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### **SBS Bank kicks off Winter Classic with team win**

It was a day of firsts for the SBS Bank team when they hit the slopes in white out conditions for the start of the Coronet Peak Winter Classic series on Tuesday afternoon.

It is the first time SBS Bank in Queenstown has sponsored a winter sport so sponsoring their own Winter Classic team, including their local SBS Bank business development officer Honor Mathieson and four local SBS members proved its worth when the team took out first place in the Recreational Division.

Run over eight weeks, the Winter Classic is the oldest local ski race in New Zealand and continues to attract extremely high registrations to take part in categories that range from Ladies Masters to Men's Pro Division.

Ms Mathieson said the eight-strong SBS Bank sponsored team had a fantastic day of successes with their overall team win bolstered by team members Nikki Vryenhoek and Mark Vryenhoek taking out the 1<sup>st</sup> place female and 3<sup>rd</sup> place male awards respectively.

The trio are joined in the SBS Bank team by captain Bryan Parker, Gydene Parker, Frank Wylie, Adrian Farnsworth and Tom Grindley. Each week six entries from each team complete the action-packed down hill course and grand slalom.

Ms Mathieson said striking success so early had certainly "fired everyone up for even more action next Tuesday for Winter Classic race two."

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