

Draft – February Club Newsletter

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MOUNTAIN MOMENTS

LATEST NEWS

SNOW!!

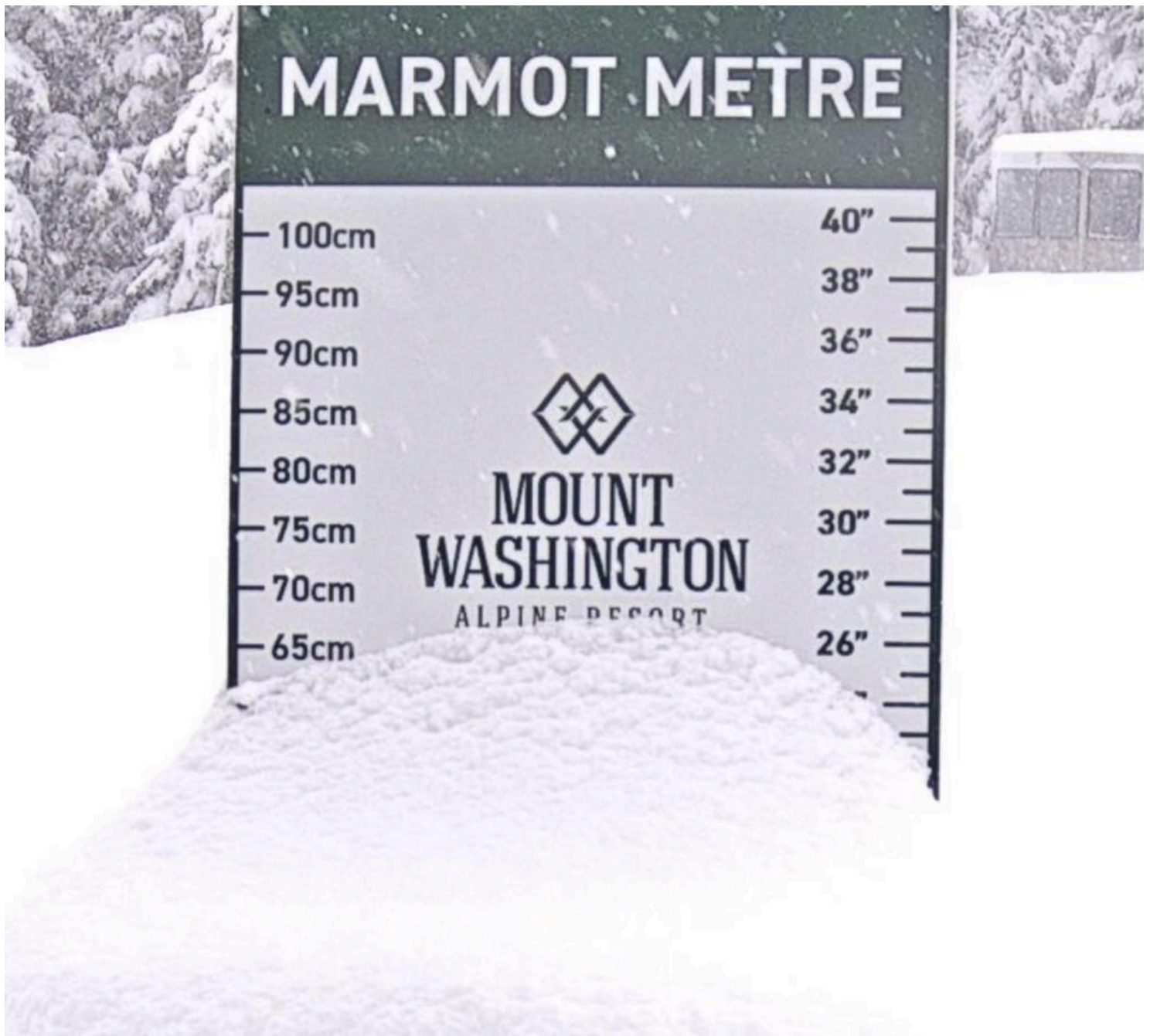


Photo taken February 28, 2024



U16 Race Report

U16 athletes (Sofia, West, Martin, Piper, and Tessa) enjoyed a weekend away at the Parsons Tech race in Whistler at the end of February. The weekend included Slalom on Friday and Giant Slalom (GS) events on both Saturday and Sunday. The steep terrain on Ptarmigan provided an exhilarating setting for the races, enabling athletes to demonstrate their skills and adaptability on the slopes. Tessa showcased strong performances, securing podium spots with 5th place finishes in both Giant Slalom (GS) races. Meanwhile, it appears that there may be a pattern emerging with the Mt Washington crew, as West and Martin achieved consecutive results on Saturday, West finished in 15th place, closely followed by Martin in 16th. The following day, Piper secured 12th place in GS, while West moved up to 14th. Overall, it was an action-packed and exciting weekend for the U16 crew and Coach John Trimmer.



U14 Race Report: BC Winter Games – Apex 'Lemonade Cup', February 24–25, 2024

Our U14 athletes who competed to qualify to attend the Lhtako Quesnel 2024 BC Winter Games learned a lesson in resilience, as the Alpine Skiing events at the Games had to be canceled due to a lack of snow at the local Troll Ski Resort. But when life gives you lemons, you make lemonade! Thankfully, BC Alpine quickly pivoted to a back-up plan to host the BC Winter Games race at Apex instead. The MWSC sent ten athletes, along with coaches Clint and Sylvi and adult supervisor Jen Childs to an exciting 2-day race event generously hosted by the Okanagan Zone and the Apex Ski Club. Congratulations to our U14 athletes Charlie, Connor, Danica, Della, Jasper, Kai, Leah, Mercer, Sam and Savannah for their participation in the BC Winter Games and for sharing their positive energy and racing talents with the other athletes from across BC!

Next up for our U14s is the Teck Coast Zone Race, which was originally scheduled to take place at Cypress Mountain and is now being hosted at Whistler Mountain, March 2–3, 2024, to be followed by the U14 Provincials scheduled at Red Mountain, March 29–31, 2024. Watch for updates on these events in our next newsletter and good luck to our athletes.

U12 Race Report

Thanks to the coaches for making the most of the challenging conditions and giving the athletes lots of great days on the snow! Parents have been hearing how much fun they are having and have noticed how confident they are looking on skis! The U12 Tye Cup has been relocated from Grouse to Whistler and we are excited to have eight athletes attending. The conditions at Sun Peaks are looking good for the Nancy Green Festival, and eight U12 athletes are making the journey! We are looking forward to a strong second half of the season with options to race away and in our own club race.

Club Clothing: Pre-Orders and March 9, 2024 Clothing Sale

Will your athlete need a new Club jacket or ski pants next season? Did you miss out on purchasing a rain poncho this year? Are you interested in a new puffy jacket to show off your MWSC spirit?

It's that time of year again where we need to place our Club Clothing order through our supplier, Karbon, which is due on **March 12, 2024**. The Club's order will be shipped to us in the fall and ready for pick-up as the ski season starts. We are returning to a mostly pre-order and prepay approach for our Club Clothing, which means the Club will not be carrying a large inventory of extra items next season. **This is your only chance to order what your family will need for next year.**

To place your order, you can:

1. Complete the [Club Clothing Order Form](#), and/or
2. Attend the Club Clothing Sale, **Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 11 am – 2 pm** at the Club Cabin. You can try on and purchase items from our existing inventory – while supplies last! In addition to the Karbon items, we have hats, toques, t-shirts, hoodies and stickers for sale!

Volunteer Opportunities to assist with the Club Clothing Sale are posted on [signup.com](#)!

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor Update

We'd like to welcome Cantec Fire Alarms as a new Bronze sponsor to the club. Thank you for your support! www.cantec.ca

Sponsor Highlight

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Our MWSC coaches are part of what makes our club so special. We have a large and diverse coaching team, who have a wide range of experience with our club and with coaching. One of the best things about our coaches is their ability to balance teaching new skills and making it fun! Our head coach John Trimmer has coached with the club for 33 years, and some of our newest coaches have been with the club since they learned to ski! Each year John hosts a coaching course in December to continue to build our coaching roster. See this [link](#) for more information about the coaching pathway. We have club parents who coach and coaches who volunteer their time to fill in when they are needed. If you haven't already, please check out our coach's poster in the cabin to learn more about our coaching team! Seen here – club president Mark, photobombing the coach poster photo shoot!

EVENTS CALENDAR



March 9 – Club Race – There are volunteer positions and child minding services available for this race. To indicate that you'd like childminding please RSVP on SportsEngine U10 Schedule.

March 9 – Club Clothing Sale – 11am – 2 pm

March 9 – Club Cabin, 4 – 7 pm. Appetizers and drinks sponsored by Kelly Yacht Sales at 4 pm, Sailing presentation at 6 pm: 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. Everyone is welcome!

April 6 and 7 – Team Photos

April 6 – Year End Banquet, Mount Washington Alpine Resort Lodge.

Sept 14 – Annual General Meeting in the Club Cabin in the afternoon. Gear Swap and a hike for athletes. Please plan to attend.

DID YOU KNOW?



The **banquet planning committee** is hard at work planning the 2024 year end banquet which will be held at Mount Washington Alpine Resort Lodge on Saturday April 6th. Last year's banquet was a huge event with about 150 attendees and we hope to at least match that this year. At the event we will have the opportunity to celebrate our coaches, volunteers and athletes. The banquet will also include some fun fundraising activities with our target this year being a seacan to store some of our newly acquired equipment. All skiers who attend the banquet will receive a year end t-shirt. Please RSVP for the banquet and provide sizing so that we can order your child's free shirt by going to this [link](#). T-shirt orders need to be received by March 9th. Please watch your email for more information about the banquet as plans come together.

Are you worried about getting your volunteer hours done? Don't! There are still lots of opportunities during the next couple of big events (Club Race and Banquet) and up to and including the AGM in September. There will be work parties in the summer to build a timing hut and do cabin maintenance. Completing [Safe Sport](#) is 1.5 hours for each adult, and attending the AGM is 3 hours per adult. Additionally, if you have suggestions for ways in which you can contribute to the club beyond the posted volunteer opportunities, please reach out to coordinators and/or board members. These suggestions will need to be approved, but we are always keen to explore new ways to enhance our programs and services with the unique skills and ideas of our members.

RECENT KUDOS



- **Thanks to the Stooksbury family** for donating the food for hot lunch on Saturday February 10th.
- **Kudos to U12, U14 and U16 coaches and club coordinators** for helping to plan team travel events. With races changing locations this has been unusually challenging! The racers and families appreciate the effort that is put into these events which are often the highlight of the season.



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