MT. WASHINGTON SKI CLUB

OPEN TO NEW MEMBERS FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON!

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LATEST NEWS

Panorama FIS Race & U16 Training Camp

The Mt. Washington Ski Club kicked off the competitive season at

Panorama Mountain Resort, where our four FIS athletes competed in the MacLachlan GMC Cup from December 18–21, 2025. At the same time, four U16 athletes were on-snow for a focused training camp, making Panorama a hub of MWSC activity to start the winter.

FIS and U16 Team at Panorama

Athletes were supported by Head Coach John Trimmer and U16 Coach Chelsea Adam, who guided the team through a busy week of racing, training, and early-season momentum building.

The event opened with women's and men's Giant Slalom races on December 18. Overnight snowfall delivered classic "Panorama powder", but fresh conditions led to the cancellation of racing on December 19. The second GS ran on December 20, followed by a clean, well-run Slalom on December 21.

As the first team event of the season, Panorama set a strong foundation. Our U16 athletes logged some early-season training days, and our FIS athletes gained valuable race starts, and posted multiple finishes across the event—an encouraging start to the year ahead.

2025 Holiday Camp Report

Snowshoe expedition to Battleship Lake

Between Dec 20–Dec 30, U10–FIS athletes participated in up to seven days of Holiday Camp. A variety of snow conditions led coaches to plan a mix of on-snow and off-snow activities. In addition to technical free skiing, athletes enjoyed scavenger hunts, capture the flag, and snowshoeing! Dryland training

and snowshoeing. Dryland training exercises, video analysis, and tuning demonstrations rounded out the camp.

Regardless of conditions, Holiday Camp is a great way to get warmed up for the season and to meet new teammates and coaches. A big thank-you to the coaches and coordinators who provided plenty of information and options while navigating changing snow conditions.

Upcoming Races in January

FIS: Nakiska, GMC Cup Nakiska, January 12–13, 2026

U16: Whistler, Teck Coast Zone GS Camp, January 8–11, 2026

U16: Sun Peaks, Teck Open Rd 1, January 22–25, 2026

U14: Whistler, BC Winter Games Qualifier, January 14–18, 2026

U12: Whistler, Janyk Cup, Jan 30–Feb 1, 2026

Club Race #1: January 25, 2026

SPONSORSHIP

New Safety Sponsor

Last month, we announced Tony Harris Group as the club's new Safety Sponsor. Tony and his family are MWSC members, and we're grateful for their support of the program.

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As part of the sponsorship, THG stickers are being applied to athletes' helmets. We began during Holiday Camp and will continue over the Jan 3–4 weekend. A sticker station will be set up under the TV in the club cabin during lunchtime, where volunteers will clean helmets and apply the stickers.

Parents are asked to please bring their child's helmet to the station during lunch.

Sponsor Highlight

We'd like to thank Quality Foods—an Island original!—for their Platinum sponsorship and continued support of MWSC.

For families prepping for weekends at Mt. Washington—making the drive from Victoria, Campbell River, Tofino, Nanaimo or beyond—make your life easier with Quality Foods! Pre-order your groceries online or though their mobile app, and pick them up along the way at one of their many convenient locations. Learn more at www.qualityfoods.com.

Special Offer for Club Members!

OK Tire Courtenay is offering an exclusive deal for MWSC Members:

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Marketing Lead Volunteer Needed

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Are you passionate about MWSC and skilled in digital marketing and graphic design? MWSC needs you!

As we prepare for the 2026–27 recruitment drive, MWSC is looking to elevate its online presence and increase visibility within the community. This role will play a key part in helping the club grow and connect with new members.

Key Responsibilities:

- Developing and executing a social media plan
- Creating marketing materials for print and digital platforms
- Identifying and sourcing advertising and promotional opportunities
- Collecting and creating high-quality photo and video content
- Collaborating with the Marketing & Communications Committee

Please connect with rachel@mwsc.ca if you're interested in supporting the club's marketing efforts.

MWSC is Hosting U14 Teck Provincials — March 17–21

This March, MWSC will welcome 350 U14 athletes along with their coaches and families. It will be a huge event, and we're looking for lead and supporting roles for many aspects of the event.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Banquet and Volunteer Social
- Athlete Experience
- On-snow Race Support
- Volunteer Coordinator
- …and much more!

Sign up on Volunteer Local under “U14 Provincial Race MWSC Jobs.” If you are unsure how you can help, register for “U14 Provincials Volunteer” and we’ll match you with a role that fits your skills. Questions? Contact Josh Good, Organizing Committee Chair: josh@mwsc.ca.

The event will also have some unique sponsorship opportunities:

- Banquet, Tube Park Night, Tent City, Podium Awards & more
- View the full pack here:U14 Provincials Sponsorship Package - 2025-2026

Interested in sponsoring? Contact david@mwsc.ca for more info.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Please visit our Events Calendar for a full list of all upcoming events.

- Jan 2–4: First Week of Regular Club Programming (U10–FIS)
- Jan 3: Open House Club Social, 2:30–6:00 PM @ Club Cabin
- Jan 25: Club Race #1

- Feb 22: Club Race #2
- Mar 14: Club Race #3
- Mar 19–21: MWSC Provincials U14 — Mt. Washington (Training March 17–18)
- Apr 11–12: Last Weekend of Club Programs
- Apr 18: MWSC Season-End Banquet @ the Mountain

DID YOU KNOW?

Club Cabin:

- Cabin doors are secured by code and monitored when not in use.
- Please help keep the cabin in great shape—maintaining it is a shared responsibility.
- Please note that any personal gear left behind is not insured by MWSC's cabin insurance; so it's best to take it with you or leave it at your own discretion.

Hot Lunch:

- Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Hot Lunch volunteer shifts. There are still some shifts available.
- Remember to order hot lunches at least one week in advance on Munchalunch.
- First hot lunch is on January 10 (pizza and veggies!). See the full schedule at mwsc.ca/hotlunch.

RECENT KUDOS

- **Janine Turski:** Thanks for tagging MWSC in social media posts! If you share pictures or videos of your kids at club activities and tag MWSC, we'll repost to spread the word about our amazing club!
- **Michael Dingle**: Thanks for featuring MWSC on Early Edition on December 30 and celebrating skiing on Vancouver Island. We invite members to also help raise the profile of the club by leaving a Google review.
- **Jillian Detellis:** Thanks for stepping up to support the club's external marketing. We're launching Marmot Mail in mid-January—a quarterly newsletter for alumni, marmots, sponsors, and the community. Watch for it in your inbox!

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