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Racing and Social Sun Valley Rules!

2010 Skiers Edge Masters Nationals

The largest turnout of Masters in five years gathered at Sun Valley Resort for a week of racing and powder skiing. Mother Nature showed her fangs for two days, then it was sun and fun on the Masters-friendly Warm Springs run. A Super Combined event was planned for the first time at the Nationals; unfortunately, the SG leg was cancelled but the title SG was used in combination with a snowy SL to award Nationals medals. Awards ceremonies at the Sun Valley Inn were to capacity with daily race video and slide shows. All and all, the Sun Valley Ski Club and on-hill race crew hosted arguably the best Nationals in memory.

Rocky Mtn. Division claims the Cup!

Although not the largest team on the field, they were the strongest. Rocky adds its name to the Cup once again. Division President Jennifer Kauffman led the team's effort. The Division Cup has been presented since 1987 to the top-performing Nationals division.

New venue for the 2011 Masters National Championships

Copper Mountain, Colorado will be hosting the premier event of the Masters season Mar. 22-26. Featured will be a Super Combined, SG, GS and SL. Venues are being reviewed; more info is forthcoming in the fall. Mark those dates on your 2011 calendar.

A national title DH event is planned for Ski Cooper Mar. 19-20 in conjunction with Rocky Mtn. Division.

UPDATE— April 18, Nationals site review
Copper Mtn. management has agreed to the use of Rosie's Run for Super Combined, SG and GS for next year's Nationals. Primely located at the mountain base offers great spectating, walk to lodging and challenging terrain (subject to renewed homologation).

Photos in this issue by Heather Black and Bob Skinner.



Liming up at the Nationals

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More Masters Racers! by Steve Slivinski, Masters national chairman



To take liberties with Mark Twain, the news on the death of Masters racing is highly exaggerated. Yes, we are a little leaner but we are also a lot meaner. If the regionals at Park City, UT and Okemo, VT, and the Skier's Edge Nationals at Sun Valley were any example, we are a pretty lively corpse. I was fortunate to witness the avalanche of competitive energy that lit up the fabled slopes of Sun Valley during the Nationals. Over 270 racers braved the early week powder days, and then

slashed their way down courses in perfect conditions at the end of the week to make this year's Skier's Edge Masters Nationals one for the ages. After it was all over, one could honestly say it was an epic gathering of eagles at Sun Valley. I congratulate all of the competi-

tors that came out to do battle, and to Rocky Mountain for an exhibition of competitive excellence that brought them the Division Cup this year. Some future masters racers also did pretty well this year at the Olympics in Vancouver. The most Olympic medals ever won by a U.S. Ski Team says a lot for the outstanding effort these great athletes made on the slopes of Whistler. It is especially gratifying considering that as members of USSA, we are all part of that winning program. Looking ahead for next year, we will be venturing to Copper Mtn., CO for the Nationals next year, and Mammoth Mtn., CA for the Western Regionals. And in conclusion, I would like to heap praise on all of you hard-charging racers across the country for coming out all winter, and participating in one of the most challenging of sports. In what other athletic endeavor do you get to stand on top of a mountain in your birthday suit covered with spandex; where it's 10 degrees out with a 20 mph wind, waiting to ski down a course that's part icy rollercoaster, and part falling off a cliff. What fun!

Masters Membership News by Bill Skinner, USSA Masters Manager



Masters Survey:

USSA will be sending you an online survey concerning your satisfaction with USSA Masters racing. We unfortunately continue to lose members and are greatly concerned for our future with this organization. Please take the time to give us feedback as how to better serve you and bring in new members. There have been some changes this year from online registration to web-based member information.

We need your feedback! We will be sending a different version to non-returning members from past years.

Thank you, Sun Valley

Sun Valley hosted awesome Nationals, with friendship and efficiency. You put a lot of smiles on a lot of faces!

Your Division leaders

In 2010, the trains ran on time. Across the country, as our ski race season comes to an end, we all need to thank all the division volunteers that make Masters ski racing work. It's those tireless fellow racers that step forward in the off season, then again during race day, to conscientiously take the time to ensure racers and organizers are all happy.

2010 Regionals

WESTERN: Far West division will host us at Mammoth Mtn. Feb. 3-6 for a Super Combined, SG, GS and SL. The traditional team jackets will be awarded to class champs. As we all know, Beat and his race crew feature first-class events.

EASTERN: TBA. Last year's event at Okemo was huge and Regionals are now part of the Sise Cup series.

Sponsors

For the past eight years, Masters racing has been supported by the Skier's Edge Company as our title sponsor for major events. A special thanks from all of us to Joel Loane and his great people. Their machine has made a difference in my skiing and will in yours, too!

At the beginning of the year I put my Rossignol Masters schedule poster on the wall, then plan my season around it. Many thanks to Ron Steele, Jesse Keene and the folks at Rossignol.

Molecule F Speed Series belt buckles and medals are the carrot at the end of the speed venue stick. Bill Tabar's support has allowed for the speedsters across the country to get together each year at their favorite venues.

The 2011 Competition Guide will again be an online publication available in September. Some hard copies will be printed, so let me know in the fall if you would like one. Look for all divisions' schedules and major event information on USSA's Masters web site.

Check to see that your current email address is on file with USSA. We will continue doing numerous Masters update blasts in the coming season, with the latest in Masters News.

Your fall newsletter with the 2011 season highlights will be in your mailbox in November.

Have a great summer, and we'll see you next year!



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APRIL 2010

Thanks to the Skier's Edge Masters Team, all Masters racer's, Sun Valley Resort, and volunteers who gave their time and labor to make sure the 2010 Skier's Edge Masters National Championships was a huge success!

Thanks to all of you who are committed to masters racing. We had the best race event ever despite stormy weather, race delays, and cancellations (a powder day).

With challenging conditions you have to be in top form to be competitive. To be competitive you must have a great physical conditioning and ski training program! There is nothing better to do this then the Skier's Edge machines.

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To the Skier's Edge Masters Team members for another great season!

And

To all of the Masters racers who have made an improvement in their results this season!



2010 Skier's Edge Masters National Team Members

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Molecule F National Speed Series

The Molecule F speed series was back big time in 2010 with more events than ever. Even a Masters DH in the east! Fourteen races featured the top speed venues available to Masters in the U.S. The usual speed suspects put on their traveling shoes and ran the tour. Tops in groups were last year's winner Erik Klemme (RM) for the younger men and Rauli Karjalainen (IM) for the senior men. Newcomer to the tour Jeanette Saylor was tops for the ladies.

Trophies and custom belt buckles were given to winners at the final SG event at the Sun Valley Nationals. Complete standings can be found at www.ussa.org, click "masters."



2010 Speed Series top overall finishers Luke Keenan, Erik Klemme and Kevin Hendrickson

Overall Molecule F Trophy standings

A/B – MEN (AGE 20–59)

1	Erik Klemme (M06, RM)	222
2	Luke Keenan (M01, PN)	162
3	Kevin Hendrickson (M03, RM)	112
4	Matthew Savage (M01, FW)	64
5	Richard Slabinski (M06, IM)	54

D – MEN (AGE 60–90)

1	Rauli Karjalainen (M08, IM)	141
2	Lee Kaufman (M10, RM)	102

3	Hans Wolf (M08, RM)	86
4	Chip Ford (M08, RM)	84
5	Victor Roy (M08, IM)	73

C – ALL WOMEN

1	Jeanette Saylor (W06, RM)	100
2	Victoria Valar (W06, RM)	77

3	Carol Rymer Davis (W09, RM)	68
4	Jessie McAleer (W03, EA)	65
5(t)	Sandy Hogan (W09, FW)	56
5(t)	Deb Lewis (W07, FW)	56

Complete standings and class belt buckle winners can be found at www.ussa.org.

2011 Spyder Masters National Team

2010 Skier's Edge National Championships Sun Valley, Idaho

The 2011 Spyder National Masters team is selected from the top finisher in each age at the 2010 National Championships, based on total World Cup points in the 3-event SG-GS-SL.

NOTES

W11—Grace Oaks of Canada won the combined with 1-1-1 finishes; Virginia Reed of Intermountain is the top American finisher and thus named to the Spyder U.S. National Masters team.

W06—Andrea Esson of Canada won the combined with 2-1-1 finishes; Margaret Vaughn of Eastern is the top American finisher and thus named to the Spyder U.S. National Masters team.

There were no ties.

Class	Women Competitor
13	
12	
11	Virginia Reed (IM, 2-2-x)
10	Anna Droege (IM, 1-1-1)
9	Nancy Auseklis (IM, 1-1-1)
8	Barbara Settel (EA, 2-5-2)
7	Deb Lewis (FW, 1-1-1)
6	Margaret Vaughn (EA, 3-3-2)
5	Lisa Densmore (EA, 1-1-1)
4	Carolyn Beckedorff (EA, 1-1-1)
3	Jessie McAleer (EA, 1-1-2)
2	Dana Alexandrescu (IM, 1-1-1)
1	Erika Hogan (IM, 1-1-1)

Men Competitor
John Droege (IM, 1-1-1)
Gaetano de Mattei (FW, 1-1-1)
Harold Wescott (RM, 1-1-1)
Lee Kaufman (RM, 3-1-2)
Wayne Henderson (AK, 2-3-2)
Victor Roy (IM, 1-3-1)
David Luskin (RM, 1-3-4)
Matt Murphy (IM, 1-1-2)
Timothy Hill (PN, 4-1-1)
Joel Solly (EA, 3-2-1)
Robin Sarchett (IM, 1-1-1)
Nathan Schwing (IM, 1-1-4)
Carl Rixon Jr (IM, 1-1-x)

Of Slant Noses, Stivets and Swing Weights

Jesse Keene, Rossignol National Race Coordinator

Modern race skis continue to evolve year after year to keep up with modern techniques, rules and regulation of the sport. During the past two seasons, ski racing has



Jesse Keene

seen new challenges in both SL and GS. These are mainly due to varying snow conditions and course sets. From the World Cup to USSA races, we see more race hills with injected snow and course sets that have shorter vertical spacing with more offset. Athletes have found it more difficult to arc on steeper terrain with the current

GS length of 191 cm for the men and 184 cm for women. Racers are using a new technique referred to as the "stivet" (a term used to describe the move at the top of the turn where the athlete slides the skis to create direction when they are not able to arc the top of the turn). Several of these top athletes are choosing to test shorter skis. For example, many male racers are testing GS skis around 186 cm with a 27 m radius, while female racers are testing skis around 175 cm with a 24 m radius. The shorter skis were a fix to the offset of the course, but the skis were not stable enough to handle the injected snow at high speeds. Several companies have returned to the drawing board to build a product that has the stability of a longer ski, but has the maneuverability to overcome the swing of the course.

I'm sure many of you have begun to hear manufacturers talking about the "swing weight" of skis, or hear coaches and elite athletes discussing using a "stivet" at the top of the turn. To help the athletes perform the modern technique of a stivet, Rossignol built the "Slant Nose" SL ski that Jean-Baptiste Grange used to win the SL title for the 2008-09 season, and the new GS ski that Ted Ligety used to win his second GS Globe for 2009-10. Other companies have their own version of this, but few have the results of Rossignol to prove the effectiveness of this

technology.

The "Slant Nose" SL ski has been on the market for one year and many people are confused about the concept of the tip. People think that it is designed as a tip deflector, however, it is designed to take away the swing weight of the ski. By cutting the tip at an angle, the ski still has the length, and snow contact points, of a 155 cm or 165 cm, so it is stable on the surfaces, but with less swing weight, the athlete can stivet the ski into position at the top of the turn much more easily. A similar concept was thought of for the new 189 cm GS ski that Ted is using, which will be available in all the adult GS models to every ski racer in the 2010-11 season. The 189 cm is actually a 191cm with the tip cut straight off by 2 cm. This allows the ski to have the same snow contact points as the 191 cm so the ski has the stability of a longer ski, but the cut-off tip has less swing weight, allowing athletes stivet the ski into position at the top of the turn.

As with each new season, we continue to see all aspects of the sport of ski racing evolve. By using athletes' feedback, equipment manufacturers have made changes to sidecut and weight to enable racers to continue to overcome every condition the sport can offer. We look forward to the 2010-11 season to see the impact of these changes and hope some of these refinements help you and your race times.

2011 FIS Masters World Criterium

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The 2011 FIS Masters World Criterium (SG, GS, and SL) will be held in Andorra on March 7-11. Andorra is a small country in the Pyrenees, the mountain range between France and Spain. Andorra has a reputation of running very good races.

You can fly into Barcelona, Spain and it is about a three-hour drive to Andorra. From Toulouse, France, it is about 1 ½ hours. You will need a car once there. However, with enough racers, we could get a van.

Already there are 10 U.S. racers planning to participate. It would be fun if all the Americans could stay in the same hotel! Contact me as soon as possible and I will try to arrange accommodations.

With a large number of racers, we could hire a coach. We could also order team jackets and be the USSA team.

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PNSA

By Ann Ozuna
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Between early snow, no snow, a lot of rain, and late snow, our Pacific Northwest ski areas did a fantastic job of putting on all of our 25 scheduled races. The racers rewarded them by showing up in much larger numbers than in previous years. The Mt. Hood Clubs, Skiyente and Schnee Voglee, went to the trouble of moving their races to another ski area to present us with the usual festivities. A group of racers from the Seattle area made the six-hour trip to Lookout Pass on the Montana border to race. Anthony Lakes, a small area in north-eastern Oregon, sent its first competitors to a Masters race. SG events at 49N, Schweitzer, Stevens Pass, and Bend now have a growing audience. Who says big kids don't like to go fast? Stevens Pass even thru in intermediate timing on their SG!

The increased number of racers this



The PNSA Team dress to kill at Sun Valley.

year was reflected in the large contingent of PNSA racers making the trip to Sun Valley for Nationals. Most of the 39 are shown in costume celebrating at the awards banquet. PNSA racers standing on the podium after all the gates were run were: Luke Keenan, Men's class 1 champion; Tim Hill, men's class 5 champion; Carolyn Phillips, ladies' class 10 runner up; Kristian Berg, men's class 12 third place; Charles Evans, men's class 11 third place; Willi Schmidt, men's class 10 third place; and George Frazier, men's class 7 third place.

PNSA crowned our season-long champions at the finals in Bend, Oregon, on April 11th. Class 9 champion Knut Olberg amassed the highest total of world cup points for the season going in to the final four events. Missing the event, Knut is on the mend from an injury suffered out of the gates at Sun Valley.

Winning the "RoadWarrior" award

and having the highest number of miles on the odometer for attending all 25 of the races was Class 7 winner Brad Scott of Seattle. The tightest battle all season long was in Class 10 between Willi Schmidt and Rich Robertson, who shared the overall title with 450 points when Willi edged out Rich in the final SL to tie him for the title.



The PNSA women's champs

Season-long champions by class are (first-year racers are asterisked):

Women

- Class 11 Sheila Leewens
- Class 10 Carolyn Phillips
- Class 8 Ann Ozuna
- Class 7 Debbie Coleman
- Class 6 Karen Killian
- Class 5 Linda Shallow
- Class 4 Sarah Peshkin*
- Class 3 Robin White
- Class 2 Melissa Dettmer*
- Class 1 Nicole Santiago*

Men

- Class 12 Kristian Berg
- Class 11 Charles Evans
- Class 10 Willi Schmidt and Rich Robertson
- Class 9 Knut Olberg
- Class 8 Joe Neal
- Class 7 Brad Scott
- Class 6 Dave Kornish
- Class 5 Matt Tammen
- Class 4 Barry Zamzow
- Class 3 Daren Postforoosh



Willi and Rich share the Class 10 championship honors.

- Class 2 Sam Avaiusini
- Class 1 Luke Keenan

Full results are posted at www.pnsamasters.org. Challenge yourself against your friends in the gates again next year!

The Central Season in review

Steve "Stevy" Lindemer, chair
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Central started with a full race schedule. With many of our core group of racers re-



turning for another awesome race season, races where held mainly in Minnesota, and Granite Peak, the one race location in Wisconsin, became our newest venue. This new venue

proved to be a location where Masters racers will go back for more! The Granite Peaks event introduced Masters to a whole new group of racers... a group of new racers who were very excited to see the organization and professionalism shown by the Midwest Masters race staff and crew. This venue is sure to be on next year's schedule.

One highlight of our season, over the past several years, has been the Central Masters Championships in Marquette, MI. This year, the economy hit the Midwest very hard, which directly effected participation. With insufficient registration by the entry deadline, the race this year was not held. We are, however, very hopeful that the 2011 Central Masters Championships will happen again through a joining of forces with other adult racing clubs, like the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Club (CMSC). This group is one of the great contacts that Central Masters made this past season and we look forward to growing that relationship.

The conclusion of the season was at the now-infamous Spring Fling at Spirit Mountain. In accommodating racers from Canada, Wisconsin, Michigan and the Dakotas, we have set a standard for being the race crew that can hold a great race in the warmest of conditions. As the Midwest Masters crew worked to prep the hill with 50 bags of salt, conditions were as good as it gets! With three GS races held on Saturday and two SL races held on Sunday, the

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season became complete. We topped the event off with an excellent BBQ, and steak sandwiches from Lindey's Prime Steakhouse (www.theplaceforsteak.com). Many laughs and good times were had by all.

As for this racer's season, things have been hit and miss. I raced a little, here and there, trying to get back to my old form after back surgery last spring. This year I made the very difficult decision to take some time off from ski racing, and work hard to get my back in shape. I needed to allow the nerves in my foot to regenerate, take care of my wonderful girls and pursue goals with my brother in our family business, Lindey's Prime Steak House. I will be back in the start house soon... don't think that I am gone for good... I'll be back! I have had other setbacks in my Masters racing career which have knocked me down—but not out. I am eager to stay involved, and help Masters racing in the Central Division, as well as Midwest Masters. I look forward to the time and know it will help me become stronger in all areas.

Northern Division Masters

Rick Murphy, chair
www.northernmasters.org



The 2010 Northern race season was successful mostly because of our good neighbors, Intermountain and PNSA. With their help, Northern was able to have a full schedule of races and

participate as a division in national and regional Masters events. Thanks.

Northern racers made the trip down to Sun Valley for the Skoch Cup in January. Unfortunately, one of our best, Toby Chapman sustained a season-ending leg injury. But, knowing Toby, with his rehab well underway, he is probably stronger now than most of us who skied all year.

Intermountain's Jackson Cowboy Classic was well attended by Northern and netted a SuperSeed Win by Dennis Welhelmsen. On the same weekend, Northern ace Jim Cole skied to the podium in SG at 49° N in a PNSA race.

In our next two races, Snowbowl SL and Big Sky SG, we joined J1-J3 scheduled junior races. Both Masters and juniors alike enjoyed great weather, good snow and competition. Ron Matelich won the Hellgate Cup at Snowbowl without any training. I hate him! We had a Northern member come all the way from North Carolina to race with us at Big Sky—see you next year, Don.

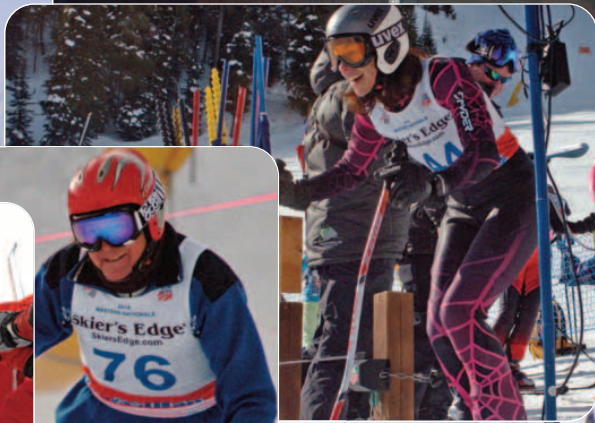
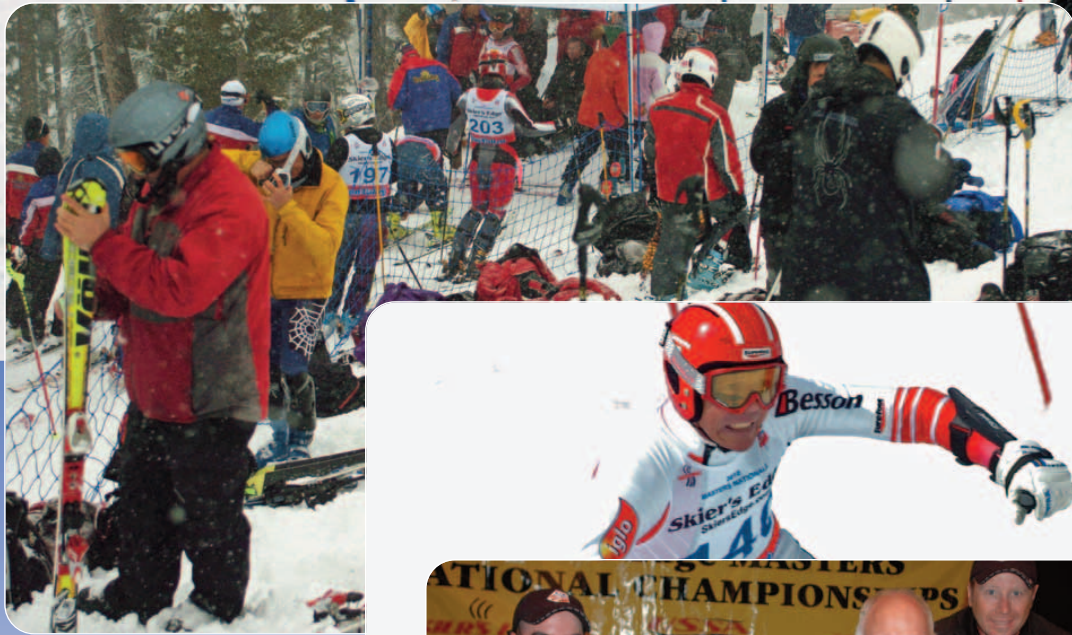
Northern members skiing fast to the podium, both over and around the jump, include: Ken Bailey, Fran Noel, Roger Lemke and Rick Murphy.

PNSA's Don Brooks Memorial at Schweitzer was an excellent event, which Northern members are lucky to have on our schedule. Great training and racing made for an enjoyable week.

Even though our contingent was small at Nationals, we managed to make an impact with Jim Cole's third, Class 7 SL, and Dennis Welhelmsen third in GS and second in SL, Class 5. Congratulations.

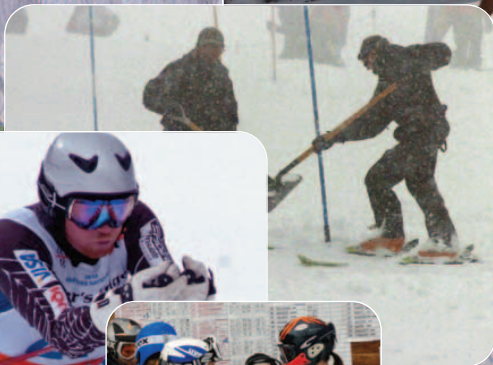
See you next season!





USSA Masters 2010

Lots of miles,
lots of smiles



The end.

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New England Masters

Nadine Price, chair
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It's Spring in Vermont; an up and down, hot and cold, muddy sort of affair. It seems like the crocuses should just be working their way through the snow on my lawn about now, but they've already gone by. And I should be wondering when the daffodils will start making their appearance, but they're in full bloom. Should I be putting out the hummingbird feeders? Some nights are cold so a few of us are still trying to eke out just a couple more turns in the early morning hours before the last vestiges of snow here in central Vermont turn to bumpy mush. Others have given up and hit the links or dusted off the bikes and tennis rackets. So the 2009-10 race season is in the books, and for the intrepid group of devoted ski racers in New England, this was a challenging season. The winter was significantly shorter than usual at both ends. For what seems like the first time in recorded history, Killington wasn't open at all over Thanksgiving weekend

and we had to settle for hiking in the rain as the main mountain activity for far too long. Then the 80

degree days in the early spring brought things to a fast end. But, short as it was, we managed to get in a lot of ski racing in between.

We kicked off the season with a mid December joint venture with ASRA, a ski racing organization with races in Vermont and points a little west and south. They are also known for some great parties. So with a lot of enthusiasm and not a lot of snow, we managed to pull off a couple of really fun races and an awesome party at the Mountain Meadows Lodge, with a little help from our nutrition products partner, Isagenix.

It did eventually start to snow and January was looking pretty good. By the time we got to Stratton for our first SG of the season, and the first SG we have ever been able to schedule there, we were ready to rock and roll. The camp the day before was a huge success, and everyone got in a training run in the morning. But then the weather rolled in. I understand the Inuit have something like fifty different words for different types of snow, so perhaps they would have a word for the stuff that was falling out of the sky that afternoon, but the only word fit for print that came to my mind was, "ouch." We would have endured the painful dermabrasion, but the fog finally dashed all hope of starting the race. Seldom are the trees that line virtually all New England ski trails completely invisible in the middle of the day, but that day, even the skis on your feet took on a ghostly hue. There were several reports of racers falling while trying to make

their way to the base lodge because they didn't know whether they were moving. But in spite of all this, there were no complaints, just a lot of smiles and wistful thoughts of "next year." If a cancelled race can

be considered a success, this one was. Everyone agreed that the venue was a keeper and we will almost certainly go back next year with hopes for better weather.

Throughout January, we returned to many favorite venues, ending with the annual pilgrimage to the Mount Washington Valley for the 70th anniversary of the Gibson Cup at Mount Cranmore, generously sponsored this year by Rockport Mortgage Corporation. The traditional Friday night dinner was held at a new venue, the Eagle Mountain house, which proved to be very popular and will hopefully become part of the tradition. The Gibson Cup is awarded to the fastest man and woman after combining the GS and SL. This year's edition was threatened by frigid temperatures and ridiculous winds. The panels had to be taken completely off for the GS to avert potential shish-kebabbing of racers as steady wind of 35 mph (and gusts nearly double that) blew straight up the hill. When the wind shut down the lifts shortly after the start of the second run, racers were delivered to the start by snowmobile shuttle service, graciously provided by the mountain's dedicated race crew. Saturday's lack of wind and sunshine made the SL seem like a day at the beach, even with temperatures hovering around zero and it provided the perfect back drop for the battle that was joined for the Cup. The field was large and competitive, and the fortunes of the contenders teetered on the brink right up until the dust settled. In the end, it was Jessie McAleer who bested all the women to add her name to the trophy for the fifth time. Terrence Fogarty captured the men's title, helped by some great skiing and serious tenacity. As seventy-year old things usually are, the Gibson Cup is steeped in tradition, so it was appropriate that skiing legend Tyler Palmer, back from Sun Valley to greet his first grandchild, was on hand to present the Cup, and visit with some old buddies. We may yet convince him to come back! Due to some unanticipated hurdles that arose at the originally scheduled venue, Sunday's race was moved back to Cranmore, where we ran a Dual GS, which turned out to be an extremely popular event. Competitors took a run in each course to count for the Sise Cup race and points and for qualifying positions in the subsequent three division (two men's, one women's)



Paul Rich

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eliminations. The competition was fierce and exciting both to contenders and spectators. The Second Division was won by one of our most improved racers, Mike Suriani, who is not only in his first year with Masters, but his first year of ski racing!

The first week of February took us to Sugarbush for our first, hopefully annual, Speed Week. After a three-day speed camp run by former Olympian Doug Lewis, ably assisted by Doug Tucker and John Grush, New England Masters held its first (at least as far as I know!) DH. Of course, true to speed event tradition, we had to delay the start to plow the foot of fresh snow that had fallen overnight off the hill. (Maybe we should schedule a speed event in December!) The race went off in bright sunshine without a hitch, and New Englanders finally have a DH to call their own, and an opportunity to score points in the Molecule F Speed Series. The DH was followed on Saturday by two SG's. The fact that the first SG was also part of the Molecule Series enticed a couple of western speed freaks to venture east in search of thrills and points. The convenient connection from Salt Lake City, UT to Burlington, VT enabled Erik Klemme and Bill Tomsich to leave Park City after a race on Friday in time to be in the starting gate on Saturday morning.

The Eastern Regionals, sponsored generously by Skier's Edge, were held at perennial favorite Okemo Mountain in central Vermont. Weather once again threatened and challenged organizers with precipitation in many forms, serious fog, and unseasonably warm temperatures. It all required a little patience and a little venue juggling, but ultimately Mother Nature relented and permitted a terrific event. The races were great and the parties, thanks to Skier's Edge and MaserUSA, were loads of fun.

With the startlingly warm temperatures, it seemed like we were pushing our luck when we trekked to Burke Mountain for Sise Cup finals. But those who made the trip were richly rewarded. In spite of the heat wave that preceded the event, and persisted part way into the weekend, the races were fabulous. Friday dawned crystal clear with bluebird skies, and although the warm temperatures scared some, really diligent slipping by all competitors kept the track in great shape for even the final racers. The fact that it never froze overnight made chemicals a necessity for Saturday's

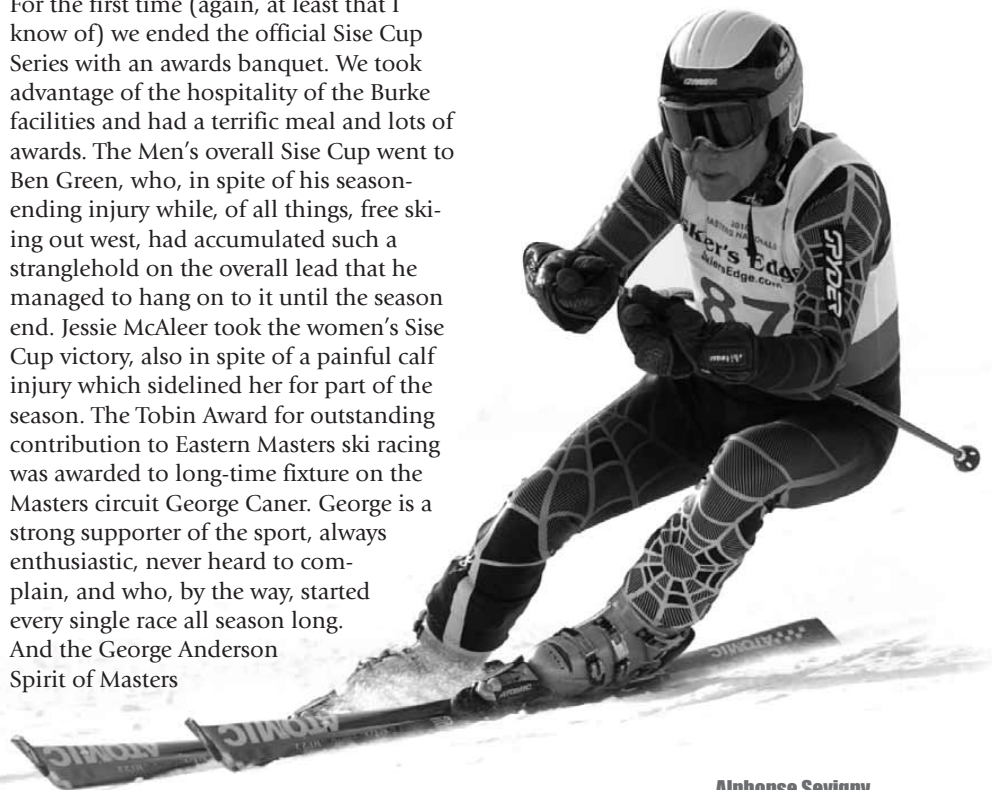
GS but careful preparation and lots of patience resulted in a safe, firm track that held up for two full runs. Sunday's forecast (which included cold temps and precipitation in liquid form) did send a few scurrying homeward but they missed a great time. We ran a Dual SL, complete with panels and ice and ruts. It didn't count for anything but fun, bragging rights and prizes but that didn't dampen the spirits of the competitors who duked it out to the end. It should be noted that Burke graciously agreed to host the event, but since they were giving us the window between a NorAm event and an Eastern Cup Final, they were not able to offer us much in the way of help (except for one Dick Andross who worked his fingers to the bone all weekend and to whom we are heavily indebted and eternally grateful!). So for the first time, NEMS had to step up and run the races without a local organization. Enter Laura Sullivan of USCSA (the other collegiate race organization) and her crew. Without her help, this event would not have been possible, so we thank her and her incredibly competent and hardworking crew. We are working on forging stronger relationships with USCSA, as this is one of the largest pools of potential future Masters racers, and this was a step in that direction.

And that brings us to the banquet! For the first time (again, at least that I know of) we ended the official Sise Cup Series with an awards banquet. We took advantage of the hospitality of the Burke facilities and had a terrific meal and lots of awards. The Men's overall Sise Cup went to Ben Green, who, in spite of his season-ending injury while, of all things, free skiing out west, had accumulated such a stranglehold on the overall lead that he managed to hang on to it until the season end. Jessie McAleer took the women's Sise Cup victory, also in spite of a painful calf injury which sidelined her for part of the season. The Tobin Award for outstanding contribution to Eastern Masters ski racing was awarded to long-time fixture on the Masters circuit George Caner. George is a strong supporter of the sport, always enthusiastic, never heard to complain, and who, by the way, started every single race all season long. And the George Anderson Spirit of Masters

Award, awarded to the NEMS competitor who exemplifies the spirit of Masters ski racing went to Tom Lahaise, for his participation, his willingness to lend a hand, his congeniality, his coat carrying services and his smile.

So all in all, it was a good season. We welcomed our new director, Jim McKeon, and threw him right into the fire. We tried lots of new things in our efforts to rejuvenate NEMS and attract new members. Some worked well, especially a few different format races, and lots more social activities. The jury is still out on a few, and some will have to wait until next season to be implemented. We worked out a few bugs, and we welcomed quite a few new racers, especially among the younger classes. And we look forward to bringing some of our planned improvements to fruition next season.

As always, our series is made possible and enhanced by our sponsors. We wish to welcome and thank our new Sponsors: Skier's Edge and Rockport Mortgage Corporation. We thank Artech, Swix and SkiChair.com for their continued support. And we thank Isagenix, Kühl, Chuck Hughes and MaserUSA, Rooly and the Basin Ski Shop at Killington for their special assistance this year.



Alphonse Sevigny

Division News

Season Recap for Rocky Mountain Masters

Jennifer L. Kaufman, Vice President and Division Chair

www.rmmskiracing.org

Despite battling low snowfall all year, Rocky Mountain Masters wrapped up a successful 2010 season. We hosted approximately 24 races across all four disciplines, at venues around Colorado. We continued to focus on participation this season and garnered new members—both through the dissolution of a competing program and through a targeted effort toward younger Masters—that allowed everyone under the age of 25 to benefit from \$5 entry fees to any race. Our Sponsor-A-Race day program once again proved to be a sell-out success, with unprecedented involvement from the race-day sponsors in post-race parties. We love the sponsor enthusiasm and hope to see it continue!

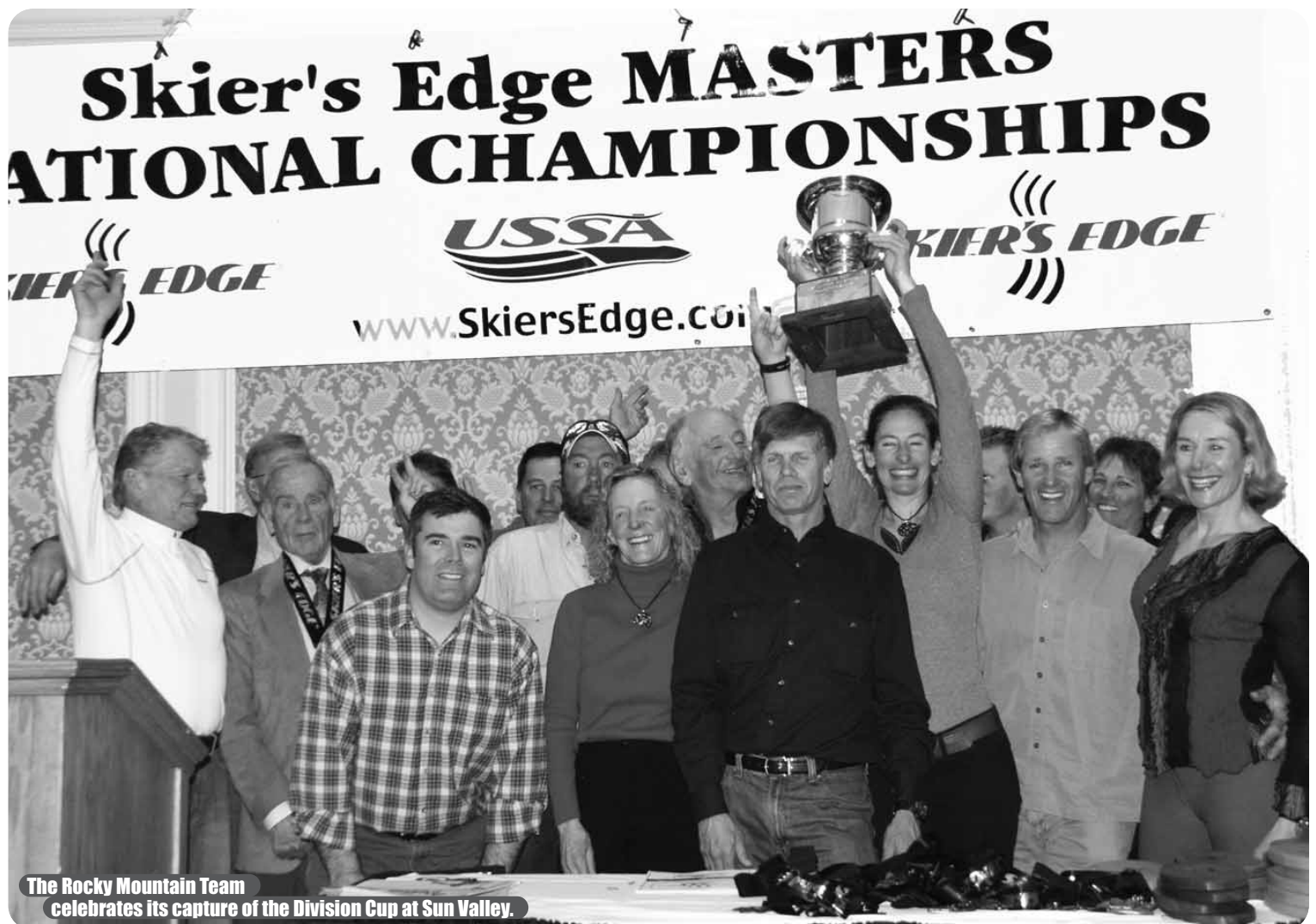
In regular season racing our overall award, known as the Pesman Pot, went to Jennifer Kaufman and Fredrik Nilsen. Fredrik also captured our overall Elite title. Our overall "sportage" award (age adjusted) known as the Dercum Cup, went to Jeanette Saylor and Franz Fuchsberger. For more comprehensive results, please see our website at www.rmmskiracing.org.

Rocky Mountain Masters also boasted strong performances in national competitions. Nearly 20 skiers competed at Masters Nationals in Sun Valley, winning the Division Cup for the first time since 2007. We are also proud to report that two of our Masters skiers, Jeanette Saylor and Robby Zehner, captured the overall wins at NASTAR Nationals this year.

We could not exist without our sponsors, particularly our title sponsor

Alta Colorado, and look forward to their continuing support next season. We are also grateful for the tireless efforts of our board of directors, especially race-day administration and office management led by Debi Davis, with help from Gunnar Sorensen and Chelsea Mangold. Also, a very big thanks goes out to Hans Wolf, our social director, who ensured we were having just as much fun off the race hill as we did on the course!

With the 2011 Masters Nationals slated to be held in Colorado, we are already looking forward to next season. We anticipate posting our schedule in late fall and our online registration system makes it easy to sign up and race, so we hope to see everyone out there. As always, we welcome racers from other divisions any time. See you soon!



The Rocky Mountain Team celebrates its capture of the Division Cup at Sun Valley.

Division News

2010 New York State Snow Masters Series

By Jack Eisenschmid, chair
and Jim Spillane, co-chair
www.nymasters.org

The 2010 NY Masters Series was a great season—one of the best we’ve had in years. Throughout the year there was nice weather and great snow conditions for our 38th race season. This year we increased the number of races to 24 over 12 days! We once again had very good turnouts at most of the races, and everyone who participated enjoyed finishing four race runs by 2:00, with more than enough time for free skiing and our always fun après awards party.

Like every season, the competition never gets any easier. We had close competition in most age classes, as well as for the overall, the entire season. For the men’s overall title, it was Jim Thoman who claimed the Marshall Skiff cup for the second time in three years. For the women, it was Angela Schnuerch who took the overall women’s Joan Skiff cup. Congratulations to Jim and Angela on a great season!

This year we had some great sponsors to help keep the NY Masters series going and also some great prizes. Many thanks to Swix, Transpack, Mountainside Ski and Sports, Liberty Skis, Spyder, Smith, Rossignol, Southtown Beverages, and Skier’s Edge, who provided us with our much-needed new bibs. Thank you all for your continued support! Also a big thanks to all the volunteers that help out with our series each week: Nancy Fella, race administrator; Jim Spillane, co-chairman; Mark Sertl, treasurer; Laura Moats, scoring and webmaster; Don Fella, banners; Jennifer Frazer, Shelly Russell, Joie Komarmi, David Bennett, Don & Marge Rasmussen, Ellen Miller, Joan Evans, Cathy McKenzie, and the Beermeister, Marsh Rich! We can’t run this series without your help.

Last month at the Eastern Regionals at Okemo, there were 13 racers competing from the NY Masters. They had some great results, with Pepi Neubauer, Mark Sertl, Joel Solly, Lou Moore, Jim Thoman, Barb Settle, and Angela Schnuerch all winning their classes. At the Nationals at Sun Valley, ID, the NY Masters had a good showing of eight racers, who produced a few medals. Pepi Neubauer, (M8), Barb Settle, (W8), and Joel Solly, (M4) all placed or won races within their respective classes. Great skiing by all!

Enjoy the summer, and see you all for the 2011 season.

NEW YORK MASTERS 2010 OVERALL STANDINGS

Women

1. Angela Schueurch
2. Alison Rodman
3. Amy Patterson
4. Barb Brumbaugh
5. Barb Settle
6. Marie-Eve Noel
7. Laura Moats

Men

1. Jim Thoman
2. Joel Solly
3. Pepi Neubauer
4. Lou Moore
5. Bob Andre
6. Doug Paul
7. Tim O’Donoghue
8. Jim Spillane
9. Ward Melville
10. Eddie Linsler



Jack Eisenschmid, Angela Schnuerch and Jim Spillane show off new and curiously empty club mug.



Division News



Intermountain Division

Amy Lanzel, chair
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It was a big year for the Intermountain

Masters. We managed to run not just one but two outstanding events: the Western Regionals at Park City and the 2010 Masters Skier's Edge National championships at Sun Valley, ID. As always, this success is based on the countless hours and hard work put in by dozens of people. The highest-profiled suspect is Meri Stratton.

As a new chairman this year, I would have been lost without her. In addition, there have been numerous others who helped make this season a success. Jenny Badger on news articles, Dana Alexandrescu as our web master and scorer, Thunder, Frosty and Lou Mauro for their officiating, Victor Roy, Steve Slivinski and countless others doing countless things. Special mention to Ken Dryer for all the hard work

hauling B netting at the National Championships! My deepest appreciation and thanks to everyone! You motivate and inspire me in my commitment to make next year's Intermountain season better and more efficient than ever! Our final, best news is that we will be giving out the first ever "Ski with a Masters Legend" scholarship to a worthy junior racer. The journey begins...

Next year we look forward to online race registration, social gatherings, better awards parties and more involvement and heightened awareness with our Intermountain Master commercial spon-

sors. Thank you for sponsoring Masters racing!

Our sponsors are: Jans, Larry H Miller, Atomic, EZPAknutrition.com, Cofer Chiropractic, Platipussports.com, Heiden-Davidson Orthopedic, and Formula One sports in Sun Valley.

Keep your ski tips pointed down hill, and we'll see you at the start next season.

Ski Season Starts Early in the Far West!

By Ingrid Braun
www.FarWestMasters.org

It was an outstanding year for the Far West. With nine weekends of racing and only one day cancelled due to weather, we were really on a roll. For our speed demons, we had two DHs, four SGs, and a Super Com-

combined—all bluebird skies! We pulled off three GSs in two days at Squaw Valley, and two SLs in one day at Heavenly. We hope to do more of that next year, as everyone liked the idea of two races in one day. April 13–18 were our season finale races and banquet, with two DHs followed by SG, GS, SL and finally a Dual fun race fundraiser for the junior athlete scholarship program.

Sun Valley was the first

bad weather we saw this year. Far West had 30 competitors who put out a number of excellent performances. Kurt Belden won the SL in M6, perhaps the strongest of all the men's classes, while Pierre Jeangirard came back from a near-season-long layoff due to knee problems to win the GS in M7 (and barely missed taking the overall combined title by less than a smidge). Matt Savage (M1) and Mike Shklovski (M2) stepped up for gold and silver. On the women's side, Deb Lewis swept W7, backed up on the podium by Linda Crowell in second overall, with Julie Rolfe (W6), Sandy Hogan (W9), and Marietta Frinell (W10) also climbing on the podium to collect hardware. The Group D men were led by Gate de Mattei, who dominated M12 with fabulous skiing all week. Carl Pomey (M11) also made the podium.

We went green this year, sending out our newsletter via email, though we left the option of being able to receive by snail mail, and added an email service for publishing news updates.

Our after-race parties were better than ever. Three of them were catered by Mark Mirviss and Eddie Mozen, who took the time out of their race training to cook turkey and tri-tip! Randall Sussek filled us with pizza in Mammoth, while John Giannotti, retired racer, once again sponsored our "VIVA Italia" party after the Heavenly races. At each of our parties there are always loads of raffle prizes, including skis, boots, helmets and wax, with donations going to the Scholarship program. Major contributors are Rossignol, Lange, Dynastar, Swix, and Bogle Vineyards, to which we owe a very grateful thank you.

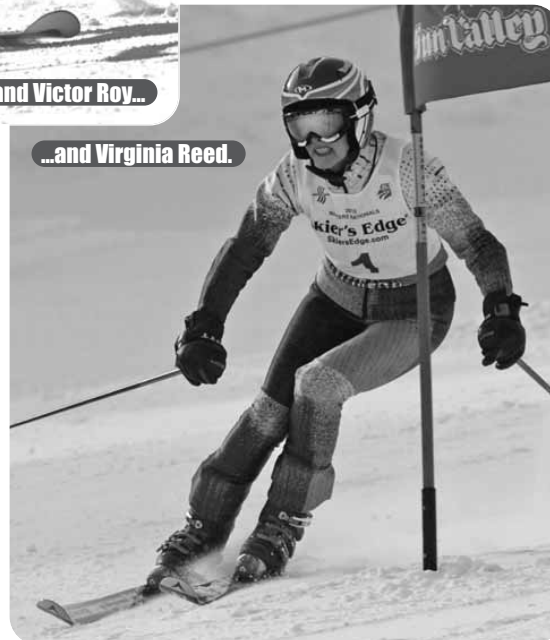
Eddie Mozen and Miles Anderson's dedication and hard work produced another successful scholarship year for our juniors.

Mammoth Mountain will host the 2011 Western Regional championships on Feb. 3–6. Horizon Airlines flies directly into Mammoth from Seattle, Portland, SFO, San Jose, Reno and LAX, which will make a lot of racers happy.

Complete results, along with updated information on our races and how to enter, are on our website at <http://farwestmasters.org>.



"V" is for Victory...and Victor Roy...



...and Virginia Reed.

21st Masters Summer Fun Nationals

July 23–25, 2010 • www.SummerFunNationals.com



This action-filled race weekend starts off Friday afternoon, with a welcome party and racer check-in. The lifts open on the Palmer Snowfield at 7:00 am, allowing just enough time for the two 1-mile chairlift rides and inspection before the

8:30 am first run start. Saturday afternoon festivities continue in the Day Lodge at Timberline with kegs of beer, BBQ, awards, raffles, silent auction, and many many giveaways. The Sunday awards party is over by 2 pm, leaving time enough to catch a plane for home from PDX.

Many racers show up early for a few days' race training at a camp to warm their legs up for the race. Some train for

just a day or two of warm up, while others just show up and race. Camps are listed on the web page labeled "Race Camp Info".

From Mark Wolcott, Hunt Hollow Race Team, NY: "I am amazed at the level of competition! This summer's event had racers from 17 to the 50s in the Super Seed. The Summer Fun Na-

tionals brings together two, three, even four generations of ski racers. It is really quite amazing... The Summer Fun Nationals is a great way to get back in the race course and share our passion for ski racing with the next generation."

Friday, July 23

3:00-6:00 Welcome/ check in Brew Pub in Government Camp. No day of race entries

Saturday, July 24

6–7:00 am Late check-in Day Lodge
 6:30 am Ticket office open
 7:00 am Lifts open
 7:30 am Inspection
 8:30 am 1st run GS
 11:00ish 2nd run GS
 4:30 pm Beer & raffle @ Day Lodge
 5:00 pm BBQ
 6:00 pm Awards: GS

Sunday, July 25

6:30 am Ticket office opens
 7:00 am Lifts open
 7:30 am Inspection
 8:30 am 1st run SL
 11:00ish 2nd run SL
 1:30 pm Awards @ Day Lodge



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