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Newsletter Highlights

Welcome to April!

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A Milestone Moment - Celebrating Coach John Trimmer

At this year's Banquet, Head Coach John Trimmer shared some big news: the 2025–26 season will be his final year as Head Coach of the Mt. Washington Ski Club.

It's hard to imagine the club without John at the helm. His leadership, passion, and dedication have shaped the skiing journeys of countless

young athletes – and left a lasting mark on our community.

John has assured us that the future is bright. He's looking forward to working alongside Mathieu Leduc in the 25–26 season, as Mathieu steps into the role of Assistant Head Coach and Technical Director. Together, they'll ensure a smooth transition and a strong foundation for the next chapter.

Over the coming year, the MWSC Board will be celebrating John's remarkable legacy and the impact he has had on generations of skiers. Keep an eye out for special opportunities to thank John and honour all he has accomplished.

Let's make this next season one to remember.

U10/U12 Race Recap - Sun Peaks Nancy Greene Festival, March 23 - 24, 2025



*"It was a thrilling couple of days filled with big smiles, fast runs, and unforgettable memories!" - Jeff Robinson,
Chief of Race*

The MWSC was well represented at the Sun Peaks Nancy Greene Festival with 38 athletes in attendance! Our team was welcomed by consecutive mornings of light dustings of fresh snow and sunshine. Temperatures were quite comfortable and athletes had the opportunity to ski many different environments around the hill including: Dual Slalom, Moguls, Speed Trap, Skills Course, Obstacle Course and a Jump Challenge. A team favourite was the Ski Cross Track where athletes

Challenge. A team favourite was the SKI CROSS track where athletes chased down their friends and tried to catch their coaches and parents! Athletes had the opportunity to meet the legendary Nancy Greene Raine and many returned home with an autographed helmet!

Thank you to the coaches, parents and athletes that made this festival such a blast and so memorable. Read [more](#).

For more festival photos visit [BC Alpine](#)

U12 Race Recap - Tye Cup at Grouse Mountain, March 8-9



Rebecca Good wins MWSC's first ever Tye Cup!

Thirteen U12 athletes, their parents and coaches braved some extreme wet weather at the Grouse Tye Cup (March 8-9). Athletes displayed resilience, athleticism and comraderie. MWSC was well represented on the podium.

Congratulations to Rebecca Good, who took home MWSC's first-ever Tye Cup for top female overall with a 2nd place finish in panelled slalom on Saturday and 1st place in slalom on Sunday. Curtis Gross placed 6th in panelled slalom and 3rd in slalom.

All the athletes are to be commended for their efforts and fantastic attitudes. Coach Matt and Coach Steve were very impressed. We are so appreciative of Grouse Tye Ski Club for managing to put on this race in challenging conditions. MWSC athletes had a blast!

BC Alpine Race Recap [here](#).

U14 Race Recap - Slalom at Cypress for Teck Coast Zone

Race, March 1-2, 2025



The U14 team traveled to Cypress Mountain to participate in the U14 Teck Coast Zone Race hosted by the Cypress Ski Club on Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2, 2025. Coaches Sylvi and Cassidy led 10 athletes over the two-day slalom event, for 140+ U14 men and

women. Huge appreciation to the Cypress Ski Club and all of the volunteers who made the event a success!

Top 15 Finishes:

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Women's Slalom:

Della Childs - 9th

Savannah LeFevre - 13th

Fia Graaten - 15th

Men's Slalom:

Jasper Dingle - 6th

Calvin Winnett - 12th

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Men's Slalom:

Jasper Dingle - 5th

Calvin Winnett - 12th

U14 Race Recap - U14 Provincials at Hudson Bay Mountain, Smithers, BC, March 13 - 15, 2025



Under the vast northern skies, eight MWSC athletes embraced the thrill



of competition at the U14 Provincials, hosted by the Smithers Ski and Snowboard Club from March 13-15, 2025 at Hudson Bay Mountain Resort. Coaches Sylvi and Mat led the team on this adventure

to northern BC for the three-day event, including women's and men's slalom and giant slalom races, and the exciting mixed-team dual relay event.

Competing among 94 women and 92 men from across British Columbia, the MWSC was represented by:

Women: Giuseppina Bertuccio, Gilia Blattgerste, Della Childs, Hannah Childs, and Fia Graaten

Men: Jackson Brown, Jasper Dingle, and Nic Spence

With unforgettable moments on the hill and new friendships forged in Smithers, the U14 Provincials were more than a competition—it was an experience that captured the true spirit of ski racing!

Top 15 Finishes:

Men's Slalom:

Jasper Dingle (MWSC) - 14th place

Men's Giant Slalom:

Jasper Dingle (MWSC) - 7th place

Visit [BC Alpine](#) for some great event photos!

U16/19 Race Recap- U16 Western Championships at Silverstar Mountain, March 20-24, 2025



Coaches John and Clint led 7 U16 athletes to the Western Championships at SilverStar Mountain, where they were all recognized for their perseverance



despite tough conditions. While the GS and SG events were canceled due to the weather, athletes, coaches, and volunteers worked together to ensure the event's success. A highlight was the Team Parallel Dual Slalom race, where Tessa Bell and her mixed club team won the gold!

Visit [BC Alpine](#) for a race recap. A big thank you to SilverStar Resort and the Vernon Ski Club for hosting the event and to our dedicated Mount Washington volunteers for their on-hill support.

Next up in April: Learn more about the [Whistler Cup](#) coming up next for our U14/ U16 athletes who qualified to attend this prestigious event.

Athlete in Focus



Congratulations to this month's Athlete in Focus, **Della Childs!**

Della started skiing with MWSC after some older kids let her try

"Della has a bunch of talent and is working at her skills in all the right ways" - Coach Sylvi

their course at age five; she was hooked, and joined the next year! As the first of eight kids in her extended family to join the club, it really is a family affair. Della's passion for skiing came early, as she secured herself a paper route at age nine to convince her parents she was committed enough to train two days a week. Skiing stuck and so did the paper route!

Fast forward and Della has shown fantastic leadership in the U14 group

this season. Della shows up with a positive attitude and is committed to continued advancement as a skier. Della has battled through some adversity at races and in training but consistently demonstrates great sportsmanship and support for her teammates in race environments.

Coach Sylvi has "been particularly impressed with [Della's] sportsmanship both at Cypress post fall and Smithers, she continues to have a positive attitude through everything and is super supportive of the team as well as other clubs racers all while staying humble and well mannered."

Della loves all the friends she's made over the last eight years, and the experiences they have shared training and racing together. This year Della has had the opportunity to race on the North Shore and travel to Smithers for the U14 Provincials. She has had a couple of tough falls, but is looking forward to getting back to training for our home Coast Zone Finals and the Whistler Cup in April.

When not on the hill, Della balances many school sports, judo and club basketball. She also enjoys camping, creative time in the kitchen and craft projects.

SPONSORSHIP

Thank You To All Our Sponsors!

Thank you to all our sponsors; we have another great list of sponsors this year, including many who are not club members. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with them as they contribute greatly to the success of the club. Please support them where you can; in many cases it's an easy switch for all club family members to change buying habits in order to support our sponsors. Full list here:

<https://www.mwsc.ca/sponsors>

Sponsor Highlight



RLR Lawyers:

We'd like to thank our U10 Program Sponsor [RLR Lawyers](#) for supporting our youngest athletes this season. Thank you Dylan and team!

RLR Lawyers (Ramsay Lampman Rhodes) is one of Vancouver Island's largest full-service law firms. Our lawyers are recognized as leading practitioners in their respective fields. From routine matters to complex commercial transactions, we offer trusted legal advice and representation to Island businesses and residents.

New Sponsor Highlight



We'd also like to thank 2 new Gold sponsors this season: 49 North Helicopters and North Coast Collision.

49 North Helicopters is a Canadian helicopter company based at the Campbell River, BC airport since 2007. We provide various helicopter services including heli-skiing, longline and external load operations, sightseeing and photo flights, fire suppression, various heli-adventures and helicopter flight training.

New Sponsor Highlight



North Coast Collision is Port McNeil's premier collision and repair



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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Safety First: Enhancing our Safety Measures at MWSC

Safety is at the heart of everything we do at Mt. Washington Ski Club. As we continue to grow and develop, ensuring the well-being of our athletes, coaches, and members remains our top priority. Investing in top-tier safety equipment, such as B-netting and radios, not only boosts our club's safety profile but also helps us maintain a secure environment for everyone on the slopes.

We extend our thanks to all members for their huge support in our fundraising efforts. Your contributions have been pivotal in acquiring these crucial safety tools, which are essential for protecting our athletes during training and competitions. We are proceeding with a full refresh of our B-Netting inventories and club two-way radios. Thank you for your continued commitment to keeping our club safe and thriving.

EVENTS CALENDAR

All the season's events for each program are summarized [here](#).

Highlights include:





April 4 - 6: Coast Zone Finals @ Mount Washington (U12-U19)

April 12 - 13: Last Weekend of Club Programs

April 19 - 22: Speed Camp @ Mount Washington (2nd year U10 - U19). Register through link in SportsEngine. Contact your coach and/or coordinator if you have questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our [website](#) has a news widget! The home page will be regularly updated with race recaps and links to photos.

Registration for the 2025–26 season will open in April. Please support the club by registering early—your early commitment helps us secure the coaching team we need to deliver a successful season for all athletes.

Our Membership is faster than our Bookkeeper! Thank you to all our members for paying their travel invoices promptly. With such an active club, there has been a lot going on behind the scenes and many of you have received auto-reminders after you have already paid an invoice. It can take up to a week to process payments, so please disregard reminders if you have already made a payment. We thank you for your patience while we adjust our system to reduce the frequency of reminders

RECENT KUDOS

Congratulations to U10 athlete **Maxwell Page** for his winning t-shirt design which was featured on our annual t-shirt that was given to all athletes and coaches at the year end banquet. We had 14 submissions for the t-shirt design contest from club members of all ages, watch for their designs in future club communications.

A huge thank you **Kelsey Rix** and **Rachel Moll** for running the Hot Lunch program this season! The meals were a big hit for those eating them and for the parents who got a break from packing lunches! Kudos to you both!



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