



BIATHLON YUKON

February 2022

Big news at Biathlon Yukon – we now have 32 lanes! We are still verifying, but this might make our range one of the largest in Canada. While only 30 will be used for competitions but we have come a long way from where we started. In the photos above, you can see our original range on the bottom (circa 1988?) and today's range in the top photo.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to Lotteries Yukon and the Community Development Fund whose generous funding allowed us to expand our facilities to meet the needs of the Biathlon Yukon community. Also many thanks and endless gratitude to Bill Curtis, Ted Dean, and Peter McCollum for their outstanding effort moving the lane and target numbers and getting the firing line ready for athletes.

In January we got our first competition of the season out of the way, and despite the Covid Health Measures in place, we were able to pull it off! We kept our numbers down, our spacing wide, and our masks up – so a huge thanks to the volunteers, coaches, and athletes who made it all happen. Results can be found on our website.

The Biathlon Bears program is going full steam ahead now on both Saturdays and Sundays. Thanks to Mike Fancie and Judy Hartling for organizing these young folks and to all the parents who are coming out to learn and coach and support their budding biathletes. It is amazing to see so many interested people taking on coaching duties.

We have several events this month - **Grey Mountain Cup #3 on Sunday, February 13 and the Yukon Championships on February 19/20.** The Champs is for all biathletes – from the smallest Bears to the oldest Master. However, with the new Covid protocols still in place at present, we may need to modify our events to limit our numbers. Right now, we cannot have more than 50 people (athletes, volunteers, coaches, etc.) at any outdoor event, which will certainly affect our upcoming competitions this month. Fingers crossed that things change and we can have more athletes competing at once during the Yukon Champs. Either way, we will need volunteers! Please consider signing up to help – if you haven't done so before, we are happy to train you or put you in a position that best suits your skills.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a trained official, please email biathlonyukon@gmail.com and we will add your name to our list for an upcoming course.

Let's stay safe and warm, be kind and take care of each other in this new year and hope to see you at the range!

Information is always posted on our webpage, Facebook site, and Instagram. Follow us for up-to-date information.

Upcoming Events

Grey Mt. Cup #3
February 13, 2022

Yukon Champs
February 19/20,
Volunteers needed
for both days!

Biathlon Nationals
March 11-17, 2022
in Prince George

Biathlon at the
Olympics:
<https://olympic.ca/sports/biathlon/>

Check our website for
more information!

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