

News Release

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Ski Mountaineering Competition in Canada

The National Team



Michelle Katchur Roberts at Fernie 2017 – *Cliff Howard photo*

Essential info for your 2018 Ski Mountaineering Calendar

<http://www.skimocanada.org>

NATIONAL TEAM

Developing and supporting a National Ski Mountaineering Team for the purpose of international competition is one of the primary mandates of Ski Mountaineering Competition Canada. Much of international Skimo is organized around the race categories and formats administered by the International Ski Mountaineering Federation (ISMF). For Canadians to compete at the events the ISMF endorse and be ranked against the rest of the world, they need to be licensed and registered through a national sport federation (NF). Ski Mountaineering Competition Canada, a part of The Alpine Club of Canada is the ISMF member National Sport Federation for the country.

Meet the Teams for 2018:

WOMEN

Kylee Toth
Michelle Katchur Roberts
Lori Anne Donald
Marg Fedyna
Caroline Reid

MEN

Peter Knight
Joel Desgreniers
Travis Brown
Matt Reid
Nick Elson

DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Arnaud Boisvert
Adam Campbell
Stano Faban

YOUTH TEAM

Marcus Zamzow
Tom Stephen

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Ski

Mountaineering



Team Management: *David Dornian – chair, Brent Harris – coordinator, Travis Brown – National Team Coach, Steve Sellers - Youth Team Coach, Kylee Ohler - Athlete representative, Chris Petrauskas – ACC Office*

The athletes on these teams are selected and named via a set of annually reviewed criteria and an algorithm applied to race results over the previous 12 months. These criteria are available on www.skimocanada.org

Near term goals for the Team will be a good showing across all events at the Pan American Championships in Lake Louise in March 2018. However, providing ongoing support for established team athletes, development of Youth category competitors, and recruitment of talent from other sports builds toward a higher performance future for the SMCC. Mid-term goals for the team surround improving and broadening our performance at the next ISMF World Championships. These will consist of a week of racing in and around Villars, Switzerland in February 2019. Also in our sights is placing up to 4 youth competitors at the Lausanne Youth Olympics in January 2020.



The Canadian National Ski Mountaineering Team in Piancavallo, Italy – Kylee Ohler, Nick Elson, Caroline Reid, Matt Reid, Travis Brown, Peter Knight, Stano Faban, Lori Anne Donald, Michelle Katchur-Roberts [Rob Krar missing from photo]

Meanwhile,

Some Team members were Training in November at Sunshine and out of Canmore (and will convene in Revelstoke 15-17 December for downhill training). Peter and Kylee won the Vert180, against a bigger and more broadly competitive field than ever. Joel is bringing the lighter and faster message to Canmore

and Western Canada with his newly opened SkiUpHill.ca store. Travis is bringing a better-defined team training program, and Steve is focusing on recruiting more Youth age skiers. Our only skier in Europe at the moment is Youth Team member Marcus Zamzow, attending an international clinic in Austria. The season is underway!

Follow your guys via the rankings and results at skimocanada.org, on the Alpine Club of Canada webpages, and – for international results - at ismf-ski.org. There are Instagram and Twitter feeds from most of these athletes, and they love to hear from you. Keep in touch. Cheer your friends and country(wo)men on.

Youth training is happening in Calgary, Canmore, and other places (contact Steve Sellers sdak@telus.net about that) Informal practice and interest groups are getting up across the West and Skimo East <http://www.skimoeast.com> is beginning to stir. Join us!

ISMF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: TRANSCAVALLO Italy, February/March 2017

Our Canadian Ski Mountaineering Team ranked 16th among national federations, with leading results from 2-man Team Nick Elson and Rob Krar, and a heartbreak in Sprint semis when Kylee Ohler had the hole shot and lost a skin.

There were many, many adventures for our twelve person contingent, massive efforts, steep learning curves, not much snow, and a certain amount of driving in the dark. Thanks to all who attended, supported, or contributed.



Travis and Peter at Teams Race start – fan photo

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