



SPORT NORTH

ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008





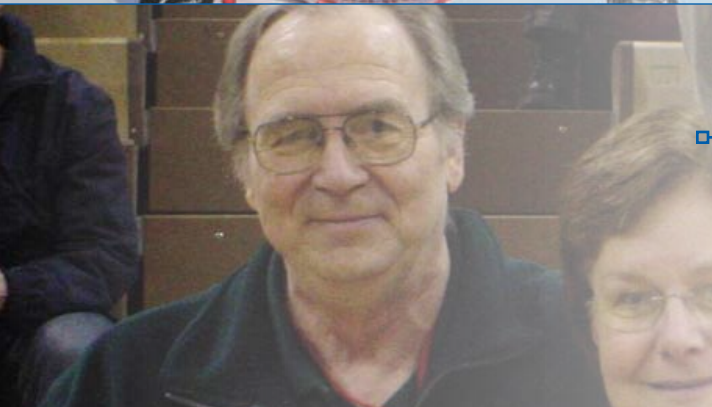
**NICOLAS DE PELHAM –
FORT SIMPSON**

■ Youth Male Athlete of the Year



SARAH DAITCH – FORT SMITH

■ Mary Beth Miller Memorial
Senior Female Athlete of the Year



RON GRAF – YELLOWKNIFE

■ Dennis Crane Memorial
Official of the Year



MINISTER'S MESSAGE



As Minister Responsible for Recreation and Sport, I am pleased to recognize the ongoing contributions of the Sport North Federation and its member Territorial Sport Organizations. Throughout the

year, the Sport North Federation's effort to develop and advance sport initiatives in the Northwest Territories (NWT) has ensured that northerners receive many opportunities to establish and maintain an active lifestyle.

The Sport North Federation has made great progress in advancing sport and recreation initiatives. In early 2008, Yellowknife hosted the Arctic Winter Games, which provided a tremendous opportunity for youth to experience the excitement of a multi-sport event. Throughout the Games, NWT athletes were able to showcase their countless hours of training and preparation. The success of this event was due largely to the collective efforts of the Yellowknife Host Society and the entire NWT sport system during the preceding three years.

During the past year, the Sport North Federation continued support for a variety of equally important initiatives. KidSport™, a charitable foundation, provided disadvantaged youth the opportunity to participate in sports; the National Coaching Certification Program offered quality training to aspiring coaches; and the Esteem Team continued to provide inspiration to youth through the NWT's top role models in sport. These initiatives are an integral part of sport programming in the NWT, which helps us achieve our goal of improving the physical and mental well-being of our youth and communities.

It is very important to acknowledge the contribution of the many volunteers whose time, talent and energy is an important factor in the success of the NWT's recreation and sport system.

During the upcoming year, I look forward to continuing a successful partnership with the Sport North Federation, the Territorial Sport Organizations, volunteers, staff and sport groups on sport and recreation initiatives; to continue our work with sport and recreation initiatives that will benefit all NWT residents and communities.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael McLeod', written over a white background.

Honourable Michael McLeod
Minister, Municipal and Community Affairs

CHRIS STIPDONK – FORT SIMPSON

Senior Male Athlete of the Year



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This past year has been extremely busy for the Sport North Federation, its members and staff. We have experienced some wonderful events, gone through trying times and face an uncertain future.

The Western Canada Summer Games, the Edmonton Oilers Rookie Camp/Champions for Children Dinner, the Arctic Winter Games, and national and international success of northern athletes are a few of the highlights this year.

The athletes, coaches and volunteers should be commended for their efforts at the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games. Although no medals were earned, we can look at these Games as a positive experience. There was a visible improvement of Team NWT, which can be attributed to the maturity of the Excel NT program and the commitment of the athletes and coaches.

Last September, the Edmonton Oilers held their Rookie Camp in Yellowknife. The organizers and sponsors should be congratulated for their hard work, which culminated in the Champions for Children Dinner, which raised significant funds for KidSport™ NWT.


The 2008 Arctic Winter Games showcased athletes from across the circumpolar regions. The Games continue to be a major focus of the sport system in the north, which involves a large portion of the communities in the NWT and provides an opportunity for all athletes to train and compete.

Various graduates of our sport system have gone on to have success at national and international events. Congratulations to Sarah Daitch (Cross-country Skiing), Michael Gilday (Speed Skiing), Brendan Green (Biathlon) and Mike Argue (Cross-country Skiing) for making us extremely proud and being excellent role models for our aspiring young athletes.

As with many organizations, we have encountered some problems over the past year. The roles and responsibilities of the sport and recreation organizations, including the Government of the Northwest Territories, need to be clearly defined. A clear vision of sport and recreation in the NWT will allow all organizations to properly plan their future. This is extremely important considering the current financial situation of the government. The sport and recreation sector is critical to the health and well-being of all residents of the Northwest Territories.

I would like to thank Doug and his staff for all their hard work over a very busy year. We welcome our new Finance Manager, Balaji, and say goodbye to Rob Meckling. We wish him and his family all the success in their new home in Red Deer, Alberta.

Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow board members for their hard work and support over the past year and look forward to working with them in my final year as President.



Abe Theil
President, Sport North Federation



JENNIFER WAUGH – YELLOWKNIFE
Junior Female Athlete of the Year

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Mission: Sport North Federation 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:

Excellence
Respect
Transparency and Accountability
Inclusion
Joy of Sport
Innovation

In the future, we envisage an NWT where:

- Sport North Federation will continue to be recognized as the leader of sport development and the conduit of sport programs for NWT residents to pursue their “sport” aspirations;
- Territorial Sport Organizations (TSOs) will be stronger and more self-sufficient and the Sport North Federation will be a major force in that growth;
- Sport North Federation will contribute to the expansion of sport participation and further the development of an integrated sport system;
- The synergies between sport and the health system will be fully realized and sport will be seen to be a major contributor to a healthy, active Northwest Territories; and
- Community sport will be flourishing throughout the territory and the link between community sport and the TSOs will be strong.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BRENDAN GREEN – HAY RIVER

Junior Male Athlete of the Year

PROMOTE

In partnership with the Government of the Northwest Territories, Sport North coordinated the research and production of the Snowshoeing Resource and Instructional Manual. This document was unveiled by the Honourable Minister Michael McLeod at the 2008 Arctic Winter Games held in Yellowknife (March 2008). This is the fourth traditional Aboriginal sport coaching resource to be developed; Arctic Sports, Dene Games and Inuit Wrestling were prior to this.

Sport North promotes healthy choices for youth across the NWT and worked with the Department of Health and Social Services to promote the "Don't Be A Butthead" campaign. Each NWT athlete that confirmed their commitment to being smoke free received a "Butthead" shirt at the 2008 Arctic Winter Games.

BHP Billiton's EKATI Diamond Mine announced its full support of Team NWT at the 2008 Arctic Winter Games by sponsoring the complete Walk-out Uniform for the NWT's athletes, coaches, mission staff and team officials. This is the first time in the history of the Games that Sport North has had a major sponsor of this magnitude.

Sport North has been fortunate to receive financial support from the business community through our sponsorship program. BHP Billiton, Northwestel, Bell, First Air, NWT Power Corporation, Coast Fraser Towers, Arslanian Cutting Works (Polar Ice Diamonds) and Corothers Home Building Centre have assisted us with many of our programs over the past year.

In recognition of the Northwest Territories' outstanding athletes, coaches, officials and contributors, Sport North held its annual Awards Banquet in May 2007. Three NWT athletes have attained national and/or developmental teams and are working towards the 2010 Olympics.

Sport North provides financial assistance to NWT students at a recognized post-secondary educational institution through our scholarship program. Ten scholarships are distributed annually.



LORNA STORR – AKLAVIK

Ruth Inch Memorial
Contributor to Sport

PARTICIPATE

Sport North enhances participation for youth by administering the KidSport™ program for the Northwest Territories. KidSport™ is a charitable program that provides funding to kids from low income families so that they can participate in community sport programs. The KidSport™ Committee is always striving to make the application process as easy as possible and, therefore, made modifications to the application form so that it is easier to read and understand. A total of 226 kids benefited from financial assistance in 2007 and over \$34,000 was distributed.

KidSport™ was identified by the Champions for Children dinner as their charity of choice. This fundraising event partnered with the Edmonton Oilers to host the 2007 Rookie Camp in Yellowknife. The weekend's events raised \$25,000 for KidSport™. The NWT Power Corporation continued their support of KidSport™ as a sponsor in the amount of \$5,000.

2007-2008 was the first year of a four-year Pan-north funding agreement between the Governments of Canada and the Northwest Territories and Sport North, and is designed to increase participation in sport, support excellence and capacity building, and promote greater interaction throughout the sport community. Funding is based on the annual business and financial plans from sport and recreation organizations across the NWT.

Sport North's membership consists of 27 Territorial Sport Organizations and 19,432 members.

Sport North is in the third year of using the on-line funding allocation database that enhances and improves the quality and analysis of data collected during the annual audit of Territorial Sport Organizations. This database has been well received and is reviewed annually to ensure that it is meeting the needs of our members.

Many young athletes require additional training in the off-season and, in most cases, this is done in sport camps outside of the Northwest Territories. Sport North supports these endeavours and initiated the Rising Star program, which provides funding to athletes (under 14 years of age) that exhibit high performance potential in their sport.

In order to ensure that participants are maintaining a standard of conduct at all times during sanctioned events, Sport North completed an extensive review of its Conduct and Discipline Policy. The document was revised to improve the process of dealing with discipline issues and appeals.

In an effort to improve the athlete selection process for Team NWT at the 2008 Arctic Winter Games, the regional trials (first stage of the selection process) were held much earlier than for previous Games (one year in advance). This revised process provided more time for athletes to improve their skills in preparation for the territorial trials.

The territorial trials had 863 participants from 27 communities. The final team that represented the NWT at the 2008 Arctic Winter Games consisted of 333 participants from 18 communities.

MICHAEL GILDAY – YELLOWKNIFE

Junior Male Athlete of the Year



EXCEL

To assist sports in their preparation for the Canada Games, Sport North developed the Excel NT funding program, which supports coach development, athlete selection, and athlete development and competition. This program was recently reviewed and updated to incorporate the Long-term Athlete Development model and fitness testing standards. The goal is to provide an optimum training environment and adhere to physical training principals of the National Coaching Certification Program (Introduction to Competition Stream). Sport North Federation considers physical training, preparation and maintenance in the highest regard and the cornerstone of an athlete's success.

Sport North hired an intern fitness testing consultant to develop and implement a fitness testing program for NWT athletes preparing for Western Canada and national multi-sport competitions (i.e. Canada Winter and Summer Games). Our goal is to develop a minimum standard, in described fitness components, that allows NWT athletes to compete on par with other provinces and territories and give an accurate assessment of their current fitness level.

High performance athletes should be supported and encouraged because of the healthy lifestyle example they set for all residents and the pride they instill when they represent the Northwest Territories nationally and internationally. The High Performance Athlete Grant is funded and administered, in a joint effort, by the Sport North Federation and the Government of the Northwest Territories. This funding program has been operating since 2005 and has been a key factor in the success of our northern athletes.

Team NWT, comprised of 120 athletes, coaches, managers and mission staff, participated at the 2007 Western Canada Summer Games in Strathcona County, Alberta. Team NWT sent athletes in Swimming, Tennis, Wrestling, Male Indoor Volleyball, Male and Female Soccer, Badminton and Athletics.

The NWT placed second in the medal standings at the 2008 Arctic Winter Games, with 34 Gold, 41 Silver and 36 Bronze, for a total of 111 medals.



MICHELLE DAIGNEAULT – HAY RIVER

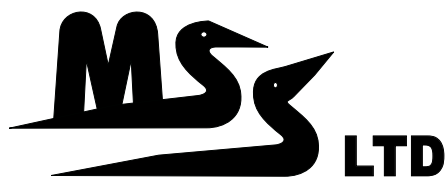
□ Youth Female Athlete of the Year

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended March 31, 2008

	Budget 2008 (unaudited)	Actual 2008	Restated Actual 2007
	\$	\$	\$
REVENUE			
Contribution from SRC	2,929,547	2,389,000	2,086,657
Lottery Revenue (<i>Schedule 2</i>)	-	123,586	62,196
Net Lottery Income	2,929,547	2,512,586	2,148,853
OTHER REVENUE			
Administration fee	100,500	102,091	98,029
Donations	66,500	206,704	77,758
Grants	-	23,349	237,352
Interest	10,550	21,928	13,423
Membership fees	3,000	3,208	3,178
Projects (<i>Note 14</i>)	280,000	186,909	495,140
Miscellaneous revenue	5,993	76,020	16,876
Registration fees	116,766	167,121	55,431
Service contracts	-	-	5,980
Special projects (<i>Note 9</i>)	-	-	85,726
Ticket sales - awards dinner	1,000	78	1,383
Total Other Revenue	584,309	787,408	1,090,276
	3,513,856	3,299,994	3,239,129
EXPENDITURES			
Advertising and promotion	74,750	41,693	35,815
Affiliation fees	2,415	1,164	2,693
Amortization	5,700	4,575	5,501
Audit and accounting	8,500	11,280	15,385
Awards and scholarships	14,500	65,575	54,547
Bank charges	6,200	3,412	3,821
Clothing and supplies - games	170,500	315,469	127,176
Communications	24,000	20,811	20,162
Computer equipment and services	9,000	5,126	6,286
Consulting and othe professional fees	7,100	600	3,100
Facilities and equipment rental	25,400	15,872	11,866
Grants	976,481	722,541	802,602
Insurance	12,170	4,035	5,485
Interest on long-term debt	-	38,181	41,033
Lease of equipment (<i>Note 15</i>)	9,952	10,061	10,054
Lease of office premises	-	-	32,101
Legal	5,500	7,211	15,355
Miscellaneous	14,700	32,906	25,346
Office supplies	30,650	36,144	27,269
Periodicals, printing and newsletter	9,350	10,252	4,059
Postage and freight	35,300	13,760	9,489
Professional development and training	34,700	16,805	3,753
Projects (<i>Note 14</i>)	280,000	187,190	495,528
Repairs and maintenance	7,720	1,304	1,277
Salaries, wages and benefits	729,943	677,875	720,215
Special projects (<i>Note 9</i>)	-	-	85,726
Travel, including meetings and annual banquet	985,108	775,916	592,600
Investment loss from Lex Borealis Ltd. (<i>Note 5</i>)	-	44,137	5,170
	3,479,639	3,063,895	3,163,414
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenditures	34,217	236,099	75,715

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BEHCHOKO, FORT SIMPSON
AND FORT PROVIDENCE**

Team of the Year



COREY McLACHLAN – YELLOWKNIFE
Coach of the Year





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