



Fernie Nordic Society News



March 2025 News

The grooming team continues to keep the Elk Valley Nordic Centre trails in good condition despite the challenging spring temperatures and limited snowfall. However, the trails at the Fernie Golf Course are now closed and grooming has stopped on the Fernie Dyke and City trails as well due to a lack of snow and softening conditions. A big **Thank You!** to Jason and his team at the golf course for all they do on the trails.

The recent Community Fun Races and Fernie Flying Viking Challenge were both great successes. We are approaching the end of another good ski season. Our Fernie Nordic Racers are keeping busy as several will represent Fernie in Canmore later this month at the Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals.

The new Elk Valley Pass has proven very popular in its first season. We hope that the opportunity to ski on the trails of nearby clubs was a good experience to everyone.

Happy St. Patrick's Day on Monday March 17 !

Fernie Griz Days 2025



Board members, Megan & Sam, aka our XC outlaws, were captured on Thursday, February 27th as part of Fernie's Annual Griz Days. Bail was set at \$1,000 with all proceeds going towards the Elk Valley Nordic Centre Stadium and Trail Improvements project. The Fernie Nordic Society thanks Griz Days and the Fernie Brewing Company for this fun opportunity.



Griz Days was a also a great success at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre on the evening of Saturday, March 1.

The Fernie Nordic Society says thanks everyone for joining us and giving the smooch skis a whirl!

Also, thank you to our Ambassadors for hosting this event with warm drinks and sweet treats.

Community Fun Races: a Huge Success

The 11th Annual Community Fun Races held on February 22 were a huge success. The mild temperatures and some sunshine made for a beautiful day at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre.

Skiers chose from either a 3 km or 7.5 km course. This year we set a record with 77 participants of all ages enjoying the freshly groomed trails at the Nordic Centre. Among the participants, three hardy skiers pulled a chariot and a passenger along the 3 km course as well. Everything was very casual and colourful as many participants wore costumes for the event.

After a short intro by coach Johnny, waves of skiers were off ten minutes apart. Cookie medals were awarded to each one crossing the finish line. After the races, many tried their hand at the biathlon event that followed: three short ski loops separated by two stops at the shooting range.

The Fernie Nordic Racers and parents prepared some delicious chili for the occasion and sweets, coffee and hot chocolate were donated by Starbucks. Proceeds from the event went to help with travel expenses for the Fernie Nordic Racers attending 2025 Ski Nationals.



For more photos of the event go to <https://www.fernienordic.com/photos/#CR2025>

The Fernie Nordic Society is grateful to all the volunteers who made this event so successful.

Great Fun at the Flying Viking Challenge



WOW! Thank you to all Vikings for making our 6th Annual Flying Viking event such a great time! 64 Mini-Vikings and Flying Vikings participated in various distances with great enthusiasm and some awesome costumes!

Thanks to [Fernie Alpine Resort](#) for your partnership making this popular, beloved nordic event possible!

Thank you to volunteers and board members for your help working behind the scenes, on the ground setting up, taking down the course, stocking and working the aid stations, managing the start and finish line ... the list goes on! It takes a village and we are so grateful for everyone's part in bringing this event to life!

Thank you [Wild Wolves Design](#) for the amazing wooden medals!

Finally another big *Thank You!* to the Fernie Nordic Racers and Alice Dubief for providing yummy crepes at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre once again!

What a way to wrap up the 2025 nordic season!

See more photos of the event at <https://www.fernienordic.com/photos/#FFVC2025>

Cheers to Charity



The Fernie Nordic Society is honoured to be selected as the recipient of The Fernie Brewing Company "Cheers to Charity" program from **February 16 to March 31**.

During this period, proceeds from sample tastings at the brewery are generously donated to our club. This presents a wonderful opportunity to invite friends or visitors to savour local flavours while supporting our organization at the same time.

We are grateful for this fundraising opportunity and encourage our members, guests, and the community to choose the **Fernie Brewing Company** for all their tasting experiences.

Skill Development Program Update



As we finish up our 10 week ski lessons for children and youth we would like to send out a huge thank you to Kal Tire for their continued support of the Skill Development Program throughout BC.

It has been an amazing season so far and we would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Cross Country BC for all of their efforts and support towards our small, yet mighty club. We hope to continue these great relationships moving forward, making improvements and additions, for many more years to come.

Alisha Rella

Annual Club Fundraiser



Our Annual Club Fundraiser is still ongoing **until April 6**. The club is raising funds through Nordiq Canada to tackle specific trail maintenance needs, such as improving trail drainage and safety, enhancing the Cedar Loop and stadium, as well as ditching, grading, widening our new Evergreen Loop and improving interpretative signage.

A tax receipt will be issued for all donations.

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Race Team News



The Fernie Nordic Racers had a great weekend racing the fastest skiers in Western Canada at the Teck BC Championships in Kelowna held the last weekend in February at the Telemark Nordic Club.

Warm spring weather made for challenging conditions, but the team persevered and had some excellent results. Big congratulations to **Ella Fuller** who won the overall BC aggregate award for U16 girls and **Mae Elson** who finished 3rd overall in the U14 aggregate!

Congratulations team!

Nordiq Ski Nationals

The 97th Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals will take place from **March 17-23, 2025** at the Canmore Nordic Centre, in Canmore AB. The Nordiq Canada Ski Nationals are a Tier 1 - FIS-sanctioned Nordiq Cup Event. The competition also includes the Canadian College and University National Championships (CCUNC) and the Canadian Para Nordic Championships. More than 800 senior, junior and para-nordic skiers will compete in sprints, distance races and team events.

This year we have three Fernie Nordic Racers athletes attending Ski Nationals 2025: **Mae Elson, Tate Elson** and **Ella Fuller**.

Information about the event can be found at <https://www.skinationals2025.ca/>. Results for the races will be available on [the Zone4.ca page](#).

Two Fernie Racers alumni are also attending Nationals. As Senior racers they are representing their new clubs: **Wes Robinson-Shaw** is racing for the Carleton Ravens and **Louison Dubief** is racing for the Alberta World Cup Academy (AWCA).



Wes competes at University Level

Congratulations to Wes Robinson-Shaw, our Fernie Nordic Racer who is now competing for the Carleton Ravens, on his excellent results at the Ontario University Athletic Championships on the weekend of February 21st.

Wes finished 6th in the 15km skate race, 4th in the 12km classic race and 3rd as the anchor leg in the team relay. This placed him 4th overall which is an outstanding result for a freshman skier.





Ski Wall of Fame

The Fernie Nordic Society was inducted into the Wall of Fame by the **Fernie Skiing Heritage** organization. The ceremony was held at the Best Western hotel last Friday evening March 7th. Our club was represented by Barbara McFarlin-Kosiec, Megan Lohmann and Matthieu Corriveau. Barbara is a founding member of the Society.



Membership News

Membership dues help to keep our club operating. Thank you to everyone who purchased a membership this season.

Laurie Bemi
Membership Director