



Nordic Centre Report for the 2025 AGM

The Nordic Centre continues to improve the trails, facilities and grooming to provide the best skiing experience for our members and visitors. In the last year, we increased maintenance on our grooming machines, completed foundation and Fire smarting of sheds and improved our summer mowing capabilities. We also trained two more club members to operate our large Bison groomer.

General Manager

Jan Wengelin is the club's general manager. Jan's primary responsibilities are to manage operations at the Nordic Centre, but he also supports our club's volunteers and our efforts to obtain sponsorships, and much more. Jan has been able to bring in a lot of improvements that have resulted in our groomers being better supported and our machines and facilities being better maintained. Feel free to contact Jan to learn more about what is happening, to provide your input and to enquire about volunteer opportunities at the club. gm@bvnordic.ca

Trail Improvements

Thanks to the Destination Development Fund grant received from the B.C. Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sports in 2024 we were now able to finish up some overdue projects:

- Pine Creek: Continued work on drainage, grass seeding and trail bed improvements. Installed a new bridge that will last 30 years+.
- Down and Out: Improved drainage, grass seeding and trail bed.
- Perimeter Connector, Perimeter, Down the Mountain, Wetzinkwa: Improved drainage & grass seeding

All of that funding and a whole bunch of work led by our volunteers allowed the replacement of bridges and such. The creeks are fish bearing and so our work window was very narrow. In addition, the wet weather in early summer hindered machine work. As with previous years, the disturbed areas were seeded with grass to reduce erosion and brush.





Trail Improvements continued; The Nordic Centre purchased a used Bobcat mower attachment to be added to our fleet of support attachments; we are now able to mow all our trails without the risk of overloading the machine. The newer mower has paid off in spades as its easier to operate and it leaves a nice mulched product behind that will turn into soil over the years, which improves our trail bed. Mowing and brushing were done by our dedicated large machine volunteer operators and they racked up about 40 hours of mowing this past fall. Our plan is to continue improving our trail drainage by replacing old culverts as well as ditching and smoothing out trail surfaces. All to prepare for winters with potentially less snow and warmer temperatures.

General Trails

Planning continues on some new trails. Some of the trail ideas are long-term concepts that will be subject to our grooming and maintenance capacity. The following are priority trail projects that are within our current capacity but subject to further discussions, consultations and formal trail authorizations:

- Dog trail addition – field work and consultations are underway to allow an addition to our dog trail network.
- Improved competition loops within our current race loops – field work was done early spring 2025 and consultations are underway.

Buildings

The Storage Shed foundation and fire-smarting is finished! They are great looking upgrades to our Nordic Centre, but more importantly they are now upgraded to a higher standard of safety and fire-code. We thank the Regional District of Bulkley Nechako for gas tax funding of early stages of work on the shed with additional funding from our Gaming Grant allowing us to finish the upgrade.





We started the process of upgrading the Caretakers Cabin and installed 4 new windows and tin siding on the southface of the building, as well as repairs to soffet and facia due to snow and water damage. It's a long overdue maintenance project that will continue over the next couple of years.

Our precious "Frieses Inn" Timing hut was moved and placed on a solid gravel pad. A new light pole equipped with three LED lights and a timer was installled next to the hut. We installed, and upgraded five stadium light poles with new LED lights to be able to accommodate the ever-growing evening skiing

Machines

Here is an update on our machines. Jan is making sure that the necessary maintenance is carried out to minimize any downtime on these important machines. Day to day greasing etc. is done by operators but more significant maintenance and repairs are handled by heavy duty mechanics.

- Pisten Bully – Do you remember this one? Well it was sold in 2024 to a local resident. BUT...
- A 2024 Prinoth Bison was added to our quiver of machines and it was delivered to us in December 2024. This is a topnotch machine with the latest and highest standard in environmental emission controls, and all other bells and whistles. The Bison has served us extremely well so far and is a real beauty to operate. The Nordic Centre has four specially-trained, paid operators for the Bison. We would not have been able to acquire this type of machine if it was not for the Destination Development Fund grant the club received in 2024.
- 2024 Polaris Ranger Side x Side was purchased in 2024 and has been a fantastic tool for us. We're able to use this machine in very early low snow conditions rolling the snow, during the winter track-setting and during the summer for all kinds of trail work. We purchased the Ranger with tracks for even more use in winter and soft conditions.
- 2023 Skidoo Skandic – The Skandic continues to be a dependable workhorse for us and serves as a great partner to our...
- 2023 Taiga Nomad – Another workhorse in our fleet. **Electric** it is and very nice to operate. Lots of torque and great affordability makes it one of our favorite small machines.
- Bobcat T-770 – Wow what a tool for us. We use the Bobcat for pretty much everything from mowing and brushing trails, smoothing driveways, carrying very heavy items, backfilling ditches, plowing our driveways and parking lots and much more.