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A successful Kootenay Cup hosted by Kimberley Nordic Club



Kimberley cross country skier Milly Miller (centre) lines up to start a race at the Kootenay Cup races held at the Kimberley Nordic Club this past weekend. — *Image Credit: Chris Newel Photo*



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For the Bulletin

The Kimberley Nordic Club hosted the very successful Tech Kootenay Cup this weekend (Jan 2, 3). Sunny skies, combined with excellent snow and awesome grooming made for beautiful conditions. Over 160 racers competed in the competition, which were also Kootenay Region trials for the BC Winter Games.

Racers ranging in age from four to 81 came from Whitehorse, Golden, Canmore, Calgary, Roseland, Fernie, Nelson, Montana and Kimberley. Kimberley had a strong contingent, with over 35 of the Jackrabbit age group (4-9) taking part. Three Kimberley skiers, Sidney Wilson, Marielle Akerman and Molly Miller qualified for the Provincial BC Winter Games.

Approximately 50 volunteers were instrumental in the success of the race. Many were out on the course for hours in the cold temperatures to assist the racers. A hearty lunch was served up for the

races, volunteers and spectators.

Saturday saw the classic ski races with 160 registered participants, Sunday had close to 120 in the skate technique event. A large number of participants entered both races.

“Kimberley is known for putting on great events and this was no exception, thanks to our great volunteers and wonderful venue”, Jeannie MacDonald, Competition Secretary.

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