

Our Club



Our Club - Membership

- 703 Members

2nd largest per capita in BC (after Golden)

- 1100 non-member visits
- 159 registered in skill development programs
- 37 volunteer coaches and 1 paid club coach
- Thousands of volunteer hours

- Events

- 6 races
- Regional dryland and snow camps
- Women's ski clinic
- Swap meet, 2 social skis, work bees

Our Club - Facilities

○ Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre

- 47 km trails (6 km lit & 6 km dog-friendly)
- Biathlon Range
- Buckfink Family Memorial Lodge
- Gary Murdoch Memorial Wax Hut
- Pisten Bulley tracker, Snowmobiles, tractor



○ Backcountry Cabins

- Starr Creek
- Harold Price



Our Club - Programs

- Membership
- Promotions
- Area and Lodge
- Race Events
- Backcountry
- Community Wellness
- Skill Development Programs (next slide)



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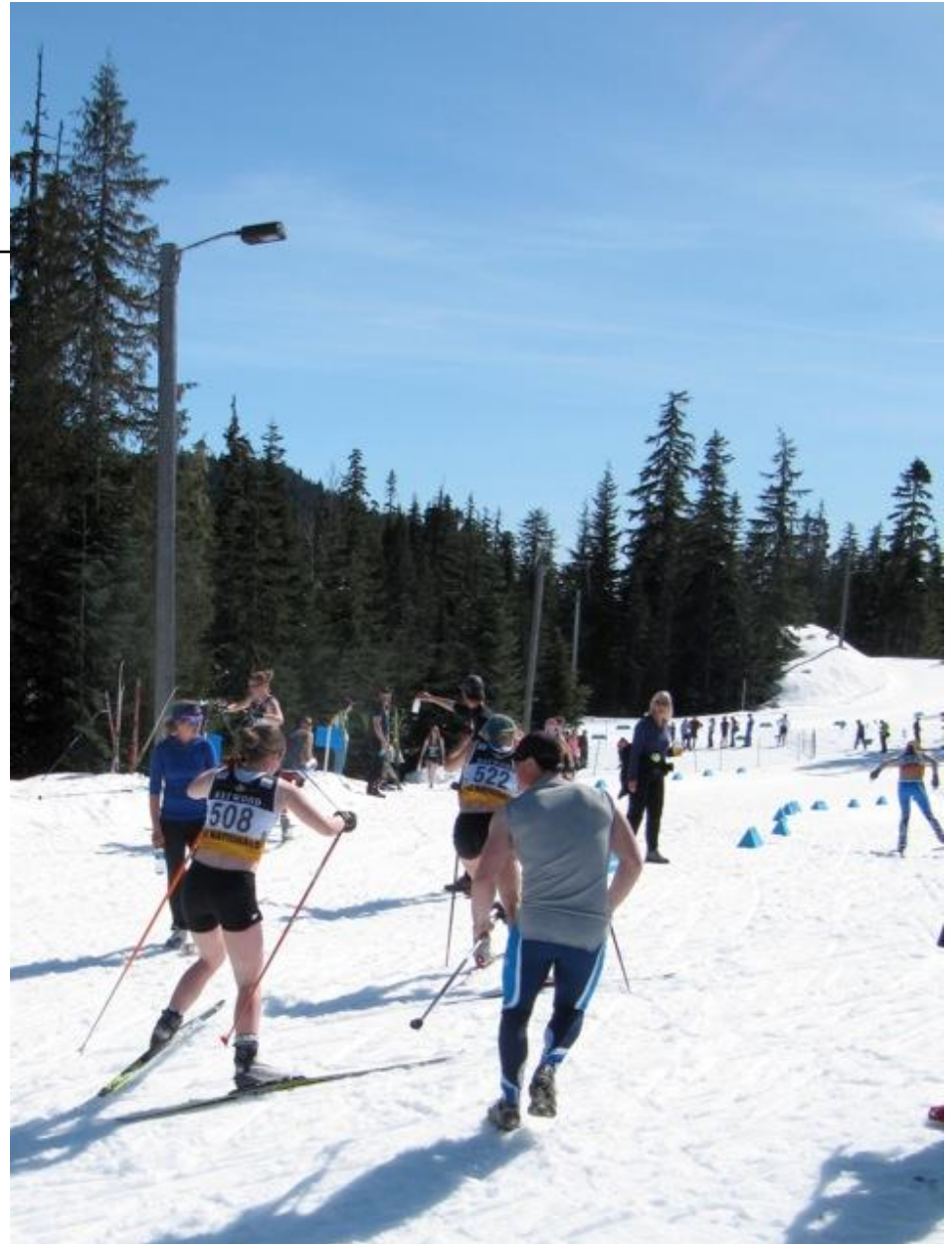
Our Club – Skill Development

Club coach supports athletes & coaches in:

- Rabbits Program (90, 12 coaches including senior racers who were great role models)
 - Bunnies, Rabbits, Extendos
- Athlete Development Program (36, 8 coaches)
 - Track Attack
 - Biathlon
 - Junior Development & Senior Racers
- Masters Program (50+, 7 coaches)
 - Drop-in, Masters Race & Masters Lite
- School Program (790 student visits, 10 coaches)

Club Coach

- Chris Werrell has been head coach since 2010-11
- Funding a paid coach has paid off:
 - High calibre coaching and program direction
 - Training & support for volunteer coaches
 - Role model for athletes



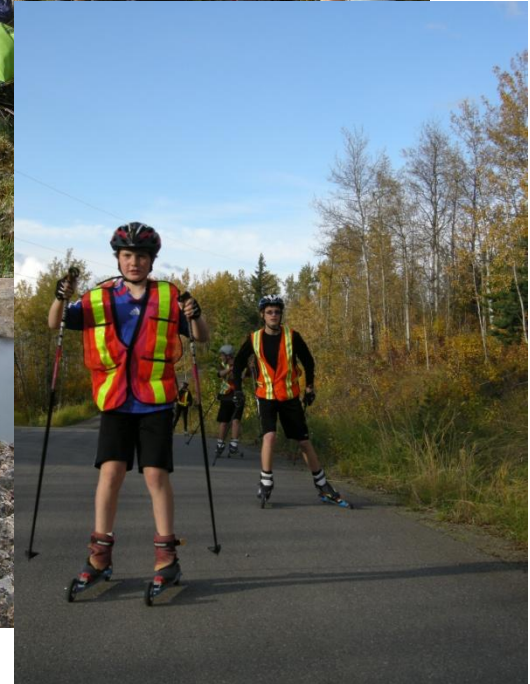
What Works: Program Integration

- Biathlon integrated within Athlete Development Program since 2010
 - Cross-program support results in better biathletes and retention of young teens.
 - Organizational efficiencies (races, admin)
- This year all Skills Development programs are integrating: ADP, Rabbits, Masters and Schools
 - More support from club coach
 - Masters share some practices with race team
 - Coordinated coach training

What Works: Program Integration



What Works: Summer training program integration in community



What Works: Program Integration across the Region



What Works: Financial Planning

- Self-sufficiency
 - Membership fees cover operating expenses
 - Program budgets strive to break even
 - Programs autonomous during year if within budget
 - Any end-of-year surplus goes to club unless carry forward endorsed by board
 - Capital improvements rely on fundraising

- Planning ahead
 - Operating budget includes funding towards major maintenance & replacement of capital
 - Priorities established by 5 year strategic plan and 3 year capital expenditures plan

What Works: Governance

- 11 Directors
 - Each has program responsibilities (except chair and treasurer)
 - Board decisions consider whole club

- Board supported by:
 - Written structure & policies
 - Program updates at each monthly meeting
 - Paid bookkeeper

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Conditions
 Saturday Mar. 31 Dog Trails were groomed last night. Spring skiing conditions are now dictating snow qualities. Pick the right time of day to ski. There will be no more grooming this year. Thank-you. Gate will remain open until April 12. Enjoy your ski

Club Handbook

A. Governance and Financial

1. Club Purpose and Bylaws
2. Executive Committee Structure 2011-2012
3. Club Organization Chart
4. Strategic Plan 2008-2013
5. Forecast (Proposed Budget) 2009/10

B. Operations

1. CCBC Insurance Policy/Membership Guidelines
2. Capital Expenditure Plan 2009-12
3. BVXCSC-Wetzinkwa MoU
4. Nordic Centre Trail Master Plan
5. Search Procedures
6. Season Start-up Checklist

C. Policies and Procedures

1. Roller Skiing Policy
2. Policy on Dogs at the Nordic Centre
3. Cold Weather Policy for Club Programs and Ticket Booth
4. Athlete and Parent Code of Conduct for Athlete Development and Biathlon Programs
5. Coaches Code of Conduct for Jack Rabbit, Racing and Biathlon Programs
6. Conflict of Interest
7. Privacy

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Challenges: Grant Eligibility

- The Challenge:
 - Grant criteria can penalize a financially prudent club (e.g. having savings for equipment replacement)
- Our approach:
 - A board resolution can restrict funds for specific capital projects and not count as cash in the bank.
 - Status of restricted funds needs to be monitored (We lost a grant when a term expired on restricted funds.)
 - Look for other sources of funding. Eg corporate wellness program

Challenges: Distance from Other Clubs

○ Challenges:

- Travel cost and time to southern events (12 hours driving in good conditions)
- Safety concerns regarding winter highway travel over vast distances (odds are...)
- Reluctance of southern clubs to attend our events

○ Our approach:

- Encourage cooperation among Northern clubs for events (e.g. Northern Teck Cup Race Series. Shared timing equipment, shared expensive waxes?)
- Focus younger kids on local races
- Keep telling southern clubs that the best conditions are consistently at BV Nordic Centre



Challenges: Volunteer Recruitment

- The Challenge:
 - Running our club relies on lots of highly committed volunteers but turnover is inevitable

- Our approach:
 - Continually recruit new volunteers within programs
 - Provide documentation for new program coordinators
 - Tell the stories of our key volunteers in newsletters

Where are we headed?

