Kootenay Cup

More than 175 Racers Attended the Teck Kootenay Cup 1 & 2 at Black Jack Ski Club

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Teams from all over the Kootenay Region and one team from Libby, Montana attended the Teck Kootenay Cup 1&2 hosted by Black Jack Ski Club on January 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>. The event fell perfectly between the frigid temperatures the week previously and the warm and wet weather beginning Sunday afternoon. There were many happy skiers and wax technicians over the weekend.

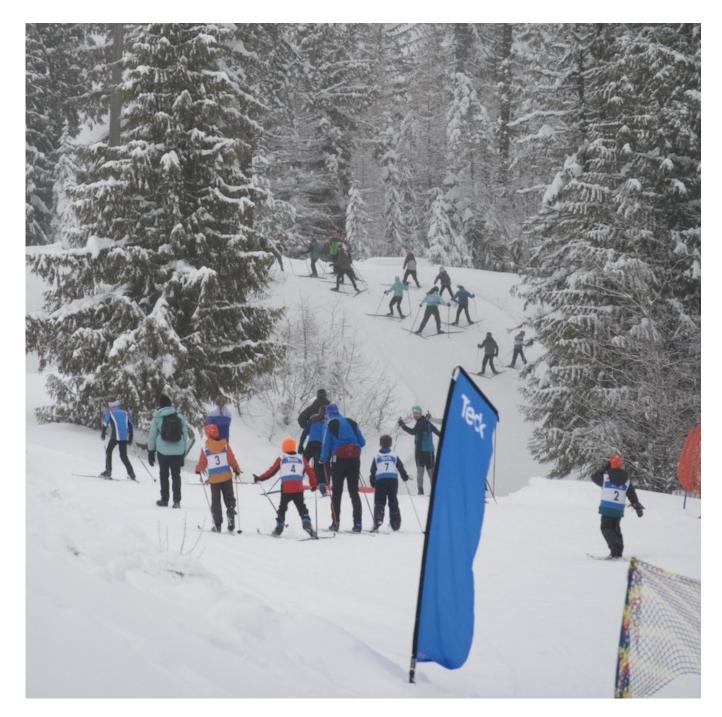
Day 1 started with the interval start classic event. The race distances ranged from 500 meters to 10 kilometers. There were many great performances from all clubs. The courses at Black Jack were very challenging and all the participants were appreciative of the loud cheering from the crowds as they crossed the finish line.

Day 2 was the mass start free technique event. The day started with the U6 race of 100 meters. The smallest participants received the loudest cheers from the crowds! The other courses ranged from 500 meters to 15 kilometers of very challenging terrain. There were many very memorable finishes. Local Olympian and Black Jack coach George Grey won the men's masters categories on both days.









Black Jack Ski Club would like to thank the local and visiting racers for making the trip to Rossland for the Teck Kootenay Cup 1 & 2. We would also like to sincerely thank the volunteers who spend tireless hours making this event possible.

In addition, Black Jack Ski Club would like to thank our title sponsor, Teck Resources Limited, for their continuing support and to Cross Country BC for making this event possible. We would also like to thank our local sponsors Alpine Grind Coffee, Mountain Nugget Chocolate Company and Red Mountain Accommodations.



The next races in the Teck Kootenay Cup Series, Teck Kootenay Cup 3 & 4, will be in Kimberley on Feb 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Complete race results can be found <u>here</u>.

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