

# /Mid-April 2026 Newsletter

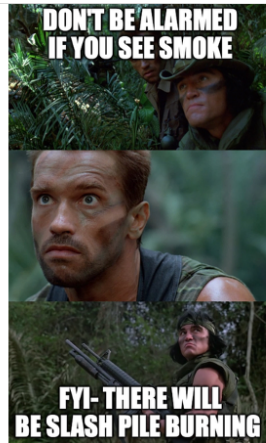
BVCCSC is grateful to be located on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en  
*The Gitksan are neighbours & allies of the Wet'suwet'en, and their name means, People of the River of Mist*

## JAN'S REPORT:

Our official closing date is April 19. This means an official season of five months, two weeks longer than last season. Only a few areas in BC remain open; even Sovereign is now closed. We had our challenges this season; December saw a lot of snow over a short period of time, January & February was wet & cold, with very little snow. March gave us warm conditions at the beginning & then a major dump of snow, followed by rain. Now grooming is winding down, nevertheless, skiing is still very good.

Let us not forget why we're able to have such a good snow base:

- Summer care of trails with mowing, improving drainage, increasing trail beds, grass seeding & brush removal.
- A dedicated and knowledgeable small machine crew during the early season.
- Only grooming when we were sure it would improve the short & long term viability of the trails.
- Four capable Bison operators who love our club, they are proud of what they accomplish & always seek to improve.



## WETZIN'KWA TRAIL CLOSURE:

A breeding Goshawk pair has been observed on Wetzin'kwa trail. The Goshawk is a *species at risk* & it's their breeding season, and disturbances lowers their chances of success. To reduce risk, Wetzin'kwa trail is closed from junction at Broadway to the Demo Forest, so skiers please ski elsewhere for the rest of the season.



## BRUSH PILE BURNING:

Do not be alarmed if you see smoke this later this spring at the nordic trails, this will be under supervision and is prescribed wildfire hazard mitigation.

## LOST & FOUND:

Friends, take a close look at this picture, and collect what is yours before the last day of skiing and it is all taken to the thrift store, or the garbage. I calculate easily over a \$1000 of nice gear...



## ADP FUN & GAMES:

Over the top active- Finley Pearce-Gagnon and Sacha Fleury-Allen skied over 100 km on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, what an accomplishment, especially after the intense and long season they have just finished! Our team also loves elevation, and what seems like an annual event took place on April 9<sup>th</sup> when the team skied up Twinkle Toes on Hudson Bay Mountain, that's about 450 metres in just under five kilometres! Maybe our skiers have aspirations of one day combining the duration and elevation of these two adventures by doing the Tour di Ski with that wicked finish Val di Fiemme. Not to say there isn't some easy fun happening for our youth; ADP kids had a fantastic Easter Egg hunt, also on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



I got a bit carried away with making some fun memes, so here you go:



Easter Egg Hunting Crew!

**USING THIS SPACE INAPPROPRIATELY:**

Since we all love winter and are concerned about it, here's an event posting for Earth Week. And hey parents, there's a super fun *Roll & Stroll Parade*, and activities for the whole family (consider ditching them with the sitter for the trivia night).

The Roll & Stroll Parade is 10 am on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Bovill Square. Decorate your wheeled vehicle and come out for a loop of Main Street. Do you care for a person in a mobility scooter or wheelchair? This event is for them too! COSTUMES SUGGESTED!

Art by Mark Tworow

# SMITHERS EARTH WEEK EVENTS

What:	When:	Where:	Details:
Film Night	Sun, April 19 6:30 doors open	Old Church 7 pm start	<i>The Nechako Will Be a Big River Again</i> What Matters in Our Valley
Climate Crisis & Opportunity	Mon, April 20 12- 1 pm	Coast Mountain College, Room 122-124	Wendy Orienti: Reconnection, Restoration, Transformation
Contemplative Walk	Tue, April 21 10 am	Riverside Park Camping Area	Shelley Worthington United Church
Earth Day Trivia	Tue, April 21 7 pm	Smithers Brewing Company	Teams & solo participants Great Earth friendly prizes
Earth Day Yoga	Tue, April 21 12 noon	Central Park Bldg Dance Studio	Adults & youth, no charge Bring your own yoga mat
Recycled Craft Lab	Fri, April 24 9:30-11 am	Smithers Public Library	School age children & teens Create an Earth Day Mural
Poetry & Song For the Earth	Fri, April 24 7 pm	Smithers Public Library	Featuring local musicians & poets Open mic, refreshments
Roll & Stroll Parade	Sat, April 25 10 am	Start/Fin Bouill Sq Loop of Main St	Costumes recommended, more info in the meadow on this poster
Green Expo Booths	Sat, April 25 10:30- 12 pm	Bouill Square	Local organizations with local info music, tree seedling giveaway

**Green Expo Participants:**  
 Active Transportation | What Matters in Our Valley | Town of Smithers | BV Airshed Society  
 BV Teachers' Union | Smithers Climate Action | United Church | Hopeful  
 Blue Ridge Coffee Shop | M.A.S.H.

Calendar of Events info:  
 Smithers EarthWeek 2026

**Answer to previous trivia:** Your communication director loves Breaking Bad, Mr. D, Heated Rivalry, & Pulp Fiction. Please don't judge me harshly for that admission. 😊

**The winner of our season long trivia contest is BOB MITCHELL!** Bob, I will be in touch to discuss your prize!



Thank you! I want to thank this club for being full of amazing people, I feel privileged to live here & be part of such a welcoming group. This club is a space where people step up not out of obligation, but because they have fun being part of a special community. Thanks again & see you on the trails- Sarah Newton, Communication Director.

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