



# Fernie Nordic Society News

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# Happy New Year!

January 2025 is starting off with great conditions for skiing at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre, Golf Course and the Fernie Dyke.

The Warming Hut of the Elk Valley Nordic Centre is back to regular hours. An ambassador will welcome you on Fridays 1 - 4 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays 10 am - 4 pm. The main area next to the hut will be lit every Saturday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Bring a lamp to ski the trails at the same time!

Mark your calendar. Upcoming events include:

- **Elk Valley Streak** during month of January
- **Community Fun Races** on February 22 at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre
- **Fernie Flying Viking Challenge** on March 23 at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre

Toby Creek Nordic is holding its annual loppet on January 25-26. More details at the end of this newsletter.

The race team is busy training and preparing for competitions. A few racers will travel to Canmore for the National Championships later in March.

The Fernie Nordic Society wishes to thank all members who have renewed their club membership. Thank you for supporting the grooming team as it keeps the trails in great shape!

These organizations also support our club with their corporate membership: Tourism Fernie, Claris Media, Zinc ventures and Dr K.Alland and Dr R.Weitemeyer Medical Corp.



## Elk Valley Streak 2025

The 7th Annual Elk Valley Streak is back and is hoping to get as many people as possible outside and active this January. With the loss of our inspiring leader, Abi Moore, streaking feels more needed than ever.



The 2025 Elk Valley Streak encourages everyone to sign up the entire family, including kids and dogs, with the goal of raising money for a local non-profit in the valley. Over the past several years the event has raised more than \$18,000, and we look forward to another successful year with funds raised going to the Elk Valley Family Society.

### More info

Participating is simple. Do an outdoor activity for a minimum of 30 minutes each day for the entire month of January 2025. If you miss a day, you can pick it back up when you're ready. You can participate in the Elk Valley Streak anywhere.

Registration is \$10 for adults and all funds are donated. Registration is free for Children and Dogs. For more information or to register click on the button.

As of January 10th, the Elk Valley Streak 2025 is sitting with 165 participants with \$1702.58 raised so far.

## Masters Group

It's been a great start to the season for our Masters Group Program with Coach Tarah. About 40 current new members have joined the group. The program meets every Tuesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre for "Tip Tuesday" alternating between classic and skate skiing. Additionally, the group is welcome to join Wednesday's Intensity Session with Coach Johnny from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at EVNC.

Along with the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions the group also is free to meet on Saturdays at 10 a.m. for a longer ski at a chosen location.

This option is more informal where you are welcome to come and go, ski with others or on your own. Registration is ongoing. Click on button to register.



[Register for the Masters Group](#)



## Another Thank You

A big Thank You! to everyone who supported the race team in their Christmas wax fundraiser. Ella and Tate on the photo are hard at work preparing skis.



## Operations Update



The Fernie Nordic Society Operations team have been working closely with Handshake Holdings and the Galloway Lands Development team on the use of the Galloway Lands area for Nordic skiing. We are grateful for the continued land/trail access while limited winter construction work progresses and the solid working relationship with the development team. This has allowed us to regularly groom the full Galloway Loop and Lizard Creek trail for Nordic skiing and the FAR connectors for winter multi-use at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre.

The Boomerang (Snow Pines Rd) FAR connector has been a bit rough at times, but has certainly given us multi-use access with the resort. The Hobbits trail connector route that has been open since the Christmas holidays has been better and more useful as the preferred route (while remaining mindful of some signed construction disturbances).

The Grooming team have done their best to make all of our trail conditions as good as they can be, both at the EVNC and the Fernie Golf Course. We have certainly been blessed with snow so far this season, but I remain fully impressed with the quality of the grooming and the effectiveness of the team. Please thank them if you see them out on the trails.

**Mike de Jong**  
**Director Operations**

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## Adult Training Sessions



[Register for Adult Lessons](#)

Instructors Emily, Susan and Tarah are offering adult classic and skate lessons for beginners and intermediate skiers through private or semi-private lessons. Tarah is a Level 3 CANSI instructor and will also be offering advanced lessons.

Most lessons will take place at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre and participants meet at the staging area outside the warming hut. Some lessons will take place at the Fernie Golf Course. At this location, meet at the FNS kiosk just outside of the Clubhouse. Your instructor will confirm the location, meeting place, cost and the duration of the lesson.

Please click on the button for more information or to register.

## **Skill Development Program Update**



Children and youth programming kicked off last week with Bunny and Jackrabbit lessons running on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for 10 weeks at the Elk Valley Nordic Centre. We are absolutely thrilled with the participation of 72 young skiers.

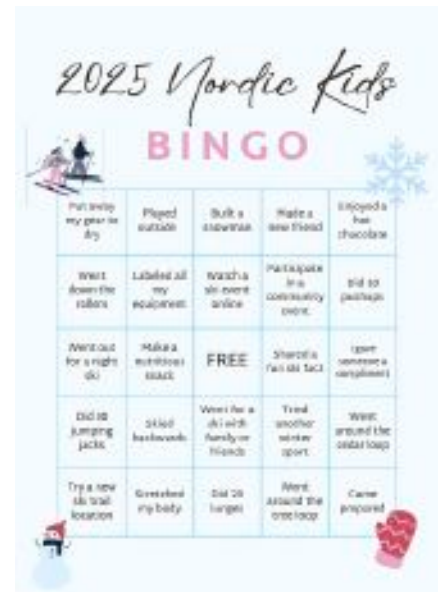
Our Track Attack group started skiing mid-December with our race team on Tuesdays and Saturdays. After week one, there has already been some movement within the groups which is exciting, and we look forward to having lots of fun over the remainder of the season. As always, a big *Thank You!* goes to all our volunteer coaches and parent helpers. Without you, we wouldn't be able to offer this program.

***Alisha Rella***

Check out our bingo card. Play outside this winter!

Open or print the bingo card

Card design by Ella and Aurélie



## Fernie Nordic Racers



In the past month, the Fernie Nordic Racers have had several exciting events, including races, coaching clinics, and a waxing fundraiser. Many athletes participated in their first race of the season at Alberta Cup 1 & 2 in Canmore in mid-December, and several raced again a month later in Revelstoke at BC Cup 1 & 2.

From December 20-21, athletes and community members took part in a coaching clinic led by Nicole Perrins, where they honed their coaching skills in both skate and classic techniques through on-snow and classroom lessons, leaving as more confident and capable coaches. On December 27th-28th, the team hosted a waxing fundraiser to support athletes heading to Nationals in March, with Polar Peek Books playing a crucial role in its success.

Now, athletes are back to their regular training schedule, practicing four times a week, racing, and many are fortunate enough to coach the Jackrabbit groups. The team is incredibly grateful for the community that makes all of this possible.



## **Membership News**

Welcome to all our new and returning members. Thanks for signing up! Your membership dues help to keep our club operating. We currently have 870 members, which includes 157 new members, and just exceeds our target of 850 for the season. This is slightly down from the 2023-2024 season with 907 members, but we might get to 900 yet.

If you are still thinking of signing up, it's not too late. Click on <https://zone4.ca/register.asp?id=36179> to renew or purchase a membership.

Our new Elk Valley Pass has proved popular! Over 120 of our members have upgraded to the EVP. I hope our EVP members are getting out and trying the Elkford and Sparwood trails.

Distributing membership cards to our new members was challenging during the postal strike, but with the strike over, new cards are going in the mail again. If you haven't received your membership card, please let me know.

Happy skiing

**Laurie Bemis**  
**Membership Director**

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**Nipika Panorama Toby Creek Loppet**  
**January 25-26**

A two-day Nordic skiing adventure in the heart of the Columbia Valley!

Day one takes place at Nipika Mountain Resort, a four-season, pet-friendly eco-resort nestled in the Canadian Rockies near Kootenay National Park.

Day two continues at Panorama Mountain Resort, an alpine village surrounded by Canada's oldest mountains, where endless outdoor adventures await.

Don't miss this unforgettable weekend of cross-country skiing and exploration.



[More Details](#)

## FNS Online Presence

### How do online visitors find us.

A few fun stats from Google for the period December 1 to January 10:

Google total: 828 searches - Google Search 51%, Google Maps 49%

Most popular search terms: **fernie nordic society** and **fernie crosscountry skiing**

Asking for directions to Nordic Centre: 707 requests in Google maps

Website [www.fernienordic.com](http://www.fernienordic.com)

Most visited pages: **Maps & Grooming report**

Access by device type: Smart phone 66% Desktop 32% Tablet 2%

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