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Larch Hills Nordics take BC title



The mass start of the Boys Bantam division of the 2.5 km classic race at the Stake Lake cross-country ski trails in Kamloops last weekend. — Image Credit: Brad Calkins Photo

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Following three weeks of strong skiing on cross-country trails around the region, the Larch Hills Nordics Ski Club have emerged victorious as club aggregate BC champions for the fourth year in a row.

Three weeks ago over 30 team members raced to great results in the second of the BC Cup Series in Prince George, following the first race in that series held in Salmon Arm in early January. Then on Family Day Weekend, Larch Hills locked up the Okanagan Teck Cup Series, beating the second place host club, Revelstoke, 545 points to 369. Many team members put in spectacular performances.

This past weekend was the final race in the Teck BC Series. Hosted by Overlander Ski Club at Stake Lake near Kamloops, the event determines the provincial cross country Championships.

Friday was the mass start classic race, followed by the interval start skate race on Saturday and the relay races on Sunday.

At the end of Saturday's skate race, individual aggregate points for the season are tallied and the provincial awards handed out.

This year, aggregates were presented to the overall top three racers in each age category. In order to qualify for an annual aggregate award, skiers must have competed in four of the six BC Cup races and one must have been a classic race.

The BC Championships end with the awarding of the club aggregate trophy, based on the points earned by the skiers over Saturday and Sunday, and, for the fourth year in a row, Larch Hills emerged the winner.

Team members showed off their blue and yellow colours in great numbers to take home the trophy, with participants from as young as four up to adults in their sixties putting in great performances for the Larch Hill ski team all weekend.

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