

Coast Cup



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HOLLYBURN
Cross Country Ski Club

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Teck BC Coast Cup Series kicked off with great enthusiasm this past weekend!



Mini racers at the start gate! Photo: Clayton Whitman

This past Sunday, November 27, **Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club** and **Whistler Olympic Park** hosted a fabulous **2016/2017 Teck BC Coast Cup #1**. There were lots of smiles and rosy cheeks as about 100 cross country ski enthusiasts kicked off the first race of the season in 'winter wonderland' conditions! Clubs in Vancouver and the Sea to Sky corridor have been training on the Callaghan 'Gold' snow for the past three weeks (snow stored since last season). In the days

leading up to the race, the snow gods cooperated and the route was moved from the limited 'gold circuit' back to the original course. We even saw some blue sky peek through on race day!

The Coast Cup series attracts a broad range of athletes from 'little ones who are just getting the hang of skiing' to serious athletes. Katie Weaver from the Junior National team skied in the event too. This series is a great way to celebrate and encourage participation in the sport.

Results are posted here: <http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=8307&cat=all>

This event was not possible without the tireless effort of many volunteers. Dirk Rhode, Chief of Competition, and President of the Hollyburn Ski Club, had the following to say: *"...special thank-you to all my 'Chiefs' and leads for managing contingency plans and the seamless last-minute change to return to the original courses and venue. It's great to see the ski community come together to put on a wonderful early season event like this!"*

The **Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club of Vancouver** www.hollyburnxc.ca was the host club. Hollyburn is a 500 member not-for-profit organization 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; Katie Weaver and Annika Richardson were named to the Junior National team this year.

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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.

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