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The Show Must Go On!

(Rossland, BC) After days of near double-digit temperatures, heavy rains, and the disappearance of almost all our beautiful snow, race cancelation was imminent. The call for help was made and an army of volunteers rallied to the cause, relocating the entire event to Black Jack's higher elevation Biathlon trails (1450m) and shovelling snow onto the trails for two full days. As luck would have it, on race morning we woke up to sub-zero temperatures, bright crisp sunshine high above the clouds and fantastic race conditions given how little snow there was!

Eleven different cross-country ski clubs from near and far were represented in the Teck Kootenay Cup #2, including Black Jack, Castlegar, Nelson, Valhalla Hills, Kimberley, Fernie, Revelstoke, Telemark, Larch Hills, Foothills from Alberta, and Methow Valley from Washington.

With the first Haywood NorAm of the season being run concurrently, it was a great opportunity for the young athletes to see some of the fastest skiers in North America, including Olympians from both Canada and USA as well as the best up & comers on the continent. In total, almost 300 racers were on the scene!

Check out <u>www.skiblackjack.ca</u> for some amazing aerial drone footage of the Haywood NorAm event. We expect to post aerial footage of the Teck Kootenay Cup shortly, so stay tuned. Full results of the event can be found on <u>www.zone4.ca</u>.

A great, sunny time was had by all, and we'd like to thank everyone that came from far and wide in the face of such weather uncertainty. Thank you to Teck Resources Limited as the title sponsor of the event.



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