

# Racer Awards\*

**Awards and Bursaries** 

Racer awards are recognized at the end of season party in April at the Club Cabin – check the calendar for dates.

<ul> <li>Teamship Values Awards:</li> <li>U12 one racer, either gender</li> <li>U14 one racer, either gender</li> <li>U16 one racer, either gender</li> <li>U18/U21 one racer, either gender</li> </ul>	Most Improved Racer Awards: <ul> <li>U12 two racers, one each gender</li> <li>U14 two racers, one each gender</li> <li>U16 two racers, one each gender</li> <li>U18/U21 two racers, one each gender</li> </ul>
Racer of the Year:  • U12 two racers, one each gender  • U14 two racers, one each gender  • U16 two racers, one each gender  • U18/U21 two racers, one each gender	Joel Ashton Award  • U16 one racer, either gender

#### **Awards Criteria:**

**Teamship Values Award:** one racer in each age group who best embodies the Club's Teamship values. Lead Coach and peer group nomination is based on above criteria.

**Most Improved Racer Award:** one male & one female in each age group who made the greatest improvements throughout the season with reference to (a) results, (b) physical condition, (c) technical and tactical skills. Lead Coach nominates racers based on above criteria.

Racer of the Year Award: one male & one female in each age group with the lowest average SL & GS points, & FIS Alpine points for U18/U21 athletes. For U16, U14 & U12 athletes the FIS Alpine World Cup points will be used with the male & female athlete with the most points will be nominated based on the following races: U16 - BC Provincial series / U14: Coast Zone series & Provincials / U12: Zone races (Tyee Cup & Janyk Cup). Lead Coaches nominate racers based on above criteria.

Joel Ashton Award: This award is given to a 2<sup>nd</sup> year U16 athlete in memory of former WMSC racer Joel Ashton. Joel's passion for ski racing, love of his friends and unconditional support for his team mates are just some of the many reasons he will always be in our hearts. The recipient of this award displays some of these same qualities: Passion for the sport, unconditional support of team mates, always giving that extra 10% and always willing to listen and learn from coaches. This recipient will have chosen to participate in summer programs and plan to continue racing beyond the U16 level. U16 Lead Coach nominates on U16 racer based on above criteria.

<sup>\*</sup> Athletes subject to disciplinary proceedings for "major infractions" in the current season are not eligible for awards. See WMSC Athlete Code of Conduct.



### **Bursaries\***

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The Nat Bosa bursary is awarded in February, based on applications received by December 31<sup>st</sup>. All other bursaries are awarded at the end of season party in April at the Club Cabin – check the calendar for dates.

Nancy Greene - Nat Bosa Bursary:  • either gender, any age level	Rob Boyd Bursary  • 2 <sup>nd</sup> year U16/ or U18/U21 two racers, each gender
Dave Murray Bursary:  • 2 <sup>nd</sup> year U16/ or U18/U21 one racer, either gender	Jordan Schick Bursary:  • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year U16/ or U18/U21 one racer, either gender

#### **Bursaries Background and Criteria:**

**Nancy Greene - Nat Bosa Bursary:** Nancy Greene played an instrumental role in starting the Blackcomb Ski and Snowboard Club (which merged into WMSC) and in supporting the Canadian junior skier development program. Nancy has continued to be a great supporter of ski racing in Canada over the years. Nat Bosa and his companies have provided the Whistler Mountain Ski Club and the Blackcomb Ski and Snowboard Club with financial assistance for the construction of both ski cabins and have continued to support WMSC and our athletes over the years.

To recognize the tremendous contributions of Nancy and Nat in support of ski racing in Whistler the Whistler Mountain Ski Club created the Nancy Greene/Nat Bosa Bursary. These funds are intended to contribute towards coaching fees, travel expenses, equipment costs and other expenses related to the development of our ski racers. To qualify an athlete must be active in a Club program (U18/U21, U16, U14, U12), BC Team or National Team. The Board of Directors has appointed a committee to administer the Bursary and athletes should submit their requests, in confidence, to the committee by the end of January. Awards are announced in February and funds applied to the recipient's racer account. Award criteria include perceived financial need, program costs, the athlete's character and skill level, and parental volunteerism.

#### Nancy Greene - Nat Bosa Bursary: Apply to <a href="mailto:bursaries@wmsc.info">bursaries@wmsc.info</a> Deadline December 31

Rob Boyd Bursary: Rob Boyd was a member of the Canadian National Alpine Ski Team from 1985-1997. During this 12-year career, he won a total 3-World Cup Downhill races, finished in the top three on 6-occasions and finished in the top 15 no fewer than 28-times. He also qualified as a member of the national alpine ski team for 3-Winter Olympic Games (1988 Calgary, Alberta, 1992 Albertville Savoie, France, 1994 Lillehammer, Norway) and 6-World Championships. Perhaps most famously, in 1989 he was the first Canadian male to win a World Cup Downhill event on Canadian soil at Whistler, British Columbia.

Rob served as the Club's Head Coach & Program Manager from 2010 through 2018, until retiring to pursue a career in real estate. Rob has generously agreed to support a bursary for continuing U18/U21 athletes as well as aspiring  $2^{nd}$  year U16 athletes who are moving into U18/U21. The Rob Boyd Bursary will be awarded to one athlete of each gender in the amount of \$1,000 each.

The criteria for the Rob Boyd Bursary is the embodiment of the Club's Teamship Values. Additional criteria include an overwhelming passion for ski racing, exemplary sportsmanship, acknowledged leadership, a fierce work ethic and a demonstrated potential to excel at ski racing. Nominations may be made by teammates or coaches in writing



directly to Rob Boyd before March 31<sup>th</sup>. The Club will post a notice prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> each year inviting applications for the Rob Boyd Bursary.

The Rob Boyd Bursary Applications should be sent in writing to <a href="mailto:bursaries@wmsc.info">bursaries@wmsc.info</a> Deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>

Dave Murray Bursary: Dave Murray grew up in the Vancouver area and ski raced on the same hills that our kids race on today. Dave's love of the sport of ski racing was exemplified by the manner in which he attacked a race course. He rose to the challenge and earned a spot on the Canadian National Ski Team, becoming one of the Crazy Canucks. Due to illness we lost Dave when he was still young but his memory remains with us in many ways as our racers train and race on the DMNTC every week. Dave has left us another legacy: each year the Dave Murray Bursary is awarded to a U18/U21 racer, male or female, who meets certain criteria:

- A younger racer in our U18/U21 program, or entering U18/U21, with a perceived financial need
- Commitment to the sport, with plans to race at least one more season
- Athletic ability and potential to rise to the top in alpine ski racing as assessed by coaches
- Results at races and fitness testing which demonstrate commitment and potential

One award is presented by WMSC and another is presented at the provincial level by BC Alpine. A racer nominated to BC Alpine for the award is eligible for the WMSC award if not selected by BC Alpine for the provincial level award. The award includes a plaque (or trophy) and a bursary of \$750 which is put into the racer's account for the following season.

The Dave Murray Bursary Applications should be sent in writing to <a href="mailto:bursaries@wmsc.info">bursaries@wmsc.info</a> Deadline March 31

U16 & U18/U21 Lead Coaches will nominate athletes based on above criteria.

**Jordan Schick Bursary:** Jordan was a WMSC athlete. During his last year as a J1 (now U16/U18/U21) he was involved in a car accident and tragically lost his life. The family of Jordan Schick awards a bursary to a racer at WMSC in Jordan's memory. The recipient will be:

- A younger athlete in our U18/U21 program, or entering U18/U21 with a perceived financial need
- A good all-round athlete who has shown significant improvement and a strong commitment to the sport
- An athlete who relates well with his or her team mates

The award includes a plaque (or trophy) and a bursary of \$750 which is put into the racer's account for the following season.

The Jordan Schick Bursary Applications should be sent in writing to <a href="mailto:bursaries@wmsc.info">bursaries@wmsc.info</a> Deadline March 31 U16 & U18/U21 Lead Coaches will nominate athletes based on above criteria.

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## **Scholarships**

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WMSC and Whistler Secondary School

#### **WMSC-WSS Scholarship**

U18 athlete, either gender, enrolled at WSS on Grade 12

**WMSC-WSS Scholarship** Apply directly by email to <a href="mailto:lsmart@sd48.bc.ca">lsmart@sd48.bc.ca</a> Deadline **Monday, March 30, 2020** Please refer to Whistler Storm Scholarships and Awards booklet for criteria to apply

WMSC awards a \$500 scholarship to one Whistler Secondary Grad to support her/his post-secondary education pursuits.

To qualify, athlete must be a current member of the WMSC U18 team, attend Grade 12 at Whistler Secondary School and needs to be enrolled on a post – secondary institution within 2 years of graduation. The award criteria include strong leadership, teamship and strong academic achievements at school and community involvement. Athlete must demonstrate strong WMSC Teamship Values. Financial need may be considered.

WMSC will issue a cheque directly to the winner of this award upon receipt of proof of post secondary institution registration.

## **Other Recognitions**

Recognized at the end of season party in April at the Club Cabin – check the calendar for dates.

- Recognition of Competition, Volunteer and Parent Committee Chairs
- Recognition of Parent Reps, Volunteer Reps, SAM Reps and Fundraising Committee Chairs
- Recognition of Chief of Timing, Chief of Race Office, Race Chairs/Chiefs of Race,
- Recognition of Whistler Cup Team Whistler Cup Chair, Chiefs of Race
- Andrée Janyk Volunteer of the Year Award Nominees and Recipient Andrée Janyk was a founding member of the Blackcomb Ski Club, a tireless volunteer, Whistler citizen of the year and mother to Olympians Britt and Mike Janyk. The Club will post a notice prior to March 15th each year inviting nominations for the Andrée Janyk Volunteer of the Year Award, and the Club's Parent Committee will determine the recipient. Nominees and recipient to be announced at the end of season party.
- Recognition of Staff
- Recognition of Athletes selected for unique opportunities, retiring FIS-level racers who are going on to other pursuits, WMSC racers who have been selected for Provincial, National & NCAA teams, including alumni.
- Recognition of Coaches who have received recognition for excellence during the past year, those who are taking on a new leadership role within the Club and retiring coaches who are moving on to other roles outside our Club.
- Recognition of WMSC Board of Directors