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2016 BC WINTER GAMES REPORT: Cross-Country Ski Events at Nickel Plate Nordic in Penticton, BC

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We are pleased to announce that over the past weekend the Nickel Plate Nordic Centre was the proud host of the cross-country ski events of the B.C. Winter Games.

As one of the largest sports events in North America, the BC Games are directed at young, developing athletes and provide an important step in the athlete development progression of participating sports.

Coaches

A special thank you to the following coaches and clubs for helping to make this Games experience for young skiers possible:

Tim McGrady and Andrea Stapff (*Strathcona Nordics, Courtenay*); Greg Inkster, Andrea Hay, Peter O'Shea and Dona Lawson (*Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club, Vancouver*); Fred Bushell (*Black Jack Cross Country Ski Club, Rossland*); Nicole Perrin (*Kimberley Nordic Ski Club, Kimberley*); Terra Young and Cory Williamson (*Caledonia Nordic Ski Club, Prince George*); Adrian de Groot and Sandra Nash (*Bulkley Valley Cross Country Ski Club, Smithers*); Randi Ostby and Keith Hepburn (*Larch Hills Nordic Society, Salmon Arm*); Jessica Heyes (*Nordic Racers, Vancouver*); and Adam Elliot (*Telemark Cross Country Ski Club, Kelowna*).

Chief of Competition Jerome Jang thanked the many volunteers for their time and efforts, and said:

“We embarked on a three year journey and some of you came for the full ride and some of you joined a little later, but from all the feedback, we were a huge success! Three years ago, when we found out that Penticton was to host the BC Winter Games in 2016 and the Nickel Plate Cross Country Ski Club was to be the host venue for the cross-country ski events, we started thinking what we needed to do to prepare. We trained officials, asked for and received generous help from neighboring clubs, hosted two Okanagan Cup races and practiced and rehearsed. As the Race Director and on behalf of the Nickel Plate Ski Club I thank you for your hard work and hours of volunteerism to make this event a big success. Some of the comments that I heard: *‘Well organized, great stadium, great courses; Everyone was so helpful and always smiling; We are not going home, we want to stay and ski here’.*”

The Nickel Plate Nordic Ski Club would like to extend our appreciation to all of the volunteers who contributed to such a successful BC Winter Games.

Category Winners:

Day one:

Juvenile Girls: Molly Miller (Kimberley Nordic Ski Club - Zone 1)
Juvenile Boys: Cole Turner (Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club - Zone 8)
Midget Girls: Maggie Beckner (Larch Hills Nordic Society - Zone 2)
Midget Boys: Aiden Noble (Strathcona Nordic Ski Club - Zone 6)
Para-Nordic Standing: Haley Olynyk (Nelson Nordic Ski Club – Zone 1)

Day Two:

Juvenile Girls: Molly Miller (Kimberley Nordic Ski Club - Zone 1)
Juvenile Boys: Cole Turner (Williams Lake Cross Country Ski Club - Zone 8)
Midget Girls: Marielle Ackermann (Kimberley Nordic Ski Club - Zone 1)
Midget Boys: Stephen Lamon (Strathcona Nordic Ski Club - Zone 6)
Para-Nordic Standing: Haley Olynyk (Nelson Nordic Ski Club – Zone 1)

Day Three (Relays):

1st: Zone 2 (Thompson/Okanagan) - Julia Brown (Larch Hills NS), Simon Blackie (Revelstoke NSC), Hanneli Ladyman (Overlander SC), Ian Oliphant (Sovereign Lake NC)

2nd: Zone 6 (Vancouver Island-Central) - Stephen Lamon, Emmy Stapff, Amelia Wells, Aiden Noble (all from Strathcona NSC)

3rd: Zone 2 (Thompson/Okanagan) - Stephen Moore (Larch Hills NS), Erik Brosch (Revelstoke NSC), Maggie Beckner (Larch Hills NS), Rachel Bates (Larch Hills NS)

Complete results can be found here:

<http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=8042&cat=all> (day one)

<http://zone4.ca/results/8060.pdf> (day two - sprint heats)

<http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=8057&cat=all> (day two - qualification rounds)

<http://zone4.ca/results.asp?ID=8073&cat=all> (day three)

BC Winter Games link: <https://www.bcgames.org/>

Cross Country BC Winter Games page link: <http://www.crosscountrybc.ca/bc-winter-games>

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