

SPORTS

BV Athletics tear up the track

By Ryan Jensen
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Members of the Bulkley Valley Athletics track team landed on the podium a combined 30 times at the Spruce Capital Meet in Prince George June 8 and 9.

Just 13 members of the club travelled to the meet, many winning multiple medals, smashing personal bests and setting new records.

And the other clubs took notice, said Bulkley Valley Athletics' coach Neal Currie.

"We stood out, clearly, as being a strong team at the meet," Currie said, adding the club's toughest competitors in the north are both from Prince George—Athletics North and Prince George Track and Field.

Grade 8 athlete Hannah Pow lead the way for the Bulkley Valley Athletics at the meet. Pow placed first in the 1,200 metre and 2,000 metre, setting two personal best times and two meet records.

"Hannah is just incredibly fit," Currie said. "She's able to go out there and run hard and hold a fast pace."

Patty Spicer earned four medals, placing first in hammer throw, discus and javelin and second in shot put. Her distances in discus, javelin and shot put were also personal bests.

Ryan Williams ran to triple gold by taking the top spot in the 1,200 metre, 2,000 metre and 1,500 metre steeplechase events. He had personal best times in all of his events.

In triple jump and 100 metre hurdles, Haley Allen placed first and scored two personal bests. Allen also placed third in the 200 metre.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2014 Smithers Property Tax Notices were mailed on May 23rd, 2014. Taxes are due Wednesday, July 2nd, 2014.

If you have not received your Notice, please contact Elma Hamming at the Smithers Town Office at 250-847-1600.

If you wish to pay by cheque, the Town of Smithers accepts, and encourages, post-dated cheques. You may also pay on-line using on-line banking services provided by the BV Credit Union, CIBC, Royal Bank and Scotia Bank.

Please take the time to fill out your Provincial Home Owner Grant form and your Smithers Water and Sewer Fee Waiver form (Seniors only) before coming to the Town Office, as line-ups do occur.

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The KSM Project: It's exploration season at KSM!

Exploration season has begun at Seabridge Gold's KSM Project camp. During the exploration season, there are typically 35 to 45 people working at the camp. Because the season is short, the majority of staff works on a four week on and one week off rotation.

KSM is one of the largest undeveloped copper-gold projects in the world and the goal for this year's 19,000 metre drilling program is to add gold and copper resources to the existing reserve.

KSM is located 65 kilometres northwest of Stewart. To access the camp, workers take a scheduled bus service to a staging area near the Bell II Lodge on Highway 37. From here they are transported via helicopter and arrive at the camp after a 20 minute flight.

At camp, employees sleep in two person wall tents and share meals in the 25 person dining hall. Camp wide wireless internet access is available and many workers choose to watch movies, or occasionally play cards in the evenings.

Workers in a variety of roles are essential to overseeing a successful advanced exploration operation. The five member camp support team, including kitchen staff, first aid attendants and caretakers, is responsible for camp maintenance and food preparation. Two pilots, a helicopter engineer and a flight dispatcher are part of the flight team flying workers to and from site. 14 diamond drillers, three drill core cutters, three drill pad builders and two directional drilling technicians work with the geological team, comprised of four geotechnicians, four geologists and two assistants. The drilling and geological teams drill holes and record and analyze the samples of earth and rock (called core), which are then sent to a lab for testing.



Preparing the KSM camp for opening.

About 50 percent of these workers come to the KSM camp from the Terrace and Smithers areas and 30 percent come from other regions of B.C. The remaining 20 percent are from other parts of Canada.

To support local businesses, Seabridge sources almost all equipment and supplies for the camp from regional suppliers and contractors. This includes food, camp and office supplies, fuel, timber, hardware and drill core boxes. About 80 percent of these supplies are sourced from Smithers, Terrace and Stewart.

Since 2006, Seabridge has invested \$176 million in the project and is budgeting another \$29 million for 2014. Around 80 percent of spending to date has been in British Columbia, benefiting local B.C. businesses.

Seabridge Gold submitted the environmental assessment application for the KSM Project to the provincial and federal governments in 2013 and expects a decision during the summer of 2014.

Seabridge is proud of the work being done at KSM and looks forward to a successful 2014 exploration season.



Learn more about the KSM Project

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