

Teck Northern Cup #3 / Omineca Open - Sun. Jan. 26, 2020

The BV Nordic Club sent 40 skiers to the Omineca Ski Club in Burns Lake on Sunday Jan. 26 to compete in a field of 70 racers for the Teck Northern Cup #3, so our club certainly dominated the number of participants. Our club members are always so encouraging and the team spirit is palpable amongst the individual nature of this sport.

With snow falling steadily on the course during the races, our team members put in great efforts, many of them emptying their energy tanks to push themselves to the best of their abilities. Others were recovering from sickness, and could not perform to the top of their usual form. Nonetheless, our club captured 9 Golds, 7 Silvers and 9 Bronze, as well as numerous other places, some finishes being neck and neck with competitors. The Rosenberger family, who have 3 young boys, got first in their respective categories of U6 for Myles, U8 for Ethan and U10 for Finn. We shall watch to see how they develop into the older categories. The U10 boys in fact had BV Nordics achieve placement 1,2,3 & 4 with Finn, Benjamin Wickham, Gabriel Wimbush and Hugo Forsyth in those slots. Our club also commanded the U14 girls category, with Ava Wimbush first, Finley Gagnon and Catherine De Gisi a very close second and third, and Eden Dunbar fifth. It's been great to see the trajectories of the current teen racers from their younger days trying out races. There are always a good enthusiastic group of our parents and adults who join in the racing too!

The Omineca Ski Club, like ours, is a small hospitable club who serve wholesome soups for the participants, and provide such a family friendly atmosphere - it's been great to foster a steady relationship with our team attending their races. Made all the better with a stop in the pool in Houston on the way home, where everyone has energy to enjoy splashing around together and a good soak in the hot tub. We hope more club members join the caravan next year. Last year's event was cancelled due to cold temperatures, so we're happy all proceeded as usual this year.

-Perry Rath





