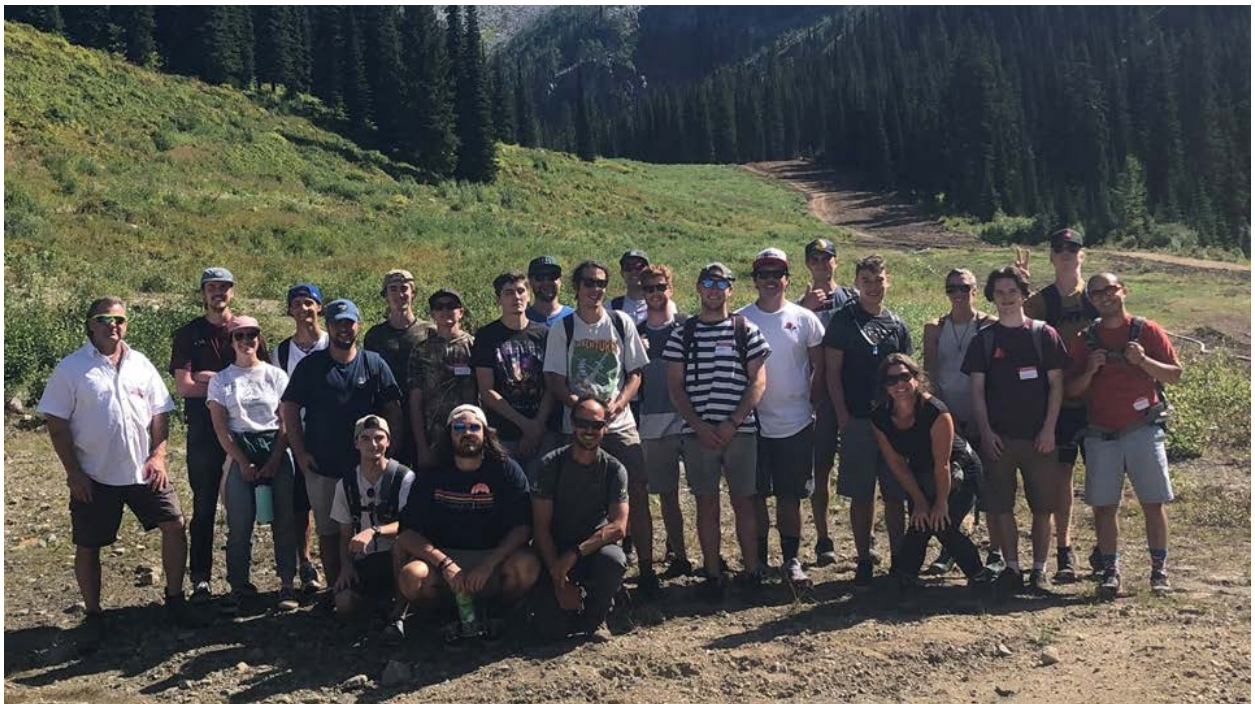




# Ski Resort Operations & Management

Monthly Newsletter

October 2019



**Class of 2019:** Hiking Whitewater Ski Resort on our first day of the SROAM program.

It's been just over a month since the class of 2019 began their education under the wonderful instructors in the SROAM program. After a small meet and greet the class was quickly able to discover just how unique they were, having 22 students from 8 different countries with an age range of 17 to 43, effectively covering three generations they knew

they were in for an interesting couple of years. On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September the class met the SROM advisory team & watched the second year students receive their scholarships. Watching the success of the second years who received their scholarships and listening to Justin DeBruyn talk about his class and their journey through the SROAM program really helped set the

standard that the first year students wish to achieve through friendship and assisting each other. Meeting the members of the SROM advisory was an incredible opportunity for the first year class to really pick the brains of the current leaders in the ski industry and to make their first real step towards the careers that they aspire to have in the future.

So far in the course we have visited Whitewater Ski Resort and led by Ross White we ventured up and through the trees to one of the bowls. For many of the students this was their first ever visit to the resort they will call their second home for the next year. We were given a true B.C. moment.

Ross showed the class Whitewater's water system and introduced everyone to the General Manager, Kirk

Jensen. It was quite noticeable how many of the SROAM students really appreciated the experience to visit Whitewater Ski Resort on their first day, getting outdoors and enjoying the last moments of summer in the mountains.

With midterm and major assignments exams slowly starting to roll through, the class is excited to get back on their feet and journey with Bob Dodge to the

Okanagan for their first field trip on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

In such a short time we have experienced so much and we are already so close with each other that we have created our own family. With the cold weather and snowfall starting to come to Nelson we are all getting very excited for the coming months in the SROAM program.

## SROAM Student Profiles

Every month we like to showcase a couple of students in our class, so you can get to know everyone who will be spoken of in the next few months.



**Name:** Hakan Kayabasi

**Age:** 35

**Country of birth:** Turkey

**Local Hill:** Erciyes Ski Resort, Turkey

**Future goals in the industry:** After the program, my short-term plan is to work in Whistler for a few years. In the future, I would like to work as a ski resort planner in the Alps.

**Name:** Harry Gregory

**Age:** 26

**Country of birth:** England

**Local Hill:** Gloucester Dry Slope

**Future goals in the industry:** I would love to be a patroller in interior BC one day.



**Name:** Gabriel Sudermann

**Age:** 18

**Country of birth:** Canada

**Local Hill:** Camp Fortune

**Future goals in the industry:** Ideally I'd like to work my way up to a GM position and be able to oversee all operations of a ski hill.