

# Early February 2025 Newsletter

BVCCSC is grateful to be located on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en Nation  
A recent word of the week at Walnut Park Elementary was *Hozk'its*, which means *it's cold!*

**Jan's Update:** Something positive: I want to thank our users for having patience & understanding why we don't groom every day. Sometimes, we leave trails completely untouched. We may snowmobile groom parts of our system, or let snow accumulate. The bottom line is that our goal is to have the best possible conditions with what we're dealt & what's the best use of volunteer time & resources. Thank you for understanding.

Now something not positive: I was disgruntled, to say the least, to see dog tracks, together with ski tracks on Pine Creek Far Loop. Is this the same person who removed the *No Dog Allowed* signs?? My question is who entered the trail first, the Dog or the Human? Regardless of the answer, it's shameful & disrespectful.



Tenacious groomers hard at work



**BV Nordic DEA Officer Hank apprehending dog trespasser. Accomplice still at large – public urged to remain vigilant**

Dog Enforcement Officer (DEA) Public Service Announcement

## One More Thing From Jan:

### **JAN SUGGESTS:**

**Saturday mornings create space by carpooling when possible & parking tighter in the lot.**

### **PARENTS ARE SUPERHEROES:**

We know it's an epic effort to get kids dressed, fed & to practice on time. We've been there!

Let's make it easier by shortening the epic walk from the car to the lodge.



## Teck Northern Cup 1/2 Chris Dahlie Open Saturday & Sunday, Feb 8/9:

We are hosting & it's open to all ages!

**Saturday**, 11 am, interval start free (skate) technique race. At 2 pm there's a FREE Exhibition Team Free Sprint race with teams of two taking turns racing around loops. Please register on Zone 4.

**Sunday**, 11 am, mass start classic race. If you'd like to participate: [race notice](#) or [register](#) now (closes Tuesday).

These races are not possible without lots of volunteers. If you could pitch in you'll have a front row seat to watch our region's best skiers & we'd welcome [your help](#). Lunch is provided & there is a volunteer draw.



**We need a new Director of Nordic Centre Operations:** much of the day-to-day work is done by our General Manager; you'd oversee operations, maintenance, & improvements. The volunteer director manages the overall budget, guides planning and seeks strategic direction from the board. At board meetings, you will work with other directors to keep our club awesome. We recently sent out an email describing the role & are happy to send more details to anyone interested, [contact \[feedback@bvnordic.ca\]\(mailto:feedback@bvnordic.ca\)](mailto:feedback@bvnordic.ca)

**We need a Sponsorships & Grants Coordinator:** do you love spreadsheets? We have a perfect volunteer opportunity; you'd be tracking tasks on spreadsheets & ticking them off to manage grant & sponsorship requirements. Once you get your feet under you, you'd meet with local sponsors to manage those relationships & encourage other volunteers to apply to new grant opportunities. This role doesn't have to be laborious, but it's a critical job to ensure our club meets its obligations. Contact [feedback@bvnordic.ca](mailto:feedback@bvnordic.ca)

"We already have enough BV Nordic volunteers" -said no one ever.



**Help at the McBike Family Day Sunday Feb 16:** Be that cool friend, don't just bring your non-member friends for free skiing on February 16, **help with the event!**

Jill & Peter from McBike will be at the Nordic Centre with their rentals from 10:00 to 2:00. This is a free event, with no charge for rentals or day passes. **BUT volunteers are needed to help outfit kids & to assist Jill & Peter who generously help grow our club.** Small volunteer investment = big gift to our community.

**Greeters** are also needed, you'd welcome folks & check passes (skiing is free that day, but for insurance reasons everyone must have a day pass). As well, in years past people could have a short trail tour guided by a member. We hope to revive that tradition & you needn't be the best skier. We're looking for enthusiastic **ambassadors** with a handle on our trail network. If you can help, sign up [here](#).

## Nordic event organizers go to excessive lengths to find volunteers



**FIRE SMARTING & BV Nordic Centre:** Keep the burn in your legs (and out of the shed)

**Help us protect our club assets by Fire Smarting our storage shed**

Our well-used storage shed was built many years ago by dedicated volunteers. It is invaluable for storing race equipment & grooming gear. However, the shed has issues that put it at high risk from ever-increasing wildfires. If it burns, it will likely set fire to the nearby garage that houses our new groomer. To keep these assets safe, we plan to put the old shed on a concrete foundation, install soffits to prevent embers from entering & new metal siding. We secured a grant that will fund 50% of project costs, we need to raise \$10,000 from membership to combine with club reserve funds to match the grant. Help us secure our assets! Keep your eyes out for further communication; the **link to the fundraiser will soon be posted on our website.**



Old shed = needs a little love



Not the way we want the reno to happen

Any amount helps & we appreciate your contribution to improving our Nordic facilities while keeping trail fees low. All donations will be provided with a tax receipt.

**Womxn's Clinic Jan 26-** The annual Womxn's clinic was a resounding success, over 65 skiers receiving instruction from 14 coaches! Spectacular weather capped off a terrific day of camaraderie & learning. Huge thanks to Julie Sheppard & Abby Morgan for organizing! Volunteers make this club an amazing community & goodness knows in times like these we need more community.



photo: Megan Peloso

**Wetzin'kwa Loppet Saturday, March 15 2025:** Looking forward to seeing you at the loppet. Details coming soon but consider this your five week warning to hit the trails in advance of the largest ski race in the north.

**New trivia question:** in the late 1970's, four groups amalgamated to become BVCCSC, which of these original group names is **not true**: Tyhee Mountain Club, Silver King International Ski Club, Smithers Snow Stormers, or Every Man and His Dog Ski Club? **Submit your answer to [communications@bvnordic.ca](mailto:communications@bvnordic.ca)**

**Previous Trivia answer:** the first lodge at the Nordic center was in fact an old CN shed. Here's the story behind it from one of our Directors, JoAnne:

" 'My husband Cecil was in the rail yard, seeing the station master he asked, 'What are you going to do with this building?'

The station master said, 'we're going to probably burn it.'

Cecil jumps in and says, 'hey we need a warm-up hut at the cross-country ski trails.' Another volunteer had a friend that had a low bed truck.... and that's how we got our club's first warming hut!' "



Photo Credit: Debbie Courtliff

**Plea to skate skiers:** We are inundated with complaints about skate skiers on the classic track. Skate skiers, stay in the middle, & out of the tracks! There isn't space for two skiers to skate side by side without damaging the tracks. This problem has prompted a news release: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DC4cwJ9Bjos>



NB- This video is a compilation of comments submitted to the Nordic Skiing Facebook Group (worldwide membership), commenters answering the prompts: *what do you love about Nordic skiing & what irritates you about it?*

I hope you get a laugh & enjoy seeing our trails

**Did You Know?** Here's a very Interesting fact about our head coach: Andrea Stapff is an Olympian, rowing for Canada at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles (how many sports is this woman a pro at?), have you have seen the video of her race? It is nail biting, watch if you dare! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnuuocDwq7s>



**🐕 Calling Trail Dogs!** We want to hear from the experts on our dog trails, dogs! We're collecting *interviews* with our canine ski buddies about their experiences. Ask yours some of these sample questions: do you think your human can go faster? Do you get impatient with them? What's the worst thing your human has done on the trails? If there were a race between all the dogs in the club, how would you do? What's your worst ski pole, ski, leash, entanglement experience? Do you get cold, or are humans overreacting with dog sweaters? What's your take on dog booties? Would you rather ski with your human or run with a pack of wolves? Do your humans short change you by skiing other trails & leaving you in the vehicle? What's your advice to avoid this?

Send responses to [communications@bvnordic.ca](mailto:communications@bvnordic.ca) by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Include 3-5 images of your ski dog!



Ski dogs waiting impatiently for their owner to find the right podcast



Waiting for the spa paw wax treatment from the club wax team



Sovereign Lake Nordic Canine race kit, where is the BVCCSC version?

Our community sponsors give so much to us support them whenever possible:

**Annual Sponsors**

Annual Sponsors provide financial support to the Club.

The image displays a collection of logos for various community sponsors. At the top, the text 'Annual Sponsors' is written in orange, followed by a smaller line stating 'Annual Sponsors provide financial support to the Club.' Below this, there are twelve distinct logos arranged in a grid-like fashion. The logos include: 'CN' in red; 'SUMMIT CAMPS' with a mountain icon; 'SILVER KING' with a shield icon; 'SMITHERS TIMBER MART' with a red house icon; 'NATURE'S PANTRY' with a leaf icon; 'STORK NEST' with a stork icon; 'Here's How.' with a red house icon; 'LB PAVING' in a black circle; 'PRO-TECH FOREST RESOURCES LTD.' with a mountain icon; 'castle building centres.' in a blue box; 'PERRY & COMPANY BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS NOTARIES PUBLIC' with a tree icon; 'BUCKLEY VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION' with a leaf icon; and 'Pacific Inland Resources' with a green house icon.

**I WAS TOLD**

**THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW**

**Volunteer needs review:**

- Feb 8/9 race volunteers
- Feb 16 McBike BC Family Day helpers
- Sponsorship & Grants Coordinator
- Director of Nordic Centre Operations

*For the right applicant: agent for Canine Recon Division, Dog Trespassers Embedded Operative*

The image is a meme featuring Steve Carell as Dwight Schrute from the TV show 'The Office'. He is sitting at his desk, looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The text 'I WAS TOLD' is overlaid in large white letters at the top, and 'THERE WOULD BE A REVIEW' is overlaid at the bottom. To the right of the image is a large grey speech bubble containing the text 'Volunteer needs review:' followed by a list of four volunteer roles: 'Feb 8/9 race volunteers', 'Feb 16 McBike BC Family Day helpers', 'Sponsorship & Grants Coordinator', and 'Director of Nordic Centre Operations'. At the bottom of the speech bubble, there is a line of italicized text: 'For the right applicant: agent for Canine Recon Division, Dog Trespassers Embedded Operative'.