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The McKeever boys are going to be back in town next week, but this time they will not be together on the Whistler Olympic Park trails. Paralympic gold medallist Brian will be racing in the 2012 Haywood NorAms World Junior/U23 Trials in the able-bodied category. His brother and former guide Robin is now the head coach of the Canadian Paralympic team, and will be taking on a different type of guiding, putting national team members through their paces in preparation for the US IPC World Cups at the end of the month.

Race organizers are also thrilled that the Haywood Noram series male points leader, Alberta native and 2010 Olympian Brent McMurty, has registered for the event. McMurty's best finish at WOP was 9th in the team sprint at the 2009 World Cup event.

The race series will be held January 12-15 and involve over 300 elite racers from across Canada and the US, including the Callaghan Valley Training Centre athletes.

"We are looking forward to putting on a great event and demonstrating that high calibre racing will be standard business procedure at WOP," says chief of competition Dirk Rohde.

And if the pressure of having former Olympians and Paralympians signing up for the Haywood NorAms isn't enough, the race organizers have taken on the BC Cup #1 race which was scheduled for Kamloops on January 7 and 8 but was cancelled due to the warm wet weather this past week. So after the Haywood NorAm racers have shown their stuff in the Teck sprints on Saturday and the individual start classic races on Sunday, the volunteers are going to regroup and run a second set of races for the BC Cup athletes in the afternoon.

The Haywood NorAm race series enables the best skiers (seniors and juniors) from Canada and guest skiers from the US to compete head-to-head throughout the early and later periods of the ski season.

The event is organized by the Callaghan Valley Cross Country Ski Club (CVCCSC), with the active support of members of cross country ski clubs in Vancouver, Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton. This will be the first FIS (International Ski Federation) event in WOP since the 2010 Olympics.

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