

Late January 2026 Newsletter

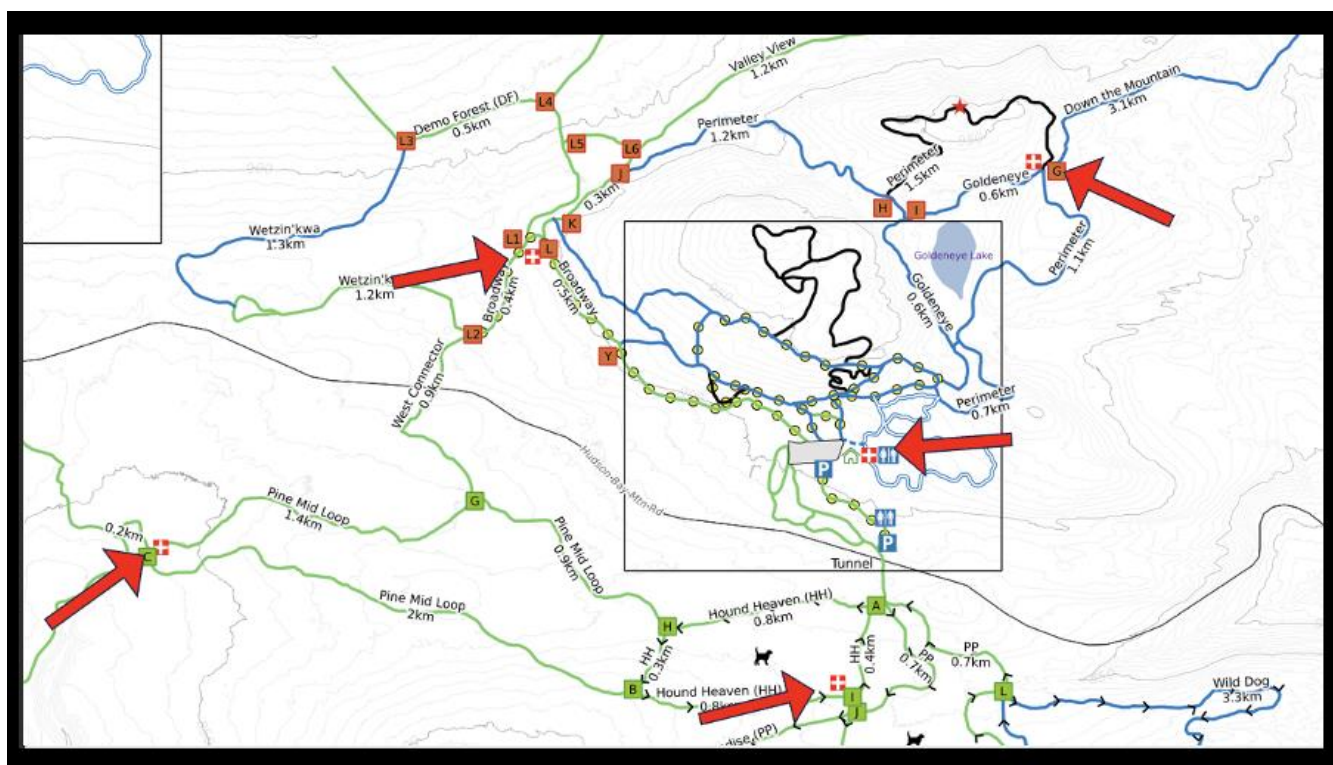
BVCCSC is grateful to be located on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en
In honour of McBike Welcome Day, try the phrase: "How are you?" = Hadih so'endzin

SPOILER ALERT: exciting update at the end of the newsletter!

WHAT IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY:

There are 4 emergency kits located at junctions on our trails in case something major happens, locations shown on the trail map below and on our website: [BV Nordic safety instructions on our website](#)

- Kiosks contain a backpack that has supplies to keep an injured skier warm while someone goes for help
- If someone is injured on the trail find the nearest kit & stabilize the skier
- Follow emergency instructions posted by the furnace room in the lodge (1st floor near the telephone)
- We have no ski patrol; skiers can familiarize themselves with the [BV Nordic safety instructions on our website](#)
- Remember cell service is very spotty on the Nordic trails & at the lodge



WE NEED A TREASURER:

At the end of this season our beloved Barb Guillon is stepping down, but she will train a replacement for the rest of this season. As well, our president, Tammy Woods will help out whomever steps up as our new treasurer for next season. Note that to make the role easier, BVCCSC does utilize a paid bookkeeper. So, if you were a math whiz in school & love spreadsheets, contact: treasurer@bvnordic.ca to find out more.

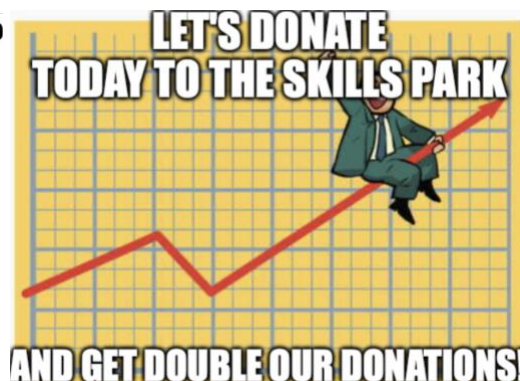
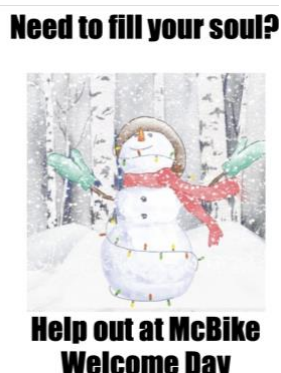
NORDIQ CANADA CLUB FUNDRAISER:

As you know, BV Nordic is fundraising for a special project that will add value to our club for decades by enhancing our ski playground/skills park. This is almost like free money because you get a tax receipt and Nordiq Canada gives us matching funds. There's more info in our previous newsletter, please consider donating:

****[Click here to donate!](#)**** *Check out the big news at the end of the newsletter about this topic!

MCBIKE WELCOME DAY, SUNDAY, FEB 15:

In all seriousness: the other day while I was skiing, & I met three couples who had never skied before. They were there ALL afternoon, and I chatted with them a few times during my ski; every time I came by, they had progressed & they asked for another short pointer. The total of the interactions was probably no more than five minutes, yet it put me in a good mood for the rest of the day; it was soul quenching to see their progress, & their joy at learning a new sport. Honestly, it was inspiring to be a small part of them discovering how fun the Nordic centre & how fantastic skiing is. I am telling you this story in the hopes that maybe some of you will be inspired to help out at the next event on the club's social calendar: McBike Welcome Day! Volunteers are needed to lead this event, to welcome skiers, outfit them, act as ambassadors on the trails & serve refreshments. If you'd like to give back to your club by spending a few hours on this, head to the [volunteer sign up sheet](#). The day promises to be a lot of fun with free rentals from McBike, free skiing all day, and refreshments at the Lodge.



SAFETY MIRROR:

Have you noticed that big convex mirror on the side of the tunnel? For everyone's safety, please slow down and check the mirror before entering the dog trail tunnel. Thanks to Roger McMillan for the thoughtful idea.

VOLUNTEER SHOUT OUT:

John Schibli is an active skier who also happens to be very competent & has quietly supported a ton of projects around the nordic centre in the last decade. As a trained carpenter, he's our *go to* person for when the work has to be done right.... He was part of the team that constructed the new groomer garage & last summer that same team installed a new slab for biathlon targets. When asked why he pitched in for the biathlon project (John is not a biathlete....) he said it was in honour of his buddy Wally Lesawich who passed away too early & had always dreamed of having a roof over the biathlon targets. ☺



WEEKLY DOSE OF DOG SHAMING:

Cross-Country Ski BC's protocol on dogs: *dog owners must have control of their dogs at all times*, more info: [CCBC dog policy](#). This is non-negotiable & is the basis for responsible dog use in public spaces, but also subjective.

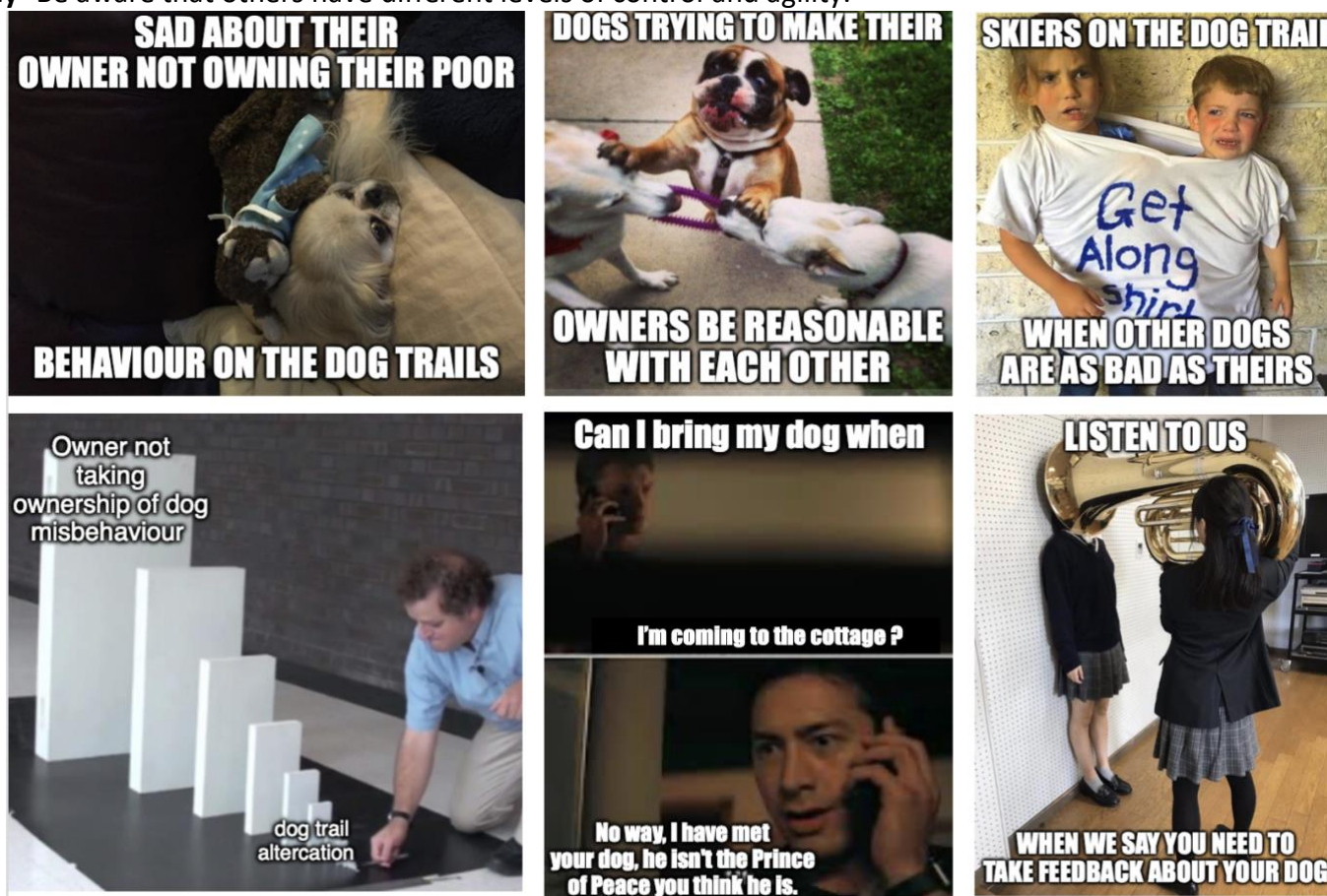
We must use the precautionary principle: presume that your perception of control may be different from others & error on the side of caution; a dog jumping on someone represents an owner not in control of their dog. A dog pooping on the classic track is not in the control of the owner, but something we can clean up.

More- When skiing with your dog, or anywhere with limited oncoming visibility, keep right.

More still- Notice where you stop to have a break, are you potentially in the way? This is not just on dog trails.

Yup, there's more- Be aware of others with a different comfort level when you are skiing past other folks

Lastly- Be aware that others have different levels of control and agility.



2024/2025 BV NORDIC DOG TRAIL SURVEY UPDATE:

Last year we sent out a poll to members, & after examining the results, the board is examining where to improve visibility & will prioritize identified actions. Please note that there is no change to the current direction of dog skiing. [Link to BV Nordic Dog Trail survey summary](#)



INDUCTEES INTO THE BVCCSC 100 CLUB:

100 Club membership is calculated by combining a skier's number of years as a BVCCSC member & their age. Theresa would like inductees to come out for a **group photo, tea, and treats, on Monday February 9, at 2 pm**. Contact Theresa at (778-210-1520) if you will be attending.

BVCCSC 100 Club Members:

Tenley Dahlie	Brant Dahlie	JoAnne Reid	Hope Lutz	Anne Maclean
Mike Doogan-Smith	Poppy Dubar	Elaine Edmison	Linda Kisleka	Debbie Courtliff
Larry McCulloch	Kate Kantakis	Bob Mitchell	Mark Granlin	Dick Harrison
Darlene Doogan-Smith	Irene Howard	Steve Howard	Mark Blyney	Moira McMillan
Dennis Courtliff	Dave McMillan	Steve Osborne		

1000 KM CHALLENGE WE HAVE A WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER:

Theresa White is carrying on her fabulous tradition of making bagels for the first person who reaches 1000 km & we have a winner (already!). The person listed as "MRS" on the mileage board has hit 1000 km! Contact Theresa at (778-210-1520) to claim the bagels.

FOR THE REST OF US ON THE MILEAGE CHART:

Everyone who gets to 1000 km on the chart by mid-March will have their name put in a draw for a coveted McBike hat. The mileage chart is up on the wall in the lodge.



Theresa's bagels!



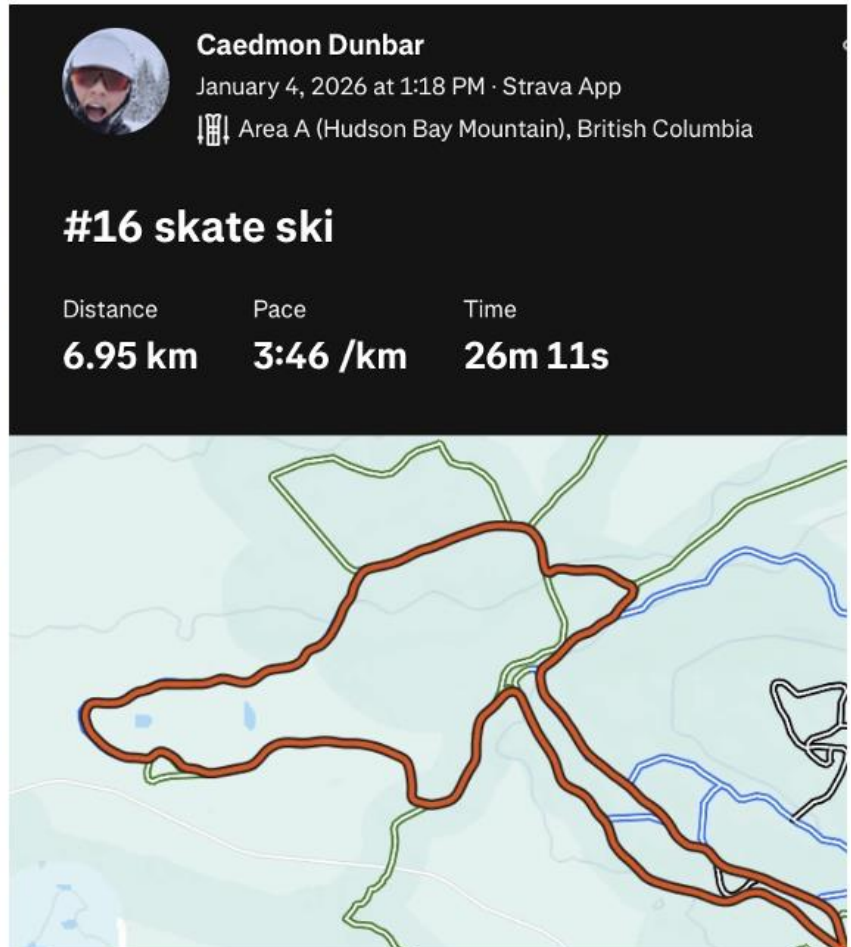
100 Club members: Anne, Hope, JoAnne & Poppy proudly sporting their pins!

HOLIDAY HUSTLE RECAP:

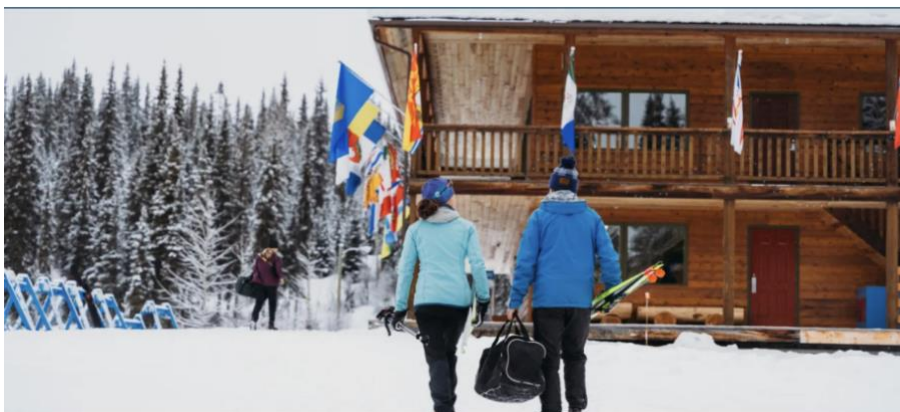
Thank you everyone who participated in this season's iteration of the Holiday Hustle! More than 100 people completed over 215 laps of the 6.94 km route. Many thanks to Greg Dykxhoorn & Rob Henry for their help to make the event possible & to Greg's sister, Sam, for cheerfully getting roped into helping despite visiting from out of province. If you were contacted, there's a prize with your name on it tacked to the bulletin board outside the lodge. If you are interested in organizing another virtual race, contact events@bvnordic.ca.

SUMMARY OF HOLIDAY HUSTLE RESULTS:

- Caedmon Dunbar (former BV racer), skied the route a whopping 16 times, the most anyone has skied the Holiday Hustle since inception!
- David Doogan-Smith had the fastest overall time in 17:24 (& fastest skate time).
- Ava Wimbush, another BV race program alumna, had the fastest skate time for a woman in 20:11.
- Bryden Rigets, On the classic side, was the fastest in at 26:37 for the men.
- Megan Peloso, followed closely behind in 26:51 for the women. This was also fast enough for 9th overall!



FOR YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE:



Tourism video advertising BV Nordic & other venues in the Bulkley Valley: [BVCCSCS Tourism Feature](#)



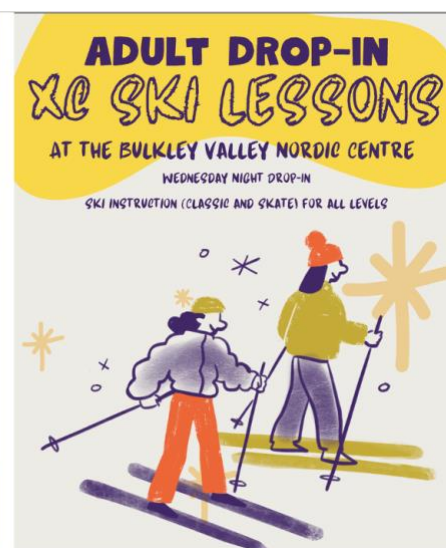
Chris Dahlie's cabin on Hudson Bay Mountain, late 1960's: [youtube video](#)

REGISTRATION FOR THE WETZIN'KWA LOPPET (Saturday, Mar 21) IS NOW OPEN:

We are hosting our flagship event, the 37th annual Loppet for all ages & technique persuasions. It's not about who gets to the finish line first, the loppet is a celebration of our club & trails. More info on the [RACE NOTICE](#) & you can register at [zone4](#).

Not keen on racing? There are literally dozens of volunteers needed to make the day a success. **One lucky volunteer will win a season ski pass for the 2026/2027 season.** Sign up to help [here](#), there, there's a variety of duties, times, indoors and outside, don't delay so you have the most choice of volunteer opportunities.

There are options for all ages, skills & fitness levels. Distances are: 1 km, 4 km, 9 km, 20 km, 40 km, & 60 km; course maps can be [viewed here](#). Depending on conditions, the race committee may modify the routes with short notice but will post updated routes on the website should this be necessary. For each distance, skiers choose classic or free technique. Can't decide which one? There's even a 40 km skiathlon option where participants race 20 km classic technique followed by free technique for their 2nd 20 km lap. You won't want to miss this celebration of cross-country skiing and our club.



DROP IN SUCCESS:

So far it has been a huge success, with groups of different abilities & small group instruction, and of course snacks and good conversations afterwards. Come out each Wednesday at 7:00 pm until February 25th at a cost of \$10 per session. No need to register in advance. Please arrive at the lodge a few minutes early to get your gear on, sign in and pay. After the lesson, there are snacks and warm drinks and a chance to socialize in the lodge. Turn out has been great so far and momentum is building, this is the place to get exercise, hang out with pals, and meet new friends.

BV NORDIC WEBCAM & PERCY:

@percyinsmithers, the Kindness Cat, is a real live cat & a fixture in downtown Smithers. When our webcam stump was empty, we knew exactly who belonged there. *Percy the Snow Cat* made an early appearance in December but didn't survive Nordic Centre conditions. While *Percy 2.0* was being built, **Danielle** & her kids, **Eve & Zoe**, stepped in with Skeena the Snow Pup. Small but mighty, Skeena did his job without complaint, thank you Eve & Zoe for helping out! Thanks to **Christine** who donated a family heirloom to be the framework for version 2.0. Now our artistic journey is complete, & *Percy the Snow Cat 2.0* stands on the stump. Please enjoy him on the webcam, & remind kids to look, not touch, we want him to last.

Timeline of Percy's Journey:



COMING EVENTS:

Always check out our website: <https://bvnordic.ca/events-activities/>

Trivia Question: What BVCCSC member participated in the 2010 Winter Olympics? What did they do?
Send your response to communications@bvnordic.ca

Answer to previous trivia: earliest evidence were rock carvings & wooden fragments in Northern Russia, Scandinavia, & Central Asia, give the approximate date for the invention of skiing as **6000 to 8000 years ago!**

Those of you who are new to our trivia contest, it runs all season with winners entered in a draw for a gift certificate to one of our local business sponsors.



SPOILER RIGHT HERE!

Here's your reward for making it to the end of the newsletter!

-GREAT NEWS-



DONATION UPDATE ON OUR SKI PLAYGROUND/SKILLS PARK FUNDRAISER:

Have you seen our Club Fundraiser donation thermometer lately?? A recent **BIG** donation, which helped us secure extra matching funds, was made by the Bulkley Valley's very own **Florence Motel**! We are so grateful and excited to work with the Florence Motel to bring the skills playground to its full glory, with both their generous investment into our club's future and their visionary ideas to bring this project to the next level... stay tuned!

Please help us reach our goal - with this big leg up, donations big, medium and small will get us there!



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