

Kootenay Cup



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NELSON NORDIC SKI CLUB HOSTS 2022/2023 TECK KOOTENAY CUP SERIES FINALE

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NELSON--On Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, Nelson Nordic Ski Club was pleased to host the final Teck Kootenay Cup races of the 2023 season. More than 167 Nordic skiers participated, including racers from Black Jack Ski Club (Rossland), Castlegar Nordic Ski Club, Fernie Nordic Ski Club, Golden Nordic Ski Club, Phoenix Cross Country Ski Society (Grand Forks), Toby Creek Nordic Ski Club (Invermere), (Telemark Nordic Club) Kelowna, Kimberley Nordic Club, Kootenai Nordic Club (Libby, Montana), Sandpoint Nordic Club (Idaho) and Valhalla Hills (Nakusp/New Denver), as well as a strong contingent from the local club in Nelson. This is the largest turnout for Nelson's Teck Kootenay Cup races in many years.



On Saturday, skate skiers took over the meadow at Apex for King's Court sprints on the new competition courses developed this year. In the morning, the youngest racers (U6 to U12) raced in

heats to crown their champions, and after a short break the older skiers competed in their events. Lots of fun and team spirit was shown out on the race course. It was an exciting spectator race for all who attended.

On Sunday, classic skiers raced longer distances on a beautiful course on the club's Busk and Clearwater trail system. Several centimetres of fresh snow made waxing conditions as much of a challenge as the race itself, but competitors persevered and kicked and double-poled their way around the course in speedy times. The youngest racers were only five and six years old, while the oldest were in their 60s and 70s, but good times were shared by all.



As these races were the last of the season for the 2022/2023 Teck Kootenay Cup series, the aggregate award was delivered to Black Jack Ski Club from Rossland, who claimed the Kootenay Cup and bragging rights this year. Congratulations, Black Jack!

Race results can be found here for [Saturday Sprint Races](#) and [Sunday Classic Races](#). Find the Kootenay Cup final standings at [Cross Country BC](#).

Nelson Nordic Ski Club would like to thank local sponsors Kootenay Co-op and Oso Negro for their generous support, donating food and coffee for the event.

The success of the weekend is also due to the contributions of the many volunteers who set up race courses, marshalled the courses (to ensure everyone made the turns), timed the racers, and cooked and served chili for lunch. Thanks to the ski team volunteers that brought delicious baking for the bake sale and helped out in other roles – there are endless hours of work involved in organizing these races and it's always rewarding to see a successful event weekend.

Finally, thanks to Teck Resources Limited for sponsoring the Teck Kootenay Cup race series. Their title sponsorship of both the Teck BC Cup Series and Teck Regional Cup Series is appreciated by the race hosts in the Kootenays and elsewhere in BC.

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