

McCall Winter Sports Club Newsletter | May 2020

Promising signs of progress are budding. The response from supporters to help fund athlete scholarships by way of Idaho Gives was unbelievable. The outreach efforts of our community have been far-reaching. Never say never. Anything is possible.

McCall Winter Sports Club has high hopes for the future. The extended down-time has lent itself to a time of reflection and adaptation, during which MWSC's Board of Directors and Staff have been meeting in the clouds by way of Zoom. Figuratively speaking we've had sunny and rainy days trying to plan and prepare for the upcoming season. This is no-doubt a work in progress that will continue to evolve between today and the next time MWSC's athletes & coaches are skiing together. Regardless, the core focus of it all is on the athletes. Not even an earthquake (which literally shook McCall with a 6.5 magnitude 6 weeks ago) would misalign the top priority from our goals and objectives. Keep reading for exciting news for our skiers (and soon snowboarders).

New Program Director Announced

10-year US Ski Team Member and 2-time Olympian Returns to McCall for the 2020/2021 Season!

On the World Cup Circuit; Erik "Fish" Fisher has skied many places. Lake Louise, Canada was where his debut was made in November 2005. Val Gardena, Italy was where Fish earned a 7th place finish in 2008. Kitzbühel, Austria was where he earned an 11th place finish at the famed Hahnenkamm downhill race in 2009.

Since retiring his racing career, Fish has shifted his attention to athletes, and his purpose to coaching.

Albeit an early end to this last season, Fish's strengths in leadership, communication and enterprise have proven forward movement of the needle. Still fast on skis, still passionate about coaching, and still loving his original place of home; Erik is as stoked as MWSC to announce his time in McCall, Idaho is not over. In fact, it's a new beginning as Erik has accepted the full-time position of Program Director starting immediately.



"Being an Idaho native, I have always dreamed of living in McCall. And, as the new Program Director of the McCall Winter Sports Club, this dream has finally become reality! I'm thrilled to assist in building MWSC into an elite program, and I'm thrilled to do it alongside homegrown talent. The hardworking athletes and supportive parents of Idaho will propel this program to greatness. While continuing our incredible partnerships with Brundage Mountain and Little Ski Hill, together we will create a culture of success and come to define competitive ski racing for all of Idaho."
-E. Fisher

This is a great opportunity for our local and supporting community of skiers and riders. MWSC looks forward to building a stronger partnership with Brundage Mountain and Little Ski Hill, a closer connection with our members and sponsors, and a more compelling and credible program for new and returning athletes. Erik's experience at elite and grassroots levels will be key and pivotal for the future of the club.

Programs Coming Soon!

Winter program registration will open online Monday, June 1st.

Here's a sneak peek at the line-up:

U8-U16 Alpine Race

Ski Development

Snowboard Development

Masters Ski Program

Freeride / Big Mountain

Stay tuned for more about programming; including scholarship opportunities and summer camps in July!

Idaho Gives for Scholarships!

Twenty four donations, 110 Facebook engagements, and a whole lot of support during Idaho Gives' 2-week, online campaign has resulted in \$7,049 for athlete scholarships next season! We exceeded last year's donations and our goal for this year.

While we strive to create lifelong skiers, our greater goal is "Creating World Class Kids Through Winter Sports". Thank you for being a part of that!

And thanks to Boydston-Hovdey family and friends who've made **Boydston-Hovdey Ski Heritage Scholarships** a reality for athletes the past few years; including four last season.



Thank you Sponsors!



Thank YOU for your continued support and helping us to create world-class kids through winter sports. Because of YOU we are able to make possibilities possible. Never say never.

With Gratitude,

Chris Costa
Executive Director
McCall Winter Sports Club