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Gold in the Callaghan!

The sun was shining and the air was cold on Sunday but, despite the well below freezing temperatures, there was not quite enough snow on the cross country trails to host **Teck Coast Cup #1**. However, Callaghan Gold was waiting for the racers at Whistler Olympic Park in the Callaghan Valley! This almost 1 km cross country ski course was made using last season's snow, which had been stored under sawdust to protect it from the summer heat.

Approximately 150 skiers of all ages showed up to enjoy a day of racing. Skiers were surprised at how clean and white the snow looked, and the fact that it had a very good base. "Callaghan Gold gave the skiers an opportunity to race on what was actually quite a decent course" said Jake Weaver, Head Coach of the Hollyburn Cross Country Ski Club. "Although not the original full course that was planned, it definitely beats the alternative!"

15-year-old Ethan Hess, a sit skier from the Spud Valley Nordics in Pemberton, decided to ski with his peers in the Juvenile category – a 7.5 km course – instead of the much shorter 1.5 km Para-Nordic course that he could have registered for. The hills were gruelling and his race was not without spills, but he completed the entire course!

Teck Coast Cup #1 results can be viewed online at <http://zone4.ca/results.asp?id=6990>.

Hollyburn Cross Country Ski club is greater Vancouver's family ski club, which introduces children to cross country skiing and has a successful racing program and adult masters program. For more information, please visit www.hollyburnxc.ca.

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 18,000 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 Ltd. 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 future. For more information on Cross Country BC, please visit www.crosscountrybc.ca.

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