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# MOUNTAIN MOMENTS

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## LATEST NEWS

### History made at Cain Cup Race

Congratulations to FIS athlete Hazel Schmidt, who captured the prestigious Cain Cup and the title of Queen of the Hill on January 17, 2026. Just 16—the minimum



January 11, 2026. After a long and hard day of training, Hazel returned to her home hill at Mt. Cain to take on the renowned Cain Cup, a “Cain-style” slalom race that brings skiers, snowboarders, and telemarkers of all ages together on the ski run, The Face.



*Queen of the Hill, Hazel Schmidt*

More than 50 competitors aged 16 to 70 completed two qualifying runs, with Hazel posting the fastest times of all disciplines and ages. In the final “big course” showdown of the top 10 men and women, Hazel delivered a standout run to become the youngest winner in Cain Cup history—and the fastest overall racer of the day. History made!

## **U16 Teck Coast Zone Slalom Camp and Race Results from Whistler, January 9–10, 2026**

After two days of slalom training, Mt. Washington Ski Club athletes were well prepared for the Whistler U16 races and delivered a strong showing despite heavy snow, mild temperatures, and challenging visibility on the Ptarmigan run at the Dave Murray National Training Centre. MWSC athletes stood out with multiple top-20 finishes, gaining valuable race experience and points in a highly competitive Coast Zone field.

Danica Williams led the women with 7th on Day 1 and 13th on Day 2, while Samantha Henneberry added 15th on Day 1 and 19th on Day 2. On the men’s side, Nicolas Spence placed 20th on Day 1, and Charlie Yule (13th), Jasper Dingle (15th), and Calvin Winnett (17th) all cracked the top 20 on Day 2, highlighting a strong second day for the MWSC men.

See the full BC Alpine Race Recap [here](#).

## **Athletes Qualify for BC Winter Games and Podium Alert! Results from U14 Teck Coast Zone Race at Whistler, January 14–17, 2026**



*Rebecca Good on the podium with a 3rd place finish in slalom*

Eleven U14 athletes travelled with Sylvi and Clint, and chaperone Norm, to Whistler for 2 days of training and 2 days of racing under sunny skies in Whistler. The races were very challenging, in length and pitch and over half of the participating athletes (75 males and 60 females) did not have a

final result in the combined slalom.

Despite the challenging conditions 10 MWSC athletes qualified for BC Winter Games (read more below), and we had several top 10 finishes including a podium result for Rebecca Good! Athletes supported each other in the highs and lows of alpine racing, it was a great start to the race calendar for U14s!

### MWSC Top - 20 Finishes

- Day 1 (GS): Rebecca Good — 4th; Fia Graaten —10th; Maris Blattgerste — 19th
- Day 2 (SL): Rebecca Good — 3rd; Maris Blattgerste — 14th; Curtis Gross — 8th

See full BC Alpine Race Recap [here](#)

## **U16 Teck Open Round 1 at Sun Peaks, January 22–25, 2026**



*Danica Williams on the podium with a 3rd place finish in GS on Day 1!*

The U16 Teck Open Round 1 at Sun Peaks delivered fast, high-quality racing on the OSV run, providing a strong early-season test for athletes from across BC. MWSC was represented by 10

athletes and led by coaches Clint and Chelsea. Cold temperatures and clear skies created consistent, firm conditions, allowing racers to showcase both technical skill and speed over four days of competition—two days of giant slalom followed by two days of slalom. MWSC athletes gained valuable race experience and points in a deep, competitive field of 91 women and 86 men.

Congratulations to all of our athletes on completing the race series, with special recognition to Danica Williams for her consistency across all four days, highlighted by a 3rd-place podium finish in the Day 1 giant slalom.

#### MWSC Top-20 Finishes

- Day 1 (GS): Danica Williams — 3rd
- Day 2 (GS): Danica Williams — 8th; Jasper Dingle — 14th
- Day 3 (SL): Danica Williams — 11th; Charlie Yule — 15th
- Day 4 (SL): Danica Williams — 10th; Charlie Yule — 17th

See the full BC Alpine Race Recap [here](#).

#### FIS Nakiska Race Recap



The Nakiska FIS GMC Cup marked an important early-season benchmark for FIS athletes as Nakiska Ski Area welcomed competitors from across Western Canada and beyond to launch their



2026 racing campaigns. Mt.

Washington Ski Club was strongly represented, with all four FIS athletes traveling to Alberta to compete in the two-day Giant Slalom and one-day Slalom program.

Our athletes gained valuable early-season FIS points and race experience, enduring challenging race conditions on the run Whoop Up. Congratulations to all of our athletes, and sincere thanks to the Fernie Alpine Ski Team and the Okanagan Zone Ski Team for their support in helping our athletes, both on-hill and off, to navigate a demanding and competitive event.

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## SPONSORSHIP

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### Sponsorship Opportunities for U14 Provincials

Are you a local business interested in sponsoring the U14 Provincials? Nearly 350 athletes—plus their families—will be attending! Increase your visibility through event sponsorship, with a variety of sponsorship opportunities available. To learn more, contact [sponsorship@mwsc.ca](mailto:sponsorship@mwsc.ca)

### Sponsor Highlight

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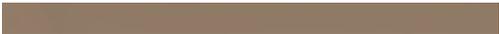
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**CLUB SPOTLIGHT**

**10 MWSC Athletes to attend BC Winter Games at Red Mountain Resort Feb 25–March 1**



BC Winter Games is a biannual event for U14 athletes in a wide variety of sports including alpine, freestyle and cross country skiing. Hosted in Trail-Rossland this year, the event is a competitive multi-sport event featuring 3 days of competitive events in 15 sports and social events for the 1500 athletes.



MWSC is in Zone 6 and was allocated 8 spots + 2 wildcard spots. A total of 100 athletes born in 2012 and 2013 from across BC will compete at the event. To qualify each athlete needed two successful runs at the qualifying event for our zone in Whistler, adding significant challenge to the first U14 race of the season! All 11 of our athletes who travelled to Whistler qualified which is an amazing achievement! Congratulations to the following athletes who will be representing MWSC at the BC Winter Games:

Georgia Aldred

Giuseppina Bertuccio

Maris Blattgerste

Emma Childs

Rebecca Good

Fia Graaten

Pearl Millicheap

Colin Armstrong

Curtis Gross

Lynden Thomas

Hazel Childs (substitute)

You can follow the action on facebook and instagram

[@bcwintergames.ca](https://www.facebook.com/bcwintergames.ca) and [@bcgamessociety](https://www.instagram.com/bcgamessociety). Highlights will also be featured on Global News.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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Please visit our [Events Calendar](#) for a full list of all upcoming events.



Feb 14–16: Family Day Weekend (No MWSC programming)

Feb 22: Club Race #1

Mar 14: Club Race #2

Mar 19–21: MWSC Provincials U14 — Mt. Washington (Training March 17–18)

Mar 27–28: Sun Peaks Nancy Greene Festival

Apr 11–12: Last Weekend of Club Programs

Apr 18: MWSC Season-End Banquet @ the Mountain

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## DID YOU KNOW?

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### Club Cabin Reminder

Please ensure the cabin is closed and locked if you think you may be the last to leave (anytime after 4 pm, or on weekdays). Don't worry about

locking anyone out, in most cases someone can be easily contacted for a code. Keeping the cabin clean and secured is everyone's responsibility. Please also remind your athletes of their important responsibilities regarding cabin use.

## Club Activities Updates

As conditions change on the mountain (hopefully for the better!), please keep an eye on email for coaches' weekly updates, or a head coach message. Please know that the coaching team is working hard to ensure plans are in place no matter the weather! Keep the snow dances up!

## RECENT KUDOS

Kudos to **Mat** and **John**—and the entire MWSC coaching team—for their resilience in the face of some tough weather and less-than-ideal conditions on the hill!

Kudos to **Mike Manara** and the leadership team at Mount Washington Alpine Resort for skillfully managing tough weather conditions and still finding ways to keep everyone sliding on the hill.

ICYMI - Michael Dingle maintaining a positive attitude on the All Points West on CBC radio January 13 - [listen here](#).



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