



# Sandpoint Nordic Club

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## SPRINGING INTO MARCH

The snow has officially melted and crocus flowers are popping up around town.

I'd like to give a huge thank you to SNC's Board of Directors for a successful season: Renee Nigon (President), Susan Jordan (Treasurer), Heather Lien (Trails), Kara Waters (Secretary), Rick Price (Rental Center) and Dig Chrismer (Instruction). We are lucky to have each of you.

I'd also like to thank our coaches, groomers, volunteers and members - you are all crucial to our growing and thriving Nordic community in Sandpoint and we thank you for your support. Looking forward to next season!

*Leanna*

NEWSLETTER

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# And that's a wrap

By being a member of the Sandpoint Nordic Club, you make a hugely positive impact to the Sandpoint community. Check out our summary below of the community members we served this season.

- Introduced **700 local elementary school kids** to xc skiing through our School Program, a skiing field trip, where kids are educated on trail development and conservation with the help of Kaniksu Land Trust.
- Introduced **52 adults** to xc skiing through our Learn to Ski Day
- Hosted **45 kids** in our Youth Ski League - an after school ski program which includes our Race Team - more on that below!
- Built a community of **15 adult & youth ski coaches**
- Provided **educational ski clinics** to **50 adults** via our Beginner Skate & Classic Clinic and our Intermediate / Advanced Skate clinic.
- Provided an opportunity to our members to set and reach their ski goals through our Distance Challenge
- Rented skis at sweet SNC rates to **400+ community members** - a lower cost alternative to purchasing skis.
- Offered free opportunities including a weekly Headlamp Social Ski and a Full Moon Ski.

# THE DISTANCE CHALLENGE

We aren't sure what the Ski Curmudgeon famously called our "Get a Life Club" will do with their free time now that the Distance Challenge is over.

Some of the die-hards have said that we need to start a Spring / Summer Roller Ski Distance Challenge. Who's IN?!

Either way, our Distance Challenge participants should be proud of themselves for collectively skiing a whopping 7,095 KMs this season .

**Twisted Klister** (938 KMs), **Makka** (753 KMs), and **Arpie** (737 KMs) skied the most KMs all season. Nice work you three.

Big congrats to **Cheese Head**, **OG Racer**, **Poohpa**, **Fuglebein** and **Thorson** for completing their 500 KM goals.

Another a big congrats to **Ocean Wren**, **Fastbreak**, **Mountain Chickadee**, **Thanesmith**, and **Craig** for wrapping up their 200 KM goals.

If you haven't received your sticker, please email Allison France,  
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## SNC DISTANCE CHALLENGE 2022

### 500k





## RACE TEAM RECAP

The Sandpoint Nordic Race Team season wrapped up in early March. Our racers showed strong this season and had races all over including Libby, WhiteFish, Sun Valley, McCall, Spokane and Minneapolis! Highlights are below for each racer.

**Evan Brubaker:** Evan took 3rd place at the Missoula Ice Badger Loppet for the U16 Boys 10K skate. He also took 2nd place at the Whitefish Carnival Classic 4K race. Another race highlight for Evan was his 3rd place finish in the Spokane Nordic Cup's classic and skate community race. Nice work, Evan!

**Jett Longanecker:** At the Skiasta 10k race at Seeley Lake, Jett took home 2nd place with a time of 28:28. He also finished 3rd in the 10k skate at the Nordic Dance Invitational in Lubrecht with a time of 31:55. Jett also placed 14th at the Mt. Spokane Nordic Cup XCX. Good job, Jett!

**Isabella Waters:** Izzy finished 1st in the U14 female 1.3k classic sprint qualifier in Jackson, WY which allowed her to advance to the final sprint heat in which she again finished 1st. She also competed in the Intermountain Youth Championships (IYC) in McCall, ID and finished 2nd in the Cross Country Cross race. You rock, Izzy!

**Callahan Waters:** Callahan did so well this season that he made it to Junior Nationals in Minneapolis, MN! His best day at JN's was the 5k classic mass start where he finished 12th out of 76 U16 boys with a time of 15:14. Congrats on a hugely successful season, Callahan!

**Pax Longanecker:** Pax had an excellent first race season, finishing 3rd place in Skiasta @ Seeley Lake's 5k skate with a time of 15:10. He also took 4th place in the 3.5k classic Nordic Dance Invitational race with a time of 16:17. Yay, Pax!

**Fletcher Barrett:** Fletcher's most memorable race of the season was his 1st place finish for the 30k, U18 men, at the Sacajawea Classic in Bozeman. He also finished 1st in the 10K skate race at the Lubrecht Race in Greenough, MT. To say he crushed it is an understatement!

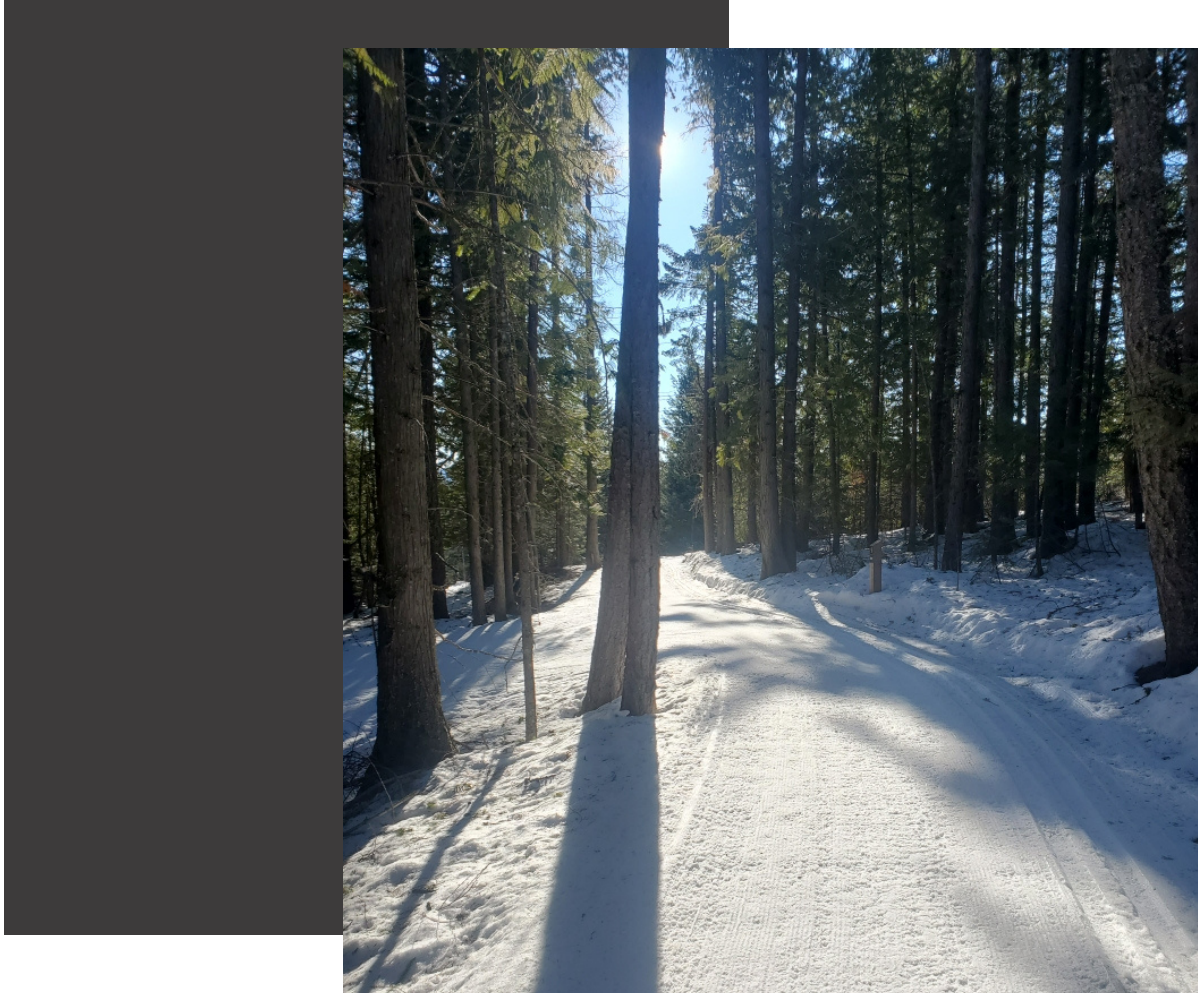


**Callahan Waters  
at Junior Nationals**

# SEASONAL RENTAL RETURN DAYS

Please remember to turn in your rentals to the ORC in Pine Street Woods during one of the below times. Maybe even bring Rick and Tom a "thank you" treat for managing the rentals all season ;)

- **Saturday, April 9th 9am-12pm**
- **Wednesday, April 13th 4-7pm**
- **Saturday, April 16th 9am-12pm**
- **Wednesday, April 20th 4-7pm**



# THE FUNNIES

## The Ski Curmudgeon

**Dear Ski Curmudgeon** - I'm looking for a Nordic skier to date. I first tried Tinder, found a potential match, then swiped right. I then went to his Meta and Instagram account to make sure he was the real deal. Next I messaged him on What's App, he instantly replied on Snap Chat to confirm mutual interest. I sent him a pin through Gaia to meet at Picnic Point on the Schweitzer Nordic trails. My question is do you think it appropriate to document a first ski date on TikTok? I thought it would be more personal to ask you than Twitter.

- *Gen Z Skier*

**Dear Gen Z Skier** - Sorry, but you lost me at Tinder

- *SC*

## Ole & Lena

Ole, Sven, and Nels came into the bar. They were high-fiving each other, shouting, and generally having a celebration of some sort.

"Line 'em up," Ole shouted as the party continued.

They drank and carried on for hours. Finally the bartender's curiosity got the better of him. "Just what are you celebrating?" he asked.

"51 days! We did it in 51 days!" they responded.

"What did you do in 51 days?" he probed.

"Put the puzzle together," they replied, "51 days, and the box said 3-5 years!"