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Yukon Ski Team returns from the 2009 Ski Nationals with 12 medals.

After eight days of competition in challenging snow conditions, the Yukon Ski Team completed the 2009 National Championships with a total of 12 medals. Six different skiers earned these medals for the Yukon Ski Team. A total of eight skiers were ranked in the top ten of their respective category making this Championships one of the best ever Nationals for the Yukon Ski Team program.

Dahria Beatty won four medals during the Championships and was awarded the aggregate title in the Juvenile Girl Category. Graham Nishikawa and David Greer both finished second in the aggregate title in their respective category. One of the great surprises of these Championships for the Yukon was the emergence of Lee Hawkings as one of the best Junior boy in Canada. Lee has had the greatest rate of improvement of all Yukon skiers in the last year.

In the overall ranking of Canadian ski club ranking, the skiers of the Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club finished third overall, making this one of the best performances of the last 20 years. This was very impressive as the WCSC followed Nakkertok and Foothills which draw from the populations of Ottawa and Calgary- good stuff for the town of Whitehorse!

Almost 600 athletes from 60 clubs competed in this event. Next years 2010 Nationals will take place in Whitehorse next March.

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