



Teck Kootenay Cup #3 Reawakens Racers and Introduces New Athletes to Competition

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Just in time for Christmas, Golden Nordic Ski Club hosted the Teck Kootenay Cup #3 classic technique cross country ski competition at Dawn Mountain Nordic Centre (Golden, BC).



Course preparations at 7:00 AM.

With perfect cold wax conditions, the race was all about the skiers, not the wax or the ski tracks. The perfectly set tracks on the well-marked courses were fluffed up by lightly falling

snow all day. The stadium and timing teams were spot-on with managing the starts and finishes under the leadership of Ross Prather and Steve Conway.



A happy athlete on the podium!

There were 76 entries in distances ranging from 1K to 10K. Using a 15 second Interval Start format, the athletes skied two different courses. The popular 1K event included fun hill features, which was new to many of the skiers. Entrants from Fernie, Revelstoke, Kimberley, Cranbrook, and Invermere joined the Golden skiers. Athletes and coaches were very respectful and entertained themselves with wonderful camaraderie.

Covid safety was a priority.



Cranbrook Special "O" crew.

Clubs from both Golden and Cranbrook entered Special Olympic athletes and this was a highlight, especially for the Cranbrook crew. Most of their athletes had not been to a race event before and rose to the challenge and appreciated the cheering, supportive organizers.

The Golden Nordic Ski Club and all the athletes wish to thank the volunteers who created a flawless event, the staff of the Golden Nordic Ski Club and all the sponsors including the major sponsors Teck and Golden Bakery.

All the best to everyone in the New Year...here's to a successful season in 2022!

Jeff Dolinsky, Chief of Competition

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Racing to the finish!





