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LATEST NEWS

Registration is Open for Current Members

Registration opened April 17th! Check your inbox for all the details. Register before May 31st to be eligible for the payment plan. Registration [link](#) here (please do not share). Thanks to generous support from our sponsors and good fiscal management from our finance team we were able to keep fees to within 5% increase from last year. For the 2026–27 season, we are offering a 20% discount to new athletes joining the U10 program. This initiative is aimed at growing participation at the entry level and strengthening the long-term future of the club. If you know families who may be interested, we encourage you to help spread the word.

U12 and U14 Coast Zone Finals, Cypress, April 4-5



A small but mighty group of MWSC athletes attended the last coast zone race of the season. Conditions were sunny and warm, but with firm, consistent snow for their slalom races. Top 10 results included:

Day 1

U14 Men - Colin Armstrong - 6th

U12 Men - Ian Armstrong - 5th (Run 1), 8th (Run 2)

Day 2

U12 Men - Ian Armstrong - 8th (Run 1), 8th (Run 2)

BC Alpine report is [here](#).

U14 and U16 Teams at Whistler Cup, Whistler, April 6-12

Our team of 9 U14 athletes and 5 U16 athletes had the opportunity to participate in the largest competition in North America for junior level racing. 500 athletes and 25 countries were represented.

Congratulations to Danica Williams who qualified for the U16 BC Team for the event. Our team spirit shone

with two wins in the dual relay team events. Jasper Dingle's U16 team and Fia Graaten's U14 women's team both topped the podium.



Whistler Cup Team Photo

Sunny and warm weather with some rain on Sunday led to challenging snow conditions. We are proud of all the athletes who participated. U16s raced in Super-G, GS, Slalom and a mixed dual relay team event. U14s raced GS, Slalom and a dual relay team. The team attended two banquets and an athletes parade. It's a world class event! Top 30 results included:

- Colin Armstrong finished 21st in U14 Men's Slalom.
- Fia Graaten finished 28th in U14 Women's Slalom.
- Charlie Yule finished 22nd in U16 Men's Slalom.
- Jasper Dingle finished 25th in U16 Men's Slalom.

U16s had two days of Super G racing as well! With top finishes of 30th for Charlie Yule and 23rd for Danica Williams.

It was the last race of the season and for their racing career for some of our U16 athletes and for our esteemed head coach John Trimmer who is retiring.

Thanks to all our coaches and all the volunteers who supported this incredible event! BC Alpine Report is [here](#).

MWSC at MEGA Camp and FIS MEGA Cup

The 2026 MEGA Cup FIS series at Sun Peaks closed out the season with four days of high-level racing, following BC Alpine's 10-day MEGA Camp that energized the mountain with record participation and a strong development focus.

Two Mt. Washington Ski Club athletes, West Dingle and Hazel Schmidt, competed in a deep international field featuring racers from across BC, Canada, the United States, and beyond.

The event built on the success of MEGA Camp programming, including Girls Fast Forward—attended by Hazel Schmidt, Della Childs, Olive Schmidt, and Danica Williams—and the BC Boys Camp, creating a collaborative, high-performance environment to cap the season. See the BC Alpine Report [here](#).

Year-End Banquet and Retirement Celebration for John Trimmer



Fundraising at the Banquet

This year's banquet was a very special event. 225 alumni, coaches and athletes gathered in the Mount Washington Alpine Lodge on April 18th to celebrate John's incredible career as a coach for MWSC since the mid 80s. The event featured awards presentations, speeches and a reverse auction which raised

over \$40, 000 to create the John Trimmer Legacy Fund. It was truly a memorable evening. Key award recipients include:

Ryan Forsyth Outstanding Achievement Award: Fia Graaten, U14

Ben Bellamy Memorial Trophy: West Dingle, FIS

Cole Anderson Memorial Bursary: Hazel Schmidt, FIS and Jasper Dingle, U16

If you couldn't attend, you haven't missed your opportunity to donate. Please consider supporting John Trimmer's Legacy and our club by donating [here](#) (donations are tax deductible). Thanks to all who attended and were a part of making the event meaningful and memorable. Photos of the event are [here](#).

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We would like to thank one of our long standing Platinum Sponsors and past club board member Rick Gibson and the Rick Gibson Group | Royal LePage in the Comox Valley.

Rick and his family were long time club members and Rick continues to support us year after year. If you, or someone you know, are looking to buy or sell a condo or chalet on the mountain or in the Comox Valley then Rick's experience will get you what you are looking for.

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to John Trimmer and Leadership Update

In case you missed it, see the second edition of the [Marmot Mail](#) for several tributes to John Trimmer. Learn more about his career and the impact he has had on Mt Washington Ski Club families over the years. John's retirement was marked with the Banquet and the creation of the John Trimmer Legacy



John and Mat at the Banquet

Fund which was created to ensure lots of opportunities to support athletes for years to come. John received a lifetime season's pass from Mount Washington Alpine Resort and we will start making plans to build the John Trimmer Start Hut on Whiskey Jack very soon! With John's retirement we also mark the start of Mathieu Leduc's new position with the club as Program Director and Head Coach. The board has worked very hard to ensure a smooth transition for both John and Mat.

U10s Graduate to U12!



U10s at Banquet with their Coaches

A big congratulations to our U10 athletes (born in 2016) who are moving up to U12!

At the U12 level, athletes can take part in extra training opportunities like Sun Peaks pre-season camp, holiday camps, and Friday sessions, and enjoy access to the athlete level in the clubhouse.

Congratulations to: Charlie, Hanna, Maia, Faeryn, Lucille, Aurora, Niklas, Griffin, Ben, Flynn, Scotty, Emerson, Maxwell, Thomas, Austin and Asa! We can't wait to welcome you into U12!

EVENTS CALENDAR

Please visit our [Events Calendar](#) for sneak peak of 26-27 calendar.



July 9-12: Fitness Camp U12+ Dryland Intensive (Comox Valley)

Aug 17-Sept 6: On snow block (El Colorado Chile coordinated with WMSC)

Sept 19-20: MWSC AGM on 19th (Athletes Hike), 20th Dryland training

Sept 19: Ski Tak Hut Club Evening

Oct 3-4: Fall Fitness Testing (location to be determined)

Nov 8-15: Yukon or Sun Peaks (days dependent on hill space)

Nov 28-7: Sun Peaks pre-season camp U14+ (U12 - Nov 28 - Dec 3)

Dec 12-13: Mount Washington Alpine Resort Opening Weekend

Dec 19-22: Holiday Camp 1

Dec 28-30: Holiday Camp 2

Jan 2-3: First weekend of U10 programs

March 16-20: MWSC host U14 Provincials (volunteers needed!)

March 26-27: Nancy Greene Festival, Sun Peaks (Easter weekend)

DID YOU KNOW?

End of Season Reminders:

- Please remove ski equipment from the club cabin. Club cabin insurance does not cover theft or loss of members' belongings.
- Please complete [annual member survey](#) ASAP. Your feedback is important to us!
- You have until June 30th to complete volunteer hours. Please log your volunteer hours accumulated to date. Questions about volunteer hours? Email volunteers@mwsc.ca

Equipment Ordering

Time to start thinking ahead about equipment for the 2026–27 season. Especially at the U14+ ages, it is recommended to connect with your coach about equipment needs for next season and get orders submitted in the spring to ensure you have what you need in time for fall camps.

[Equipment Order Forms 2026-27](#) When Using Order forms please do not write in the file in the folder, Download the File and make your selections locally.

For ordering, the easiest option is to go through Ski Tak Hut. Families can fill out the order form and send it to Mat, and he can place the order through STH and then send all the information along for parents and racers. Parents/racers can then pay Ski Tak Hut when they pick up the gear. If you are unsure about anything, please feel free to ask.

RECENT KUDOS



Thank you so much to Anastasia Winnett for sharing her time and expertise to create the most beautiful and perfect cake for John! Everyone at the banquet enjoyed admiring it and eating it!

MWSC friends support Sofia Bertuccio in her high school theatre performance!





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