



Club Questionnaire: Crosscut Biathlon Program

Q: Share some Club highlights from this past season.... for example: Best or most well attended events; fun practice sessions/drills; social events/Club building activities, etc).

A: Citizen races with 120 participants winter 2023

B: 60 youth in intro biathlon camps summer 2023

C: 65 Masters in programming

D: 6 Different athletes starting IBU or Para World Cups

E: 11 Individuals racing at IBU Jr Cup or higher International Biathlon events in 2023

Q: Highlight a story (or two) of Club participants who improved the most, and/or were able to participate in high level competition this past season.

A: Vincent Bonacci, Amanda Kautzer starting first ever Biathlon World Cups, Vincent racing first World Championships.

B: Nik Burkhart, Helen Wilson qualifying for senior IBU Cups as final year juniors.

C: 30 podiums at US Biathlon nationals from U13 to Masters.

Q: Share one secret to your success as a club, or something you consider to be Best Practice.

A: Working to increase exposure of Biathlon as a sport that individuals of all backgrounds and ability levels are able to pursue, and providing access points to allow them to get started.

B: Working to support staff and participants with knowledge and resources as they progress in the sport.

Q: Share either some history related to your club, or some plans or excitement for where your club is headed.

A: Founded out of Bridger Biathlon Club in 2016, summer 2021 built new stadium and 30pt biathlon range.

Q: How does your club attract new members/XC skiers?

A: Youth intro camps held every summer starting 2022. First year had 35 participants in summer camps. Summer 2023 we will host 60 youth in intro camps.

B: Masters programming, began in 2017 with 8 participants, now has over 65 participants.

Q: Has your club had success finding grant funding? If yes, what grants?

A: Local/state grants through DOC and other agencies

Q: Share if your club has done any fundraising or community-related events. If so, how did it go and what did it take to organize?

A: Yes, local give-big drives

B: Community citizen events to give participants racing opportunities and introduce new novices to the sport. These are not fundraising events.

Q: How/where does your club purchase ammunition? Any good connections you can share?

A: Vista outdoors (youth program) and other brand direct programs.

Q: Is there any aspect that you are in need of guidance on, or you feel you could learn from another Club?

A: Additional insight into rifle leasing as a structured program as is stated in the USBA Club certification level. Able to provide access to rifles during sessions however unable to have any insurer consider carrying a lease program.

B: Logging and tracking of Red Book Certification and Certification of instructors for USBAs safety policy.