

Okanagan Cup



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First Teck Okanagan Cup of the Season Draws Large Number of Participants

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Revelstoke, BC – The Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club (RNSC) hosted their first Cross-Country BC sanctioned event of the season with over 250 athletes taking part in a classic technique interval start race on Saturday, December 17, 2022. For most skiers, this event meant racing for the first time this season, and for many, it was their first race ever. This less serious and participatory event had good competition, but also lots of camaraderie, friendships between clubs, excellent music, spontaneous dancing, and as usual, outstanding sportsmanship.



Racers enjoying the beautiful trails and friendships at the Teck Okanagan Cup 1!

Participating clubs included the Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club, Golden Nordic Ski Club, Telemark Nordic Club (Kelowna), Larch Hills Nordic Society (Salmon Arm), Sovereign Lake Nordic Club (Vernon), Overlander Ski Club (Kamloops), Nelson Nordic Ski Club and Black Jack Ski Club (Rossland), as well as the Nakkertok Nordic Ski Club of Ottawa, Ontario, which attended with a large contingent of 20 young athletes.

Conditions at the club were perfect: lots of snow, impeccable grooming on the race loop, an open lodge, concession, and lunches for volunteers, and all races starting on schedule.

Revelstoke Nordic Club President, Michael Morris noted, “great snow conditions make everything easier. Our summer grooming projects over the past two summers enabled us to get machines packing down those first snow falls to create a solid base. Race day weather was kind to us too.”

Part of the appeal of local races is the fact that they bring together a community of active people. Morris also commented, "I am heartened to see all that goes on among competitors after the race. It's a friendly and positive environment for skiers of any age."

This smaller regional race was a chance for younger skiers, many of them racing for the first time, to get a taste of a supportive racing environment. It was also helpful for the volunteer team of over 50 people to practice for the much bigger Teck BC Cup #1 event on February 18/19, 2023, when Revelstoke Nordic will host between 375 and 450 athletes from across British Columbia, Alberta, and potentially the NW United States.



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Races such as this require a great deal of work and more than 50 local volunteers stepped up to the plate to help with grooming, waxing, timing, marshalling, coaching, organizing parking, announcing, and lunches.

Sponsors are a critical part of ski racing. We want to thank our main sponsor, Teck Resources Limited, for their generous season-long sponsorship and support for cross country ski competitions this season. We would also like to thank four local businesses for their donations on the day: Begbie Brewery, Save On Foods, Mountain Goodness Health Food Store, and Southside Market.

Full race results here: <https://zone4.ca/event/2022/E6A6FFE6/>

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