SPORTS

Smithers skiers and boarders crowned



André Dube flies high during the Lord of the Board competition.

Curtis Cunningham photo

Thank You

On behalf of my family and myself, I wanted to thank everyone for their love and support during the loss of our Dad, Bill Euverman. A special thank you to our Dad's siblings, our "Angels," your thoughtfulness means so much.

Thank you to Netti Lubbers, and our cousins, Marlene and Shirley, for the wonderful catering. Thank you to Pastor Martin for coming to do the service and for your support during this difficult time.

It was really nice to see everyone at Dad's Celebration of Life. We really appreciated the support everyone gave. This has been difficult for us, and we continue to realize just how thankful we are for friends and family that surrounded us then, and

Thank you again for extending your support.

Warm Regards, Laura Van Somer and family

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More than 40 competitors, between the ages of six and 50, competed at the Lord of the Boards competition on Hudson Bay Mountain Feb. 9 and

Results **Snowboard U9**

- 1 Tosh Krauskopf
- 2 Toan Krauskopf
- 3 Luke Pali Ski U9
- 1 Caleb Smale

- 2 Darcy Fraser Snowboard 10 -13
- 1 Caden Forster
- 2 Cole Pali Ski 10-13
- 1 Aidan Press 2 - Justin Tarasoff **Snowboard 14-17**
- 1 Austin Arnett
- 2 Trenton Bruhjell 3 - Joshua Gunster
- Ski 14 -17 1 - Colin Forster
- 2 Alex Pidherny
- 3 Dylan Marek
- Girls 14-17 Snowboard 1 Zoe Blewett

- 1 Elise Dube Snowboard 18 - 29
- 1 Alex Macdougal Ski 18 -29
- 1 Joel Mcsorely
- 2 Logan Malkow Snowboard 30 +
- 1 Warren Pali Ski 30 +
- 1 Rob Maurer
- 2 Ryan Press
- 3 Greg Brown
- Girls Ski 10 -13 1 - Emile Maurer
- Girls Ski 14 -17

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2013 PUBLIC BUDGET **PRESENTATION**

The Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako will be presenting its Draft 2013 Budget in the Telkwa Council Chambers on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Members of the public (both municipal and rural) are invited to attend.

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SEABRIDGE GOLD SUBMITS KSM PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

Seabridge Gold has now submitted the Environmental Assessment (EA) Application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its KSM Project (located 65 kilometres northwest of Stewart). This milestone comes seven years after the company began work on KSM in 2006; the journey through the EA process - used by the Federal and Provincial Governments to review projects to determine their environmental, social and economic impacts - began for the project in 2008.

The KSM Project EA Application reflects years of exploratory drilling; detailed scientific, technical and heritage research and fieldwork; and expenditures of more than \$146 million dollars, 80 percent of which have been in British Columbia (BC).

Resource development drives the BC and Canadian economies, and the proposed KSM Project – with its 52-year mine life, potential multi-generation employment for thousands, and huge economic impacts at community, regional, provincial and federal levels - represents an important opportunity for many. And, while today everyone seems to have an opinion on the development of Canada's natural resources, it's important to remember that the environmental review process

ensures development does not come at any cost.

"If you look back over time, in Canada, carefully designed projects are given the go-ahead to proceed," says Rudi Fronk, Seabridge Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Not only because they are technically and scientifically feasible, but because they are environmentally sound and socially responsible. This is the only way resource development can take place today."

For the KSM Project, Seabridge pulled together a team of employees, consultants and contractors with the knowledge and experience needed to design a great technical project. And, from the beginning, the company has been committed to submitting an application for KSM that reflects feedback from the Nisga'a Nation and First Nations, the project's Working Group, and input provided by members of local communities who've taken the time to attend events, meetings, community summits and career fairs to learn more about the project.

Like many major industrial developments, the KSM Project requires a joint provincial and federal EA. This means the BC Environmental Assessment Office and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will review the KSM EA Application and make recommendations to their respective minsters about whether or not to issue an EA Certificate for the project. Provincial and federal regulators, Aboriginal groups and the general public participate in the review too. Seabridge will also be involved, pre-

> senting information about aspects of the project and being available to answer questions from reviewers.

The review process will take time. The proposed KSM Project is large, and the detailed, 25,000-page application reflects Seabridge's commitment to responsible development.

'Years of hard work, expertise and resources have gone into advancing the project to where it is today and we are very proud of the work done by our person-

nel and our first-class team of consultants," continues Fronk. "Thanks are also due to the KSM Working Group and other stakeholders, whose contributions through the consultation process have helped improve the design of the project, including some innovative, industry-leading responses to evolving standards in areas such as water quality."

Fronk concludes, "Everyone's participation and input has resulted in what we consider to be a strong application for a technically and environmentally feasible project. We look forward to a timely and fair review of our EA application / EIS submission, and will continue to work cooperatively and closely with all those involved, as we enter this next stage in the KSM Project's development."



Taking people to see the proposed site was an important part of gathering feedback on the KSM Project's design.





