



Mount Washington Ski Club 2010-2011 SEASON AGM REPORTS

Nancy Greene Report 2010/2011

The 2010-2011 season saw approximately 99 skiers participate in the Nancy Greene program. The majority of our growth came from new families who were referred to our program by other members. We are also retaining members at a higher ratio than in previous years.

The half day program continues to be a popular choice for families, especially with those who have older siblings skiing full days. While there may be challenges organizing coaches around a half day, we feel that it's a valuable part of the overall Nancy Greene program.

Similarly, many families have expressed their appreciation regarding how flexible our club is. Many thanks to Paul Francisty who continually re-organized registration to accommodate parent requests, such as skiing every other weekend on both days.

Based on family feedback, the coaches were well received, especially at the K-star level. Times in which the NG racers were able to train with older skiers were enjoyed.

There were more opportunities for racers to compete this year. We 34 racers attend Sun Peaks this year, the largest contingent in several years. Many of our racers placed in the top 10 in both the skills and downhill events. We changed the Toy Race to a club only event, and the feedback was very positive. Many parents, especially new members, appreciated the chance to have their children participate in a stress-free trial run before the "Experience the Podium" race the weekend after. It was more work for our members, but it also provided a training opportunity for NG parents and for racers. Our "Experience the Podium" race was well attended with 83 of our athletes and approximately 30 from other mountains.

The Christmas and Spring Camps were well attended. Forty-five skiers hit the slopes at the winter break, and 63 (plus 5 try-outs) were at the Easter long weekend camp.

Suggestions for Next Season

- Skier Evaluation
 - We suggested last season the idea of encouraging parents to return Snow Star books to be re-used. Is this a viable idea? Does it cost us extra money to buy new ones every year?
 - Is it possible for a mid-season evaluation? This idea came from a parent whose child received monthly evaluation reports at a different mountain's NG program.

- Race Events



- Clearer communication with Mt. Washington resort regarding upcoming races is needed.
- We would like to encourage NG parents to help with races; however, better communication and preparation regarding race meetings is required if we want more NG parents assistance. Many NG parents have young children and holding race meetings spontaneously and in places children can't go does not work.
- Equipment
 - Parents need to be more knowledgeable about proper equipment. Could we send out a pre-season notice on the type of equipment that is recommended?
- NG/AMS crossover
 - there were several time throughout the year that there was some confusion over kids who were registered in NG but ended up skiing AMS. This usually was due to an agreement between coaching staff and parents.
 - Is the AMS program separate from the NG program? In the previous years, it was assumed that communications that were sent out to the NG group were for that specific group and not necessarily AMS skiers. For example, during the Spring Camp, the AMS group was told it was also having a camp, but that was not communicated to the NG coordinators, which resulted in a lack of coaches and the disorganization of groups.
- Program changes for next year
 - we feel the expansion of the NG program from 4 to 12 years is a positive one.
 - The club needs to come up with some guidelines as to what programs we will deliver and how the new parameters affect our program description.

Overall, we feel it was a successful season and we look forward to continuing with this position.

Troy and Kerri Perras

K1 Report 2010/2011

The K1 group this year included the same kids as last year except Cole Anderson who had graduated to K2. There were six athletes consisting of four boys (Logan Frame, Robbie Yelland, Kole Harle & Liam Gilchrist) and two girls (Maja Nymann and Keegan McCooley). No new kids joined K1 this year from the K-Stars.

The K1 group travelled off-Island to race six times during the season at Whistler, Hemlock, Grouse, Silverstar (Westerns), Whistler (Cup) and Cypress (Coast Zone Finals). This year Mt. Washington hosted K1 Provincials so the team had home advantage which they used to good effect. All of the kids performed very well this year with some impressive results.

Some highlights of the season:

- Team spirit - members were encouraging and supportive of one another in training and at races.
- Positive interactions - with both older and younger kids in the club.



- Consistent race results - suggesting committed, well trained and able to transfer technical skills to the racing environment (All kids had 8-14 top 15 finishes each out of 19/20 races).
 - 11 podiums from 4 athletes
 - 39 top 4-10 finishes (from all 6 athletes)
 - 2 athletes with top 10 rankings overall provincially
 - 4 athletes finished in the top 15 at Westerns
 - 2 athletes finished in the top 15 at Whistler Cup

They certainly display lots of talent, but a lot of credit for their success goes to the high quality coaching they've received, especially Krystal as K1 coach, and support from their parents and other club members.

Trips went smoothly with the chaperoning duties divided equally among all families. The kids are spirited but travelled well with generally good behavior. As all athletes qualified for Whistler Cup the final races were back to back, but focus and good humor was maintained.

This group now moves to K2 (although Robbie will likely not participate fully as he's moving school to Shawnigan Lake) and I look forward to seeing the kids develop, both more technical skills and independence together with taking more of a leadership role. We need to support them as they make the transition to role models for younger kids. At this point it's not known how many K-Stars will enter K1, but there are several keen and talented kids coming of age soon, and the change in the rules allowing K1's to register at age 10 may encourage more. With an entirely new set of K1 athletes this coming year it's important we help this group, especially the parents, to adapt from Nancy Greene to K1 as it's quite a step up in commitment. To help with the transition I'm willing to coordinate K1 for another year, or provide help and advice as needed.

Thanks,
Alan Gilchrist

K2 Report 2010/2011

The K2 group in 2010/2011 consisted of 3 boys and 1 girl. The group was small and became smaller after one of the boys broke his leg and was out for the season. The group usually consisted of two athletes as the one J1 did attend a few FIS races to gain experience. Travel costs were higher than projected but John tried to offset this with travelling with other teams from the Cost Zone. Some of the races this season did have issues with too much snow and a few races did not start for this reason. Our kids were real troopers and enjoyed mixing with the other kids and bonded as a small group. Lots of laughs, good times playing games off snow when all the training was complete. Fun was had by all and the group seemed to enjoy the different coaches that went on the various trips with them.

2010/2011 Races

- Dec. 18-19 Whistler GS/SL Jan 22-23 Mt. Washington GS/SL
- Feb 10-13 Parsons K2 SuperG
- Mar 3-6 Provincials at Panorama GS/SL



- Apr 15-17 Zone Finals at Cypress Mt.
- 1 racer qualified for the Westerns but decided not to attend alone.

Recommendations

Review the racing schedule and try to attend the Enquist SL Race at Seymour Mountain. Our Mount Washington Ski Team does get a lot of SL training and this would be a great race to attend.

Review the Chaperone recommendations for next season with the upcoming K2 group.

FIS Report 2010/2011

The FIS group this season was made up of a good mix of girls and boys and first/second and third year athletes. This season team included Lindsay Frame, Liz Durward, Nicola Anderson, Amanda Birtig, Chelsea Adam, Gabe Pare, Clinton Wood and Jordan McDermid (Non FIS J1).

Mathieu Leduc was also a member of our team but he trained and raced with the Provincial Ski Team. Breanna Sorensen injured her knee last season (January 2010) and continued to rehab her knee this season but is set to try it out this summer.

The FIS group traveled to Apex, Panorama and Nakiska on multiple occasions and also traveled to Norque and Rosslund. The group is well traveled and is very self sufficient on the road, on most trips they prepare their own meals in hotel/condo.

Some highlights of the season included;

- Chelsea Adams podium at J1 Nationals in Nakiska.
- Watching Mathieu Leduc take the top step at Apex Downhill.
- Chelsea Adam qualified for NorAm finals in Whistler.
- Gabe Pare and Clinton Wood cutting bib numbers in half in Rosslund.
- Liz Durward attended the National Championships in Nakiska.
- Great skits at Apex fall camp... :)

This is a very talented group on and off the snow and we look forward to see our returning athletes continue to excel. We have several athletes heading off to school next season and a few seem set to return to the club to as coaches to help bring the next generation along.

Next seasons FIS group is predicted to be 5 to 7.

Thank you,

Trish Adam
John Trimmer



All Mountain Skills 2010/2011

1. Mt Cain was big hit- need to book early. Recommend hostel right in main village area better than cabins (no flush toilet was a bit of an issue for some!). Check with Mt Cain accommodations by October. Also, we were split in two cabins- better if all in one spot. Kids, coaches, and few parent chaperones ideal. Adding siblings and too many parents changes dynamics a bit so want to consider this when deciding on who goes.
2. 11 kids this year-age 10-14. Two groups by ability. Kids are happier if they sign up with a friend...perhaps offer a discount if you sign up a friend? Volunteer commitment cut as mandatory, but many of these parents really helped out with the club anyway!!
3. Hoodies (rather than t-shirts), club contributed \$10/athlete to cost-from five star embroidery. New logo as kids didn't like old one...and voted for "all mountain skiers" rather than "skills". Logo on file at Five Star Embroidery in Nanaimo if more needed.
4. End of year banquet- skiers were keen for "awards" like in the racer level. Could consider for next year? Or perhaps a report card with skills/checklist etc.
5. Ski jacket option. Include this group in future MWSC orders. Maybe they could have their own colour.
6. Mark Shepard expressed interest in being coordinator next year if Makena continues (but she may switch to K1). Abigail away on exchange for most of ski season so I will not be coordinator but am happy to help out!

Registrar Report 2010/2011

It was my pleasure to be involved with the Mt Washington Ski Club in the capacity of registrar. This being my 7th season looking after this position has been one of the easiest ones so far. With the Oct 15th deadline for the early bird registrations fees, many of our young NG's were registered in time to qualify for the reduced program costs. Not only does this reduce the usually heavy workload in late December/early January, but it also gives us better understanding as to the numbers of athletes expected in the NG program and the number of NG coaches we need to secure.

And provides the "ever important" cash flow...

2010/11 season as well saw lot more returning families.. I don't have the exact percentage, but venture to say it was close to 75%.

Of the \$96,626.56 collected through the 10/11 registration process, \$69,591.68 was paid by MC or Visa (72%), and \$27,034.88 by cheques/cash option. There was additional \$14,000 credited for registration to family accounts by Sports Trust fund.



As usual we had to sell the BC Alpine raffle tickets; and these were included in your registration sign up costs of \$50/athlete. They were issued once the registration forms were submitted, with the appropriate fees included.

This worked extremely well as all tickets were accounted for.

Our club sold 117 lottery booklets, out of the 120 booklets available. This was 18 booklets more than previous year. This is a great fundraiser, with 75% of the money coming back to the club, \$4387.50 in total. Unfortunately GMC might be pulling out of sponsorship for the 2011/12 season, so the status of car raffle is currently in limbo. BC Alpine is working on alternatives, but since we are so depended on every dollar coming in, need to come up with alternative!!

The Alpine Canada ACA release forms are now required for all athletes, parents and FIS racers. The on line process is painless, yet still one of the hardest things to chase down. Even the offer of free Ski Canada magazine is not enough enticement to get everyone to go online for 2 minutes and sign the forms.

For 2010/11 season we **registered 294 members with BC Alpine** broken down as;

- 18 coaches
- 152 parents
- 8 FIS athletes
- 1 J athlete
- 1 Masters Athlete
- 4 K2 athletes
- 6 K1 athletes
- 9 AMS athletes
- 95 NG athletes

When compared to the previous season (2009/10);

2009-10 we **registered 254 members** with BC Alpine.

Of the 254 members, the groups were as follows:

- Coaches 16
- Parents- 138
- FIS- 6
- K2- 8
- K1- 7
- AMS- 8
- NG- 71

Comparing the past 2 seasons- this year we had 25 more NG kids, 15 more K-Stars, and few more 4&5 year olds.

AMS, K1, K2, FIS numbers stayed just about the same.

This year we offered the 3rd child at ½ program costs and 4th child free..



We had few families qualify for the 3rd child discount, and in 2011/12 season might actually have one family qualify for the 4th child free program. In 20 or so years I been involved with the club, I don't recall having family with 4 kids in the club at same time... Great to see!!!

We worked with number of families on flexible programs where their child could ski and be involved with other sports as well. At times it caused some grief with scheduling but it definitely keeps the kids in our Ski program that we might have otherwise lost to the other sports.

Number of honorary Marmots did not re-register with BC Alpine even after two reminders going out (this is revenue neutral as they pay us exactly what it costs us to register them). They need to be registered in order to volunteer at our local races!!

With the club cabin expansion- we definitely handled the increased membership!! On nice weekends to club cabin was busy but most weekends could have handled even more families.. So let's keep aggressive recruitment in place..

Items to consider for 2011-12 season;

- There is a significant change in BC Alpine registration for our athletes and coaches for the upcoming 2011-12 season. Used to be that the ACA insurance ran Dec 1 till Nov 30th of following season. This year it ends on June 30th !!! How does it affect us? Any coaches and kids planning on attending the summer camps must be registered with BC Alpine before attending any camps after June 30th!!!
- The government funding is now called "community gaming grant". Our gaming grant for the 2010/11 season saw a drastic reduction- went from \$2500 per month to \$1073 per month for the last 5 months in the fiscal year. So we received a total of \$22,864.58 instead of the \$30,000 we applied for..
- If the gaming grant is continued at the current \$1073 per month, this revenue would further shrink to \$12,875 per year, a far cry from the \$30,000 we have received in the past years.
- Still awaiting to see if we are grant of \$36,000 per year is approved and what the actual amount approved is.
- So- need to reassess our programs and look at possibly increasing the program costs??
- Having said that, at the same time still like to continue with the Early Bird discount of 10% if processed by Oct 15th 2011.
- Continue providing discount for 3rd child in the NG program (1/2 program cost) as well 4th child for free.
- Continue with the 4&5 year old programs. If kids are still too weak for the program, refund registrations early and explain to parents that the child has to wait till next season.
- Look at increasing enrolment into 2 day NG program (Kstars). 30+++
- Look at our Nancy Greene program, and see what else we can do to encourage kids into entering Juvenile program. Having only 6 K1's and 4 K2's racers this past season is a bit worrisome.
- AMS is a solid program. Keep expanding on it.



- Need to look at “Skier Cross” program component, and work with mountain to provide track early in the season.
- New target for NG numbers- 120???
- Do we also like to offer adult race program? Possibly 10 week program working on skill improvements and running gates few times as well. If interest is there run separate women’s and men’s programs. Offer to existing club members only. They would be registered as Masters Club racers..
- Run solo or with Mount Washington Ski resort the adult race series.
- Need to continue on the theme started this year- have more fun family days on the weekends- barbecues, sell hotdogs and chips possibly every 2nd weekend, more races for NG skiers, more races for dads/moms.
- Nancy Greene “Experience the Podium” race was a big hit; let’s continue every year.
- Provide mentors for the new club members, assign new family to more seasoned family to get them through first season issues

BC Alpine Program Fees Break Down for 2011-12 Season

Program	Program Charge	ACA Fee	Liability Ins	BC Alpine Fee
NGSL (E)	\$56.00	\$15.00	\$11.00	\$30.00
Kinder (K1/K2)	\$95.00	\$50.00	\$11.00	\$34.00
Junior (J)	\$109.00	\$50.00	\$11.00	\$48.00
Senior (SR)	\$109.00	\$50.00	\$11.00	\$48.00
FIS	\$414.00	\$355.00	\$11.00	\$48.00
FIS (Late)	\$504.00	\$445.00	\$11.00	\$48.00
FIS (Immediate)	\$604.00	\$545.00	\$11.00	\$48.00
Masters - 1 Weekend	\$58.00	\$30.00	\$11.00	\$17.00
Masters - National	\$78.00	\$50.00	\$11.00	\$17.00
Coach	\$27.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$8.00
General Members	\$27.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$8.00

Changes to age ranges and program names announced by BC Alpine;

- BC Alpine is happy to announce a few little changes to our registration categories which I'm sure will go over well with many of our clubs. A list of these changes is below; please make sure your program directors, presidents and registrars are aware of the changes as they may modify the club's recruiting and program development for the next season.
- We've started off by simplifying the E1, E2, J1 and J2 registration categories. The 1 and 2 are now gone and they are both now it's simply "E" or "J".
- Alpine Canada's recent renegotiations with their insurers have allowed us to then reduce our Rio Tinto Alcan NGSL program minimum age down to 4 year old from the previous 5 years old minimum age. The program also extends up to 12 years olds instead of the previous 10 years old.
- The Teck Kinder program now goes down to 10 years old allowing those real go-getters to jump into the National level a year early.



And in summary I like to give big thank you to Troy & Kerri Perras. They spent countless hours recruiting new members, and coming up with new ways of making it fun being member of our great club.

Mt. Washington Ski Club Registrar
Paul Francisty

Social Directors Report 2010/2011

We did three major events for the season as well as race volunteer parties, coaches social, etc. The Meet n Greet was our first event held on Jan 8th this year it is held on the first Nancy Greene weekend so everyone that is signed up with the club usually attends. We get to meet new members and make them feel welcome. John and Steve do a great job of introducing the club, coordinators, policies, rules of the cabin and so on. We have appetizers and beverages for everyone supplied by Ricky's All Day Grill in Nanaimo so there is no expense for the club. This is a really good club event and important to get the season started. It is also a chance for members to get reacquainted.

Our next event was the K1 Provincial banquet that was coordinated with Steve Frame Chief of Race and Garth Hastings Race Chair and Robb Robertson looking after Catering for Mt. Washington. held on March 19th, 2011. We charged athletes \$25. pp and our cost was \$19.32 as we needed this revenue to pay for the coaches who attended the event so while we made some money it was basically revenue neutral. At the same time we also had a volley social with beer and food donated. I feel we had a very successful Provincials and impressed all participants with our hospitality.

The club Year End Banquet proved to be the best one I've been involved in yet with 194 athletes, parents and coaches attending on April 22 Good Friday. Working with Robb of Mt Washington we tried to keep cost the same for the Club and did a slight increase to our membership to cover coaches meals as well. We also incorporated a donation based auction to pay for coaching for a 4 day camp held over the Easter weekend because the mountain had an extended hill opening with all the snow. This proved extremely successful and I recommend having this fundraiser at future Year End Banquets.

Ricky's All Day Grill provided \$1000 to use for food/beverages which were used for the Meet and Greet, parents meetings, BBQ's, coaches socials, etc. This coming year Patricia and I have agreed to share the position of Social Director if needed. Ricky's All Day Grill will also donate another \$1000 to be used for events and socials for the coming year. Thanks to everyone for all the help throughout the season.

Social Directors,
Brian and Patricia Adam



Club Cabin Report 2010/2011

Starting in early November I started to build lockers for the FIS athletes as there was some concern about equipment being stolen or misplaced from our club cabin. These were well received by the athletes but there was never a lock put on any locker!
This freed up some space along the "ski wall" and created more room at the door.

Flood

Nov. 26 I found the flood damage. In the two weeks prior Steve, John, Kyle and I had been in the cabin and thought the heat was high enough.

Ripple Rock Restorations was called and started working the same day.

Nov. 30 plumber Ed Rossi fixed the plumbing.

Dec. 10 Wired electric added base board heaters, checked thermostats and smoke detectors. They will finish their work when we call them back (ALL DONATED).

Steve and "friends" emptied out junk from racer level and Paul F. And I had it hauled away to the dumpster.

Jan. 12 carpet was completed on the main level by United Carpet. Paul Ohlinger and I replaced all the base boards, fridge, stove, toilets, tables, benches etc. And then cleaned the cabin so we could open it to the NG'er Jan 14

The club received a buyout from the insurance company for about \$35 000. Out of this we paid United Carpet \$9975.00.

Future expenses:

- insulation
- drywall
- paint

Pre Work Needed

-remove all skis, boots, kitchen cabinets, wax benches, ceiling ski rack, clothing and anything else that could get damaged.

In the basement we need to move everything into the new section.

Once everything has been removed we can start removing all the drywall and insulation in the ceilings of both levels. The race bench wall and kitchen wall need to be removed also. The insulation needs to be bagged as it is taken down and all people in the building will need suits and masks because of the rodent problem present in the existing insulation.

When the waste has been removed:

- Plumb drain for racer level
- Finish electrical
- Frame fire door and walls around electrical room
- Install fire safe coupler around sewer pipe where it enters the ceiling
- Remove the outside stairs and create a storage room for gates and brushes
- Build a roof over the downstairs entrance
- Insulate walls and ceilings (Doug Yelland figures he can get this donated)



- Drywall by Insulpro Nanaimo quoted \$7800 but we may be able to reduce costs here!
- Paint
- Replace cabinets, wax benches and light fixtures
- Get Occupancy Permit

Coach's level

- Remove junk
- Carpet floor
- Does this have to be blocked off for inspection?
- Other items
- Rubber stairs, Door locks
- Garbage cans, Hot water tank

Thanks,
Troy Perras

Thrifty Foods Fundraiser Report 2010/2011

We have participated in the Thrifty Foods Smile Card Fundraising program for the last three years and have earned \$2,000. \$3299.28 and this year, \$2,952.34.

This past season we were permitted to earn up to \$3,000 and hopefully they will allow us the same parameters for this coming year. I have heard via some Comox residents that Thrifty's is opening in their neighborhood this summer which should make it easier for us to reach our target numbers every year. It is time to re-apply so I will start the ball rolling and see how we do. We will need to target a fundraising initiative to name on the application so any information in regards to this would be helpful to me. Projects that are about to be undertaken, further physical expansion, equipment needs, are all acceptable funding initiatives.

We always need to expand our reach of cardholders. Anyone without kids or kids out of fundraising age sports are key markets, as holding a card for us will not be a conflict of interest. I would appreciate any ideas/leads that members may have in reaching some new target audiences. Every person helps. If there is someone particularly interested in administering this program I would be happy to hand it over and put my energy elsewhere – if not, I am happy to do it for another year. There is some considerable benefit to be gleaned by a new person with different contact groups taking this over and expanding our database of spenders as I have already approached everyone in my realm. If someone were to take this on, I would recommend that they came from a different city – again – new reach possibilities.

Jennifer Luchies