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Teck Okanagan Cup Nordic Ski Race yielded great local results — **UPDATED with photos**

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The Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club was host to the Teck Okanagan Cup #1 Nordic ski race on Saturday January 2 at the Macpherson Nordic Trails. Although the weather was cold, with temperatures around race time only achieving a high of approximately -12° Celsius, spirits were high and the 252 participants had great ski conditions.

There were 61 Revelstoke residents who participated in this event. This race was also a BC Winter Games Zone 2 Trial. Participation involved six Okanagan-based clubs, plus the Valhalla Hills Nordic Ski Club, Canmore Nordic and two jet-setting skiers from New South Wales, Australia. The event was an interval start classic, with competitors 15 seconds apart and utilizing the diagonal-stride and double-pole techniques.

Local results (top five finishers) are as follows:

Atom Boys 1: Irah Cameron-Harding 2nd, Hamish Woodman 3rd, Henri Gallant 4th, Zachary Grabinsky 5th. Atom Boys 2: Nicholas Gill 3rd.

Atom Boys 3: Kiearn MacIntosh 2nd.

Atom Girls 1: Megan Norrie 1st, Micayla MacIntosh 2nd, Sela McMechan 3rd.

Atom Girls 2: Livia McMechan 2nd

Atom Girls 3: Fiona Woodman 1st, Norah Painter 2nd, Emilie Paquin 3rd

Peewee Boys 1: Cameron Norrie 4th, Tobin Gill 5th

Peewee Girls 1: Natalie Morrone 1st, Isobel Wilson 4th,

Peewee Girls 2: Ruby Serrouya 1st, Sophie van Oort 5th

Bantam Boys 2: Elliot Wilson 2nd

Bantam Girls 1: Maeve MacLeod 3rd

Midget Girls 1: Jaelyn Elliott 3rd

Midget Girls 2: (BC Winter Games) Kolibri Drobish 1st, Rebecca Brosch 5th

Juvenile Boys 1: (BC Winter Games) Simon Blackie 2nd, Erik Brosch 3rd

Juvenile Girls 1: (BC Winter Games) Miika Park 4th

Juvenile Girls 2: Alana Brittin 1st, Elizabeth Elliott 2nd

Masters Women 40-49: Nikki Norrie 4th

Masters Women 30-39: Marnie Graf 2nd

Masters Men 30-39: Patrick McMechan 3rd

Masters Men 40-49: Andrew Sheppard 4th

Masters Men 60-69: Norm Tennant 1st

[Full results are available on the Zone4.ca website.](http://Zone4.ca)

This event was important for Okanagan skiers born in 2001 and 2002 who were vying for spots to compete at the 2016 BC Winter Games in Penticton this February. Revelstoke Nordic skiers Simon Blackie and Kolibri Drobish automatically qualified for the BCWG by placing top two in their respective categories. Erik Brosch, Rebecca Brosch and Miika Park all placed in the top five in their respective BCWG categories and will now wait to see how many wild card spots the Okanagan region will receive for BCWG Nordic athletes. Cross Country BC will officially announce the team selection next week.

The Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club would like to thank the 62 volunteers that made this event possible. As well the following sponsors provided prizes or resources to make this event a resounding success: Skookum, Flowt, Pharmasave, Begbie Brewing Company, Revelstoke Rotary Club, The Modern Bakery and Outdoor Research.

Here is a selection of terrific photos from the race by Rob Buchanan:



Racer with a sun-star background. Rob Buchanan photo



Hamish Woodman on course. Rob Buchanan photo



Isabelle Wilkie of Larch Hills streaks to a second-place. Rob Buchanan photo



Revelstoke's Eden Thomas. Rob Buchanan photo



Penny Page-Brittin waxes the Revy team's skis. Rob Buchanan photo



Racers on the hill. Rob Buchanan photo



Race starter Alan Mason and first racer. Rob Buchanan photo



Revelstoke's Maeve MacLeod sprints to a bronze finish. Rob Buchanan photo



Bantam boys start, Rob Buchanan photo



Revelstoke's Aislin Buchanan gets a mother's embrace at the finish. Rob Buchanan photo



This racer had a very speedy stride. Rob Buchanan photo



Revelstoke's Andrew Shepard is all smiles after his race Rob Buchanan photo



A view of the Revelstoke Nordic Centre. Rob Buchanan photo



The waxing area in action. Rob Buchanan photo

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