

# Late March 2025 Newsletter

BVCCSC is grateful to be located on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en Nation  
A recent phrase of the week at Walnut Park Elementary was *Taj'iz kët*, which means *spring water*

**Year End Challenge:** Share this newsletter with a friend who isn't a BVCCSC member yet!



## Maple syrup harvest season has started & so has our Biathlon Club's Annual Maple Syrup Fundraiser!

A mix of *Dark/Robust* & *Amber/Rich* syrup is for sale  
Visit <http://www.fermeiwannafarm.com/home.html> for details on grades & more product information.

540 ml can/\$16 (due to shipping costs)  
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Thank you for your support!

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**SAVE THOSE SEASON PASSES!** BV Nordic passes are reusable; saving your pass for next season saves our volunteer pass maker time & the club money. All that good for little effort!



But not in the glove box when driving home on the last day...

**& when you find a good place, tell a friend**



**From Jan:** I'd like to reach out to all visiting skiers to thank you for your continued support, even during the rough weather periods that we had. We're all in this together and I thank you again for your cooperation and understanding when trails were not up to your standards. Due to our phenomenal operators and their constant care of our trails, we're currently skiing on natural snow in some of the best conditions in BC.



Let me remind you that our snowmobile crews started work on the 10cm of snow in early November to mid-December when they passed the *grooming torch* off to the Bison crew. We are fortunate to have a dedicated grooming crew who were willing to head out on our trails on short notice, so that you & I could enjoy a day of skiing!

As it seems that we have traveled back in time (January?) to receive cold weather and some snow, I urge you to get your skis in your car and hit the trails for another two weeks. What else are you going to do in the valley? There is no gardening, lawns are frozen, and a bike ride is chilly. Our prices are relatively cheap for the beauty you will encounter. See you on the trails during spring break.





## Wetzin'kwa Loppet In Review Quiz - March 15, 2025

The Wetzin'kwa Loppet was a resounding success again this year. We couldn't do just a recap; here's a fun way to honour our beloved Loppet. Note that after each question is the answer, preventing the misery of repeatedly looking to the end. They're written cryptically to help you not cheat.

1. What distance was **not** included in the Wetzin'kwa Loppet?

- a. 1 km
- b. 4 km
- c. 9 km
- d. 15 km
- e. 20 km
- f. 40 km
- e. 60 k

The correct answer is the total of ten plus five.

2. What did this year's Wetzin'kwa 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Loppet **entail**?

- a. Race Director, Robbie Dunbar's, 36+ trips between his vehicle & the lodge in preparation
- b. Chief of Results, Mark Gillis', 36+ logins to zone4 for timing & results
- c. Groomers, Kelsey & Patrick, who spent 36+ hours grooming trails & the stadium
- d. All the above

The correct answer is very inclusive.



3. What did the **skiathlon** include?

- a. 20 km classic ski, then 20 km skate technique on Pine Creek & Wetzin'kwa loops
- b. Parents' epic triathlon of getting kids dressed, fed & to the start line on time
- c. Cheering Diggins at Worlds, throwing phones out windows, & stress eating candy
- d. waxing and rewaxing skis after sprint repeats to check the thermometer

The correct answer is the classic and then skate technique skiing!

4. How many of the 211 skiers who took part in the Loppet, were **over the age of 50**?

- a. 50
- b. 29
- c. 13
- d. 100

Roman numerals= xxix, young people might not be able to read that, so twenty-nine.

5. Which famous skier was featured on a motivational racecourse sign?

- a. Andrea Stapff
- b. Jessica Diggins
- c. Alex Harvey
- d. Graham MacLean

While all of these are worthy, it was Klaebo and the female American skier!

6. What was a lovely and delicious **added touch** to the post-race lunch?

- a. numerous tasty desserts
- b. delicious homemade cornbread
- c. yummy vegetarian and meat options for the chili
- d. all of these (aren't we lucky?)

The kitchen wizards made all of these, so it's letter-d.

7. During the Bunnies parade, what specific bunny was leading?

- a. The Easter Bunny
- b. Bugs Bunny
- c. Frank, from Donnie Darko
- d. Roger Rabbit

If you go down a rabbit hole, you will have heard of the answer, frank-darko...

8. What distinction was **earned** by Peter Krause, co-owner of McBike?

- a. winning the 40 km skate
- b. breaking a pole while going through the tunnel
- c. going backwards across the finish line
- d. winning the 60 km race

Peter was in fine form when he completed letter-a.



10. What happened in **1987 for BVCCSC**?

- a. volunteers built the Buchfink Memorial Lodge
- b. purchased its first skate skiing compatible groomer
- c. hosted the first Wetzin'kwa Loppet
- d. changed its name from *Men & Dogs Ski Club*

We just skied the thirtysixth version of the Loppet, and that was in 1987, so option cccc.



11. The youngest skiers had pink flagging on their bibs so that course marshals knew to ...

- a. stop them from even thinking about attempting longer race loops
- b. restrict them eat more than one delicious & beautifully iced cookies at the finish
- c. not allow them to spontaneously attempting any daredevil off piste parkour
- d. tell them a wolf was seen on the course in an effort to make them ski faster

Previously, wee skiers were persuasive with marshals, saying they could ski longer courses.

12. Race day had winds from the NE, air temperature of -7.3 degrees, light snow &

- a. a delayed start
- b. fast conditions
- c. blowing snow
- d. sunny skies

It's insulting to even consider BVCCSC would have a late start! The correct answer is beee.

13. Who was our main announcer, being entertaining and knowledgeable?

- a. Ian Hanamansing, long time CBC anchorman
- b. BV Nordic's fantastic head coach, Andrea Stapff
- c. Ron MacLean, long suffering partner of Don Cherry
- d. Ali Howard, BVCCSC Events Coordinator extraordinaire

While the others may have done ok, it was Events Coordinator, a-howard who raised the bar.



14. Soon to retire & cherished Director of Nordic Centre Operations, Steve Osborn, did the...

- a. 40 km classic
- b. 60 km suffer fest
- c. skiathlon with style
- d. 20 km skate race like a pro

Steve did the race that has a distance equal to four times five.

15. How did participants access Loppet results?

- a. on a fantastic big screen in the lodge
- b. by pestering parents to hook up to zone4 via Starlink
- c. paper copies stapled to the outhouse wall
- d. they couldn't, there's no wifi or cell service anywhere nearby

We are a high-tech club! It was the answer that is listed first.

16. How many Smithereens stepped up to volunteer at the Wetzin'kwa Loppet?

- a. 20
- b. 45
- c. 65
- d. 90

The answer is a number that is the age required to get the Canadian old age pension.

17. The 2025 Loppet had \_\_\_\_\_ racers (good #'s, considering BV racers were at Nationals).

- a. 150
- b. 275
- c. 215
- d. 175

the answer in French is deux cent quinze, or, two-hundred fiveteen.

18. Wetzin'kwa is the Wet'suwet'en word for the Morice River, which

- a. has critical salmon spawning grounds
- b. contains crystal clear drinking water
- c. is the sacred headwaters of the Wet'suwet'en Nation
- d. all of the above

The answer is so much more but for our needs, let's just say the letter-d.

**JUMP FOR JOY- Newsletter Trivia Winner: the big reveal! Who wins a \$50 gift certificate to a local business? All participants in the newsletter trivia contest were put in a hat & the winner is- Jenna Rauch! Congrats, I will contact you with pick up info!**



**Previous Trivia answer:** the lovely stained-glass panels in our lodge windows!

Thank you for such a wonderful season, remember the newsletters for this season are over, not the skiing! See you on the trails! Sarah ☺

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