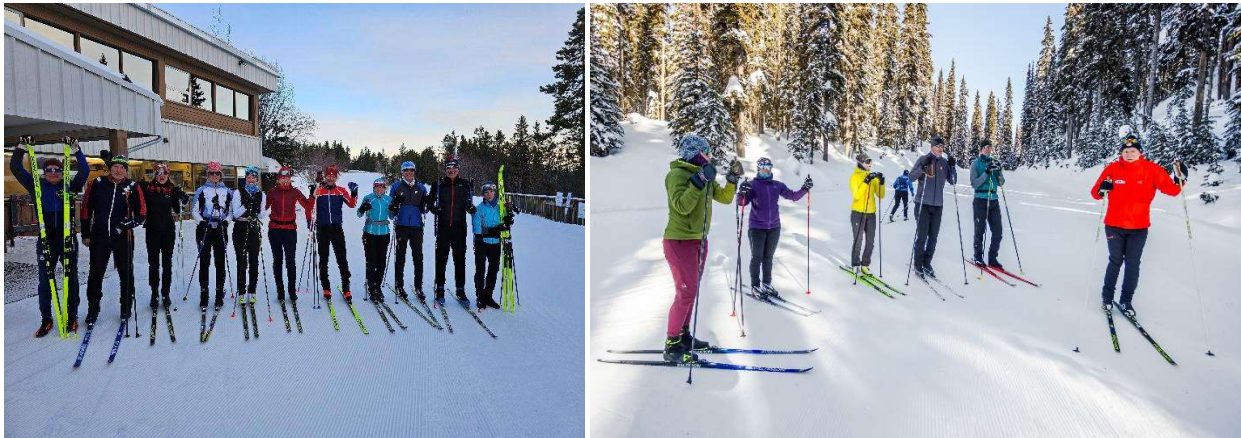


BC MASTERS UPDATE

Welcome from the new BC Masters Cross Country Ski Association (“BC Masters”). Until now, provincial and national masters cross country ski associations were focused on ski racing. But we know that masters have much broader interests; we like to meet friends to ski and socialize with, we like to improve our technique, some wish to get their blood pumping through rigorous training, and others like to race. BC Masters aims to share information that encourages more masters to participate in our wonderful sport, and we are grateful to Cross Country BC for helping share this messaging.



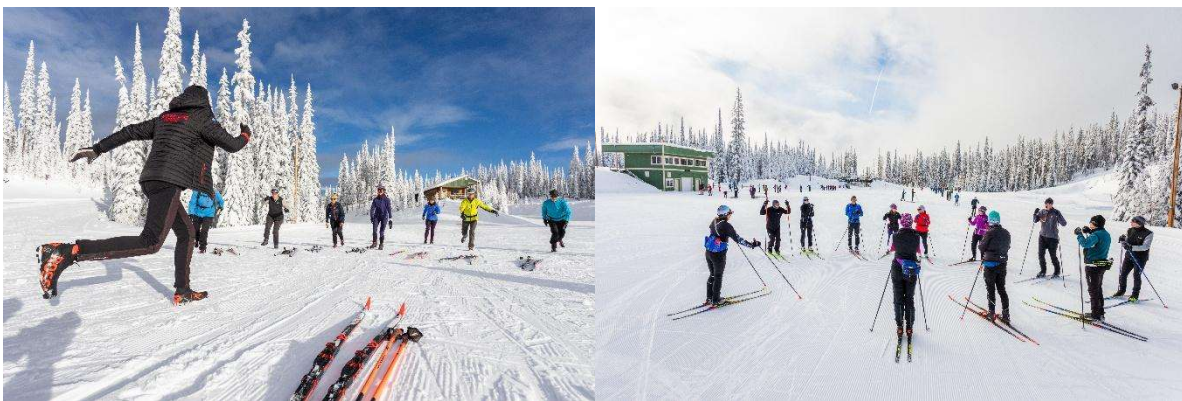
Whether visiting new ski centres as a group, or learning together, masters skiers generate lifelong connections on snow. (photo credit: D. Dennier, Vanessa Garrison Photography)

Until recently, Masters in BC were combined under one director with Yukon Masters. At the May 2026 Canadian Masters annual general meeting, this grouping was restructured; BC Masters Cross Country Ski Association (BC Masters) was formed. BC Masters is led by Pat Pearce who has achieved Level 3 certifications from CANSI and NCCP, and has taught Masters for approximately 10 years. Pat is presently supported by a small committee.



Participating at the Masters World Cup creates national and international friendships. (Pat Pearce, Director, BC Masters. Mike Bell, National Director, Canadian Master). Images from MWC 2026, Sappada, Italy, February 2026. (photo credit: D. Dennier)

BC Masters promotes healthy lifestyles of masters skiers through developing social connections, developing ski technique, learning about ski training, and participating in recreational or competitive ski events in a way that matches their interests. We look forward to sharing ways for more masters athletes to realize these opportunities in future articles.



Learning to improve skiing in a regular session grows confidence and friendship (photo credit: Vanessa Garrison Photography)

Upcoming events:

- CCBC Workshop on “How to start a Masters program” (see CCBC calendar).
- Masters Training Camp at Sovereign Lake (2026 December 9-13). *(More to come).*

- 2027 Bill Gairdner Canadian Masters Cross Country Ski Championships ([2027 Masters Nationals](#))

For more information:

- Consider joining BC Masters ([2026 BC Masters Registration](#)), which in addition to the newsletter gives you:
 - access to BC Masters events, training camps, and other exciting new developments.
 - membership into the Canadian Masters association, giving access to national team clothing, sponsor discounts, and national and international championships).