

## President's Report

The 2017/18 season was another successful one for Biathlon Alberta. Mother Nature threw us some curve balls but thanks to some creative thinking on the part of the Edmonton and Camrose Organizing Committees, all but one competition weekend was held. We also held a Noram at the new and improved Red Deer range facility as a test event for the 2019 Canada Winter Games. The range was ready just in time and improvements to the entire venue have continued through the summer.

The Alberta Cup series, which continues to be generously sponsored by Calforex, saw only one weekend entirely cancelled due to lack of snow. Unfortunately, several air rifle events had to be cancelled due to cold temperatures. Alberta Winter Games in Fort McMurray were very cold but once again, creativity saved the day and by moving the shooting portion of the air rifle competitions indoors, no events were cancelled.

We were sad to say farewell to our General Manager, Jordan McGuire in mid-August but hope to be able to announce her replacement in the coming weeks. In the meantime, Board members are keeping the lights on and bills paid.

In May we welcomed Chris Halldorson as Head Coach of the Biathlon Alberta Training Centre. The summer training season has been busy and included a week at the Haig glacier facility with the National team. Later in September the BATC athletes will be going to Whistler for a week of training with the Whistler Nordic Development Centre and to participate in the BC Summer Championships.

There are 6 Calforex Cup weekends scheduled for December, January and March. February will see a week of World Cup activity in Canmore and a week of Canada Winter Games competition in Red Deer. So, as usual, there will be many opportunities to get involved in event planning and delivery throughout the province. We are in the process of scheduling some Official's training courses. When Instructors and dates are finalized, details will be posted on the website. If your club is interested in hosting an official's course, let us know.

A new biathlon program is being formed in Bragg Creek and efforts are on-going to get a program established in Red Deer.

As seems to be the norm, the upcoming season will be busy. Happily, we are ready for the challenge with a strong volunteer base and a good financial position, having posted a surplus this year.

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