

## News and Information of the Alpine Masters



# ALPINE MASTERS

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### Eastern Nationals: Speed Dream!

#### 2009 Skiers Edge Masters Nationals

Go east for the Nationals for speed events? Who would have thought it could be so good. Sunday River T2/Cascades run is a perfect Masters speed venue. Lots of terrain, speeds over 60mph and four days of beautiful weather. Add to that two DH training runs with recorded speeds and section times for all racers. Then a DH where the top three men's winners were separated by just .05 of a second. Add to that a training day of SG, again with section times and speed trap, all leading up to a classic SG National Championship event. The weather did turn on us during the tech event, but by then the smiles were pasted on the competitors' faces. Thank you Eastern division and Sunday River for a fun and friendly 2009 Nationals.

#### Central takes the Division Cup for the 1st time!

The planets aligned this year and Central division stepped up with a large team and clinched the 2009 Division Cup decisively over second place East and third Inter-mountain. Stevo Lindemer, Central chairman, although not in the start due to injury, was on hand to coach his team to victory. The Division Cup has been presented since 1987 to the top performing Nationals division.

#### Masters return to Sun Valley for 2010 National Championships

Always a favorite for Masters Racing, skiing and the night life. Put March 29-April 2 on your calendar for next season.

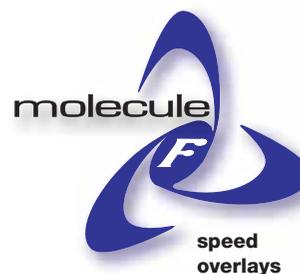
The four-event schedule will not have a DH but will have a Super Combined to fill the schedule of racing, most of which takes place on the Masters-friendly

Warm Springs run. The 2010 National Downhill site and dates will be announced in the fall.



Jennifer Kauffman  
with Copper Mountain coach  
Ron Emery

These companies support Masters Ski Racing, so please support them!



## More Masters Members!

### by Keith McCauley, Masters national chairman



I have enjoyed being the Masters national chairman for the last two years and I thank you all for giving me your trust and support. It has been an honor to serve you.

I would like to welcome Steve Slivinski from Sun Valley, Idaho as the new chairman. Steve has been the Intermountain chairman for a number of years, and I am sure that he will do an outstanding job as your new Masters chairman.

During my term as chairman, my focus has been on membership. Upon reading the latest divisional reports from the different

divisions across the country, it was very encouraging to read about Masters having a presence at various ski shows like Boston and Minneapolis. Our recruiting efforts with various groups such as

PSIA (instructors), USCSA (college), and NASTAR have been paying off; we have had positive numbers of new racers racing in Masters from these various groups. Increased training opportunities, parties and raffles during race events have also been a success.

Richard Zimmerman from PSNA has been compiling a list of ideas that you can do within your division to help increase membership. This list is posted on the internet and can be seen at: <http://sites.google.com/site/ussamastersskiracing/>. Zim is retiring from his PSNA chairmanship, but hopefully we can recruit someone to continue to update the list for us.

Our goal for Masters must continue to be membership. We all want to see more ex-racers, more coaches, more students, more NASTAR people, and more instructors race with us. To do that, we need to get the word out about Masters ski racing, how fun it can be, and what it will do for your skiing. We need to strive to have quality events and quality people working the events. Keep that goal in mind!

Have a safe, healthy and fun summer and I will see you next winter.

## Masters: State of the "Union"

### by Bill Skinner



Thanks, Keith.

I want to thank Keith McCauley for fulfilling the National Chairman duties above and beyond what was asked for. His membership initiatives were key to getting younger-class racers started in our sport. Keith set the standard of motivated leadership.

#### Your Division Leaders

Do you ever wonder who gets those dates on your calendar that allow you to travel all across the country to enjoy our sport of ski racing? It's those tireless fellow racers that step forward in the off season, then during race day to conscientiously take the time to ensure racers and organizers are all happy. Their thanks? A little

U.S. Ski team swag and appreciation of their fellow racers. Please take the time to thank our volunteers. This season, Rich Zimmerman is stepping down in PNSA and Ann Ozuna is taking over. Steve Slivinsky is taking over the Nationals chairman duties and Amy Lanzel will lead Intermountain division. Nobody illustrates a passion for ski racing more than Bill McCollom! His support through articles in *Ski Racing* magazine puts Masters on the national skiing map and his even-handed guidance of the far-reaching Eastern Division is invaluable.

#### 2010 Nationals

Next year, it's off to Sun Valley for our premiere event. Sun Valley is offering an incredible lodging deal: room, including lift ticket, as low as \$139 single and \$89 double at Sun Valley Inn & Lodge. They are already booking up. Call 800.786.8259 code: UAM10.

#### 2010 Regionals

Western: A repeat of last year's hugely successful Park City four-event series with the Super Combined on Payday. Centrally located, all western divisions went for the location and early February dates.

Eastern: TBA, but likely to be part of the popular Sise Cup schedule.

#### Sponsors

For the past eight years, Masters racing has been supported by the Skier's Edge company as our title sponsor for major events. Even in tough economic times, they continue to support us. A special thanks from all of us to Joel Loane and his great people. Their machine has made a difference in my skiing and would in yours, too! My wall is covered with five years of Rossignol Masters schedule posters. You can track the success of the U.S. Ski Team with their poster picture and racers. Thank you, 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.

Next season, the 2010 Competition Guide will be an online publication available in September. Look for all division schedules and major event information on USSA's Masters web site.

Check to see you have a current email address on file with USSA. We will be doing numerous Masters update blasts in the coming season with the latest in Masters news.

Your fall newsletter with the 2010 season highlights will be in your mail box in November.

Let's meet again at the starting gate next season.



# SKIER'S EDGE WRAP-UP

## CONGRATULATIONS, RACERS!

Congratulations Skier's Edge owners for a very successful season! Those racers who own and train on Skier's Edge machines won over 102 medals... and that was just at Nationals!

Congratulations to the dedicated Skier's Edge Masters Team for a great 2009 season! The Skier's Edge Team collected over 36 medals at Nationals this year, with Hill, Scroggins, Sarkis, Kaufman, Chapman, Thoman, Shklovski, Klemme and Olberg capturing the Overall titles for their classes.



Skier's Edge Masters Team Members L to R: Mike Shklovski, Steve Lindemer, Bill Skinner, Bob Skinner, Jennifer Kaufman, Toby Chapman, James Thoman, Greg Sarkis, Knut Olberg, Erik Klemme, Tim Hill, Dennis Wilhelmson. Kneeling in front: Willy Scroggins.

## SPECIAL THANKS!

As the 2009 Skier's Edge USSA Masters races wrapped-up at the Sunday River Resort in Maine this past March, we bid adieu to yet another successful Masters race season.

First, we would like to thank all of you who committed to the races and were determined to put on a great event. Thank you to the Skier's Edge Masters Team for help during ski shows and throughout the race season. Many thanks to Bill Skinner for all his efforts on and off the race course. Finally, we would like to thank the resorts and Race Departments at: Sunday River (host of the Skier's Edge National Championships); Park City Mountain Resort (host of the Western Skier's Edge Regional Championships); and Whiteface Mountain (host of the Skier's Edge Eastern Regional Championships).

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE SKIER'S EDGE

The All-New Skier's Edge QS5 made its debut this race season with great success! Featured during Eastern Regionals, Western Regionals, and National Championships, the QS5 has received accolades from everyone.

Lastly, many of you have been inquiring about the QS5 Upgrade Kits, so we wanted to remind you that time is running out on our Introductory Pricing. Be sure to purchase *before* the special pricing ends on April 30th!



“The QS5 upgrade kit made my old machine work better than when I purchased it new 7 years ago. It is so much smoother and quieter! I was also very impressed by the clear and concise, easy to follow instructions on how to install this upgrade. Thanks, Skier's Edge!”  
*Knut Olberg, Men's 2009 Overall National Class D Champion*

## COMING TO INBOXES SOON!

**NEW!** The Skier's Edge Company's first eNewsletter entitled "The Edge" will be launching this Spring, featuring a variety of ski-related articles. Be sure to get 'the edge' on your favorite sport by signing-up at: [www.SkiersEdge.com/154](http://www.SkiersEdge.com/154)

## PHOTOS!

Get your individual race photo from the 2009 Skier's Edge USSA Masters Nationals event! Visit: [www.skiersedge.com/events/skiersedenational.html](http://www.skiersedge.com/events/skiersedenational.html)

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# A Masters Racer's Biggest Nightmare

by Pepi Neubauer



After an 18-hour trip over the Atlantic Ocean, I finally arrived in the beautiful Italian Village of Piancavallo, Italy. The night before, it had snowed three feet, and the whole village looked like a winter wonderland. My mind worked overtime, thinking about racing in these soft conditions, but I was assured that everything would be just great by the race crew.

I checked into the hotel, which was built in 1963 and has not changed since then. The hotel was an adventure itself, with no television, no telephone and no Internet. I was glad that I had brought three books with me.

On slalom race day, the location for the slalom was changed. The Austrian

coach did not like the hill, so we moved to a different slope. The slalom was set with only 34 gates—for a World Championships with 28 nations participating, it was a letdown, but I figured everybody has to run it.

The first run ran only 34 seconds. With an interval of 30 seconds, the whole race—310 competitors—was over in two hours.

On the way to the start for the second run inspection, I was told by a friend that my name was not on the start list. I checked right away to see if it was true. I was not on it. Not knowing the reason, I went to the TD to ask him why. He looked at me for a moment, then he said, "Niente

capico." ("I do not understand.") He didn't speak English. I tried German. No luck.

I went to the finish to check the result board. My name and number were not there. I ran to the next official to ask him why I was not on the start list. With great difficulty, he told me to talk to the TD, who was from Croatia and who spoke a little English.

I called the TD on the radio and explained my situation. He told me that I was disqualified. I gave him 50.00 euros and asked for a provisional second run. He said okay and sent me to the top of the course.

I stepped into the start. Just before I was ready to go, the starter pulled me back again and told me in Italian that I was done for the day!

At 4:00 p.m., the Croatian TD came to me. He told me that he was sorry about my problem and said that they had made a mistake. The gate keeper had confused the numbers. The racer before me was the one who missed the hairpin. He returned my 50.00 euros.

After a lifetime of ski racing, I have learned another lesson: When you race in a foreign country, make sure your language skills are up to par.

Of the 630 competitors in the 2009 World Masters Criterium, there were only five Americans in Piancavallo, but three of us ended up in the medals!

Anne Nordhoy: Silver SG, Bronze SL  
Tim Hill: Bronze SL  
Pepi Neubauer: Silver SG

After the Criterium, we all traveled to Sunday River, where it was a relief to speak the native language, but best of all, the ski resort ran a perfect National Championships.

## Thanks to this issue's photographers:

All images were captured by Lisa Densmore, Bob Skinner, and Erik Schramm.



## Innovation Leads To Success

Jesse Keene, Rossignol National Race Coordinator

My name is Jesse Keene, I am the Rossignol Race Director. The topic of discussion in several of my articles has been the link between the products on the World Cup versus the product the consumers use. Many people, for some reason, still believe that there is a large separation between the product that the World Cup athletes use



Jesse Keene

and what is available to the juniors and masters racers. Whether you believe this or not, many of you will still be looking to purchase the latest and greatest product to compete on for next season. It is important when making that choice to look at the manufacturers who not only have the results on the World Cup, but who is bringing that same product that the best in the world compete on to the market for every junior or masters racer in the world to use.

Coaches, parents, and athletes must understand that the level of competition on the World Cup is so competitive that manufacturers must be constantly innovating in order to provide the best product for the athletes. If you watch a World Cup race and you see some of the best athletes in the world like Ted Ligety, Lindsey Vonn, or Jean-Baptiste Grange skiing on some thing that looks completely different that yours, this is a good thing. This gives you proof that we are constantly being innovative to build the best products to not only help the best in the world achieve their goals, but also help every junior and masters racer achieve theirs.

The past couple seasons, we have seen some innovation by the manufacturers that has been very beneficial to the ath-

letes' success. Rossignol has been one of those companies, by producing the best GS ski in the world to help Ted Ligety win his first GS title during the 07/08 season. That same ski he used was available to every junior and masters ski racer in the world for the 08/09 season. During the 08/09 season, Rossignol was once again one of the companies to show their innovation by designing the new "Slant Nose" SL ski. This ski helped Jean-Baptiste Grange win his first SL title and Rossignol will once again make this ski available to every junior or masters ski racer in the world for the up coming 09/10 season.

For those of you who have kids that ski race or you are self-funded, you know how expensive it is to compete in ski racing. It's not only an expense in cost, but it's also expense in time and effort. The last thing you would want to do is spend all the time, effort, and money and then chose a product that isn't proven on the World Cup.

Good luck in your off-season training and enjoy your spring and summer.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Keene

### Tip of the week

Daryl Gladstone displays his ingenuity after ingeniously leaving his shin guards at home. A couple of issues of *Ski Racing* magazine and some always-crucial duct tape make for good quick fix. Note: using the wrong magazine could have disastrous results. *Guns & Ammo*, *Redbook*, *Pop Star* and *Arizona Highways* are among the many titles that could actually hinder your chances.



# Molecule F National Speed Series



Erik Klemme (RM), Bill Tomcich (RM) and Kevin Butler (RM) traveled the

tour east to win their class and take home National Speed Series Belt Buckles.

*From Erik Klemme:*

The 2009 N.S.S. was an interesting and enjoyable one. This was my first time to actually follow it from site to site. As in all ski racing venues, there is always some adventure awaiting that you just can't plan for. In speed, the venues are bigger and longer, thus requiring more work to ensure safety for athletes and the public. This tends to multiply the adventure factor even more.

Because we cover a great distance in races, sometimes from the top of a ski area to the bottom, weather conditions and terrain work hand in hand to magnify their effects on descents. The Sunday River nationals were a perfect example. Intense sporadic wind, sun, temperature

snow changes added to the spectacle of all the races. The race crews were top-notch, and worked hard to get races off when Mother Nature and safety allowed. Anyone who has spent time in speed events knows that if you want or need a good snow storm, just plan a downhill! Ever wonder why speed skiers are so good at tuning skis or playing foosball? What else you going to do for 3-4 days inside?

Such was the case in Mammoth this year—TWICE! The opposite happened at



2009 Speed Series winners  
Jennifer Kaufman  
and Erik Klemme

Solider Mountain. Lack of the white stuff cancelled the race I looked most forward to, and have yet to run. If you have never been to Schweitzer, Idaho, it is beautiful. The area, the course and the people are wonderful and eager to share the energy of our sport.

I really enjoyed following the Series and I plan to do it again next year.

## Overall Molecule F Trophy standings

A/B – MEN (59 & YOUNGER)

1	Erik Klemme (RM)	155
2	Ben Green (EA)	50
3	Willy Scoggins (PN)	42

D – MEN (60 & OLDER)

1	Rauli Karjalainen (IM)	107
2	Knut Olberg (PN)	80
t3	Bob Andree (EA)	50
t3	Bob Dreyer (IM)	50

C – ALL WOMEN

1	Jennifer Kaufman (RM)	115
t2	Jenny Badger (IM)	45
t2	Jeanette (RM)	45

Complete standings and class belt buckle winners can be found at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)

# 2010 Spyder Masters National Team

Class	Women	Men
	Competitor	Competitor
13		Richard Calvert (EA, 1-1-1)
12		George Caner (EA, 2-1-1)
11	Jane Cooke (EA, 1-1-1)	Alphonse Sevigny (EA, 1-1-1)
10	Marietta Frinell (FW, 1-2-3)	Haldor Reinholt (EA, 1-1-1)
9	Anne Nordhoy (EA, 1-1-1)	Knut Olberg (PN, 1-1-1)
8	Dee Larsen (EA, 1-1-1)	Pepi Neubauer (EA, 2-2-1)
7	Heidi Flood (IM, 2-2-2)	Hans Truckenbrod (EA, 1-1-10)
6	Deb Lewis (FW, 1-2-3)	Erik Klemme (RM, 1-1-4)
5	Lisa Densmore (EA, 1-1-1)	Timothy Hill (PN, 2-2-1)
4	Carolyn Beckedorff (EA, 1-1-1)	Scott Berube (EA, 2-1-1)
3	Jennifer Kaufman (RM, 1-1-1)	Toby Chapman (N, 1-2-1)
2		Mike Shklovski (CN, 1-2-3)
1	Jenny Badger (IM, 2-1-1)	Ben Green (EA, 1-1-1)

## 2009 Skier's Edge National Championships Sunday River, Maine

The 2010 Spyder National Masters team is selected from the top finisher in each age at the 2009 National Championships, based on total World Cup points in the 3-event SG-GS-SL.

### NOTES

W10—tie between Marietta Frinell (FW) and Chris Liegl (CN) at 60 points. Both competitors had equal finish records (1-2-3), so the tie is broken by the second tiebreaker rule of lowest total race points goes to Frinell (19.20) over Liegl (108.36)

W07—Johanne Gosselin of Canada won the combined with 1-1-1 finishes; Heidi Flood of Intermountain is the top American finisher and named to the Spyder U.S. Masters National team.

W06—Andrea Esson of Canada won the combined with 2-1-1 finishes; Deb Lewis of Far West is the top American finisher and named to the Spyder U.S. Masters National team.

# 21st Masters Summer Fun Nationals

## July 26 & 27, 2008



Join the celebration at the Rooly USSA Masters Summer Fun Nationals, July 24-26, 2009. Fun in the Sun! This fourth weekend in July has traditionally been a sunny, warm time of the summer for ski racing and training at Mt Hood. It is also the best time to demo next year's race equipment from all the major manufacturers who set up shop each summer in Government Camp on Mt. Hood.

The action-filled race weekend starts off Friday afternoon with a welcome party and racer check-in in Government Camp. The lifts open on the

Palmer Snowfield at 7:00 am, leaving just enough time for two 1-mile chairlift rides and inspection before the 8:30 am first run starts for the Saturday GS and Sunday Slalom. Everyone is off the hill by 1:00pm. Saturday afternoon festivities continue in the Day Lodge at Timberline with kegs of beer, lots of food at the Chicken BBQ, awards, raffles, silent auction, and many giveaways. The Sunday awards party is over by 2pm, still time to catch a plane for home from PDX.

It is a truly fun time for all. Bring your sunscreen!

Many racers show up early for a few days' race training at a camp to warm those 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". Any way you choose to do it, the race is half way from last spring to next fall, giving you a definite jump on the season ahead. Fly into PDX and join in on the racing and fun!

### Friday, July 24

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

### Saturday, July 25

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 26

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



## Register Here!

### 2009 USSA Masters Summer Fun Nationals • Timberline/Palmer Glacier, Oregon • July 24-26, 2008

*DNS refund requests must be in writing.*

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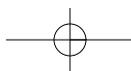
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Sun only/SL	\$45	_____	
Late Fee if received after 7/14	\$10	_____	
Guest BBQ	\$32	_____	
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>		\$ _____	

### For More Info

Go online to  
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### Entries/check payable to:

Masters Summer Fun Race  
3624 Lois Dr.,  
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# Who are these people, and why are they all leaning in the same direction?

Check your answers below. If you get them all right, pour yourself a libation and gloat in the direction of anyone in the room. If you miss any, have two drinks and try again. Find something else to gloat about, which will be easier the more drinks you have.



God is my co-pilot. God, and Bear. "Bear" Bryant provides race support.



Erik Klemme gains psychological advantage when skiing as "Lobsto, The Crustacean Avenger."



Chris Liegl celebrates winning the slalom with a hearty three-way limbo.





It only takes one to spoil the symmetry. Nice going, Tom.

Not only can these guys ski, they set the standard in sweaters, too.



Tengdin, Seigny, and Rich

**Key**

Top row, left to right, with bib numbers:  
Jenny Badger, 48; Keith McCauley, 80;  
Deb Lewis, 31; Anna Droege, 8; Bob  
Skinner, 157; Victoria Valar, 36

Bottom row:  
Thunder Jalili, 123; Kevin Hendrickson,  
127; Rich Slabinsky, 158; Scott Tanner,  
165; Mike Falk, 114; Tom Wood, 180.

The new presidential administration has made leaning left more chic.



## Division News

### New England Masters

Nadine Price, chair  
www.nemasters.org

As we began the 2008/2009 season under the clouds of financial crisis and surrounded by all manner of fiscal detritus, with folks losing jobs, businesses failing and nearly everyone talking austerity, I wondered if I might have taken up the mantle of president of this venerable organization at a bad time. I felt great sympathy for Mr. Obama and wondered if there was a way to translate his "hope" jargon into ski racing lingo. Then, through the efforts of Bill Skinner and the assistance of USSA, we ran a booth at the Boston Ski Show for the first time (at least in my memory). We were able to talk with quite a few people who had never heard about Masters ski racing and a few others who had forgotten about us. My modest goal was to get about 10 starts out of the show and though we haven't crunched all the numbers yet, we definitely exceeded the goal. We collected email addresses of more than fifty interested skiers who now get our new electronic newsletter on a regular basis.

The race season began in earnest at a venue that is becoming an early-season tradition, Ragged Mountain, in the center of northern New England. Following another New England tradition, the days before the races were filled with copious amounts of rain and nail biting. However, the weather cleared and the slush froze into a surface any Zamboni technician would have been proud of, and we had two excellent season opening races with almost 150 eager racers for the GS and nearly as many for the SL.

The season started strongly, with the largest fields of the season, and we managed to hold our own reasonably well. Our overall membership held steady but we had fewer starts. It seems people are still interested in racing; they just aren't going to quite as many races. Maybe ski racing is one way to maintain sanity in the midst of whatever chaos and uncertainty we may have to deal with in the rest of our lives. To quote our last newsletter: When the going gets tough, the tough go ski racing!

In that spirit, many of the favorite venues featured on the New England Masters Sise Cup circuit were as popular as ever. These venues host some of the more historic events in American ski racing and offer prestigious individual awards for ski

racing excellence; awards like the Bunny Bertram Memorial, the Thomas Inneson Memorial, the Janeway Cup, the Gibson Cup and the Hochgebirge Challenge Cup, the oldest continuously run ski race in the country. These events tend to bring out some of the best masters-level racers around, and even though many of them are not able to participate in the entire series, they make it a point to enter these races. At Suicide Six, one of the oldest ski areas in the country, local coaches and former U.S. team members Scott Smith and Neal McNealus joined the pursuit. But despite valiant first-run efforts, and loud cheers from the kids they coach, neither could wrest the Bunny Bertram SL trophy from 2007 overall Sise Cup champ Mark George.



In a preview of the overall season, Ben Green and Jessie McAleer captured the men's and women's Inneson prizes. This year the Janeway Cup, awarded to the fastest male and female racers over 40, was hotly contested on the men's side. With an overall third place finish, Bob Hill managed a mere .14-second advantage to squeak by home hill racer Scott Hardy. This was not the first time Hill has won the Janeway, but Hardy has won it three times in the last six years to Hill's once. There was no such contest in the women's race. The dominance of last year's overall Sise Cup winner, Carolyn Beckedorff, caused the race organizers to conclude that 40 must be the new 20! The two-race combined Gibson Cup went to Luke Hiebert and Jessie McAleer. In one of only a few outings this season, Brandon Dyksterhouse took the rest of the field to school as he claimed the Hochgebirge Challenge Cup by over six seconds.

In a battle that spanned the entire season, Ben Green closed the door on

Luke Hiebert and captured the overall Sise Cup in the showdown at finals at Sugarbush. The women's overall race was no less hotly contested between last year's champ, Carolyn Beckedorff, and Jessie McAleer, but this year McAleer came out on top. We also recognized the overall winners in the individual disciplines of SL and GS. (We hope to add speed for next year.) The men's SL and GS titles both went to Luke Hiebert, and Carolyn Beckedorff won both women's titles.

This season, the Eastern Regionals returned to the world-class venue of Lake Placid. Although the attendance was on the low side—perhaps potential participants were still scared by all the rain that prevailed last year—it was a great event. For excellent coverage, see Barb Brumbaugh's article of March 14, 2009 at [SkiRacing.com](http://SkiRacing.com)

Finally, the Skier's Edge USSA Alpine Masters National Championships were hosted by Sunday River resort in Maine. Although westerners never seem to figure it out, every time Nationals are in the East, we have great weather, great events and a great time! The weather was perfect for the speed events. OK, it was a little challenging in the morning for the first runs of the SL and GS, with fog limiting visibility to as little as two gates in GS and requiring a brief hold for the C and D groups when visibility dropped to ski tips. But the fog burned off to reveal perfect bluebird skies for the afternoon runs of the technical events. With start lists dominated by Easterner competitors, Easterners garnered a lot of medals, but some of the performances were particularly noteworthy: Ben Green won the men's DH and group A/B SG. Luke Hiebert was 2nd in the A/B SG. Barb Brumbaugh finished 3rd in the women's DH. In the women's SG, Jessie McAleer and Beata Wiktor finished 2nd and 3rd. In the men's D group, Bob Andree and Pepi Neubauer were 1st and 2nd in both SG and GS. Carolyn Beckedorff won the women's GS and SL. Lisa Densmore was 3rd in the women's GS. The group A GS was an eastern sweep: Brandon Dyksterhouse, Ben Green and Brian Irwin. Tip Kimball won the group B GS. In the group D SL, Neubauer was 1st and Bill McCollom was 3rd. The group A SL was another eastern sweep: Dyksterhouse, Green and Jim Thoman. Mark George took third in the Group B SL. There were also many other great performances by Easterners

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within classes in both individual disciplines and in combined standings. The complete results can be viewed at [www.USSAMasters.org](http://www.USSAMasters.org).

In an interesting footnote to the women's GS, and as a testament to the desire to win, or at least finish, Jessie McAleer was ultimately DQ'd, but in the process, provided a comic high point to the race. Her time was announced at the score board but there was no Jessie in sight. The next racer, Jen Kaufman, came to the finish and saw first one ski, then another, then poles, but no skier. Apparently, and unfortunately not in front of a camera, Jessie had lost all of her equipment at the last gate and even though she had knocked the wind out of herself, managed to get up, run through the finish line and hide behind the timing cushion before Jen appeared. You gotta love that Eastern tenacity!

Every year, the Tobin Award is presented to an Eastern Masters member for outstanding contribution to Eastern Masters racing. This year's recipient is Bill McCollom, a lifelong contributor to ski racing in general and to Eastern Masters in particular. He has offered his time and energy tirelessly and been an inspiration to all of us. We are all very grateful for his seemingly endless hard work and hope we will continue to be the beneficiaries of his efforts for a long time to come.

This year marked the presentation of the first annual George Anderson Spirit of Masters award. This is presented to the New England Masters racer who exemplifies the spirit of Masters in the way that George did, through participation, congeniality, friendship, and of course, coat carrying! Justin Rubinstein has demonstrated these qualities in abundance and is this year's honoree.

As always, our series is made possible and enhanced by our sponsors. We owe special thanks to Artech and Denby for their continued support. We also wish to thank Booster and SkiChair.com for their contributions.

And finally, I and all of the members of New England Masters wish to thank Gary Colwell for his many years of service to this organization. He has been such a fixture that we may have been guilty upon occasion of taking him a bit for

granted because he has undertaken so many responsibilities so gracefully and run things so seamlessly. But now, as we look for someone to succeed him, we are keenly aware of the impossibility of filling his shoes. We will miss him in the office but hope to see him on the hill more often!

### Central Division's National Championships at Sunday River, 2009

Steve "Stevo" Lindemer, chair  
[www.midwestmasters.org](http://www.midwestmasters.org)

The biggest news is that our Central Division won the Division Cup for the first time ever!!! Lots of cheers and liquid of choice sloshing out of the silver urn! We had 13 racers to bring the cup "home." They were: Chris Liegl (10), Lilla Gidlow (9), Sherrie Glas (4), Bob Tengdin (11), Gary Konsza (7), Kermit Anderson (5), Michael Levan (5), Scott Larson (4), Ryan

& SL. Bob Tengdin, being the only "seasoned" racer for the men, started out the week with a 4th in the DH, then a 3rd and two 5ths, with a 3rd in the combined. For the men, Gary Konsza (4th combined), Kermit Anderson (5th combined), Michael Levan (7th combined), and Scott Larson (5th combined) put in some great races to earn their combined titles. Ryan Fuller got 5th in 2 events. Mike Shklovski, ever pushing the envelope, showed his fast racing coming in with two 1sts, a 2nd and 3rd to get 2nd in the combined. Then-new to the scene were the age-group 1 racers: unseasoned in age but super-seasoned in skill...brothers Tyler and Brett Sprockhoff and Jesse Lindemer... (yes, another Lindemer...Steve's nephew). They produced fast, super racing, usually finishing with 3rd, 4th, and 5th, with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, respectively, in the combined. Mike Shklovski (again) won the age 2 Spyder National Team award. Quite a few buckles were won for the Molecule F Speed Series. (The downhillers at Sunday River were: Bob Tengdin, Lilla Gidlow, Gary Konsza, Scott Larson, Mike Shklovski, and Jesse Lindemer.)

TECHNICAL DATA FOR THE SUNDAY RIVER NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP MASTERS RACES IN 2009:

Weather: wind, then warm.

Snow: ice, then slush.

Course conditions: always hard and well-prepped.

Hill management: great to get on lift early before public and have a training hill!

Starts: 2 wind delays, otherwise on schedule.

Finishes: everyone wishes theirs were faster!

Officiating: didn't see them...that's good.

Crowds: none.

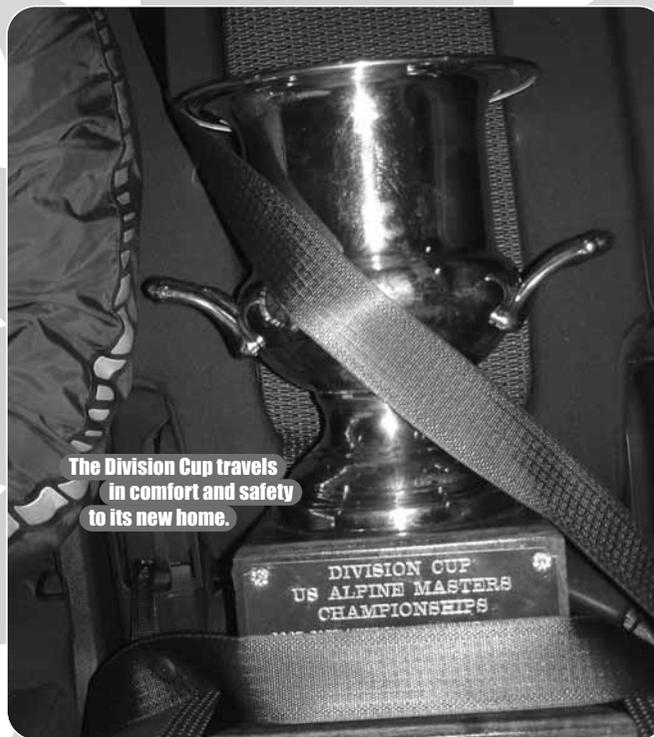
Food: better every day.

Camaraderie: friendly, supportive.

Awards: best-ever division cup.

Conclusion: WHAT A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE THE USSA MASTERS RACERS ARE!!!

What a great year of racing for Central. We look forward to the races ahead and the great people that ARE what Masters racing is all about.



The Division Cup travels in comfort and safety to its new home.

Fuller (3), Mike Shklovski (2), Jesse Lindemer (1), Tyler Sprockhoff (1), and Brett Sprockhoff (1). Congratulations, all! The "seasoned" racers for the women included Chris Liegl and Lilla Gidlow. Chris held her own with her competitors taking a 1st, 2nd & 3rd and a 2nd in the combined. Lilla, after winning the DH, then battled it out in her ever competitive age group and took 2nd in the SG, GS, SL and the combined. Sherrie Glas rounded out the women from central with a 2nd in SG

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### Rocky Mountain Division

Jennifer L. Kaufman, Vice President and Division Chair  
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Rocky Mountain Division completed a highly successful 2008/2009 season, despite the faltering economy and missing a few of our active members due to injuries. We are fortunate to start skiing early in Colorado, and this year was no exception. We kicked off our race schedule in December and held 10 regular-season race

weekends, which included 27 starts across all four disciplines. Our diverse circuit included our first race at Beaver Creek in quite awhile and a fun new three-day race event (SG, GS, SL) at Vail, sponsored by the Treat family. In addition to the regular season, we hosted a "Last Chance" event in late March as a fundraiser for Loveland Race Club, one of our local ski area race programs. We welcomed a number of newcomers to our races throughout the season and we hope that many of them will rejoin us next year.

Creating a quality race-day experience for all members continues to be our primary focus. This year we launched a new initiative through which we had a Rocky Mountain Masters coach on the hill at nearly all races; at DH races we had two coaches. Gunnar Sorensen and Doug Briggs were our RMM coaches this year. While functioning in this capacity, our coaches wore specially-designated red jackets and were available during inspection to help all racers with line and other questions. They also took video and provided technique advice. It was a highly popular program and facilitated better/safer skiing, particularly at speed events. We hope to continue this program in the future.

In an attempt to counter the effects of the lousy economy and boost participation, we gave away a brand-new pair of skis at every race weekend this season as a door prize during our awards party. We expect to continue this tradition and promote it heavily to recruit new members and to reward current members for their participation.

RMM went green this season and replaced our paper-based Snownews with an email-based newsletter. In addition to



Fast women in gaudy jewelry... does it get any better than this?

saving postage, this new format allows us to communicate with our membership more frequently, provide details about upcoming races and recap the previous week's race, as well as post photos and links to other important information. We also revamped our website, [www.rmmskiracing.org](http://www.rmmskiracing.org), and our online registration system continues to set the standard.

Our "Sponsor-A-Race" program which allows members to purchase a race and be recognized as the sponsor for that day's event continued to be hugely successful. The enthusiasm of our sponsors hit new levels this year as

many found ways to enhance the post-race parties through contributions of prizes and libations. Board member Hans Wolf took over as our social chairman this year and brought a new focus to fundraising as part of our social activities. Hans converted our now-famous Fall Party into a fund raising event and orchestrated a mid-season prime

rib dinner as well, with great success. Hans' efforts throughout the year enabled us to manage our post-race party costs, without sacrificing any of the fun!

As always, we are incredibly grateful to our sponsors without whom we could not offer the quality racing our members have come to enjoy. This past year, we obtained a new title sponsor, AltaColorado (Evergreen Land Company), and continued relationships with Technica/Blizzard, Skiers Edge, FuxiRacing USA, SKS Tools, PC Conferencing, Descente, Video Compare and Booster Strap. Hammer Nutrition also introduced its products to our membership this year. We also thank the training programs that continue to support Masters, including Swissam/Loveland Race Club, Copper Mountain Masters, Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, Eldora, Aspen, Telluride and Steamboat.

Complete results from our 2008/2009 season are available on our website. The Rocky Mountain Masters board is already hard at work planning next year's schedule. We welcome racers from other Divisions at any of our events—check our website and join us as often as you would like. Many thanks to our entire membership for a fantastic season—we can't wait to see you next year!

### 2009 New York State Snow Masters Series

By Jack Eisenschmid, chair  
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The 2009 NY Masters Series was a great season. Once again, last fall brought early snowfall and cold temperatures to western NY, and many ski areas opened a week before Thanksgiving. Throughout the season, there was nice weather and good snow conditions for our 37th race season. This year, we reduced the number of races to 20 races on 10 race days. We had good attendance at the races, from 50 to 98 racers at each event. As in years past, we were finished with 4 race runs by 2:00 and everyone had time to free ski and enjoy the après race awards party.

As with every season, the competition never gets any easier. We had close competition in most age classes, as well as for the overall, all season. For the men's overall champion it came down to the final races at Swain. Greg Sarkis came back from his 2008 injury, to once again take the overall Marshall Skiff Cup. He nipped



Rocky Mountain women, recharging.

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Jim Thoman for 2nd and Joel Solly for 3rd, by only a few points. For the women's overall, once again it was Megan Thayer who took the overall women's Joan Skiff cup. She took an early lead and never looked back, and was followed by Angela Schnuerch in 2nd and Barb Brumbaugh in 3rd.

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, Coyote Eyewear, Mountainside Ski and Sports, Rico Robison's Eurotrash and Southtown Beverages, for their continuing support! Also 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; Margit Poirier, webmaster; Don Fella, banners; Jennifer Frazer, Joie Komarmi, David Bennett, Sandy Simmons, Shelly, Don & Marge Rasmussen and Joan Evans.

Last month at the Eastern Regionals at Whiteface, there were 18 racers competing from the NY Masters. They had some great results, with Bob Andree, Jim Thoman, Greg Sarkis, Lou Moore and Angela Schnuerch all winning their classes.

At the Nationals at Sunday River the NY Masters had a good showing of 13 racers and quite a few medals: Jim Thoman 1st in M2, Pepi Neubauer 1st M9, Rockett Prentice 2nd M10, Mark Sertl 3rd M6, Greg Sarkis 3rd M5, Tyler Sprockhoff 2nd M1, Brett Sprockhoff 3rd M1, Barb Brumbaugh 2nd W5, Angela Schnuerch 2nd W4. Good skiing, all!

Enjoy the summer, and see you all for the 2010 season!

### NEW YORK MASTERS 2009 OVERALL STANDINGS

#### Women

1. Megan Thayer
2. Angela Schnuerch
3. Barb Brumbaugh
4. Barbara Settler
5. Lynn Thomas
6. Kristin Buckholz
7. Marie Eve Noel
8. Hannele Sundberg
9. Nancy Fella

#### Men

1. Greg Sarkis
2. Jim Thoman
3. Joel Solly
4. Mark Sertl
5. Lou Moore
6. Doug Paul
7. Jack Eisenschmid
8. Eddie Linsler
9. Rico Robison
10. Ward Melville

### Intermountain Division

Steve Slivinsky, chair  
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The Intermountain Masters white circus was more like a Ferris wheel this year: it had its ups and downs. But being mostly an up guy, I like to remember the awesome Western Regionals at Park City, and our fabulous finale at Wolf Mountain. As in the past, most of the credit for making it all happen goes to Meri Stratton. She is undoubtedly a traveling ski race all by herself, all packed into her overworked Subaru. Many thanks also go to our newsletter editor and chief Amy Lanzel. To continue in the tip of the hat mode; Dona our chief scorer; Thunder who keeps us mostly honest; Sally who gets us the wonderful fundraising stuff to sell—my deepest appreciation. To the people who make things work on the hill; Harry, Chris, and Yves at Jackson; Rauli at Snowbasin; Bob at Sun Valley; Keith at Wolf Mountain; and Bill at Park City. Next year looks like a

banner year already. We come back

to Park City for the Western Regionals, and my own little ski area, Sun Valley, has been selected for the Nationals.

Finally, a Nationals with marble bathrooms! As a reminder to all you Intermountain racers, at the last Nationals at Sun Valley, we had a waiting list. You need to think about participating in Intermountain races to ensure your place at the Nationals

next year. Finally, I would like to let everyone know that I have been promoted to a higher-paying job as national chairman. I have

asked Amy Lanzel to take over. I

know she will add a lot of energy and spice to your Intermountain Masters racing program. It's the people that make Masters ski racing happen, and thanks to all of you, it's been a fun ride for me. Keep your ski tips pointed downhill, and we'll see you at the start next season!



**Greg Sarkis displays the form that made him the division leader.**



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### Far West

By Marietta Frinell, chair  
www.FarWestMasters.org

The 2008/2009 race season turned out to be a tough season to run scheduled races, but in spite of lots of snow we managed to get off 19 races, of which six were speed events. Two of our racers competed in all 19! Our champions for the season were Teddy Cantanho, Margerethe Richter, Marcie Pettigrew, Gun Griswold, Elizabeth Kennedy, Liesle Panke, Gary Mouck, Peter Feldenheimer, Dan Simmons, Randall Sussek, Archie Monaco, and Kurt Belden.

Only seven of us made it to Nationals at Sunday River: Don Smith, Buck Thys, Bob Davis, Rus Probert, Ara Papazian, Deb Lewis, and myself. The weather was great, the track was fast and the race crew was outstanding! The parties and banquet were excellent. I just wish I could find a way to get more of our racers to travel.

One notable accomplishment for our division was that the Far West Masters Scholarship Program raised over \$35,000 this year. There were fifty recipients. I want to share with you a letter from one, as I believe this is the future of Masters Racing.

*"Dear Masters,*

*I am so thankful to say that almost all of you know me by now. During the past two weeks in Copper, I met some new people, and reminisced with many old friends. I have tried a few times to describe the Masters to my friends from outside of skiing, and I realized that I can not even find the words. Representing the Far West Masters Scholarship Program is an honor in itself, but to actually get to know all of you is truly a blessing. It is a magical sight when you see a group of people from age 7 to 86, all in one place because they have a passion for one common thing. Spending two weeks skiing in Copper with all these amazing, unique individuals is an experience that I can't put into words. I have learned so much from the Masters I befriended during the two years I spent at Copper. Probably the most important thing is that ski racing is timeless. I love watching all the old guys ripping down the course just like I am, and I can't help but wonder what they were like when they were my age, or what I will be like when I grow old. I only hope that I will still be as passionate about skiing as I age and that I can give a kid an experience like you have given me.*

*It was obvious two years ago when I went to camp with you that the friends I made, young and old, would never be forgot-*

*ten, and going back this year proved it. The greatest gift the Masters have given me over the past for years is, without a doubt, the friendships I have made. You have opened my eyes to ski racing beyond the crazy, competitive world of the junior level, and made me remember that ski racing should always be FUN first.*

*So thank you again, friends, for the continuing financial support, and another great experience at Copper Mountain. I hope you all have a wonderful, successful season and I hope to see you out there on the mountain!*

*Sincerely,  
Christie Patient*

This is an inspirational observation and I hope we will perpetuate it! Far West Masters want to thank Bill Skinner and his staff for an excellent job this year. We all know that it is a lonely job at the top.

### PNSA

By Richard Zimmerman  
www.PNSAmasters.org

PNSA SURVEY:

We started our season with a Masters' Survey. Our purpose was simply to under-



stand what our Masters think of the PNSA Masters program. Our key perspective was to get the Masters' view of what was important to them. Plus we wanted to understand what we can do to increase racer participation. We took advantage of some of the questions and format of the earlier New York Division's survey. The survey was conducted online and we had 56 responses to the structured questions and a lot of comments. Overall, the survey re-

sponse was very positive with great suggestions.

OUR SEASON:

Snoqualmie: Our Kick-Off classic had plenty of snow but the base wasn't quite settled. Race ruts were okay, but chunks of snow made the ride between the gates interesting.

Crystal: The Rosenquist-Vala Memorial scheduled but lack of entries led them to cancel. Had some very disappointed racers.

Mt Hood Meadows: The Turkey SL and GS race came back this year after a long absence. Ran the GS on Middle Fork with the SL on Stadium. It was a little soft for the GS but the SL had been salted enough to withstand everyone. With fantastic weather and a party after – could it get any better?!

49 Degrees North: The area puts on a fantastic Elderdaze race with everyone from the F.A.S.T. ski team to the Ski Patrol helping assemble and take down the course. This year we had epic conditions for three SG races with hard, fast snow and sunny skies. The Sportsman's Bar and Grill in town was able to handle our unannounced group. This is a favorite watering hole of many PNSA racers

Over the Hill: Three SLs in two days.

Heavy-duty gate bashing, with bruises galore.

Weather was good both days. Had our first (guess it's the first) contested race. The judges interviewed several people, had serious secret discussions and the race results stayed the same. Only thing of significance was it took over two hours.

Schweitzer: The Don Brooks Memorial is a major race on our circuit drawing racers from Canada, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Schweitzer did its normal well-managed

race with the hill operation, ensuring that all the runs were solid and ready. The banquet, always a big hit, was loaded with give-aways.

Mt Hood Meadows: The Skiyente race goes back a long ways—the all-ladies ski club runs the show. Sunshine and fantastic views. Plenty of after-race wine, good food and schweg at Government Camp Huckleberry's.

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Stevens Pass: Osborne-Grage Memorial had a new twist this year. Started with SL training on Friday, SL on Saturday, GS on Sunday and 2 SG on Monday—I guess that's our first Monday race. They also had one start position for all races and just moved the finish down the hill—it worked really well.

Crystal: In January, Frank Nickels (1955–2009) lost his battle with cancer.



Winding down after a hard day of fun.

Frank trained and raced with the CMAC Masters. To honor Frank's memory, a recreational GS was scheduled for March 15. The plan was to hike to the South Back Country after the race and scatter Frank's ashes in Silver Basin. Unfortunately, Crystal received 18 inches of snow and an additional 7 inches during the day. So the race was cancelled. But, we all met at the top of the course at start time. We sent off the Class 6 racers (Frank's class) through the deep powder. The first to the bottom was Bob Gue who had not raced in over 15 years and was an in-law of Frank's. The Back Country was not open, so Frank's ashes will be taken out there at a later time. We all went powder skiing and then gathered for a party. The party segment of all races seems to be a mandatory event.

Sunday River Nationals: We only had three racers from the PNSA—Knut Olberg, Tim Hill and Willy Scroggins.

They kicked butt. Knut was first in his class for every event. Tim and Willy are in the same class. In the DH Willy was first. In the SG Willy was first, Tim was second. In the GS an Eastern guy got first but Tim and Willy had 2nd and 3rd. In the SL Tim and Willy got 1st and 2nd. The overall was Knut 1st; Tim 1st and Willy 2nd.

Mt Bachelor: Four days of hard PNSA Masters Championships racing. All the races SG, GS and SL were held on cliffhanger—great run with multiple grade changes. The MBSEF team put on another professional race job, and another banquet with libations. For several years we did not include the PNSA Championships in our year-to-date results. This year we merged them. At the Saturday night banquet we awarded most of the year-to-date medals, but we had a significant number of class races where the winner would be determined by the Sunday SL race. There were some serious taunts, some on-the-slope trash talking and a very close inspection of the times.

Thanks: We want to give all our race administrators our appreciation. They have a tough job with a constant stream of hiccups that have to be handled. And they do it marvelously. Our areas also get our applause. They prepared the race venues and allowed us to ski wildly down the slopes. And thanks to our sponsors: World Cup Skiers Services, Custom Boot Services and Podium Wax.

### Northern Masters

Rick Murphy, chair  
[www.northernmasters.org](http://www.northernmasters.org)

This ski season held many challenges for Northern Division, which we faced along

with the rest of the Masters nation. We will all learn from this year's situation and improve our events, schedules and product and plan to grow in the future.

Our season began slowly, with the unexpected cancellation of our first race scheduled for Dec. 13–14 at Lookout Pass. Seems even the snow was in a downturn in December.

We regrouped and held our one Northern speed event of 2009 at Big Sky, which was also a Molecule F Series race. The crew at Big Sky did a great job with the course. The resort provided great facilities and discounts and Meri Stratton of Intermountain provided the organization. Thanks, Meri.

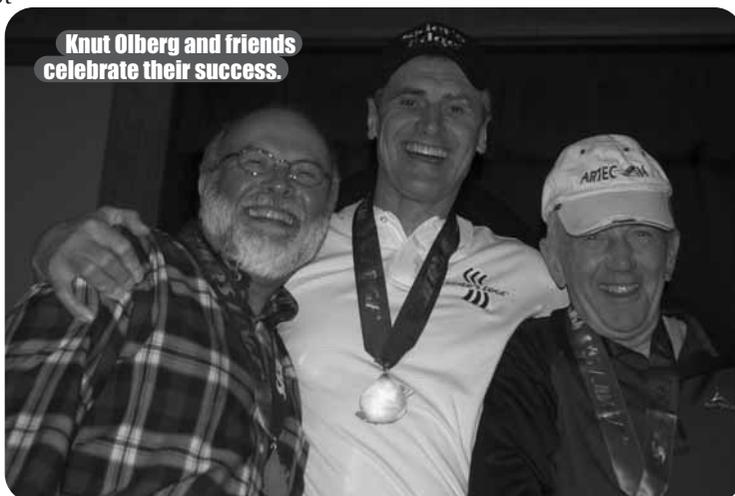
The perennial event, The Hellgate Cup, our slalom showdown, was once again well attended and provided a stern test of both edge, nerve and aerobic exercise just to get to the start gate. Thanks to Big Sky Brewery for supplying our Valentine Day's Party favors.

Our season would be incomplete without the support of our neighboring divisions, Intermountain and Pacific Northwest. Thanks for inviting us to race with you at SnowKing, Sun Valley, Schweitzer and 49 Degrees N.

The Black & White Challenge was held over a three-day weekend this year, with an afternoon SL at Blacktail Ski area on Friday and a GS and SL at Whitefish Mountain Resort over the weekend. As in years past, this proved to be our best-attended and most complete event of the season. The winners, Toby Chapman and Jodi Harms, were awarded their championship hats during the awards party at Wasabi Sushi Bar in Whitefish, where we watched video of the race and consumed lots of sushi.

Our two remaining events, the rescheduled Lookout Pass and Bridger Bowl finished up our Northern season, with our members battling for divisional bragging rights.

Northern appreciates the help of all its members. Special thanks go out to Fran Noel for his work with the Bridger Bowl race, Dave Shappee for his hosting skills at Big Sky and Snowbowl, Dennis Wilhelmson for representing us at Nationals and Laurie Murphy for producing and maintaining our website. Thanks also go to Bill Skinner (USSA) for his support and help during the season.



Knut Olberg and friends celebrate their success.

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**2010 Skier's Edge  
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 Super Combined/SG/GS/SL

Eastern: to be announced

**2010 Skier's Edge National Championship**  
 Sun Valley, Idaho, Mar. 29-April 2  
 Super Combined/SG/GS/SL

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