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From Jan: We will most likely close on **April 20**. This means the gate, lodge, wax hut, biathlon hut, etc. **Locker holders** need to empty out prior April 20.

April 3 Grooming ends. Our snow depth is getting thin in areas, while other areas are still good. The problem is that the Bison needs to get to the good areas without hitting rock bottom.

Once grooming stops, so does maintenance of our trails. I will de-activate the Nordic Pulse and all trails will show as closed (liability reasons) on April 20th.

We know that people will people still ski the trails but please realize that they are officially closed on APRIL 20th, and any skiing is at done at your own risk.



Ski S'kool: A Wonderful Year! This popular program continues to be a favourite within the community. This year, we began Ski S'Kool in January instead of December which is a very busy month for schools. The program was 10 weeks in total. We had a couple weeks of impassable driving conditions and very cold weather which resulted in about 14 class cancellations (reschedule about 80%).

-With the funding from the BVCF grant, the fees to the students have been reduced which helps to ensure students are able to attend and benefit from the sessions.

-Seven of the eight elementary schools in the Bulkley Valley participated. There were 411 students participating from twenty-one individual classes. The total number of individual visits was approximately 863. We had nine dedicated coaches for sessions.

Loppet Postscript: Over 60 terrific volunteers assisted, with **Zoe Andres** winning the free season pass draw all volunteers were eligible for.

National Championships in Canmore: With over 300 skiers from every province and territory (plus a bunch of Americans, and a few Scandinavians thrown in just to make things extra interesting) this race, on these courses, tests the mettle of every competitor. The competition was tough, but just as punishing were the racecourses. It seems that Canmore only knows one direction, and that's up. The climbs are truly torturous, and most races do them multiple times, so that skiers have an intimate knowledge of the pain that they dish out. Then there's the finishing stretch; it must be the longest in Western Canada, if not North America. It stretches almost a kilometre and is uphill for more than half the distance. BVCCSC skiers skied their hearts out and should be proud of their results. <u>https://zone4.ca/event/2025/pl6NzJ/</u> for full results.



Coach Andrea & most of BVCCSC's Team at the National Championships in Canmore



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