

## NW Cup Mt. Spokane.

We had a very interesting variable weather, and variable snow condition weekend at Mt. Spokane, which gave us foggy, snowy, rainy conditions, and then we got a few peaks at the sunshine. Our racing was a mixed bag of performances as well. We had some ups and downs. On Saturday, it had to be the most DNF's I have ever witnessed on our CMAC team. Somehow things just didn't go our way, but Own Snyder-Smith showed us that great skiing was possible with a top 20 finish for the boys, and Evie Wright led the girls with the 2<sup>nd</sup> place first run, but just couldn't pull it off on the second run.

On the final day our kids woke up and had some incredible performances. Andrew Kulakovsky and Michael Guo started 99 and 100 and both made the flip on the first run. And a whole host of boys scored well. Andrew 15<sup>th</sup>, Lewis 17, Michael 18, Willi 19, Owen 21, Zach 22. All the boys scored some points toward the Champs.

On the girls side, Evie Wright led the way with a 7<sup>th</sup> in the final SL, 1<sup>st</sup> for U16 girls, she is well on her way to first seed at U16 Champs, followed by Izzy in 10<sup>th</sup>. Izzy led the girls Friday with an excellent GS race placing 5<sup>th</sup>.

The entire team learned a lot about where they stand in competition and we recognized areas where we can make some improvements. We hope that everyone is excited to get home and train for the next qualifier. The kids showed tremendous potential and we expect some great progress the next few weeks.



Izzy Buck making great technical progress in GS and scored a 5<sup>th</sup> place.



Evie Wright was the fastest U16 in SL placing 7<sup>th</sup> overall on Sunday.



Andrew Kulakovsky started bib 100 and place 15<sup>th</sup>



Michael started bib 99 and finished 18<sup>th</sup>, Owen shared the Cat 4 podium in 21<sup>st</sup> overall.