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The BC Cross Country Ski Champs were a great success this past weekend!

The **2016 Teck BC Championships** took place this past weekend at **Whistler Olympic Park.** It has been 36 years since this exciting competition was held on the coast! 23 clubs and over 400 athletes participated from across the province. Ages ranged from 5 to 69!



The Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club of Vancouver www.hollyburnxc.ca was thrilled to be the host club. Hollyburn is a 500 member not-forprofit organization based on the North Shore that depends on its volunteers. The club supports skiers of all ages to develop a 'lifelong passion' for the sport. Hollyburn has also bred some very talented athletes; club skier Annika Richardson just represented Canada at the 2016 Youth Olympic Games in Norway.

Sanctioned by **Cross Country BC** with **Teck** as the title sponsor, there were three main events: an individual sprint, a medium distance race, and a three-person relay (the relay was sponsored by **Deep Cove Outdoors**).

"Despite some of the less-than-ideal weather we had during the event, both the racers and volunteers really seemed to be enjoying themselves. It was wonderful to see skiers of all ages from all over BC come together for friendly competition." Quote from Dirk Rohde (Chief of Competition and President of Hollyburn Ski Club).

Photo: Hollyburn Skiers Jenna Sim and Annika Richardson

You can find all the results here:

Sprint Heat results:

http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=8109&cat=all Interval Start results:

http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=8093&cat=all Relay results:

http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=8108&cat=all

Salmon Arm's Larch Hills won the overall Championship Club Trophy; Hollyburn came in second place, followed by Revelstoke.

It was a wonderful celebration of Cross Country skiing complete with a banquet at Totem Hall in Squamish!



Photo: Jenna Sim from Hollyburn dukes it out with Kamloops and Kelowna competitors!

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Cross Country BC (CCBC), the provincial sport governing body for cross country skiing in British Columbia, is a not-for-profit, club-based organization of more than 18,000 members. CCBC offers programs and services to support the continuous development of cross country skiing for all ages and abilities, from introductory experiences to international excellence.

Teck Resources Limited is the title sponsor of CCBC's Skier Development Program, thereby supporting excellence in sport and providing youth with experiences that will help them prepare for the for the future. For more information on Cross Country BC, please visit www.crosscountrybc.ca.

Photo: North Van residents and Hollyburn PeeWee boys, West Pollock, Andreas Inkster and Kai McGregor celebrating their third place relay medal!

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