

# BARmade

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

March 2026 - Vol 4

## Upcoming events

- Mar 14 and 15 – U12 Caribou Cup
- Mar 21 and 22 – U10 BVQ Invitational
- Mar 28 – Norquay's 100 Year Celebration and Bruno Engler Race
- Apr 17 to 19 – Bozo and Kinder Cup, including Corporate "Crazy Canuck Challenge"

Norquay's 100 Year Celebration and Bruno Engler

**WHEN: Saturday, March 28th**

Check out the many events scheduled for Norquay's 100 Year Celebration, including the famous Bruno Engler Race (a club favorite for many BAR parents to take race in).

Other events include:

- Sightseeing and Guided Tours
- Fireside S'mores
- Cuddles with Jasper, the St Bernard Dog
- Walk down Memory Lane
- Bruno Engler Race (12-4pm)
- Photo Ops
- Live Music
- Fireside Chats
- Mighty Quay – the movie
- Outdoor BBQ
- Free local Breweries and Distilleries' Tastings
- Closing Reception in Lone Pine



Bruno Engler racer signup:

<https://form.jotform.com/Norquay/58th-annual-bruno-engler-ski-race>

# Thank you!

A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped out in February at the following races and events:

Olympic BARmade Social – Steve Messler, for sharing stories of his Olympic gold medal journey, and Wildlife Distillery for their drink tasting.

Sweat & Sweets – Ange Helie for leading this invigorating hike and organizing the coffee and sweets afterwards. This event is becoming a favourite for club and alumni parents alike!



FIS GS & SL Race – Chiefs of Race, Gregg Ferguson and Brad Giesbrecht, and their ROC on another very successful race series. Also, a big thank you to Save On Foods Canmore and Valbella for donating delicious food for our volunteers and athletes and to Warren Coates, Barry Cochrane, Christine Johnston, Mike Kertesz, Louise Knight, Darcy Locke, Bird Mack, Lynda Read, Pat Roi, Jim Schweiger, Allan Zivot and Brian Johnston, who travelled down from Edmonton to help out.

Olympic Cookie Cup & Volunteer Race Training – Thanks to all the seasoned volunteer parents who led training of new volunteers on the cookie cup course. Sounds like we have a great group of newly trained on-course volunteers!

**BAR/BVQ Alumni  
Facebook group**



Please join our growing Alumni Facebook group “BAR/BVQ Alumni”, including Alumni Athletes and Alumni Parents. Check out upcoming BARmade Events, share photos, stories and connect with old friends and tag other alumni you know. We’re really hoping to build our Alumni Group culminating in TWO big Alumni get togethers:

- March 28: Norquay’s 100 Year Celebration
- April 18: BOZO Cup

# Interested in Volunteering?

We have 2 BAR-hosted races coming up!

U12 Caribou Cup - March 14 and 15.

Click the [Volunteer Signup Link](#) or reach out to the Chief of Volunteers, Kimiko Comeau and Tom McCarthy, at [bvqu12race@gmail.com](mailto:bvqu12race@gmail.com)

U10 - BVQI - March 21 & 22

Reach out to Chiefs of Volunteers, Crystal Bohn and Sylvie Matheusik at [bvqu10race@gmail.com](mailto:bvqu10race@gmail.com). Signup link coming soon.



# Supporting our Community

Heartbreaking news swept through the ski community, following the tragic avalanche at Nakiska Ski Area involving a young athlete.

Our strength as a community lies in how we care for one another, especially in difficult times.

For anyone wanting to attend the vigil or funeral service, here is the information:

In loving memory of Emilio



February 2011 - February 2026  
Our beloved silly boy

**Services**

Vigil  
Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
At St. Pius X Parish, 2424 24 Ave NW, Calgary, AB

Funeral  
Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am  
Reception to follow  
At St. Pius X Parish, 2424 24 Ave NW, Calgary, AB  
Donations can be made towards the Alberta Children's Hospital instead of flowers



# BAR Alumni Update

- Three BAR Athletes are headed to FIS Alpine Junior World Ski Championships in Narvik, Norway March 5-15.
- CAST Development athletes Kendra Giesbrecht and Jake Kertesz-Knight will be competing in their third and second World Junior Championships respectively.
- Shae O'Brien who has been a member of BVQ/BAR since she was four years old, will proudly represent Canada at her first World Juniors. Shae qualified after a NORAM podium in Super G at White Face, along with NORAM 2nd Junior title in Downhill.



We wish all three athletes the very best of luck and can't wait to watch them represent Canada.

# Volunteer of the Month

Monthly, we recognize our parents that volunteered at a BARMade event/race that month, by drawing the name of a BAR, BVQ and Alumni Volunteer. This year, the winners of the draw will receive a nice BARMade tumbler.

Congratulations to our February Volunteer of the Month Winners:

- BAR: Rogie Cross
- BVQ: Jill Galarneau
- ALUMNI: Darcy Locke

Please email [barmade@banffalpineracers.com](mailto:barmade@banffalpineracers.com) to collect your prize.



## BarMADE Merch

Bufs for sale!

Check out the new BAR/BARmade Bufs for sale: 1 for \$30, 2 for \$55.

A big thank you to Cori Vertz for the super cool design on the bufes (that's Rob's Run!).

BARmade Plaid Shirts – BAR patches should be arriving any day now, therefore the remainder of the shirts that were ordered should be ready by mid-March.

A big thank you to Tammy Berthiaume for all her work organizing both the Bufs and Plaid Shirts – the new merchandise looks amazing!



## Congratulations!

Congratulations Coach Johnny Ford, who welcomed his son, Ben Connor Ford-Sawatzky, on October 27.



*Sincerely,*

*The BARmade Committee*

*Tammy Berthiaume, Ange Helie, Lauren Kucera, Alison Stutz and Ashley Donohoe*