

# Mid-December 2025 Newsletter

BVCCSC is grateful to be located on the unceded territory of the Wet'suwet'en  
Try this out: *Had ih so'endzin (Hello, how are you)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASSES NEEDED FOR EVERY SINGLE SKIER:

All children & youth need either a season pass or a day pass for insurance purposes; it's that piece of plastic or paper that provides your child with insurance. For some reason, parents have been skipping this when filling out registration on Zone4. **Children (but not youth) ski for free but still need to have a pass.** Please go back into Zone 4 & register your children.

**On the topic of passes-** Jan wants to remind everyone that there is no cell service at the Nordic Centre, so all transactions must be made by cash in the envelopes or E-transfers: [treasurer@bvnordic.ca](mailto:treasurer@bvnordic.ca). You can also purchase a day pass at McBike & Sport on Main Street before heading up.



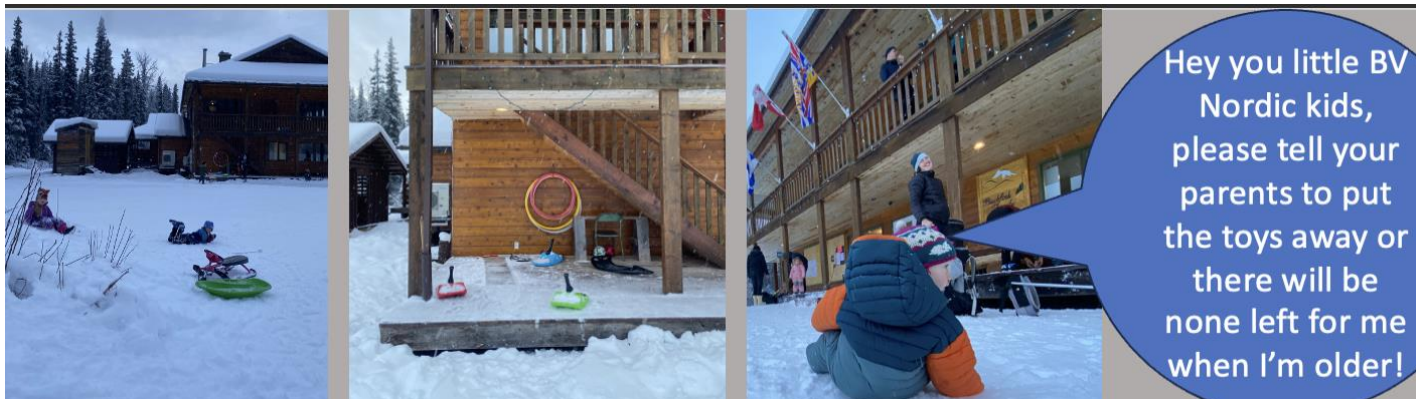
### FROM JAN (GM) & KEVIN (DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS):

#### 1. LOGGING UPDATE 😊:

Hauling operations on both Upper Logging Road & Broadway are finished! Once we have more snow, we'll groom Upper Logging Road & the sections of Broadway and Demo Forest. In the meantime, we have filled the gap between Broadway and Wetzinkwa with snow, as well as Demo Forest Rd and Valley View, so skiers no longer need to walk across the logging access. Thank you, Wetzin'kwa Community Forest, for collaborating to limit disruptions to skiing. Management & contractors took extra measures to finish the project quickly, ensure signage for safety, and graded the roads while keeping them free of debris. Skiers may notice small cut blocks on Valleyview and Upper Logging Road. These patch cuts were carried out to demonstrate different harvesting techniques. Specifically, the community forest partnered with a biologist to harvest trees in a way that also supports goshawk populations. The smaller patches are located within goshawk hunting areas, giving the birds improved access to prey species. Additionally, this approach maintains shade along the Upper Logging Road, which benefits skiing conditions.

## 2. GROOMER STRUGGLES:

Parents, we're glad the kids enjoy the club's toys & sleds. However, when they're left out on the snow they create major issues for our groomers. Hidden toys get pulled into the groomer & break apart, leaving pieces scattered & causing significant delays to clean up. Stopping the groomer also leaves ridges that affect skiing. To avoid this, **please return toys & sleds to the deck before you leave**. The toy issue is disruptive enough that we may need to remove the toys altogether—which we'd really like to avoid.



3. Another friendly reminder that there are a lot of moving parts around the Nordic Centre, and we ask for everyone to slow down driving in & out of the Nordic Centre. Kids, dogs, cars & adults are all part of the fun but please pay attention when behind the wheel. The trails are not going anywhere.
4. Note about grooming, we don't groom during warm fronts, wet snow, rain or other strange weather events, as this makes for potential rock-hard snow when frozen, that will be a challenge to groom if there's no new snow for a week or so. We believe in patience & we know that the results will be better.

## SKI S'KOOL INSTRUCTORS NEEDED:

BV Nordic needs more instructors for our children's skiing programs. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic, enjoy cross-country skiing, and like working with school-aged kids. Instructors must be reliable, positive, and willing to help teach beginners. We host over 1300 student visits each season & for many it is a highlight of their winter, why not be a part of that special experience? If interested, email: [ndsp@bvnordic.ca](mailto:ndsp@bvnordic.ca)

# SKI S'KOOL

## INSTRUCTORS NEEDED



Bulkley Valley Nordic Ski S'kool is in need of more instructors for the 2026 Ski S'kool season (January-March). Ski S'kool is a cross country skiing program for grades K-7 that sees 1300 student visits each winter.

Requirements for instructing: enthusiasm, a joy of cross country skiing, enjoy spending time with school-aged children, criminal reference check and 1.25 hours of NCCP courses.

An honorarium is paid for instructing time and for one hour of course requirements.

Sessions: Tuesdays/Wednesdays 10:00-11:30/12:30-2:00 and Thursdays 10:00-11:30

\*Instructors can be available for as many sessions as they would like to be.

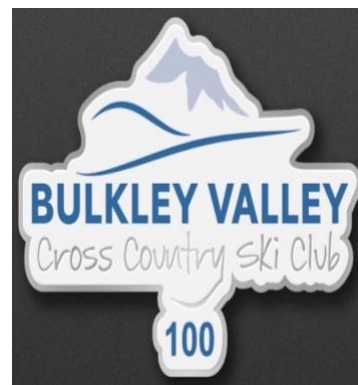
## TIME SENSITIVE COFFEE NOTE:

Last chance to order coffee to support our ski racers going to the National Championships in Quebec. You can order up to Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> for delivery on Friday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. This is local specialty coffee from Bugwood Bean, \$26/340g bag (\$10 from each bag goes to the team). Order via [diana.cullen@bvnordic.ca](mailto:diana.cullen@bvnordic.ca).



## 100 BVCCSC CELEBRATORY PINS:

Thank you to Theresa White for this wonderful idea! Do you have what it takes to reach 100? If you are an active BVCCSC member, and *your years of membership and age combined is equal to or greater than 100*, you have reached a pinnacle that BV Nordic would like to recognize and celebrate! After Dec 26<sup>th</sup> contact Theresa White (778) 210-1520 to get your 100 Pin!

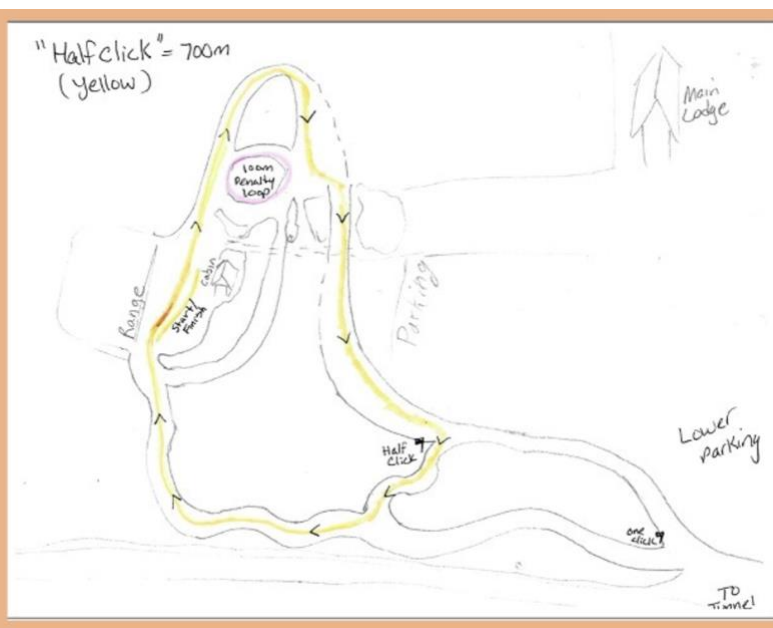


## UPCOMING EVENTS

BIATHLON	Dec 14
TOUR de TREAT	Dec 20
HOLIDAY STORY WALK	Dec 20 - Jan 4
HOLIDAY HUSTLE	Dec 21 - Jan 4
TECK NORTHERN BC CUP	Jan 3 - Jan 4
WOMXN'S CLINIC	Jan 25
MCBIKE WELCOME DAY	Feb 15

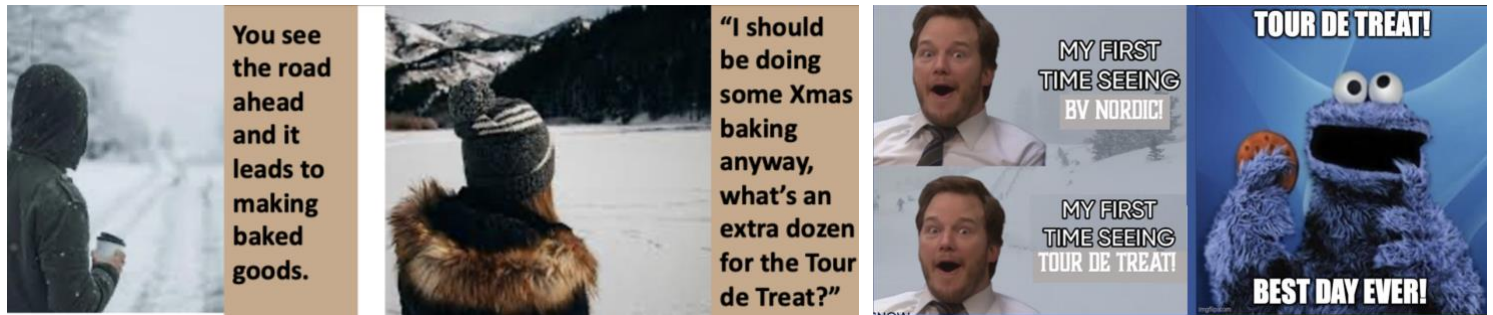
### BIATHLON EVENT SUNDAY DEC 14 (8:30am to 11am):

We are hosting trials for the BC Winter Games biathlon! Skiers will utilize the biathlon range, 100 m penalty loop, biathlon range loop, *Half Click Right* & the corner of the stadium closest to the biathlon range. Club members, be mindful of the competitors while out on course & please use alternative access from the parking lot to the stadium from 10:30 -11:00 am. Signage & V boards will be utilized to mark the course. Spectators welcome!



## TOUR de TREAT:

Saturday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> noon to 2 pm. Only 200 tickets will be sold, on site. Participants must have a season or day pass to participate. Head out for a gentle ski on some of our most accessible trails. All proceeds to our racing program! Contact [events@bvnordic.ca](mailto:events@bvnordic.ca) if you can donate baking!



## HOLIDAY STORY WALK:

Saturday, Dec 20 to Sunday, Jan 4, The Northwest Child Development Centre is once again generously providing this self-guided, free event for our members & the public. This year's story is *The Gingerbread Man Loose at Christmas*. Located just behind the lodge, so you can ski, sled, skip, or walk the pages of this charming tale!

## HOLIDAY HUSTLE:

Sunday, Dec 21, to Sunday, Jan 4. Everyone is welcome to join. Ski the route as many times as you would like during this time period, and upload your results (including which technique was used) to Strava or post your results, comments, and pictures on our [Facebook group page](#). If you would like to participate but don't have social media, please email your time (preferably with a photo of your watch) to [events@bvnordic.ca](mailto:events@bvnordic.ca). Prizes provided by local businesses will be drawn at random, so anyone can be a winner. There's even a prize for skiing the route the most often! Check the website for the route closer to the start.

***We are still seeking a few volunteers to help with the Holiday Hustle & the StoryWalk. Jobs are minor time commitments but will result in spreading joy. If you have time: [Volunteer Sign Up](#)***



## TECK NORTHERN BC CUP RACES 1 & 2:

Saturday, Jan 3 & Sunday, Jan 4: we're hosting the Teck Northern Cups 1 & 2 and Chris Dahlie Open, this will bring some of the region's finest skiers to our trails. The event will also serve as a BC Games qualifier for 2011/12 birth year skiers. Based on the success of last year's exhibition team sprint, it will happen again this year. If you would like to participate, register at [zone4.ca](http://zone4.ca) by Tuesday, Dec 30. Many volunteers are required to ensure the races are fair, fun, and safe for all participants. If you can pitch in, please head to the [volunteer sign up](#) sheet to find a role that suits you. The race committee appreciates your help!



## WOMXN'S CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLINIC:

Whether you're a seasoned or first-time skier, this event offers a great opportunity to hone your skills, build camaraderie with fellow skiers, & bask in the beauty of a winter wonderland at the Bulkley Valley Nordic Centre.

**Date & Time:** Sunday January 25, 8:15 am - 2:30 pm

**Event Highlights:** 8:15 am - 8:45 am: Sign-in and Waxing

9:00 am - 10:30 am: Lesson #1

10:45 am - 12:15 pm: Lesson #2

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm: Lunch catered by Riverside Kitchen

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm: Choose Your Adventure: Yoga, biathlon, Chariot Skiing 101, wax clinic, trail tours

\$65 for members, \$80 for non-members, registration closes on January 10<sup>th</sup>

Registration: [Zone4 Registration](#) (this fills up, don't delay). **Note:** Equipment rental options at McBike

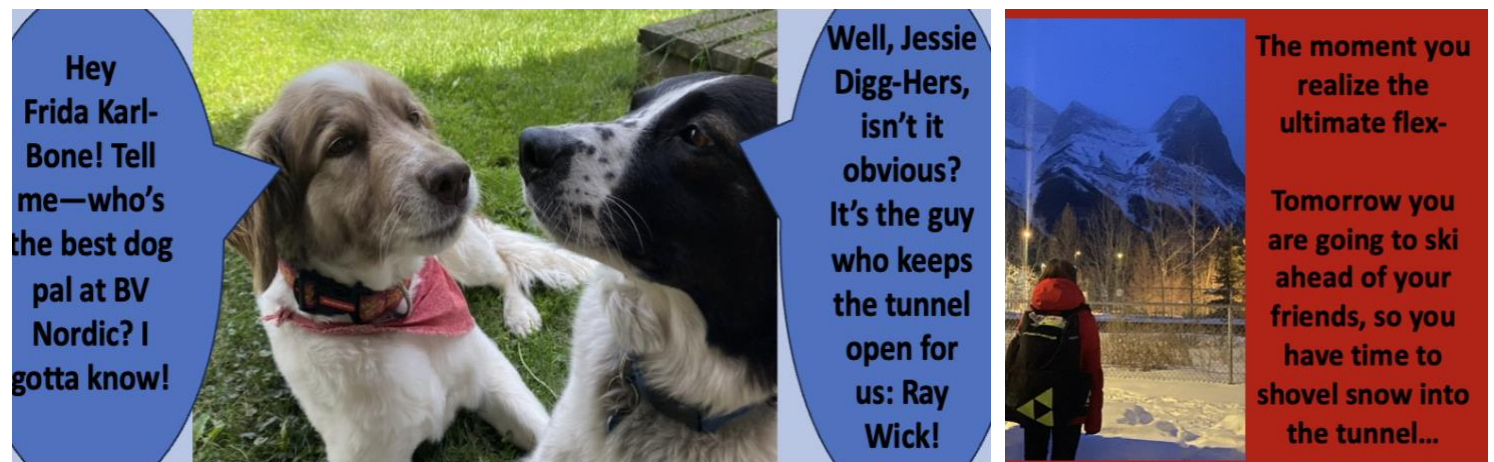


## MCBIKE WELCOME DAY:

Sunday, Feb 15, Do you remember the joy you felt when you first began nordic skiing? Help spread that joy to our greater community on McBike Welcome Day. We are looking for one or two people to help with this day of free skiing & to make it one of our flagship events. If you are interested in helping, email [events@bvnordic.ca](mailto:events@bvnordic.ca)

## VOLUNTEER THANK YOU:

Thank you to Ray Wick, he's the guy who takes the time to often shovel snow into the tunnel. That's what the shovels are for on each side, to shovel snow so we can zip through on our way to Pine Creek & the Dog Trails! Thanks Ray- for being the silent hero of Pine Creek devotees & dog loop addicts.



# CANINE CORNER

## DOG POOP, DOG ETTIQUETTE:

1. Let's be honest, the dogs are getting a bum rap (literally), it's all of us owners, that need to up our game. The dog trails are a tremendous success, seeing more use than any other part of our network, but with this gift comes a responsibility, and it's more so every year. Please, be calm when encounters arise, and polite & open to a version of events that might not be easy to hear. We know altercations happen but in general people are more upset with the reaction they get from the owner than with the actual dog incident itself.



2. About the poop, our dogs are running around having their best life on the ski trails & are most often stopping to sniff & then sprinting back up to us. **The pooping often happens behind us & we don't notice.** To make sure the trails don't become an unholy mire of frozen dog poop by mid-winter, we need to keep on top of the poop: by removing any that we see from the trail - you can use a spade, your ski tip, your pole basket, a branch from the side of the trail, whatever it takes!

## LEASHES:

As painful as it is to get yourself, your ski gear, & the dogs organized, please, we beg you, leave the dog in the car or leashed while you get ready in the parking lot. Lately the parking lot has seen a number of unleashed dogs...



**Nothing but time on our hands to remind dogs to leash their owners in the parking lot...**



**This is Bjorn, his owner forgot the leash, she used her ingenuity to make one from a shopping bag.**



**Dahlie's owner also forgot, but she just scooped him & skied off (pro level rule compliance, not recommended for everyone).**





## EVENTS RECAP

### CCBC NORTH ZONE ON SNOW CAMP:

The Teck Regional Snow Camp (Northern Region) brought together 90 athletes and 24 coaches from clubs across the Northern Region, including Snow Valley (Terrace), Bulkley Valley (Smithers), Omineca (Burns Lake), Nechako (Vanderhoof), Caledonia (Prince George), Mackenzie Nordiques (Mackenzie) and 100 Mile Nordics (100 Mile).

Blessed by the 'Nordic snow gods', skiers enjoyed three fantastic days of skiing, many athletes getting on snow for the first time this season. Skiers also enjoyed incredible meals and snacks over the course of the weekend provided by a crew of wonderful cooks and helpers. The snack tables in particular were next level, festively decorated and displayed. Most importantly, the camp provided an excellent opportunity to bring athletes and coaches together for lots of learning and fun. A distance ski under the stars followed by the traditional lighting and releasing of lanterns was enjoyed by all on Friday night. On Saturday the focus was on agility, skills and technique sessions in both skate and classic and a classic time trial for the older athletes and maybe a game of Mantracker for the younger set. The final morning provided lots of excitement and learning with a full camp mass start practice mash up and ended with an equally exciting mixed age group classic sprint relay.

The camp was also fortunate to have Zach Hill, BC Ski Team coach, join our team and lead coaches and athletes through a variety of technical and tactical skills expertly incorporated into all the activities over the weekend. Thank you to the coaches from the Northern clubs who shared their expertise, inspiration and passion for the sport with the camp participants. Thank you to the many volunteers that fed us, the meals and snacks provided were top notch, nutritious and delicious. Finally, thank you to our amazing grooming team who provided skiers with excellent terrain to further their development. They left happy, with increased skill, greater endurance, new friendships and connections and motivation for the season ahead!



This camp showcased the strength of the Northern skiing community, nurturing a culture of collaboration and excellence and the continued growth of our sport. Huge thanks to all the amazing volunteers and coaches for making this camp such a success!



### **RIP, PERCY THE SNOW CAT:**

May Percy the Snow Cat rest in peace. Though his tenure was brief, he graced our humble webcam stump, serving skiers with a dignity & fortitude seldom found in webcam characters. In his silent vigil, he uplifted the spirits of children & adults alike, and if whispers are to be believed, he won the approval of the snow gods themselves.

The exact circumstances of his untimely demise remain shrouded in mystery; we only hope his passing was swift and free of distress. While a successor will be appointed to occupy his former post, let it be understood that any soul who contemplates the defacement or destruction of Percy's replacement shall incur not only the wrath of the skiing community, but also the unwavering scrutiny of the aforementioned snow gods. Such mischief will be met with a strong, unwavering, cold rain.

To all parents, please advise your children that meddling with Percy's successor is ill-advised, for even the gentlest snow cat possesses a frosty spirit that is best left unchallenged.



**Percy the Snow Cat: doing his duty, day and night, in the cold, and covered in snow. He even inspired the creation of his likeness in a Strava Segment.**



**Trivia Question:** What did skiers use before klister? Send your response to [communications@bvnordic.ca](mailto:communications@bvnordic.ca)  
 Answer to previous trivia question: Mike the Tequila Donkey was the special guest at last season's solstice event!  
 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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