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Coast Cup race a spectacular event

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Dear racers, parents, volunteers and coaches,

What a great day of racing under blue skies, followed by Viking games and a feast; this weekend's Coast Cup #2 at Whistler Olympic Park was the full Nordic experience.

We had 130 racers, from four-year-old atoms to masters categories. The results are posted online on Zone 4, see <http://zone4.ca/results.asp?id=6340>. Well done everyone!

The updated Club Aggregate Points Chart for the Regional Cup Series will be posted early next week, visit: <http://crosscountrybc.ca/teck-regional-cup-series-club-aggregate-awards> for the latest.

Our photographer, Irene, took plenty of photos. Here is a link to the unedited photos that captured the day's events; more Viking photos will be added this week: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kdksukxka7jvifa/fyLR2kQGrS>.

Thank you all for making the day so much fun. We had 50-plus volunteers from several clubs sharing their knowledge and expertise in the stadium, race office, at the start and finish line, out on course, at the food stations, providing First Aid — in fact, everywhere you looked, there was someone lending a hand, including some young athletes, too. Jenya and Jennifer, our young emcees, did a great job and conducted some fun racer interviews!

There are some volunteers who have been working hard for days and weeks behind the scenes who deserve some special recognition: Margot Murdoch, your chief of race; Gwendolyn Kennedy (chief of timing), Dave Kirk (chief of stadium), Theresa Oswald (chief of course), Cheryl Morningstar (volunteer coordinator) and Sarah Sladen (Whistler Nordics board member), who masterminded the Viking Games and Feast.

Thank you, too, to all the staff at Whistler Olympic Park for providing a top-class venue and experience.

Today was made extra special by our sponsors: Teck for the event sponsorship, Ryders Eye Wear, Sea to Sky Carwash, Whistler Cooks, as well as Whistler Chocolate and Starbucks for fuelling the volunteers, and Nesters for fuelling the racers!

The raffle baskets at the Viking Feast were supplied by Haywood Securities, Squamish Nordic Shop, Sport Stop Source for Sports Whistler, Callaghan Valley Training Centre, Callaghan Valley Cross Country Club, Whoola Toys, Whistler Pocket Chocolate, Whistler Roasting Company, Body Shop, Jules Fuel, Quantum Vitamins, Whistler Kitchen Works, Rexall Drugs, Lululemon, Slope Side Supply, Nameste Teas, Aritzia/TNA, Senka Florists, Home Hardware and Armchair Books.

Thank you,

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