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### **Greer Day at Haywood Norams**

The Greer family has a few more medals to add to the family collection.

Yukon Ski Team members Janelle and David Greer both picked up gold medals in their categories in the classic technique Noram races held on Saturday at the Sovereign Lake nordic centre.

David Greer topped the podium in the junior men's 15 km race, finishing the hilly course in 48:48, just ahead of Curtis Merry of Foothills Nordic. Meanwhile, sister Janelle, racing in the junior women's category, picked up her gold by skiing the 10 km course in 35:06.

Graham Nishikawa, competing in the extremely competitive open men's category, picked up a 5<sup>th</sup> place, only 15 seconds back from a podium position. National Ski Team member Dave Nighbor took top honours.

It was a tough race for all, as the organizers scrambled to deal with several days of continuous snowfall and pulled the race start forward to beat a predicted cold front forecast to come in later in the evening which would have pushed the temperatures below the allowable limits. In another twist, the start was moved out of the stadium at the last minute and into a sheltered area to move the athletes out of the cold wind.

The competition was run at night under the lights, quite a change from conditions most skiers were accustomed to, and which some, although obviously not the Greers, found a bit disorienting.

The race rounded off a successful start to the racing season for the Yukon team. They will be bringing back a total of seven medals, won by six different athletes in the Sovereign Lake race series.

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