



News from the Fernie Nordic Society



February News

Grooming continues on a daily basis, although it was delayed earlier this month with the rain. Please check the website at <https://www.fernienordic.com/grooming/> for up to date information on trail conditions.

This month is a busy one with the following events scheduled for the next month:

- Feb 19 to Mar 6, the Raging Elk Silk Trail Slide is happening at the Fernie Alpine Resort. Pick your time and day to participate. Link for this is <https://skifernie.com/events/raging-elk-silk-silk-trail-slide/>
- Ski under the lights on Kids Loop on Saturday evenings 6 - 8 PM
- Full Moon ski on Wednesday Feb 16. Any evening this week should be great for some night skiing at the Golf Course and Nordic Centre

If anyone is looking for Nordic equipment rentals The Quest offers both classic and skate ski rentals. Fernie Alpine Resort and Gear Hub both offer classic ski rentals.

Fernie Nordic Society awarded grant

The Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport has awarded the Fernie Nordic Society \$822,500 for the Trailhead Enhancement Project. The project will include dedicated parking, washroom facilities and a multipurpose trailhead facility.

The funds are part of the second round of the 2021 Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program's (CERIP) Destination Development stream. The second investment of \$21.3 million brings the total to \$41.3 million for more than 100 tourism projects as part of the StrongerBC response to the pandemic.



Adult Lessons Update

Early February, Tuesday morning group classic and skate lessons and the skate portion of the Masters Wednesday evening group wrapped up. All three groups made excellent progress in their technique and were so much fun to ski with. Thank you to those who participated!

Now the group lessons are finished I have more availability in my schedule for private individual and small group lessons. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like to improve your skate or classic technique. It sure feels like spring lately, but there is lots of winter left to practice and perfect that one skate or diagonal stride. See you on the trails! <https://www.fernienordic.com/adult-lessons/>

Coach Tarah

Race Team News



Two weeks ago, the The Fernie Nordic Racers participated in a training camp coached by Graham Maclean and the Fernie Nordic Racers coaches. Graham Maclean is a professional national coach and technical waxing consultant from Golden. The team spent three days getting tips, advice

and skill training and overall were grateful for the experience and hope for more opportunities like this again.

Read more about Louison Dubief and Aurélie Smithson's story on the training camp <https://www.fernienordic.com/2022/02/winter-training-camp/>

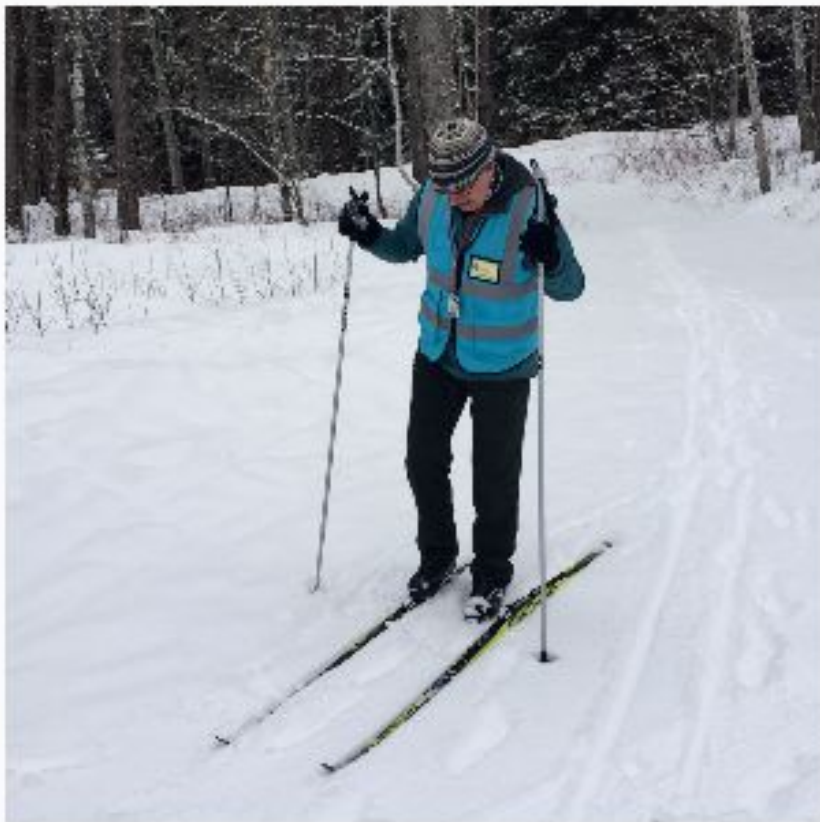
To view the racing results for the last Kootenay Cup races in Nelson on Feb 5-6 click <https://www.fernienordic.com/2022/02/2022-kootenay-cup-nelson/>

Ambassador Program

Even though provincial Covid19 restrictions forced the closure of the club's Warming Hut at the ENVC, the club's Ambassador Program has remained relevant and has received great feedback from families and visitors trying out the trails for the first time.

In the initial months of the Covid19 shutdown in 2020 the Nordic trails were the place to be and FNS was able to keep the trails open until the third week in April. During this time our membership soared to 1600 members, and we extended the program to the Golf Course and our ambassadors on those trails were well received.

This season we have been trying to ramp up the Ambassador program to pre-Covid19 levels. We have had to adapt to the everchanging provincial rules, and it seems access to the hut has changed weekly. However, now when an ambassador is present the hut is open weekends to vaccinated and masked members. The Ambassadors are there to help members and those new to Nordic



skiing to realize the quality and the beauty of the trails we have on offer.

Other tasks involved with the ambassador role include keeping the hut clean, the fire lit, stocking wood, splitting kindling, selling single and family days passes, FNS branded neck tubes and crests. There are even a few membership cards left to be picked up. During a shift in the morning or afternoon there is still time to go out and enjoy a ski and chat with the public. In the quiet time the hut is a delightful place to read a book or contemplate the beauty of the outdoors.

If you are interested in becoming an ambassador for the balance of this season, please contact me at jp.stevens@me.com and I would be happy to sign you up! As for our current ambassadors, I want to say thank you for the work you do and making the program such a success.

Jane Stevens

Mellow Mountain Rangers (50+)



The Mellow Mountain Rangers have been meeting every Friday afternoon for a fun ski time on the trails, alternating between EVNC and the golf course. We might need to switch to morning skiing if the weather continues to

stay warmer in the afternoons. A survey will be sent out to all the MMR to get the pulse of the group and their opinion on this change.

A big thank you to those who came out to ski with us!

Micheline Picard
Director of Membership

Thank you section

Thank you to Fernie Cardlock for choosing the Nordic Society as the recipient of their monthly fundraiser. The club received \$618.92 from the purchases made in January. Fernie Nordic Society also extends a



big thank you to everyone who supported this local business!



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card.



Membership News

People are still purchasing or renewing their membership, which is wonderful! However, we are far from the 1600+ members we have had last season. As of 11 February we have 1329 members, of which 294 are new. Our membership breakdown is as follows:

- 151 families
- 15 corporate
- 169 seniors
- 8 seniors who are over 80

Again, we would like to thank those who chose to give more through the Optional Supplement in Zone 4. So far, we have collected \$2,600 on top of the membership fees.

Thank you to all those who have purchased their membership!

Micheline
Director of Membership



Members enjoy 25% off any pastry when you purchase 2 drinks.



Mugshots Bistro
Members enjoy 25% off any drink when you buy something to eat.

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