



A legacy of the 2010 Winter Olympics, CVXC exists to ensure that the Nordic Venue, Whistler Olympic Park, continues to be used for its original intent - ski competitions. We are an event-hosting club that has members on its board from Cross Country BC, Hollyburn Ski Club, Nordic Racers Ski Club, Sea to Sky Nordics, Spud Valley Nordics and Whistler Nordics. Our purpose is to host high-level events in a world-class venue. With each event, we strive to offer a first class experience for competitors, coaches, officials and others involved.

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The BEST IN THE WEST came out for the Haywood Western Canada Cup held at Whistler Olympic Park Jan 17-19, 2020!



It was a weekend of fierce competition and camaraderie as CVXC (Callaghan Valley Cross Country) hosted the Haywood Western Canada Cup at Whistler Olympic Park. Around 500 athletes from across western Canada and beyond travelled through true winter conditions for three days of racing. Significant race money and divisional championship points were at stake. It was an event for all ages and abilities; athletes ranged from young amateurs to high-calibre racers, and there were also very accomplished para-athletes in the mix.

Friday was exhilarating with the sprint races. Athletes raced on an unforgiving and very hilly course. All age categories eliminated participants down to the final six racers. The sun even made an appearance in mid afternoon and Whistler Olympic Park was in full glory! See the results here:

<https://zone4.ca/race/2020-01-17/cac4d21e/results/>

Saturday offered snowy weather and a classic technique race in the format of an interval start. The course was again a very challenging and hilly race for all participants. Distances ranged from 15km for the Open Men to 2.5km for the U14s. No matter what the age or distances, all racers did their best diagonal stride and got the job done! See results here:

<https://zone4.ca/race/2020-01-18/839fcc5e/results/>

Sunday was a fun day with the relays. Some teams were formed for speed and other just for fun as racers were matched up in groups of three. The relays are always a great way to finish off Westerns as many of the participants make new friends from across Western Canada. There was also a 15km 'free technique' event for the 'Open Men & Women'. See the results here:

<https://zone4.ca/race/2020-01-19/4b173900/results/>

The event would not have been possible without the 100+ volunteers. And many organizations and businesses from Vancouver to Whistler (and in some cases across the Province) came on board as sponsors. The event featured both large corporate sponsors and small business sponsors. You can view the sponsors here:

<http://callaghanxski.ca/events/westerns2020/sponsors/>

Dirk Rohde, Event Chair, summed up the weekend as follows, *"there were definitely some challenging conditions with the snow and cold but our volunteers pulled through to host another world class Olympic legacy event! It is always good to see the participation of some of the top skiers in Canada, including Olympian Emily Nishikawa."*

For more information and photos visit the CVXC website:

<http://callaghanxski.ca/events/westerns2020/>



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