



## Greetings Whistler Cup Volunteers

Well, the Whistler Mountain Ski Club is just putting the last of the equipment away from the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Whistler Cup.

The event this year has reached a new high, thanks in a large part to the Weasel organization and the many volunteers that worked their butts off to make it a huge success. The event has grown so much over the years that it now has the expectation of a “mini world cup”.

The event organizers received a call from Alpine Canada with a request to bring up the quality of the track, so that all 400 athletes who had traveled from 20 countries, all over the world, would have a fair race from start to finish. The ski club does not have the expertise to achieve this so we reached out to Rick Hume of the Weasel organization to give us a plan. We engaged the VANOC cats and Rick’s requested operators and went to town on the Upper Dave Murray.

The results were unbelievable! On Thursday, Friday and Saturday we had good firm snow and race courses that we could be proud of. Snow came in on Saturday night, but we managed to get two races off on Sunday, under challenging conditions.

It has become obvious that we need race volunteers with more experience than the wonderful K1/K2 parents can gain during their few seasons at the club. A special thanks to Rick Hume, Lockie Brown, Lisa Ferguson, John Benbow, Don Appelle, Pat O’Connell, Jim Mikolash, Murray Wood, Susie Wood, Simon Briggs and Thom Theys, to name just a few of the many Weasels who gave us their time and shared their expertise. We know how much effort you have put into ski racing over the years and we really appreciate your support of the Whistler Cup.

Finally, I wish to extend a huge thank you to Jane Finlayson who has supported this event in the race office for more years that I can count.

Have a great summer  
David Newton  
President  
Whistler Mountain Ski Club

