

Northern Cup



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Teck Northern Cup #2

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Smithers

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The Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club (Smithers, BC) welcomed 88 athletes, age 4 and up, to the Teck Northern Cup #2 Classic race, Sunday, February 11, 2018. With temperatures around -10 C and 35 cm of fresh snow having fallen in Smithers the week prior to the race, snow groomers had plenty to work with and classic ski conditions were just about perfect. Distances ranged from 0.77 km for the youngest to 7.5 km for the older skiers.



Photo credit: Irene Ronalds

Some Track Attack and Junior age skiers are off to Kelowna for the BC Championships next weekend, so this race was good preparation. The race was also deeply satisfying to the younger racers who travelled to Prince George for BC Cup #2 last weekend, but could not compete due to cold temperatures. While chocolate is awarded to the top 3 finishers in each age category, it seemed like everyone was a winner just by taking part.



Photo credit: Lisa Perry

An impressively large contingent of Masters skiers made up the roster this year, especially in the men's categories. Hopefully next year will see equal growth in the women's categories. After all, cross country skiing is truly a "sport for life". Some of these older skiers commented that the race "really cleaned the pipes!"

This event would not be possible without the support of Teck Resources and our wonderful ski community of 30 or more volunteers. Special thanks to the kitchen crew who pulled off a triple podium sweep in the chicken tortilla soup, hot chocolate and fresh baked goods categories!

This is the final race in the Teck Northern series for this season. The Northern Cup Aggregate Award went to the Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club. The Caledonia Nordic Ski Club (Prince George) was runner up, and would likely have won the aggregate had their Teck Northern race not been cancelled due to extreme cold over Christmas.

The Teck Northern Cup is a series in northern British Columbia. Follow the team results on the Cross Country BC website at <http://www.crosscountrybc.ca/teck-regional-cup-program>.

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