



# 2025-2026 Season Newsletter

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## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

### Grand Opening of the New Wax Cabin



Thanks to the many contributors to this project — especially Randy Hamp for the vision and overseeing the project from start to finish.

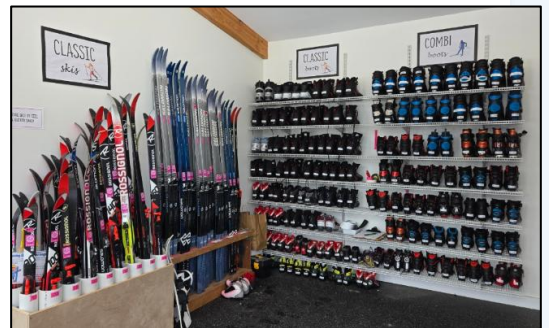


#### Contributors

- Northern Development Initiative Trust
- Nechako Kitimat Development Fund
- Flintstone Concrete
- Regional District Area B & E,
- Chinook Community Forest

#### Community Contributors / In-Kind Donations:

- Hampton Lumber
- Starland Supply
- Ed & Wanda Giesbrecht
- West Fraser Concrete
- Gordie Shanks
- Morgan & Natasha Paulson — painting the lockers
- Amy Dash for organizing the rental boots & skis
- Bob Nichols for donating a beautiful handcrafted crib board
- Jason Berlin
- Josh Carpenter
- Tom March
- Clint Sitar



*OSC wax cabin is a warm & welcoming location. Available to all OSC members & visitors during the ski season. Stop in & wax your skis, stay to have a coffee or tea and chat with friends over a game of crib or Uno.*

## Skill Development Program



An exciting year with new coaches coming out and sharing their time and enthusiasm for the sport with our youth! A big thank you to Morgan Paulson for providing new coaches with lesson plans as well as coaching a group herself — that's a whole lot of planning!

Big thanks to those coaches who stepped in when some of the regular coaches were called to fight fire in Australia!



## Intro to Biathlon

This was the first year we hosted a 6-week session of 'Introduction to Biathlon' using EcoAim Rifles — two of which we borrowed from Spirit North (thanks for letting us borrow!). These rifles make the sport much more accessible to beginners. Thanks to Kris Garneau who started a fire each week so our athletes (and their parents!) could stay warm.



EcoAims can be used left or right handed! So useful!



Guest coaches: Emily & Allie Dickson!

*The wrap-up event was the "Tour Du North" — teams got points for costumes, spotting the Sasquatch, and competition results. And of course, chocolate bars for those who shot 'clean' (5 for 5)!*

## Tour Du North -biathlon



4 events, 2 days — Quesnel, Prince George, Vanderhoof & Burns Lake. This was the 2nd annual hosting of this fun biathlon event encouraging sportsmanship and providing the chance to experience different race styles — individual, mass start, and relay. All ages welcomed! EcoAim and .22 categories available for youth & adult. *(Unfortunately the Quesnel event was cancelled due to lack of snow.)* Big thanks to Agathe Bernard and Wes Bender for spearheading this event – it has become a favourite!

## Teck Race

Weather made planning a little challenging — we went with 'Plan B' routes as Plan A was minimal on snow. But the day turned out amazing! Ski conditions were great and the weather was perfect.



Left: New race route signs.

Right: magical day at OSC! All set up & ready to go!



A BIG shout out to all the volunteers who helped set up the course, the stadium, did course control, timing, start line, parking, and clean up. It takes many people to make a success — you are all appreciated!

## Valentine Ski



Once again a magical night of the Creekside trail being lit up by tiki torches and candles — a beautiful winter tradition.

*Tiki torches all filled up & ready to be put out*

## Ladies Ski Event



Despite an illness that took out some coaches, the ladies ski weekend was a blast! The addition of a wood-burning sauna was a huge hit — a great way to relax after learning new ski techniques.



*The day included warm up activities, ski technique sessions and a trail ski. Other highlights from the event were: OSC member, Shanti, provided an excellent yoga session followed by catered supper from Real Foods — thank you Jonathon!*

## Turkey Trot

Season opener event – initiated by Morgan Paulson. There was a great turnout for this 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive event – with many people walking the trails and participating in the challenges along the route. Draw prizes included turkeys, hams, potatoes and the fan favorite: garden carrots! Plus much, much more!

## World Snow Day

World Snow Day Events were held after the Teck Race – many games were available and a stuffy hunt for the young ones.



## Adult Ski Lessons

Thank you to Andrea Gilgan who hosted a series of adult ski lessons.

Adult lessons are a great way to introduce new skiers to the sport or to touch up on skills for those who already ski.

## Candy Cane Ski

*A 'serve yourself' ski held in December – find the candy canes & help yourself to a tasty treat.*



## Can You Ski Them All?

We had a record number of sign-ups for the 'Can You Ski Them All' challenge this season!

### Those who completed the challenge

- Nik Zechel
- Sandy Haskett
- Susan Russell
- Allie Dickson
- Sean Broadworth

### Those who were very close:

- Andrea Gilgan
- Morgan Paulson
- Doug Campbell
- Cole Bender
- Bryan Dickson

(prizes will be awarded at the AGM)

## Halloween Hike

Although this was set up & ready to go – it ended up being cancelled due to random snowstorm causing poor road conditions.



# BC Winter Games

Held in Rossland & Trail this year (fun fact: this was the last games to utilize .22 rifles for biathlon, future games will move to EcoAim rifles). Three athletes represented Zone 7 for Biathlon, including John Broadworth from Omineca Ski Club!



Zone 7 biathletes (Left – Right):  
Didi & Kohen (Smithers), John (Burns Lake)



## U13 Championships (biathlon)

Adley Garneau travelled to Penticton for the Biathlon U13 Championships. The event was moved from Telemark Ski Club to Nickel Plate due to lack of snow at the original venue — this was Nickel Plate’s first ever biathlon event, made possible by EcoAim Rifles. (as they don’t have a range)

## Sample of other Events with OSC participants:



Biathlon BC Cup – Whistler  
(originally planned for Mt Washington – but moved due to lack of snow)



Teck Race- Vanderhoof



Westerns in Prince George



Canmore, AB

Regional Snow Camp in Smithers



Coach: Allie Dickson

Emily competed in:  
Austria, Italy, France,  
Czech Republic,  
Switzerland, Germany,  
Slovakia, Norway, USA &  
Canada in the 2025-2026  
season!



## Waxing Clinic

Did you know that putting wax on your skis for summer storage helps preserve the bases? It's easy to do and we can show you how! Or if you already know — come on out, get it done, and enjoy a snack and visit.

Thursday: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30--8pm

For questions call or text Karen at 250-692-0295.  
Note: \$5 fee to use OSC wax, or bring your own for free.

*Big thank you to Waneta, Charles & Sean who helped wax our rental fleet!*

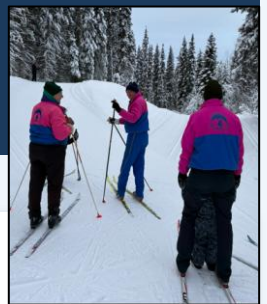
## Annual General Meeting

This year the AGM will be in late summer — stay tuned for time and place! We'll be recruiting for executive positions. Interested but not sure what role? 'Director at Large' positions let you join the team, provide input, and find a position that works for you!

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## OSC is Turning 100!

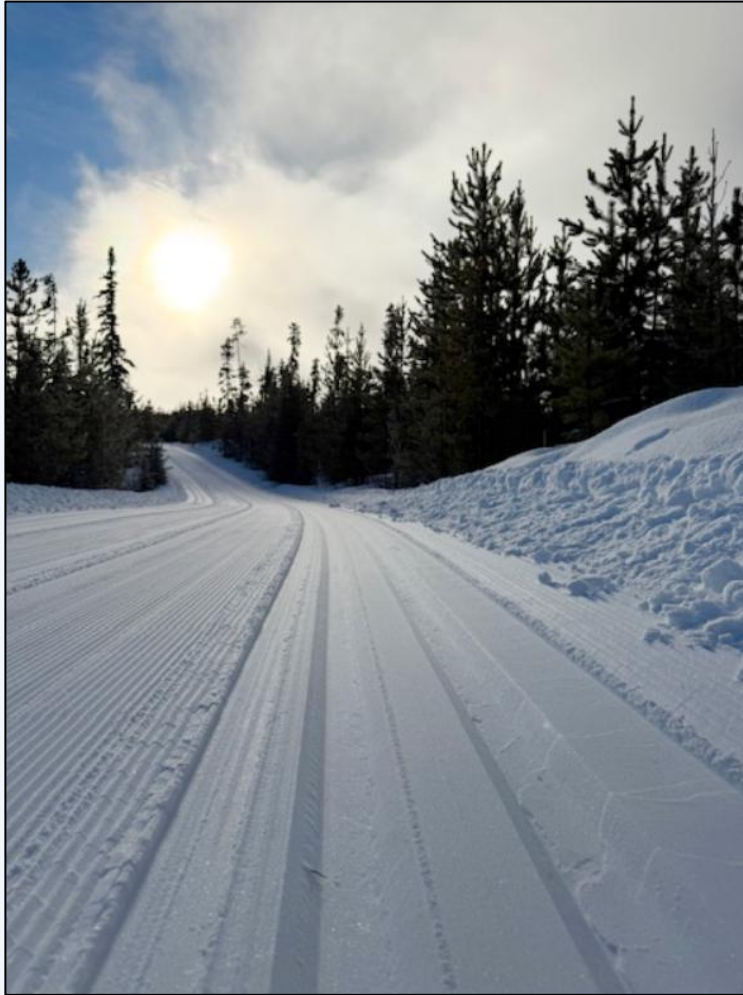
Where does the time go? Stay tuned for centennial celebrations & dig out the retro gear!



## Nordic Pulse

Thanks to Burns Lake Community Forest for sponsoring the Nordic Pulse ski app — check grooming conditions anytime! Available on web browser or as an app. Most ski clubs now subscribe, so you can check trail conditions even when travelling.

Until next season!



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