

Late January 2026 Newsletter

BVCCSC is grateful to be located on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en

Did you know, Gene Anne Joseph is a Wet'suwet'en librarian from Hagwilget; & founding librarian of UBC's Xwi7xwa Library

WILL YOU BE OUR NEXT TREASURER?

Do you enjoy being part of a great club & wish to play a role in its future? WE WANT YOU! The treasurer is a member of the board directors. We (the board) are a friendly bunch with a love of skiing & a shared vision of improving our club operations & ski programs. This is a volunteer role & works with the assistance of a bookkeeper to keep our club finances in order. The continued success of our club is in the hands of the many dedicated volunteers who so generously give their time.

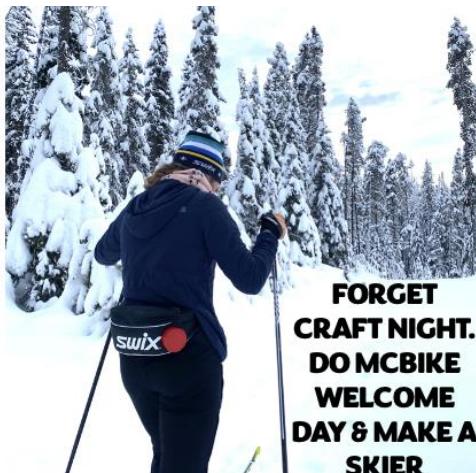
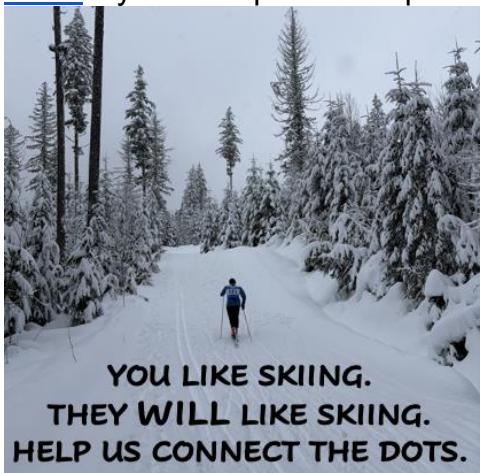
Your background in bookkeeping or other finance is invaluable to the club & our outgoing treasurer is here to help you ease into this important role. If this could be the next chapter in your ski life, please reach out. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! For more info, email tammy.woods@bvnordic.ca.



BVCCSC Board of Directors; Look how friendly we are! Join us as our treasurer?

MCBIKE WELCOME DAY:

Volunteers are still needed for McBike Welcome Day on **Sunday, February 15**. Head to the [sign up sheet](#) if you can spare a couple of hours to welcome non-members to our beautiful venue.



Call for Nominees for the Chris Dahlie Memorial Cup:

BV Nordic wouldn't be what it is without the many people who generously share their time, energy, enthusiasm & skill. Teaching kids to snowplow, cooking for hungry racers, inspiring us with next-level performances or driving up in the dead of night to groom trails for all to enjoy—the list goes on & on.

To honour those who go above & beyond to support Nordic skiing in the Bulkley Valley, we're reviving the Chris Dahlie Memorial Cup after a brief hiatus. Named for one of the true pioneers of the sport in the North, the cup was created by Chris's wife Elsie in 1990 to honour *someone who promotes the sport by helping to make better facilities, by great personal performance or via leadership in the ski community.*

The Cup will be awarded at the Loppet on March 21, & we're looking for deserving nominees. If you know someone who should be recognized for their dedication, volunteering or inspirational spirit, email: malcolm.johnson@bvnordic.ca by February 28 with a short explanation of why they deserve the award.



THE DISTINCTIVE SKIING STYLE of Smithers skier Chris Dahlie makes it easy to identify him as the subject of this photograph, says photographer Louis Schibli. Dahlie, one-time ski-jumping champion of western Canada, skied most of the local slopes. This photograph was probably taken on the Malkow Lookout hill slopes in the late 1940's.
PHOTOGRAPH BY LOUIS SCHIBLI.

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Chris Dahlie won the Western Canada Ski Jumping Championship, held in Smithers in 1935.

Chris was an early promoter of skiing in the Bulkley Valley. He came to Canada in 1928, drawn to the area because it reminded him of his home near Lillehammer, Norway. A skiing population grew in the Bulkley Valley among the Scandinavian settlers, many of whom were tie-hackers on railway construction.

Dahlie was known for building ski jumps, cutting slalom runs, designing cross country routes, making hickory and birch skis, & for building the first ski cabin up on Hudson Bay Mountain. Dahlie competed in slalom, xc ski racing & jumping, regularly traveling across BC for competitions.

January 25 Womxn's Clinic:

We welcomed 100 womxn (80 skiers, 20 coaches/volunteers)! The clinic included two morning lessons, catered lunch from Two Sisters, draw prizes (thank you McBike, Nature's Pantry, Two Sisters), & afternoon activities: wax clinic, biathlon intro, yoga session, & trail tour. New this year was the chance to test a ski chariot. Thanks to the participants, coaches, & volunteers for another great year! Huge thanks to Julie Sheppard, Abby Morgan, & Laura Kroesen for stepping up to organize this fantastic event.

WOMXN'S CLINIC 2026



PLANNED POWER OUTAGE:

BC Hydro has informed us that the Nordic lodge will be without power on Thursday, Feb 19 from 9:30 am to 3 pm.

WORLD JUNIOR TRIALS & WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

A crew of 20 U12 to U20 BV Nordic skiers & a committed team of waxers & coaches were in Canmore this past weekend to participate in the World Junior Trials & Western Canadian Championships. During this 4-day event our BV Nordic racers were among 780 skiers from across Canada & the US.

Beginning on Thursday, contenders for the 2026 World Juniors, being held in Norway this March, raced a 3 x 3.3 km classic course. They were faced with long & at times steep hills before a long, windy descent to the stadium, starting all over again two more times.



Shots from Canmore, Junior World Trials, photo credit Ben Forsyth, @redmegmedia, Helene Fleury

Friday's classic race saw some of our younger team members kicking & gliding well with U12 skier Myles Rosenberger winning the gold and U14/U16/U18 racers Ella Moore, Ethan Rosenberger, Teja Stevens, Finn Rosenberger, Finlay Beedle, Veya Stevens and Mila Stasiuk making it in the top 20.

Saturday's U20 sprint race was held on the World Cup course, a most challenging 1.3 km with Amelia Moore and Avafei Clark successfully making it to quarter-finals. Most notably, Nicolas Gagnon skied his qualifier really well and a top 20 no less in his age category, in a competitive field of older skiers.

Sunday had some of our older skiers do a 20 km skate race. For Sonny MacLean & Fynn Stasiuk, it was their first time skiing this distance. These two U18 boys as well as U20 skier Finley Gagnon, veteran of the 20 km distance, paced very well & had great races. Sunday also brought U16 racer Amelia Moore a silver medal for winning the skate distance race while Mila Stasiuk had a breakout race with a top 20!

A fun fact from the weekend is that our BV Nordic racers had excellent glide wax. So much so that Avafei Clark (Thursday) and Adrian Wickham (Thursday and Sunday) came first in the descent segment with Amelia Moore, Sacha Fleury-Allen, Alex Forsyth, Teja Stevens and Benji Wickham also clocking high speeds in a large field of highly experienced and high caliber racers.

All the wax goodness could not have been possible without the wonderful collaboration of waxers from Caledonia, Nelson and Fernie Nordic and our seasoned BV Nordic wax team lead by Andrea.

Thank you, Helene Fleury, for this submission

General Manager Update:

- A big **thank you** to our day-pass users, school groups, and season-pass holders for supporting our trails and facilities. Despite challenging weather, your continued turnout is truly appreciated.
- A reminder to all lodge users and parents: **please clean up after yourselves and your children.** We've noticed more dishes, garbage, toys, and personal items being left behind. The lodge is a shared space—if you bring it in, please take it home. You are the janitor.



January saw challenging grooming conditions. After several days of heavy rain, temperatures dropped sharply & the trail surface froze. When snow is cold & hard, excessive grooming can make the snow pack denser. To create a safe, smooth track, operators run the Bison with high tiller power to break up the surface & restore a uniform, skiable texture. In extreme conditions, sections of trail may need to be groomed twice at slow speeds, so grooming efforts are focused on fewer trails, sometimes using smaller machines to refresh skate lanes. Despite these challenges, our grooming team's approach has delivered great skiing this year.

Still wondering why grooming looks different sometimes? Visit our [Grooming FAQ](#) for more info.



COMING EVENTS:

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

Trivia Question: Why did it take Beckie Scott two years to get her Olympic gold medal? Send your response to communications@bvnordic.ca

Answer to previous trivia: BV Nordic members at the 2010 Olympics? Jody Barber (para-athlete), Larry McCulloch (guide), Mark Blayne & Larry Cosmer (stadium, grooming)

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.



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trails?



Also take note of our super
coach, Andrea. We truly are the
envy of other clubs in BC!

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These partners provide a wide range of support to the club including management of the trails, logistical support, and funding.

