## Teck Kootenay Cup #2 – not a typical Regional Cup race

(Rossland, BC) - The weather continued to cooperate in Rossland over the weekend as the Teck Kootenay Cup #2 / Haywood NorAm races took place with two classic races at temperatures just below freezing. The freezing conditions made for a fast and icy course, with some challenging downhill corners. A good binder wax was necessary.

This wasn't your typical Teck Regional Cup to say the least. Aside from the fact that the race took on a narrow, icy track, racers and spectators alike we're excited to be at the same venue with names such as; Kris Freeman (14-season World Cup competitor), Brian Gregg (2014 Olympian), Brian McKeever (multiple Paralympian, gold medallist), BC's own Alysson Marshall (National Ski Team) to name a few.

It was a long week for many local volunteers as the planned race site had very little or no snow in some areas. Luckily, the organizers we're able to move the races up higher onto the Biathlon trails. After long hours of shovelling snow onto the course, it was ready. Athletes we're very appreciative towards the volunteers and thanked them for their hard efforts.

After the weekend, Black Jack Cross Country Ski Club pulled into an early lead in the Teck Kootenay Cup Series, with 67 points. Nelson Nordic Ski Club is a close second with 60 points and Fernie Nordic Ski Club is third with 58 points. The next race in the series will take place on **January 31**<sup>st</sup> – **February 1**<sup>st</sup> in **Invermere**, **BC**.

The race organizers would like to thank all volunteers for their outstanding work, the athletes for their patience and spirit and Teck Resources Limited for their continued support of cross country skiing in BC.



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