

Record Turnout and Excellent Conditions for Teck Okanagan Cup #1

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(Revelstoke BC) On January 2nd the **Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club** played host to the 2016 Teck Okanagan Cup #1 and the BC Winter Games (BCWG) Trials. An Okanagan Cup record number of athletes (252) participated in the event. They represented six Okanagan-based clubs plus the Valhalla Hills Nordic Ski Club, Canmore Nordic and two jet-setting skiers from New South Wales, Australia.

The competition was particularly important for Okanagan skiers born in 2001 and 2002 who were vying for spots to compete at the 2016 BC Winter Games in Penticton this February. 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.

Conditions were cooler than many visiting skiers expected, but all welcomed the easy waxing conditions and blue skies. The event was an interval start classic, with competitors 15 seconds apart and utilizing the diagonal-stride and double-pole techniques. A record 61 Revelstoke athletes took part in the event. Full results are available online at http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=7789&cat=all.

Congratulations to all competitors on their performances! A warm thank you is extended to the organizing committee and 62 volunteers for their tireless efforts at running a well-organized event.

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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 future. For more information on Cross Country BC, please visit www.crosscountrybc.ca.

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