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### **George Grey Becomes First Cross-Country Skier From British Columbia to Win World Cup Medal**

George Grey (Black Jack Cross Country Ski Club, Rossland) and Alex Harvey of Quebec teamed up to win a bronze medal in the Team Sprint event at the FIS World Cup held at the Callaghan Valley in January. The Team Sprint, which consisted of three laps of 1.6 km for each athlete, was a skating technique race. This was the first-ever World Cup medal for a BC athlete.

### **Canada Winter Games Comes to British Columbia in 2015**

When BC hosts the Canada Winter Games in 2015 it will be the first time the event has been held in this province. A host community has not yet been determined.

### **2009 FIS Trainers Seminar**

The FIS Trainers Seminar held in Whistler in May was the first to be held in Canada since 1994, and the first ever to be held in BC. Presenters included H.C Holmberg (Sweden), George Zipfel (Germany), Dr. Stephen Norris, Dr. David Smith, Dr. David Cox, Canadian National Ski Team coaches Dave Wood and Eric de Nys, and a number of others.

### **Jodi Barber Wins IPC World Championships Medal**

Jodi Barber (Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club, Smithers) became the first BC athlete with a disability to win an International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championship medal in cross-country skiing (standing category), when she placed third in the 15 km classic technique event held in Vuokatti, Finland in January. Jodi was seriously injured in a cycling accident in November 2006, where she lost the use of her arm. In spite of predictions that she couldn't be a competitive athlete again, Jodi has since excelled at competitive cross-country skiing.

### **Facility Improvements for Golden Nordic Ski Club**

The Dawn Mountain Nordic Trail system in Golden is undergoing significant upgrades this year. By next season the facility will have a 24' yurt for visitors to use, a significantly larger stadium and a timing building. The club is also developing 1.2, 2.5 and 5 km FIS homologated competition courses and upgrading several existing trails. These improvements are due to the support of four funding agencies that provided in excess of \$140,000 in grants. Phase #2 will see the construction of a 3000 sq/ft daylodge and new parking area adjacent to the stadium.