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Andrew Casey saw more of his skiers on the weekend than he usually does at a race.

“Having it here brings out more numbers,” says the head coach of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club. “You get some out of the kids out who don’t travel to competitions that much.”

The Otway Ski Centre hosted the first races in the TECK BC Cup on the weekend, and Casey says everything went off well.

“I thought it was fantastic. The weather was super-nice, the trails were packed firm. It was almost perfect conditions.”

The races on the weekend were the first in the three-part BC Cup series, and a number of local racers who did well last year showed moving up an age group wasn’t going to slow them down.

“Erica Kreitz (Junior Girls) won her event on Sunday in the classic technique. Kaia Andal (Juvenile Girls) was second on Saturday in the

sprint, and Damian Georgyev (Bantam Boys) was second on Sunday. All of those skiers moved up a level this year, which meant they were competing against skiers a year older than they are, so those results were great.”

Emily Dickson, competing in her second year in Junior Girls, was first on Saturday and third on Sunday.

The next BC Cup races are in Kamloops on Jan. 25 and 26, but Casey is hoping to have his skiers racing each weekend between now and then.

“The best way to get better at races is to race.”

Other wins for Caledonia Nordic members were Payton Sinclair, Saturday and Sunday in Atom Girls 3; Isla Cadell, Saturday and Sunday in Atom Girls 1; Stephanie Horning, Saturday in Pee Wee Girls 2; Mya Blackburn, Saturday and Sunday in Pee Wee Girls 1; Jacquelyn Benson, Saturday in Masters Women 30-39 and Sunday in Open Women 23+; Jacqui Pettersen, Saturday and Sunday in Masters Women 40-49; Nathan Blok, Saturday in Masters Men 30-39; Willard Andal Sunday in Junior Men 2; and John Hagen, Sunday in Masters Men 40-49.



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