

Kootenay Cup



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Teck Kootenay Cup # 1&2

Rossland Hosts BC's First Teck Regional Cup in over 20 Months

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Thanks to the formidable efforts of volunteers, the Black Jack Ski Club successfully hosted Teck Kootenay Cup #1 & #2, one of the very first ski races in all of Canada since the Covid pandemic began. Facing unseasonably low snow even at their higher elevation trails, volunteers shoveled snow for two weeks leading up to the race. But by race day the trails were in great condition and the club welcomed over 100 athletes from across the Kootenays, the Okanagan, and even Washington State. Athletes came from Fernie, Kelowna, Kimberley, the Methow Valley, Nelson, New Denver, Penticton, Revelstoke, Rossland, Salmon Arm, and Spokane.

Rossland was originally going to host Western Canada Cup #2 at the same time as the Teck Kootenay Cup, but the snow uncertainty resulted in the relocation of that event to Vernon. One silver lining perhaps was that the Teck Kootenay Cup had a very relaxed atmosphere, with ample volunteers to ensure a smooth well-run event. Volunteers and racers alike were joyous in being able to catch up with their ski friends, many of whom hadn't seen each other since the pandemic began. The camaraderie and sportsmanship were on full display as each skier young and old crossed the finish line to loud cheering from everyone.

"It's very important to have this event," said Black Jack Ski Club president, Dave Gibson. "Not only from a competing level but I think from a community level; it's awesome to see. Nordic skiing is a lifelong sport; you start when you are two or three, and sometimes you go until you can't do it anymore, and sometimes that is into your 80s and 90s. That's my favourite thing is the



health, the fitness that comes out of it, the love for sport, the love for the community. All of that, in my opinion, comes out of this club. I'm pretty impressed with that."



Full results: <https://zone4.ca/event/2021/westerncanadacupblackjack/>

A big thank you to the many volunteers and to Teck, title sponsor of the Regional Cup Series across BC, for making the event possible



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 27,000 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.

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



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