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# BANFF ALPINE NEWSLETTER



# CLUB UPDATE

Happy New Year! We are happy to share that all programs successfully started as of December 2022, and all coaches are pleased with the progress all athletes have made since then.

BVQ: We have 174 BVQ athletes, including an athlete who joined us from New Zealand over the holidays.

BAR: We have 63 athletes in BAR, including an athlete who joined us from Australia.

The club has hosted two FIS races, one U16 race and one Cookie Cup this season. Please check out our athletes' achievement and updates portion of this newsletter for an update on the successes our athletes have accomplished to date!

"On behalf of everyone at BVQ / BAR, I want to extend a warm welcome to all returning and new athletes and their families! We are looking forward to seeing the continued success of our athletes and having fun along the way. See you on the slopes!" - Claire Horton, Bow Valley Quikies Program Manager.

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# Ring in the New Year

A big thank you goes out to our Ring in the New Year Committee and all of our sponsors that donated to our silent auction. We sincerely could not have done this without you and we are grateful for your time and support!

Something 2 Wear Women's Clothing  
Wildflower Massage and Esthetics  
Rocky Mountain Rehab & Sports  
Medicine  
Something 2 Wear Women's Clothing  
XhAle Brew Co & Coach Christina  
Club parents of U10,U12,U14,U16 &  
FIS  
Discover Banff Tours  
Banff Park Lodge  
Anejo Restaurant Banff  
Revelstoke Mountain Resort  
Canada House Gallery  
Wildlife Distillery  
One Wellness Spa  
Ski Cellar  
Tim Borys & Fresh Wellness  
Ian Coburn Fitness  
Techno Sport  
Dean Stanton Illustration  
Mountain View Helicopters  
Flow State Yoga Banff  
Eagle Pass Heli Skiing

Mt Norquay  
Banff Lodging Company  
The Tech Shop  
Carter Ryan Gallery  
Glen Boles  
Ski Louise  
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise  
Mischi Boehnisch  
Cooper Nelson  
Bruce Legree  
Banff Adventures  
Boundary Ranch  
Hijinx Toy Store  
HI Canada Hostels  
Canadian Tire Canmore  
Halek Family  
Sally Lockhart  
Ross McKercher Wildflower  
Massage and Esthetics  
Rocky Mountain Rehab & Sports  
Medicine



## BAR MADE

Have you seen the BAR MADE signs around and wondered what they were all about?

We would like to take a moment to recognize the contributions our BARmade volunteers are making to our ski club. Our success is due to the hard work and dedication all our volunteers put into our club!

BARmade was founded by Maggie Mills, with the support of her husband Damien. Maggie and Damien’s three children were outstanding BVQ/BAR athletes, and have been active volunteers and supporters of our club ever since! We are forever grateful to Maggie for having the vision to create BAR made, for all the time and care she took to create this “club within a club”, and to encourage and celebrate our club volunteers.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join the fun and support our young athletes in ski racing. Some of our parent volunteers have even travelled to Europe to support world-class races! Our races and events are impossible without your support!

If you are interested in hearing more or signing up to volunteer, please reach out to Ashley Donohoe, Paul Stutz, Simon Moffatt, and Luc Berthiaume at [barmade@banffalpineracers.com](mailto:barmade@banffalpineracers.com)



A great way to fulfill your volunteer hours and meet like minded people



# TEAM UPDATES



## FIS

FIS kicked the ski season off early with a trip to Saas-Fee, Switzerland in September, which was then followed up with training for the Sun Peaks ski camp in November. Some of our FIS athletes also travelled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and then the entire FIS team reunited in Panorama for the MacLachlan FIS series. Some of our second-year FIS athletes will be heading to Europe to get some international race experience - Have fun and ski safe!

## U16

The U16 team had a very successful start to the season, with their first race at Norquay in December followed by Panorama in mid-January. Head Coach Louis-Pierre is pleased with the progress this team has made, both with the training at Norquay and a pre-season camp at Panorama. The next stop is Lake Louise for Super G!

## U14

U14's will be travelling all over Alberta this season! We've seen lots of strong skiing and positive attitudes from these athletes. They have been training hard at Norquay and are scheduled to train at Nakiska on the same track the national teams train on. Next stop is Castle Mountain!

## BVQ

The BVQ athletes are off to a great start, with many new faces that have settled into the program well. Athletes have been learning and incorporating the principles of the R.I.S.E. initiative: Respect, Inclusion, Support and Effort.

The first Cookie Cup was held on January 7th, which was a blast for all athletes and coaches. We are seeing great improvement in the BVQ skills on the course and in the ski sessions. We can't wait to see how they will progress this ski season!

# RACE RESULTS

## FIS: NORQUAY

### SLALOM

- 1st: Kendra Giesbrecht
- 3rd, 3rd: Jake Kertesz-Knight
- 7th: Bredy Shears
- 9th, 10th: Kiersten Wilde
- 6th, 10th: Deavyn Parchewsky

## FIS: JACKSON HOLE

### SLALOM

- 3rd: Jake Kertesz-Knight
- 3rd: Claire Timmermann
- 6th, 7th: Rylan Stanvick

### GIANT SLALOM

- 4th: Kendra Giesbrecht
- 6th, 7th: Bredy Shears
- 8th, 8th: Jake Kertesz-Knight

## FIS: PANORAMA

### SLALOM

- 1st: Jake Kertesz-Knight

### GIANT SLALOM

- 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th: Jake Kertesz-Knight
- 3rd, 4th: Kendra Giesbrecht
- 5th: Katrina VanSoest
- 7th, 9th: Bredy Shears

Unfortunately, the women's last race was cancelled due to cold temperatures.

## U16: NORQUAY

### SLALOM:

- 1st: Nicholas Berthiaume
- 7th: Loren Hannema

## U16: PANORAMA

### SLALOM:

- 3rd: Nicholas Berthiaume
- 8th: Loren Hannema
- 12th: Ellery Coates

### GIANT SLALOM:

- 12th: Loren Hannema
- 5th: Nicholas Berthiaume

## U14: NAKISKA

### SLALOM

- 3rd, 6th: Eric Berthiaume
- 4th, 4th: Myles Halek
- 6th, 10th: Norah Elenko
- 7th: Ellie Hyndman
- 7th, 10th: Iain MacAulay
- 8th, Kaelyn Leveille

### GIANT SLALOM

- 1st: Kaelyn Leveille
- 1st, 4th: Miles Halek
- 2nd, 3rd: Eric Berthiaume
- 8th: Madeline Wickins
- 10th: Ellie Hyndman

## U12: CANYON RESORT

### SLALOM

- 2nd: Emma Berthiaume
- 5th, 7th, 7th: Reese Vertz
- 4th, 4th, 10th: Aleeta Barr
- 6th, 6th, 13th: Victoria Henning
- 3rd, 8th, 14th: Olivia Henning
- 13th: Clara Wickins
- 14th: Isaac Elenko
- 12th: Riley Moran

### GIANT SLALOM

- 6th: Rose Opelik
- 7th, 11th: Aleeta Barr
- 8th, 13th: Willa Shortt
- 9th: Reese Vertz
- 10th: Vivienne Smith
- 15th: Olivia Henning
- 2nd, 3rd: Riley Moran
- 11th, 12th: Isaac Elenko
- 10th: Oskar Graul
- 14th: Daniel Wang

# Alumini Report

We have three BAR alumni representing Canada on the National Team:

- Erik Read
- Trevor Philip
- Jeffrey Read

These alumni have been competing in various races, internationally and domestically. Their results are as follows:

- **Men's GS in Alta Badia, Italy:**
  - Erik Read: 21st place
- **Men's GS in Val d'Isere France:**
  - Erik Read: 15th place
  - Trevor Philip: 26th place
- **Men's Super G in Beaver Creek, Colorado:**
  - Jeffrey Read: 20th place
- **Lake Louise Downhill:**
  - Jeffrey Read: 21st and 27th place
- **Cortina - Super -G**
- **Started 44th and finished 7th!!**

We also have a few alumni that have been successful in various races, such as:

- **Jessie Ferguson** just had a big Downhill win at Aspen Snowmass, Colorado!
- **Katrina VanSoest** who has been racing with International Racers in Europe.
- **Claire Timmerman** and **Cydnie Timmerman** continue to race NCAA. Claire for University of Utah and Cydnie for University of Vermont.

A big congratulations to our alumni, we will continue to follow you and cheer you on!!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**February  
4-5**

**Zootopia Cookie  
Cup  
Location: Norquay**

**February  
4**

**Parent Social  
Location: Kika's  
3pm**

**February  
8-10**

**U16 GS/SG Race  
Location:  
Lake Louise**

**February  
11-12**

**U14 SL/GS Race  
Location:  
Castle Mountain**

**February  
25/26**

**U12 Caribou Cup  
Location:  
Norquay**

**March  
2-5**

**U16 Westerns  
Location:  
Red Mountain**

**March  
11-12**

**U14 SG Race  
Location: Nakiska**

**March  
18-19**

**BVQ Invitational  
Location: Norquay**



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