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## Caledonia Nordic Ski Club Celebrates a Landmark Teck BC Cup

PRINCE GEORGE, BC – The Teck BC Cup hosted by the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club on January 27 and 28, 2024, has successfully concluded, marking one of the largest and most dynamic Nordic skiing events in recent history. With a record-breaking turnout of 310 athletes from all corners of the province, including an impressive debut by the Fort St. John Whiskey Jack Nordic Club, the event has set a new benchmark in the region.

Kevin Pettersen, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, highlighted some exceptional performances: "We are immensely proud of our Caledonia skiers who earned 25 medals. This event has not only been a showcase of young talent but also a testament to our club's dedication to nurturing future champions."

Saturday presented a formidable challenge with its weather conditions, yet the event's timing and start volunteers performed exceptionally, managing non-stop heats every three minutes for almost seven hours. Sunday's mass-start heats saw over 80 skiers at a time navigating the fast and exciting courses of the Nordic Centre, culminating in many close and exhilarating finishes.

John Aalberg, Chief of Competitions, remarked on the event's scale and success: "This weekend's event was one of the largest BC Cup events ever at our venue. It's remarkable to see such dedication from our volunteers, particularly in timing and starts, contributing significantly to the smooth running of the event. Their hard work underlines the spirit of our Nordic community."

The sunny Sunday conditions provided the perfect backdrop for some very fast races, highlighted by one of the mass starts with 83 athletes competing simultaneously, showcasing the depth of talent and sportsmanship among the participants.

In addition to celebrating athletic excellence, the Teck BC Cup served as an invaluable preparation for the volunteers gearing up for the upcoming Para Biathlon World Championships and Para Nordic World Cup Finals in March.



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The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club thanks all the athletes, volunteers, and spectators for their contributions to this successful event. Special recognition goes to Hollyburn for their impressive overall club performance and to the Whiskey Jack Nordic Club, marking their first participation in a BC Cup.

Full results of the Teck BC Cup are <u>available here</u>.

The club looks forward to continuing its tradition of excellence and invites everyone to join in the upcoming Para Biathlon World Championships and Para Nordic World Cup Finals.

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