67lO\\_NHYJUdcNMhpAk9oriN\\_70yxuWntuVT8](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KHHZRll67lO_NHYJUdcNMhpAk9oriN_70yxuWntuVT8)

E. Here is some interesting statistics showing how Ontario XC programs fare comparing with other regions – left graph shows percentage of XC professional members in each region, while right – share of course participants who took the courses during 2017-2018 season for each region. This season totals were: 666 XC professional members of all levels and 323 XC course participants in all regions. It shows that Ontario was second most active region in terms of percentage of members participating in courses.



To give you context for these course participation numbers, following is the breakdown of current CANSI Ontario membership with XC certifications. About 20 XC members didn't renewed membership this year.

| XC Instructor certification level            | Instructor certification counts |            |            |            |            |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                              | 2013-2014                       | 2014-2015  | 2015-2016  | 2016-2017  | 2017-2018  |
| Level I (classic-only)                       | 5                               | 6          | 7          | 4          | 4          |
| Level I (full)                               | 72                              | 65         | 70         | 68         | 70         |
| Level II                                     | 14                              | 22         | 20         | 22         | 25         |
| Level III                                    | 12                              | 9          | 9          | 12         | 12         |
| Level IV                                     | 7                               | 6          | 5          | 6          | 6          |
| <b>Total number of CANSI Ontario members</b> | <b>162</b>                      | <b>136</b> | <b>151</b> | <b>142</b> | <b>157</b> |

I am very grateful to JP Lavoie, who has lead 6 courses and spent 16 (!) days instructing members this season, and to Paul Graner, Wendy Grater, Jay Thibert, Peter Rasberry, David Wallin, Francoise Chatenoud, Michael Connor for running great courses despite last minute changes, having other jobs and commitments and very challenging winter. Also, thanks to Jan Vopalensky who supported and advised me through this difficult season. And of course, to our members who were eager to learn and progress with their skiing and teaching skills and made our programs great again this season.

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