

MWSC January Newsletter

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MOUNTAIN MOMENTS

LATEST NEWS



U16 Team Race at Panorama

Shortly after ringing in the New Year, U16 skiers ventured East to Panorama in B.C. for the Teck Open Rd. 1 Race from January 9th– 17th. Despite learning that the race had been postponed due to extreme cold weather warnings, they carried on and made the most of their time with a stop at Apex for a few days to enjoy fresh powder in the mornings, followed by training in the afternoons with the Okanagan FIS team. The team continued on to Panorama and battled through the –40 temperatures as they anxiously awaited any news of resuming the race.

After many weather delays and re-organization, racing kicked into gear on Sunday with a single-run GS race for both men and women and a single-run Slalom race on Monday. U16 racers Martin Winnett, West Dingle, Sofia Bertuccio, Tessa Bell, and Piper Graaten all raced well and had tough competition with over 80 racers in each category from across the province and also Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. In their usual fashion, Tessa Bell and Piper Graaten finished within a hundredth of a second of each other in the Slalom on Day 1 and were both in the top 20 in the Day 2 Slalom. The team finished their time at Panorama on Tuesday for a 2 run Slalom race for both men and women before making their way back to the island. Tessa Bell placed 13th in the 2 run Slalom, a very strong result in her first year U16. Although the trip was a bit longer than anticipated, Coach Trimmer and his team enjoyed their time together on and off the hill with homework sessions, great meals, ski tuning, and lots of laughs.



U14 Zone Race at Mount Washington

On January 20–21, 2024, the picturesque slopes of Mount Washington Alpine Resort witnessed the intense competition of the Teck Coast Zone U14 alpine races, hosted by the Mt. Washington Ski Club. The event brought together 125 athletes from 6 coast zone ski clubs, creating an atmosphere of exhilarating competition and camaraderie. The athletes were competing in their first zone race of the season and were also vying for qualification positions for the BC Games being held in and around Quesnel, BC in February. more...

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor Update

So far ~100 jackets have been updated with new patches and hopefully we've done them all – or very close to all. Thank you for everyone's support! If your ski club jacket doesn't have all 5 Platinum Sponsors on it please get in touch with Dave mwscsponsorship@gmail.com and we'll handle it on a case by case basis. Thank you!

We are always accepting new sponsors, so if your company or employer would like some added exposure please get in touch with Dave mwscsponsorship@gmail.com

Sponsor Highlight

Splashes Bath & Kitchen: Our first new Platinum sponsor of the season is **Splashes Bath & Kitchen**. Welcome and thank you for your generous support!

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Update from the Safety Committee

There are several safety policies that families should be aware of: Safety Protocol, Free Ski Protocol, and U10 Lift Policy. These policies are posted in the cabin and on the [website](#). In addition, U12, U14 and U16 competitive athlete families should watch for an important email from coordinators pertaining to the code of conduct. All U12, U14 and U16 competitive athletes must read and sign the code of conduct (click [here](#) to read and sign).

Volunteer Update

Thanks to all who volunteered at the U14 race. Our club had about 70 people volunteer, and 30 other volunteers were from visiting clubs. 20 families have completed their volunteer hours and 65% of families have done some volunteering so far. 2000 volunteer hours have already been invested in our club thus far this season. Our club thrives on your volunteerism and we appreciate every single contribution. Please watch the chat on sportsengine's volunteer opportunities team and go to the links on our website to find volunteer opportunities.

EVENTS CALENDAR



February 3 – Club Race #1 – POSTPONED. All members, Saturday and Sunday skiers are welcome to participate in our first club race of the year.

February 24 – Social Event: Holmes Family Sailing Sabbatical – Join us for a family friendly presentation of our year of adventure as we sailed around the Mediterranean, across the Atlantic, then through the Caribbean, Bahamas and east coast of the USA. Kelly Yacht Sales will provide appetizers and beverages. 4 pm, Club Cabin. RSVP to mark@kellyyachtsales.com

March 9 – Club Race #2

March 9/10 – Grouse Tyee Cup for U12, Grouse Mountain

March 22/23 – Nancy Greene Festival for U10 and U12, Sun Peaks Resort

April 6 – Year End Banquet, Mount Washington Alpine Resort Lodge. Please complete this form to help us estimate numbers for the event.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hot Lunches Kick Off!

Our popular hot lunch program has begun. On Saturday Jan 27 over 50 taco hot lunches were sold, and on Sunday Jan 28 we enjoyed pizza from Salt Pizzeria in Parksville. Hot lunches cost 7\$ each and usually include a main meal item, treat and drink. Hot lunches are a great opportunity to complete volunteer hours and to socialize with club members. To find out if there is a hot lunch and what's on the menu on any given weekend you can check the schedule in the volunteer opportunities sportsengine team. The schedule will be updated by Monday each week. There are still some empty hot lunch shifts at the end of the season. For questions about hot lunch please contact hot lunch coordinator – Kelsey Rix (kelseyrix@hotmail.com)

Cabin Security and Insurance Update

In a bid to diminish our insurance premiums at renewal, and to increase security and risks of flood and/or fire, security cameras have recently been installed. Cameras will monitor the main (family) level 24/7 except 8–4 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is also signage posted with contact information if you need to get into the cabin outside of these hours. Thanks to our president Mark Law who monitors the cameras and locks 24/7! We'd like to remind members that all family/personal gear (i.e., skis, tools, clothing) is not insured by the club when they are left in the cabin. Everything that is not-club owned is left in the cabin at member's risk and that the club's insurance does not cover loss / theft. Members should examine their homeowner/renter insurance to ensure they have coverage for gear that is lost/stolen when it is not in their home.

RECENT KUDOS



- All of our socials and volunteer food to date has been provided using sponsorship funds from Quality Foods. We'd like to particularly thank **Matt Howie of QF in Courtenay** for putting in a lot of extra effort to put together a huge pre-order for the U14 Zone Race volunteer lunches.
- Have you noticed the coaches poster in the club cabin? This was a **joint effort by the Marketing and Communications committee**, but it couldn't have been done without the graphic design expertise of Dee Matanowitsch, and photo taking skills of Josh Good. Kids and parents have been enjoying reading about our coaching community. Thanks to all who helped out!
- Being a part of MWSC is a long commitment for many. We still rely on the help of our marmot community – ski club members whose children no longer ski with the club, but who remain active, helping out and contributing to the achievements of our club and athletes. For the U14 Zone Race more than 10 of **our marmot community** helped, particularly with race set up. Thanks so much for your help and commitment to our club.
- **2023 Year-End Fundraiser** was well subscribed and we raised \$4k that was invested in safety equipment to keep our athletes safe during training and races. Thanks for your contributions!
- On Sat Jan 27th, 18 members completed their Alpine Level 1 Officials course taking a critical first step toward supporting their athlete's development in our sport and volunteering at races. **Thank you all for investing your time and energy in becoming an Alpine Racing Official!**



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