



APRIL NEWSLETTER 2023

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That's a wrap for our winter season! Countless life lessons were learned and milestones surpassed. Some were accompanied with podiums and personal records. The majority were learned with some amount of difficulty, fear, pain, or loss. In the end each of the 186 student-athletes gained confidence, practiced perseverance, and grew a little bit taller.

High fives for the friendships, challenges and fun of skiing.

Thanks to Winter's good fight at home, closing weekends at Brundage and Tamarack was a fun mix of powder skiing, pond skimming and cardboard derby. Today, Spring is making it's claim.

Keep reading for upcoming happenings and a few season-departing highlights & galleries.

OFF-PISTE HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIG MOUNTAIN

IFSA North American U12 Champs Recap from Coach Lofy

April 2-4 - The venue at Kicking Horse, British Columbia was the steepest venue the team has ever skied, requiring an adjustment in the way they typically ski. Instead of landing straight down the fall line, skiers had to take airs and cliffs to the side because of the steepness. A few mandatory airs preceded chutes, cliffs and other features that MWSC athletes charged with confidence.

Alex Tyree finished in 12th place, moving up 10 spots from day 1 with one of the fastest runs in the competition.

Scout Weiseth finished 14th out of 15 skiers. She was in eighth place after day 1, but crashed after a "massive air" in the finals.



Kai Tennyson's "sick double stage cliff drop" on a technical line earned him a 5th place finish amongst a competitive field of 43 skiers.

SEE IFSA CHAMP RESULTS



"They all progressed a ton from skiing just those few days and excited to see what the future holds for these athletes and the program."
- Coach Lofy



Shout out to Corwin Ford for their vehicle sponsorship. The team van's winter journeys culminated with the IFSA Championships in British Columbia after touring the Rocky Mountain region; including Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming.

Next on the map will be Mammoth in June for summer ski camp!

Hidden Valley Hoedown Recap from Coach Lofy



Lance Dawson takes 1st & Alex Tyree takes 2nd in the U12 men's ski division of the Hoedown.

March 4th - 16 MWSC athletes stomped the IFSA Big Mountain venue on Terminator, at Brundage Mountain's Upper Hidden Valley.

Luke Bruce was one of the few 12-14 boys to hit and stick the Diving Board while throwing a 360 at the bottom to put the icing on the cake.

It was a clean sweep for the MWSC U12 ladies. First time competitor Svea Eitel took the win.

Clyde Rydalch walked away with the Mayor of Non Stomp Town Award and announcer's favorite trick of the day for throwing a huge screamin' semen off the diving board - going at least 45 ft!

Definition of Screamin Semen per Ski.com: "The skier starts off with a Daffy, kicking one leg forward and one back making sure not to bend their knees, and then crosses legs onto the opposite sides. To uncross legs for landing, the skier kicks another Daffy."



Aerial shot of the Hoedown venue thanks to Brundage Marketing.



Dominic Colafranceschi - when he isn't tending to his chickens, he is flying.



Technical Director, friend, mentor, and role model, Kerry Lofy

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM SPRING ALPINE RACES



Kate Gilbert rounds a gate on the Kinder Kombi Course, on Tango, at Tamarack. Photo Credit: Chelsea Tuttle



Taryn Pietri throws herself in to the turn at IMD Champs, Snowbird.

Photo Credit: Smiley Photography

The final qualifying races for the IMD Championships were held at Tamarack Resort March 4 & 5. U12 and U10 racers from Jackson, Grand Targhee, Sun Valley, Bogus Basin, and Anthony Lakes went for the last available qualifier points on the GS and Kinder Kombie courses set on Tango. Special thanks to Tamarack Resort's grooming crew on Sunday's deep powder morning!

Congrats to MWSC racers who showed strong on their home turf and to all racers who qualified for IMD Championships held at Snowbird March 17 & 18 ([Championship Results HERE](#)), Western Regional U14 Championships at Jackson Hole March 23-26 ([WR RESULTS](#)), and Tri-Divisional Championships at Grand Targhee March 23-26 ([TRI-D RESULTS](#)).



U14 Racer, Jonathan Nichols takes 1st Overall at Tri-D Championships in Grand Targhee with a 6th place SG finish and 3rd place SL finish. GS races were canceled due to major spring dump.



Coach in the spring dump white room at Grand Targhee.



What a long, sweet trip around the Intermountain Division it was for this group of North Series Racers and Coaches!

Western Regionals Recap from Coach V



March 23-26 at Jackson Hole - Tessa had a strong 13th place finish in slalom. Paige had a strong finish in super G, and bounced back from a hard crash in Super G training the day before. Overall as an IMD team the athletes performed very well. We reminded the entire Western Region that IMD came to compete! Athletes for the race

included the top ~15 strongest from each division; Far West, Alaska, Northern, and PNSA, and IMD(pictured above). The staff put in tireless efforts to pull off the speed races due to snow accumulation. Everyone worked so hard to make it happen for the kids, it was awesome to see the dedication. Sat/Sun had much better race conditions with an excellent snow surface. All of the coaches (8 from various IMD teams) were so proud of all the athletes. Their performances reflected the dedication to the sport on their behalf and the coaches' behalf. It was a great experience to be a part of!

-Coach Erik Vermaas (representing IMD)

FINAL SODA POP RACES + RAIL JAM



Hazel Avery grabs a tail with style.

March 3rd, 18 skiers brought their jumps, slides and tricks to Little Ski Hill for the inaugural rail jam of the Soda Pop Series. The series started out 4 years ago with slalom and giant slalom alpine races. On March 10th the three-alpine-race series culminated for 107 skiers, ages 5-14.

See the race series and rail jam results [HERE](#).

Big thanks to Little Ski Hill for hosting local rippers for friendly competition on Friday nights.



BK with Mrs. on the back-up

Shout out to Bryant "BK" Kelley for pumping up the 2023 Soda Pop Races (and IFSA Big Mountain Comps) on the mic. BK's entertaining voice, loveable personality, playful play-by-play, and jazzed announcements brought dozens of smiles and crowd-cheer to competition venues at Little Ski Hill, Tamarack, and Brundage. Dropping the mic on our local race and big mountain courses for now - and until next season!

AUCTION FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS



155 of McCall's most WANTED gathered on March 11th at The Shore Lodge, McCall to participate in the 5th annual 4x4 Brew Pairing Dinner & Auction - our club's biggest fundraiser.

The evening featured a 4-course dinner paired with 4 craft beers - Salmon River Brewery style! Live music, live auction, and an excuse for guests to show off their outlaw side made for a fun event. But most of all it was a testament to our community's belief in what the sport of skiing teaches. In no particular order the list of lessons learned, characters cultivated and values embraced is long; but the one that was most recognizable during MWSC's fundraiser was the value of citizenship and service that the team demonstrated with responsibility, participation and contribution.



Thanks to Coach Sawyer's interview with 8 athletes (Dom Colafranceschi, Kai Tennyson, Connor Krahn, Josie Leslie, Jonathan & Asher Nichols, Dempsey Bitton and Taryn Pietri) guests got to hear first-hand about what skiing has meant to them and the gratitude they have for all who've helped make that possible.

Following dinner the community threw down for the live and silent auction to raise funds for the kids. The 2023 auction portfolio of goods, services, and experiences were a collective effort of networking and creativity made possible by **283** donors and friends who helped raise **\$165k!**

Every donation, bid and paddle raise made a difference!



32 dOZEN EGGS

32 dozen eggs hand-gathered and donated by Big Mountain Freeride Skier, Dominic C whose Donnelly free-range farm includes a new Coop he constructed in shop class.



2 Surf Sessions

Two wake surf sessions donated with U12 Ski Racer Taryn Pietri and another with Coach Lofy and Mrs. Captain Lofy.



30 lbs of craft supplies

Backpack full of art supplies, weighing in at 30 pounds donated by U14 Racer, Tessa Beebe, WITH craft session hosted by Soda Pop Racers, Lauren and Morgan Hunt.

COACH SHAWN'S TECH TIP

Summerizing your skis for summer storage.



1. Get them clean. Usually, this is best accomplished with a garden hose and a towel – dirt, salt, road grime, dog poo... all need to go. Spray everything down. Avoid using degreasers or detergent, as they could affect the binding

lubricant.

2. Check the edges. Sharpen the edges or at least remove the most obvious burrs to reduce the chances of rust and leave less work for yourself come next season.

3. Wax the bases. You'll want to hot wax the bases with an all-temperature or a softer warm-weather wax to protect them from oxidation, but don't scrape it off. Be generous with the wax and be sure to cover the edges, which will help keep rust away.

4. Store them. Find a decent place to store them, preferably not in the garage, or in a tent, or leaning against the side of the barn. A cool, dry place inside your house and out of the sun is best. A neutral position with no pressure on either camber or rocker is preferable (in other words, not hanging by the tips between two dowels or with the camber compressed by straps or ski brakes).

PUMPS & PROPS!



TO TAMARACK RESORT for the SKY Passes.

"Today was really fun. I'm thankful for the opportunity that Hadley received to learn a new ski resort. My family rarely skis Tamarack so it was an adventure for all." - U8 Mighty Mite Parent

TO MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL & TAMARACK SNOW SPORTS SCHOOL for teaming up so that we can get students on the snow during the school day. #BEST RECESS EVER!



TO BRUNDAGE MOUNTAIN RESORT for bringing back the Super G races to McCall!

AND TO OWEN LANCASTER, 11th fastest U16 SG racer in the USA, for returning to his roots to forerun the course.



TO LITTLE SKI HILL for the big kid race league and fun post-business social gathering on the hill. AND TO MWSC COACHES who helped set the course before the bell.

TO ALL COACHES for an amazing season.

AND TO ALL PARENTS for ringing the bell at the finish.

UPCOMING CALENDAR



May 1–4, 2023

Donate today at
IdahoGives.org



MAY 1ST: Idaho Gives Kick-Off Event @ McCall Public Library, 4-6PM.

MAY 1-4: Idaho Gives Online for Athlete Scholarships

Give Online Here

JUNE 18-23: Summer Camp @ Mammoth Mountain

JULY 18-22: Summer Camp @ Mt. Hood

AUG 12: Kids Triathlon @ Ponderosa State Park



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The calendar page has turned. Maybe the weather will follow suit? Maybe not yet....When it does, I am confident our athletes will be prepared for what comes next.

Sincerely,
Chris Costa
Executive Director
McCall Winter Sports Club



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