



## HCCSC 2025 Executive Elections

### Members at Large Candidate Statements

The candidates below are running for a total of three Member at Large executive positions. The election will take place during the 2025 AGM, which takes place online starting at 7:30 p.m. on October 21, 2025. Only those who have registered as club members for the 2025/26 season and are at least 19 years old are eligible to vote. Candidates will be given an opportunity to speak for a maximum of two minutes at the AGM before the election.

Members will be given an opportunity to vote for a maximum of three candidates and the three with the most votes will be elected.

#### **Jen Gow (incumbent)**

Our family have been members of Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club for the last 12 years since our eldest joined Jackrabbits. I started as a session coordinator before moving into Assistant Program Coordinator and then Program Coordinator roles for the Jackrabbit Program for many years. I am particularly proud of providing strong programming throughout the covid pandemic, giving our skiers and families continuity and fun programs while navigating challenging pandemic restrictions.

Last year, I took on a new role as grant writer in my capacity as a Director at Large on the Executive Board. I've increased our revenue from BC Community Gaming and diversified our grant funding sources. In addition to our gaming funding, I've secured \$19,000 from four grant opportunities from three organizations over the last year, and administer these grants. This has created new opportunities to support our coaches, including teen coaches, enhance SDP programming and provide training around gender equity in sport.

Beyond this particular role, I have a passion for the grass roots of our organization. Jackrabbits are the cornerstone of our club. With over a decade of experience in that program, I always ensure I bring that lens to our Executive work. I was involved with the development of our new strategic plan, and I hope to help execute it with purpose, and to be able to continue to serve our community.



### **Marieve Legrand (incumbent)**

I've contributed to the running of Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club in various volunteer roles since our family joined the club 10 years ago. From Evening Session Coordinator to Track Attack Coordinator - a position I held for four years while our kids were in the program - to Race Team Travel & Meal Coordinator, I've had the opportunity to support, connect with, and get to know so many skiers and their families. I've served on the HCCSC Executive Board since 2020, starting as the TA Coordinator and recently completing my first year as a Director at Large.

**I'm a people connector and community builder.** I'm passionate about building a strong sense of community and belonging among our members. **I bring a positive, practical, and organized approach to my work.** Whether it's helping with Program Registration, organizing the Gear Swap, or planning the Volunteer Recognition Evening, I enjoy being hands-on with events that bring our club together. I also collaborate closely with the Equipment Coordinator to support the rental program and maintain our club's skis and roller skis. Additionally, I helped establish the club's online presence through Facebook and Instagram.

HCCSC has become a cornerstone of our family life. I'm proud to support a club that not only fosters a love of skiing but also promotes an active lifestyle within such an inspiring community.

### **David Morris (incumbent)**

I have been a club member since about 2001. I've been a board member since about 2013. My main contribution has been caring for the Hollyburn van. I store the van at my house and handle all aspects of insurance, coaching new drivers, and service. I also drive the van with athletes on occasion, but as we have a good roster of coach/parents who have passed their Class 4 driver's exam, this task has become less frequent.

As a Cypress Mountain Nordic ski patroller, I also can provide some insight into the mountain's perception of things and can suggest options that help the club with plans and proposals.

I will continue to support the club both from a social perspective and as a member of the executive.



## **Scott Nelson**

Candidate for Board of Directors, Member at Large.

\* Hollyburn parent: 8 years

\* Hollyburn coach: 5 years

\* Previous board experience, Happy Corner Preschool: 4 years (Treasurer, President)

I shifted from backcountry skiing into cross-country skiing after my son was born to find a more accessible way to get outside in winter with my family. We joined the club for the Jackrabbits program, to teach our kids a broad variety of skiing skills in a fun, supportive environment.

As my family has moved through the Hollyburn XC club skill development program, the messaging from the club has become increasingly clear: racing is the priority and racers are the top dogs. I don't think this is a healthy message to be delivering to our children, whether they like racing or not. I want to change this message and build a more inclusive club by enabling, planning, promoting, and celebrating alternative events outside the racing circuit, like adventure ski outings to explore new trails or off-piste touring in non-avalanche terrain. Safety is extremely important to me—I wish to use my experience and connections with professionals in the avalanche safety industry to identify appropriate locations to visit. I think that with a little encouragement and a shift in mindset, we can energize a new group of volunteers to make these changes happen. I personally know many highly capable parents in the club whose skills are being underutilized because they aren't aligned with the racing-first mentality.

I've made a little headway on this over the past couple of years, organizing two adventure ski sessions on ungroomed ski trails at Callaghan. However, I have come to realize that enacting systemic change will take a voice on the board. I'm willing to be that voice if you will vote for me and give me the chance.

## **Dmitry Shapovalov**

I'm a parent (Race Team, Track Attack), former Jackrabbit coach (>9 years), strata council member (re-elected in 2025 with 100% yes vote). Want to improve certain things in the club while supporting what is already good.



As a member of the Board I will

- improve communication with club members, in particular about budget and future expenses.
- create club directory, so that any member can find and talk to any other member.
- make Adventurers program more interesting, but not at the cost of Race Team.
- represent younger age groups. Out of 13 board members only 2 have children in Track Attack or Jackrabbits.
- make sure good things (institutional knowledge) are not lost when experienced Board members retire.
- attract more people into coaching and make their job easier.
- keep costs under control.
- keep the club viable by attracting more families into younger age programs.

### **Megan Sheffer (incumbent)**

Megan Sheffer is a parent of two athletes and has been a HCCSC member for 14 years. She has 12 years of club coaching experience, and is a certified L2T and T2T-trained coach. She was lead coach of the Track Attack program for several years before transitioning to her current role as manager for the Race Team. She values our club community and wants to maintain our strong volunteer culture and quality of programming by implementing strategies to sustain these key elements using her strong planning and organizational skills developed through her career in engineering.