



YEAR IN **REVIEW**

2024-2025 SEASON



STATE OF TUNA



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We all overcame low snow conditions while maintaining and improving programs in every area of the club.

Dear TUNA Membership,

Thanks to all our wonderful members and volunteers, TUNA has logged yet another year of growth and participation.

This year Chris Magerl and his grooming crew were challenged at a level unseen in recent years. The warm and dry conditions made keeping the track in shape a monumental task. Weather ebbs and flows, and this year sent many of the programs to higher ground. Despite all of that, the days where we had snow were pristine at Mountain Dell and SR-65.

Our junior programs overcame snow challenges to log their most successful year in the last ten. Two skiers from the high school Comp team qualified to the US Skiing Junior National Championships, held at Soldier Hollow this year. One skier was an alternate to the team. Meanwhile, the middle and high school teams experienced their highest participation in those same ten years, while the youth programs filled to capacity again.

Adult learners flocked to higher ground this year as well. Despite driving a little farther on some days, the ski community in Salt Lake City improved their skills and learned new ones this winter.

The Wasatch Citizens Series continued to provide an outlet for the competitive-minded skiers. We were able to provide four excellent race opportunities to the Salt Lake and Park City communities.

The TUNA Yurt high in the Uinta mountains filled to capacity again, and proved to be its own additional community that draws a broader demographic of skier.

Challenges are inevitable, but TUNA's members are resilient. We look forward to more snow and skiing in 2026!

-Tom Bonacci, TUNA President

TUNA'S MISSION

TUNA's mission is to promote the sport of cross-country skiing and racing in Utah through information, education, coaching, facilitation, events, and social gatherings. These tasks are achieved through the work of nine sub-committees, where each Board member takes an active role.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Coaching Education

All of our Board members and coaches are SafeSport certified, and our three competition coaches have at least one coaching certification from the US Ski Team.

In the 2025 season we added an online coaching course for all of our elementary school ski program coaches. The focus was on providing a fun, game-centered environment.

Summer Programs

Participation in our high school ski teams has increased again for summer 2025. More athletes are taking the phrase, “skiers are made in the summer” seriously as they prepare for the upcoming year.

For the younger athletes, the TUNA Mountain Bike Program offered four weeks of singletrack riding and skills for riders ages 7 to 13. Many of the coaches are now graduates of TUNA programs, and TUNA provided jobs for high school and college students with this program.

Grooming

The winter of 2024-25 was very stingy with snow at Mtn Dell. It was an altitude-dependent winter, with areas above 7,200 meeting their average. Below that, Mtn Dell, 65, and Park City trails were below average. At Mtn Dell, we groomed 42 days, well off our five year average of 94 days.

We have become very good at moving snow, pioneering innovative techniques that are unique in the Nordic grooming scene. We have to have some snow to work with, and too often, there was not enough. Multiple 60 degree days in February wiped out our track. We made the most of the limited snow that fell in March, but by then many in the Nordic community had moved on to spring activities. This was a year that most people in Salt Lake City never needed to shovel their driveway, something that we haven't seen in at least 30 years. When skiers look out their window and see bare grass, it's hard for them to think that there is groomed Nordic skiing 15 minutes away.

Despite the struggle with snowfall, the crew on SR 65 hit new highs this year. The classic track on 65 in January was the best we have ever seen there, and often the best in the state. We saw the benefits of 15 years of experience grooming at this venue from the core trio of the 65 crew. That combined with enthusiastic newcomers made SR 65 a must-ski location this year.

We finished the season by volunteering to groom at Spruces. TUNA moved a machine and implement to Spruces and cranked out some outstanding late-season corduroy. We anticipate a partnership with Spruces in the winter of 2025-26.

-Chris Magerl, Head of Grooming

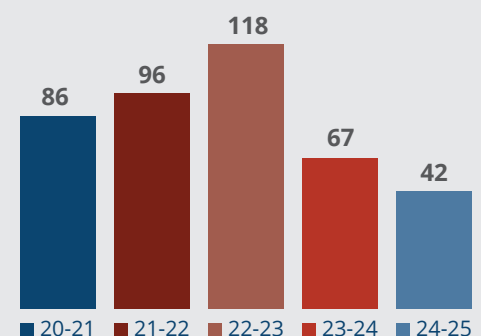


YOUTH IN SPORT

TUNA filled the Learn-To-Ski (preschool), Devo (elementary), and both outreach programs (underserved populations) to capacity in 2024-2025. The Devo rental fleet was replenished and provided skis for most of the elementary school skiers.

Additionally, the middle school and high school programs increased participation between 50% and 100% across both programs.

Mountain Dell Groomed Days



TUNA PARTICIPATION



1158

Total TUNA
Memberships



162

Adults in
programs

12

Board members
and advisors

381

Youth in
programs



449

WCS Racers

42

Grooming days
at
Mountain Dell

BY THE NUMBERS

52

Nights booked
at the Yurt

20

Grooming
days at
SR-65

34

Volunteer
Groomers

\$21k

Funds Raised
for Junior
Programs

35

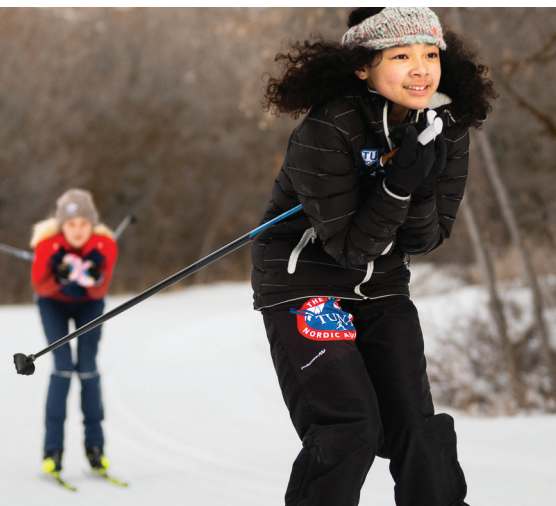
Coaches working
with
TUNA skiers

460

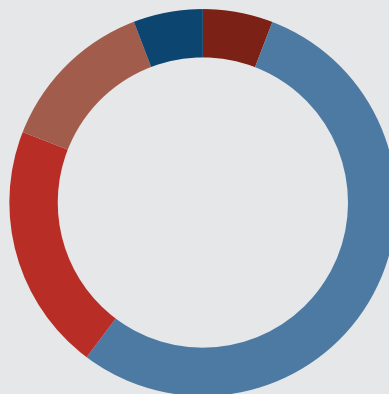
Mountain Dell
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TUNA FINANCIALS

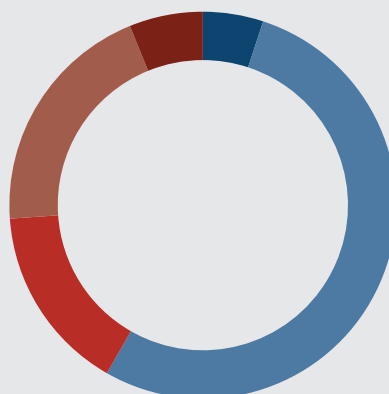


Income



Adult Programs	\$19,586	6%
Junior Programs	\$182,095	54%
Citizens Series -	\$19,417	6%
Membership	\$44,395	13%
Ski Tracks	\$69,187	21%

Expenses



Adult Programs	\$15,457	5%
Junior Programs	\$162,917	53%
Citizens Series	\$18,837	6%
Administrative/Club	\$61,109	20%
Ski Tracks	\$47,844	16%

**approximate values*

MEMBERSHIP

Dear TUNA Members,

This year we had approximately 1157 members consisting of 288 families and 293 individuals. Considering what a difficult snow year we had, this is consistent with the last few years.

The West Yellowstone Thanksgiving dinner was back this year, with TUNA members across generations and guests from Park City, Soldier Hollow, and Boise. That's truly in the spirit of the TUNA umbrella.

Our members volunteered in many capacities outside of skiing: grooming trails at Mountain Dell, SR-65, and Spruces, organizing and staffing the community ski swap, cooking turkeys, helping to put on the premiere citizens race series in the Intermountain West, and coming together in May to put on a successful auction and annual. Salmon Bake.

-Kyler Rendle, Membership

TUNA Board of Directors

Tom Bonacci | President

Richard Hodges | Vice President/Race Director

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Kyler Rendle | Membership/Mountain Bike

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Jen Santoro | PR/Marketing/Media/Junior Programs

Sarah Thoms | Events/Fundraising

TUNA Staff and Advisors

Julia Richter | Head Coach

Peter Swisher | Yurt Czar

Pete Vordenberg | Programs Advisor

Suzi Elmore | Media

Jonathan Santoro | Technology

Tim Metos | Advisor



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Our members continued to volunteer to keep all areas of the club running.





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