

News Release

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SMCC 2012 Race Calendar



Saturday 03 December 2011 – VERT 180



Kick off the ski mountaineering competition season with this hugely popular evening sprint/relay/enduro event at Canada Olympic Park. Try out your legs. Test that gear. Get up a team, or come get assigned and ski with some new friends. (National Team members typically attach themselves to some first timers, so they don't sandbag the field). Info and registration here: <http://vert180.blogspot.com/>

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 February 2012 – DOGTOOTH DASH

These are Canada's National Skimo Championships, featuring two days of racing for all classes and categories. Golden BC is the heartland of Canadian backcountry, and Kicking Horse Mountain Resort always puts on the highest profile event. Come party!

<http://www.kickinghorseresort.com/resort/events>



Saturday 25 February 2012 – ROAM Randonnée Rally

An SMCC ranking event is always a central part of the annual Cold Smoke Powder Festival at Nelson, BC. Whitewater hosts. Expect a bigger field entering in this off-championship year. Info, as it becomes available, here: www.coldsmokepowderfest.com



Saturday 24 March 2012 – KEN JONES CLASSIC

Celebrating its namesake with big backcountry, this race rolls out of Lake Louise Ski Area and tours the heights. The Pro Patrol likes to show off their great terrain. Info TBA here: www.skilouise.com/things-to-do/events and www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/ccc/ismc/index

More – RED MOUNTAIN, SUNSHINE, USSMA

We're still coordinating organizers and officials for possible races at Red (Rossland, BC), Sunshine (Banff, AB), and don't forget our sister hoedowns south of the border on the USSMA Calendar. Make this winter a big one! Info TBA here: www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/ccc/ismc



TEAM

The Canadian National Ski Mountaineering Competition Team has been named for 2012. Selected based on interest, potential, and ranking over 2011 races, they are:

Reiner Thoni

Melanie Bernier

Ian Gale

Billie Velisek

Peter Knight

Julie Matteau

Andrew McNab

Martha Burley

Brad Schalles

James Minifie

Stano Faban

Steve Sellers

Alex Wigley

Niall Gleeson

Team training has already begun, with glacier sessions, outings to The Pass, and dryland work. Uniforms have been re-ordered - thanks to partners Rab and The Alpine Club of Canada. 2012 is an off-year for World Championships, but several team members are planning personal European visits for ISMF

calendar events. Out-of-country Team efforts this winter will focus on the North American Ski Mountaineering Championships in Crested Butte, Colorado toward the end of January. Here in Canada, you can see the CraZy suits out at any domestic SMCC calendar event. Cheer them on – they're already gunning for a spot on the 2013 ISMF World Championships team.

RESULTS

See the complete results and national ranking of athletes over the winter of 2011 here:

www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/ccc/ismc

INSURANCE & MEMBERSHIP



The Alpine Club of Canada is the home of *Ski Mountaineering Competition / Compétition de Ski Alpinisme Canada* (SMCC), the national sport federation for skimo in this country. We coordinate the race calendar, record results, and keep athletes' rankings, select national teams for International Ski Mountaineering Competition events, train and certify race officials, etc. Bring your membership card or number when you come to race. We provide liability coverage for the events on the SMCC calendar (hence the waivers and \$5 dollar surcharge for non-member racers). You can join our bold group as a volunteer, as an athlete, as an organizer, a sponsor, or as a fan. If you're racing, you can also register for the complete season at once. Contact Sheila Churchill 403 678 3200 ext. 108 or email OfficeManager@AlpineClubofCanada.ca to register, or ask questions.

LINKS

The Alpine Club of Canada (the skimo National Sport Federation for Canada)

www.alpineclubofcanada.ca/ccc/ismc

The SMCC Site (needs updating, we're holding the Domain name, and it will likely see action later this season) General information about the sport and how it works in this country www.skimocanada.org

The site of the International Ski Mountaineering Federation (what I just said...) <http://ismf-ski.org>

The Canadian Avalanche Foundation (they like to cross promote with our race events)

www.avalanchefoundation.ca

Skintrack Site (Stano is the unofficial fount of skimo beta, rumour, and connections. He's promising journalistic content this winter) www.skintrack.com

Ian's Joint (Interior regional, articulate, active) Ian is a national team member and sets course for the Dogtooth Dash <http://goldenskimo.wordpress.com>

The USSMA site (the American relatives) Where to learn about their race calendar www.ussma.org

Alex' blog (Coast regional, enthusiastic, great photos) Alex is a national team member and source of good equipment reviews <http://skitheory.blogspot.com>

www.mec.ca Our most generous and consistent event sponsor has always been Mountain Equipment Co-op. Good regional source for skimo gear.

Rab clothing and gear (they kit our National Skimo Team) <http://us.rab.uk.com>

SEE YOU AT THE RACES!

David Dornian



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