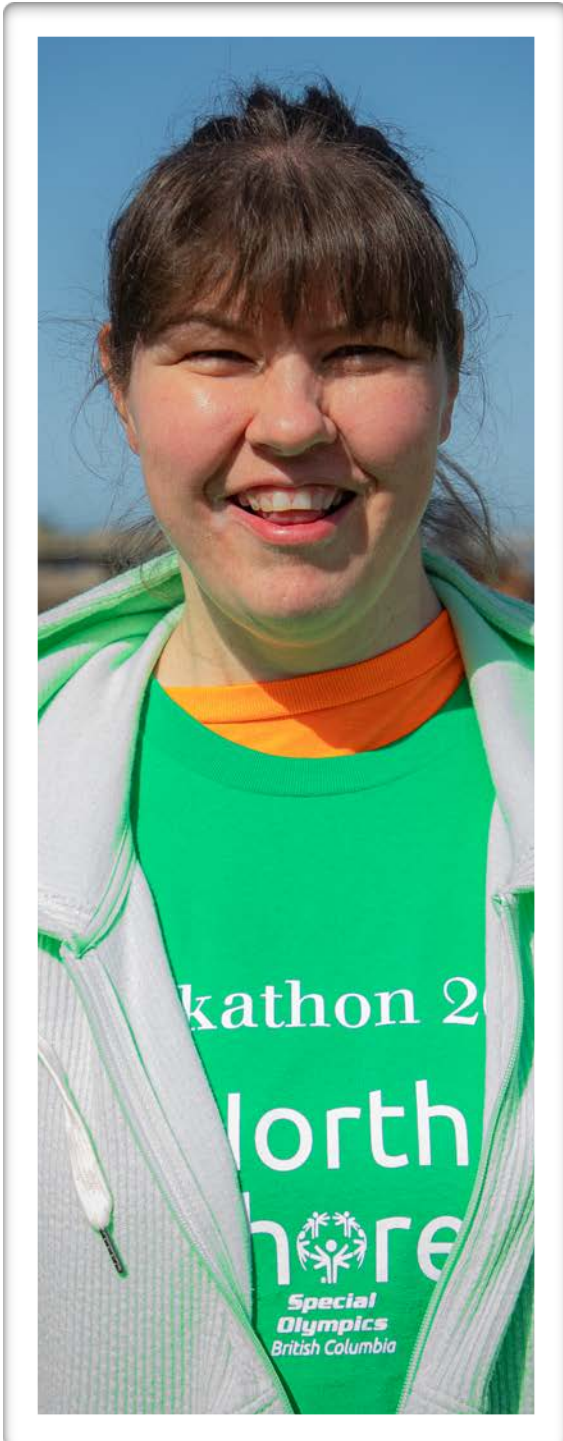


North Shore

**Special
Olympics**
British Columbia



The 2024-25 executive members would like to thank all SOBC - North Shore athletes, families, volunteers, and community partners for all that you do! Our local boasts amazing talent, teamwork, and tenacity and it's all because of your contributions! Together, we learn! Together, we are stronger! Together, we inspire!

Another amazing year of competition and camaraderie will soon come to an end, but not before thirty-five athletes, seven coaches, and one executive member represent our local at the 2025 Special Olympics BC Summer Games to be held in Prince George from July 10 to July 12, 2025. We wish everyone participating the very best of luck!

**Special Olympics BC
Summer Games
Prince George 2025**



Congratulations to all those representing SOBC - North Shore at this year's Provincial Games!

ATHLETE	SPORT
Michael Andrews	Basketball
Alex Aslanowicz	Softball
Pierce Burns	Athletics
Melanie Caulder	Bocce
Jessica Der	Rhythmic Gymnastics
George Doykov	Bocce
Dallas Findlay	Softball
Daniel Gawenda	Softball
Michael Genabe	Softball
Erol Gunenc	Softball
Taya James	Bocce
Kendra Janes	10 Pin Bowling
Gary Jones	Softball
Danielle Julifs	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Nicholas Kellof	Basketball
Samuel Kellof	Basketball
Katharine Lahaise	Rhythmic Gymnastics
Danny MacLean	Basketball
Shannon McCartney	Athletics
Daniel McGregor	Athletics
Angus McTavish	Aquatics
Andrew Martin	Athletics
Daniel Noon-Ward	Softball
William Peterson	Basketball pick up
Lauren Phillely	Bocce
Suraya Pittalwala	Athletics
Jesse Price	Basketball
Bradley Sampson	Softball
TJ Sexton	Basketball pick up
David Shoring	Basketball pick up
Gallagher Stevens	Aquatics
Matthew Stokes	Softball
Christie Tilton	Athletics
Christopher Yong	Softball
Sangeon Yoo	Basketball



COACH	SPORT
John Gelacio	Softball
Jim Julifs	Softball
Kylie Johnston	Basketball
Zak Klein	Basketball
Will Moon	Basketball
Jasmine Ng	Golf
Kayla Wrolson	Rhythmic Gymnastics

MISSION STAFF
Joanne Shoring

Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
let me be brave
in the attempt.
 -Special Olympics athlete oath

*** Congratulations to coaches Zak Klein and Will Moon as both their teams, the Wildcats (basketball) and the Killa Beez (softball), qualified.

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO COLLINGWOOD SENIOR SCHOOL!

Service Learning at Collingwood's Senior School has evolved with the introduction of the **Social Impact Lab** program that asks students to prioritize community engagement while combining learning about social issues with volunteerism, entrepreneurship, empathy, connection, and innovation. One of the first and most successful labs is the Special Olympics Lab, in which student leaders **Kiersa Shariff** and **Lukas Sojonky** connected Collingwood School with Special Olympics BC – North Shore.

Kiersa and Lukas both volunteered with their families and had a connection to the Special Olympics and applied to bring this idea to the school and started leading a group of their peers through community-centered design thinking to deepen the connection. This started with volunteering at Special Olympics events, coaching Track and Field, and this year, collaborating to be hosts of the March Madness Basketball tournament. Kiersa and Lukas led the group of students in their lab to create sub-teams that have been helping with the behind-the-scenes preparation to host this incredible event and extend their connection to more community members from the Special Olympics and the North Shore alike. Students gather each Friday and give time to consider the social issues and how they can deepen connections by contributing to community building, and in this case, event hosting, to be a part of an impactful community initiative.

This also included planning a full-school assembly on Inclusivity in Sports and inviting representatives and leaders from the Special Olympics alongside athletes to meet our community and share their experiences with us. When asked about this important connection, student leader Kiersa shared that, "the lab has fostered a culture of compassion and engagement. Involving students through organizing, volunteering, and coaching has shown them the power of service and leadership",

and Lukas added that, "Kiersa and I decided to choose Special Olympics as our lab because of our previous involvement, along with how we've seen it change lives and better our community."



Collingwood's growing connection and collaboration with SOBC—North Shore is one they are very proud of, deeply value, and hope to continue for many years in whatever capacity they can.

This year's 10th **March Madness** basketball tournament was a huge success. We hosted twenty-one teams, a **Healthy Athletes Screening**, and a **Spread the Word>>Inclusion** campaign.

Since 1997, the Special Olympics **Healthy Athletes** program has been providing free, fun screenings and education for people with intellectual disabilities in the fields of Fit Feet (podiatry), FUNfitness (physical therapy), Health Promotion (better health and well-being), Healthy Hearing (audiology), Special Olympics-Lions Club International Opening Eyes (vision), Special Smiles (dentistry), Strong Minds (mental training), and MedFest (sports physical exams).

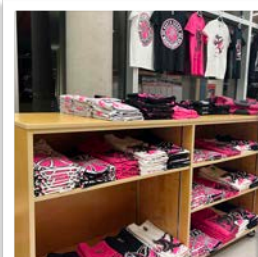
Through Healthy Athletes, health care professionals receive training about the specific health care concerns of people with intellectual disabilities and how to ask the right questions, helping them draw out issues. Their interactions with Special Olympics athletes lead to referrals back into the health care system that ensure the individuals will get the treatment they need.

Since the launch of the Healthy Athletes program in 1997, these trained practitioners have provided more than 1.7 million free Healthy Athletes screenings to Special Olympics athletes in more than 134 countries, and have distributed 110,000 free pairs of prescription eyewear. Special Olympics now maintains the largest dataset on the health of people with intellectual disabilities.

Spread the Word>>Inclusion is changing the world with language and actions of inclusion to end discrimination against individuals with intellectual disabilities! Special Olympics champions throughout the province and around the world support the **Spread the Word>>Inclusion** campaign, in order to build inclusion and respect for people with intellectual disabilities. Everyone can make a difference by spreading the word for inclusion in your community, school, or workplace!



Daddy's favourite assistant coach, Maverick, was taught to be inclusive and signed the pledge form with Daddy's help showing it's never too early to be respectful to individuals with intellectual disabilities.



**TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR TO MAY 31, 2025**



SOBC-North Shore continues to build on its strong financial foundation. Through successful fundraising and support from our local partners and municipalities, along with controlled spending, we have built a substantial financial reserve and enjoy having income which is higher than our expenses.

Our recent Walk-a-Thon fundraiser was a huge success raising almost \$20,900 after deducting our costs. This is a testament to the effort our athletes and their caregivers put in along with the generosity of the North Shore community. Other fundraisers we had in the year include the North Vancouver Wolf Pack hockey game, the Tim Hortons Special O donut promotion, the Polar Plunge and Motionball. Our community partners at the Gleneagles Golf Club provided over \$2,500 along with offering tee times on the course. The West Vancouver Run has returned, with net proceeds being generously directed to our local with almost \$2,400 donated. We have also received grants of \$5,000 from 2 of the North Shore municipalities with another \$3,500 just received in June. In addition, we received \$4,000 from the West Vancouver Foundation to support the restart of our youth programs.

A financial report has been provided which shows the income and expenses for the period July 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. The report also provides a column showing the results for the full year last year, July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. We have managed to increase the total income as compared to last year, due largely to successful fundraising this year along with a recovery of GST paid in prior years. We will be receiving another municipal grant in June along with other fundraising amounts. Our total expenses are lower this year, but that does not yet include costs for the month of June which will see our year end wrap-up event and the wrap-up of the sports programs. The large increase in facility rent this year relates largely to additional training for our athletes going to the Provincial Summer Games in Prince George.

Our cash position is very comfortable with over \$171,000 on hand, however, we still have the bulk of the costs for the year end wrap-up to come in. We have built up this reserve knowing that there will be significant costs in order to attend the Summer Games in Prince George. We will be billed for the costs of travel and accommodation at the Games.

In summary, we are in a very good financial position however we need to continue spending wisely and pursue effective fundraising opportunities which will also raise our profile in the community.

Jim Juilfs
Treasurer, SOBC-North Shore



North Shore
Profit and Loss YTD Comparison
July 1, 2024-May 31, 2025

	Total	
	Jul. 1 2024 - May 31 2025	Jul. 1 2023 - Jun. 30 2024
Income		
Donations/Sponsorships		
Corporate Donation	400.00	1,998.46
Individual Donation	5,244.10	4,779.85
Service Club/ Association Donation	7,215.01	2,370.00
Total for Donations/Sponsorships	\$12,859.11	\$9,148.31
Events & Other Revenue		
GST Rebate	3,134.85	-
Interest Income	4,151.64	4,550.68
Merchandise Sales	7,565.00	5,630.00
Social Event	1,470.10	1,063.70
Total for Events & Other Revenue	\$16,321.59	\$11,244.38
Fundraising Activities	21,687.46	21,285.47
Gaming Revenue		
Gaming Event Revenue	1,026.00	981.50
Total for Gaming Revenue	\$1,026.00	\$981.50
Grants		
Foundation Grant	5,287.78	-
Government Grant	5,000.00	14,255.00
SOBC Grant/ Campaign	1,925.29	1,826.92
Total for Grants	\$12,213.07	\$16,081.92
Program Revenue		
Registration & Fees	11,922.50	12,535.00
Tournaments/ Competitions	5,400.00	4,970.00
Total for Program Revenue	\$17,322.50	\$17,505.00
Total for Income	\$81,429.73	\$76,246.58

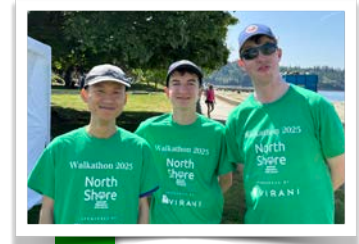
North Shore
Profit and Loss YTD Comparison
July 1, 2024-May 31, 2025

	Total	
	Jul. 1 2024 - May 31 2025	Jul. 1 2023 - Jun. 30 2024
Expenses		
Competitions		
Competition Ceremonies/ Awards	2,223.94	398.04
Food	3,377.42	3,747.07
Hosting	10,437.04	7,063.82
Other Competition Costs	385.97	-
Registration	899.15	1,090.00
Total for Competitions	\$17,323.52	\$12,298.93
Fundraising Activities Expense	1,360.20	3,904.27
Gaming Licenses	20.00	10.00
General & Administration	175.58	-
Bank Charges	986.84	455.31
Office & Meeting Supplies	837.23	1,723.62
Total for General & Administration	\$1,999.65	\$2,178.93
GST Incurred	2,342.59	2,756.12
Operations		
Courier & Postage	49.50	-
Meeting Facility Rent	67.38	347.42
Other Operation Costs	603.08	346.79
Storage Rental	5,610.00	7,355.54
Total for Operations	\$6,329.96	\$8,049.75
Program Expenses		
Equipment	2,760.61	1,994.98
Facility Rent	21,895.31	18,060.16
Other Program Costs	106.09	-
Uniforms	544.63	-
Program Ceremonies/ Awards	-	426.69
Total for Program Expenses	\$25,306.64	\$20,481.83
Social Activities	5,872.13	16,112.75
Volunteer Development	553.50	65.00
Total for Expenses	\$61,108.19	\$65,857.58
Profit	\$20,321.54	\$10,389.00

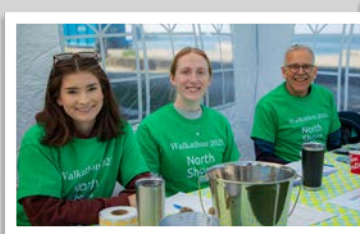


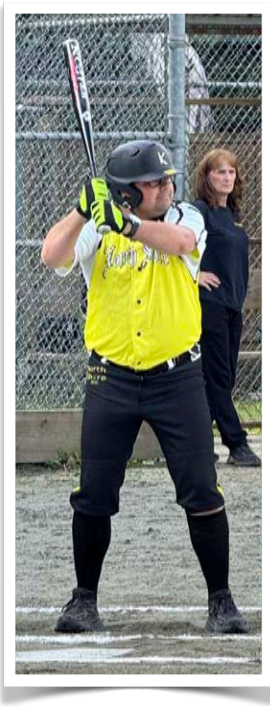
North Shore Balance Sheet Comparison As of May 31, 2025

	Total	
	As of May 31, 2025	As of June 30, 2024
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalent		
Gaming Bank Account	745.94	903.71
General Bank Account	50,384.32	49,939.08
GIC	120,000.00	100,000.00
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 171,130.26	\$ 150,842.79
Uncategorized Asset	34.07	0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 171,164.33	\$ 150,842.79
Total Assets	\$ 171,164.33	\$ 150,842.79
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities	-	-
Total Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -
Equity		
Retained Earnings	150,842.79	140,453.79
Profit for the year	20,321.54	10,389.00
Total Equity	\$ 171,164.33	\$ 150,842.79
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 171,164.33	\$ 150,842.79

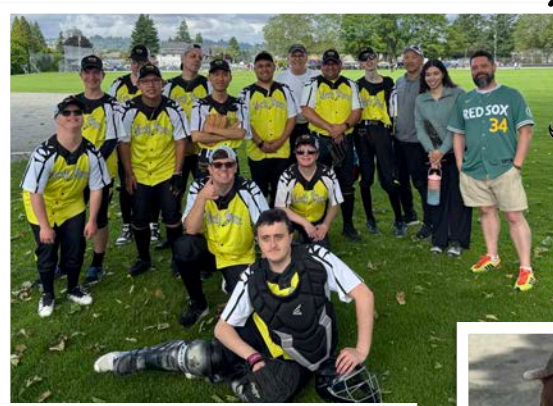


Thirty-seven athletes raised an amazing \$21,735 at this year's walk-a-thon! The first place prize of a \$300 Park Royal gift certificate went to Alex Astanowicz. Jeanne Slight was awarded the second place prize of a \$200 Best Buy gift certificate. The third place prize of a B-Fit gift certificate and ear buds went to Jessica Makowsky. Kudos to all for a job well done!





Our North Shore Killa Beez retained their first place title in the "B division" at the Coquitlam Softball Tournament. We wish them luck at Provincial Games!



Athlete Speakers Bureau courses help train athletes to write and deliver speeches about their stories and Special Olympics experiences. Our local hosted an Athlete Speakers Bureau course for 19 North Shore athletes who were new to Athlete Leadership. Thanks to Collingwood Senior School for providing us, not only a venue, but also student mentors to support our athletes throughout this important venture.

Our snowshoers had an amazing and extended season.



Save These Dates...

June 23, 2025

Sweet Year End Wrap Up

July 10 - 12, 2025

Special Olympics BC Summer Games

August 9, 2025

Registration

February 28 & March 1, 2026

March Madness Basketball Tournament

Next Year's Dances...

Halloween

October 17, 2025

Christmas

December 12, 2025

Valentine's

February 13, 2026

Spring Fling

April 10, 2026

Upcoming Changes...



Floorball is a very fun and fast-paced form of floor hockey which was developed in the 1970s in Europe. The game is played indoors on a gym floor with specialized lightweight sticks and rules. Our local will be offering this sport next year as Special Olympics is transitioning away from floor hockey to floorball.

In the interest of those athletes and coaches who want to continue with floor hockey, we will continue to offer it as well, however, it will be a non-competitive program.

We are very extremely excited to reintroduce vital programming next year! Active Start (ages 2-6) and FUNdamentals (ages 7-11) will once again be offered. Both family-centred activity programs are designed to teach children with intellectual disabilities basic motor and sport skills so they're able to transition into Special Olympics sport programs offered for older children and adults. This speaks to our Lifetime Athlete Development Model and will fill a much needed gap for young children with intellectual disabilities. Please make people aware of the return of these programs.

