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Teck BC Cup 1

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2022 Cross Country Ski Scene Kicks off with a Successful Teck BC Cup 1 in Whistler!



Whistler Olympic Park was in its glory this past weekend as Black Tusk Nordic Events Society (BTNES) hosted Teck BC Cup 1 at the venue. The two day event consisted of classic technique sprints on Saturday followed by a mass start skate race on Sunday.

There were 347 racers ranging in age from six to masters in their 70s! Despite the challenging road conditions and the road closures between the interior and the coast, - clubs were in attendance from Revelstoke, Kelowna, Fernie, Rossland, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Prince George, Vanderhoof and Williams Lake as well as Pemberton, Whistler, Squamish, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Most impressive of all was the commitment of the northern clubs who left home Thursday morning when Highway 99 was still closed due to avalanches, and drove all the way to Princeton in order to travel via Highway 3 to the coast.

The caliber of competition was very impressive with a number of BC Ski Team members showing their athletic prowess.

Along with the racers came close to 100 dedicated coaches! And the volunteer presence was strong too. There were more than 90 volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the event ran smoothly.

The race safely operated under a solid COVID Safety plan. Everything was kept out-of-doors and there were no podium ceremonies, as BTNES complied with competition guidelines as laid out by viaSport and the PHO.

Results from the event can be found here: <https://zone4.ca/event/2022/D9B5D5CE>

Teck BC Cup 1 is one of a series of Cross Country, Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined events (including the 2022 Ski Nationals to be held on March 20-27) leading up to the 2023 World Nordic Junior/U23 Ski Championships in Whistler. This event will be the largest Nordic event hosted at Whistler Olympic Park since the 2010 Olympics and over 500 Nordic athletes from around the globe are expected to attend.

Following is a statement from Norman Laube, Chairperson of BTNES: "It is an exciting time for BTNES with the awarding of the 2023 FIS World Junior Champs as well as the key test events including March 2022 Canadian National Championships. As the Host Organizing Committee, we have assembled a dedicated team of expert volunteers that are working hard to be fully prepared for these high level events. Of course, all our planning includes robust COVID safety protocols and we are in constant contact with the sport and health authorities to adjust our plans as appropriate.



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



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