

Wausau Nordic Ski Club

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March 2008

Night Gliders

We have had a great Night Glider season (5th-8th grade skiers). Do you believe our first ski date was 11/25??!! We will continue until the snow goes away as spring is a great time to learn balance skills and be playful in the light and warm temps. They say skiers are born in spring and summer as we build toward the next year. We also were blessed this year with a host of Coaches that could work with individual skiers and smaller groups. Hats off to Sue and Mark Parman and Jay Sween, and dad helpers: Scott Tesch, Eric Koch, Eric Anderson, and Perry Dau. If we took video at the beginning of the season and now you wouldn't believe the strides the kids have made in their technique. They are a fun group and always come to practice with

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Last Club Meeting of the Season!

ANNUAL AWARDS AND POTLUCK NIGHT has been changed to MARCH 4th!!!

Come join us at Nine Mile on Tuesday, **March 4th** for the last Bash of the season.
6:00 Dinner
7:15 Program – Club Awards and High School Scholarship Presentations

You won't want to miss out on this evening of fun, food, and friends. The club will be providing a variety of meats, buns/bread, and beverages. We ask that you bring an item that corresponds with the 1st letter of your last name:

NOTE – By request I HAVE CHANGED THE LETTERS FOR WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING.
READ CAREFULLY!

R-Z **Hors d'oeuvres**
J-P **Salads/Vegetables/ Side Dishes**
A-H **Desserts**

A board member will be calling you for your RSVP so we know how much food and beverages will be needed. Looking forward to seeing everyone to wrap up the best season in years..

Badger State Games Nordic Skiing

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and commissioners for a successful Badger State Games! The weather was beautiful this year and the trails were covered with a deep blanket of snow, what a difference a year makes. There were over 560 skiers participating.

This year's Nordic events were condensed into one day with a Skier Fest held at South Mountain School for awards and lunch.

The top club performance goes to Todd Craig, winning the 43K Open Freestyle race in an amazing 02:06:46.6 or 2:56/K. There were many other club members winning or placing in their age group races. Complete results can be found on a link at our web site

<http://wausaunordic.com/raceforms.htm>

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CHECK IT OUT! It is updated often.
Please submit classifieds, updates, suggestions, and trail reports.

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their enthusiasm! This year we had 4 middle school boys at the State Meet. We hope to expand that to include a number of the girls next year. We have a "young team". Last year we graduated 10 kids to the high school teams, this year we will only lose 4 eighth graders. Thanks again to all the parents who support the program by getting the kids there!

Ski Programs at 9-Mile

Note from Todd Craig – Coordinator of the Snow Striders (children 9 and under) "We had 37 kids come out on Sunday, January 6th and another 10 or so that didn't make it! I thought this was a great turnout despite the sloppy damp weather. We had a few good volunteer helpers (Jay Sween, Eric Koch, Tom McDonald, Scott Anderson, Paula Barnes, Sarah and I). The kids had a blast! It's great to see this much interest in all the youth programs. Think Snow!!

Note – This is more than double the number he had the first week last year – Do we have young skiers or what????!!!!

Night Gliders

We were very happy and proud of our Night Gliders who competed at the State level this year. The Classic Race was won by Adam Martin in 14:02.8 (3 seconds faster than second place Jon Gilbertson from 4H-CANSKI 14:05.6) with Paul Dau placing 11th. Both are 8th graders and will move into high school skiing next year. Zach Tesch (7th grade) was 14th, and Mark Wenzel (5th grade) was 17th. The Skate race found the tables turned as Jon Gilbertson edged out Adam for 1st place by 2 seconds with a time of 12:34.1 to Adams 12:36.2. Paul held steady with a 12th place finish, Zach with a 19th, and Mark with a 26th place. These were excellent performances considering these were back to back races in a one day format due to adjustments made because of the extreme temps predicted for what would have been a two day event. Congratulations to all!

WI State HS Team Sprint Championships (Madison)

February 2nd and 3rd found many of the high school skiers in Madison for the HS State Sprint Championships. It's a great weekend for the kids racing in front of our State Capitol building. The sprints bring a lot of excitement as spectators can see the whole event and watch leads change right in front of them. The relay consists of 3 people who race in qualifying heats and then a final heat for the top three podium spots.

It was a very exciting time for our Wausau Teams. Saturday was the team relays using the skate technique. Waukesha West boys were 1st, Hayward 2nd, and Wausau West was 3rd, after a well fought battle with Newman-Marawood which took 4th (this was out of 8 teams). Wausau West girls were 2nd after Hayward which was 1st, Lakeland 3rd, and Wausau East girls were 5th out of 8 teams.

On Sunday were the individual classic sprints. Finals for those skiers in the 17-32nd places coming out of the qualifiers were Mark Punzenberger from East in 6th, Megan Marshall in 2nd from West, and Laura Maguire from East in 5th (these were out of the top 8). The finals for the 1st-16th individual qualifiers were equally exciting for Wausau. Chris Bowler from Newman-Marawood was 1st, and Ben Hugus from West was 2nd out of the top 8. Eileen Burke and Brittany Dregler from West were 3rd & 4th out of the top 8.

The event in Madison, now called Winter-Fest, includes other skiing events with Super Tour athletes as well as disabled athletes. It is a full weekend of music, ice and snow sculpture, and of course plenty of good places to eat. Everyone came home very tired, but also very happy with their results. People all around the Capitol Square commented on all the "Wausau" athletes in attendance. Our name is certainly out there as a hot bed for high school cross-country skiing!

February 2008

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*****FEBRUARY 2008*****



NIGHT GLIDERS

Tuesdays + Thursdays 5:15-6:30 pm
Feb. 05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28



WEENIE ROAST at Nine Mile

February 19 at 6:00 PM



Barnabirke, Jr. Birkie and Birkie@ Telemark

Feb. 21,22 and 23

*****MARCH 2008*****



Tues 3/4 CLUB MEETING

Potluck/Awards

CHANGE ~ Tuesday March 4 at 6:00 PM



Night Gliders 5:15-6:30 March 04,11,13

March 2008

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Bulletin Board

This year the new location for the Badger State Games concessions was held at South. Mt. School. Due to the change in venue and off site location, sales to spectators were limited. Turn out for athletes was sub-normal also, with 263 out of 564 entrants showing up. The good news is that the school's facilities and the volunteers that helped out were great. Also the awards ceremony along with the meal, was a success. Some of our volunteers sold coffee, cocoa, (and junk food) at 9 mile inside the chalet, and that was very successful, even tho' the offerings were limited. Hopefully next year, more people will take advantage of the new location, as now more racers are aware of the new program.

NEW! Classifieds

Have been added to our web site
www.WausauNordic.com
 E-mail to
Perry@RevelSports.com
 See website for details

Please contact any of the Board Members if you would like to help out by joining the board or helping with club activities.

DATE Change: **MARCH – Tuesday the 4th 6 PM: Awards Night** and end of season Potluck.

The March 4th Awards meeting will count as our club's annual report meeting. Financial status of the club will be shared with members.



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 Contribute an article to this newsletter.

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The Badger State Games Quadrathlon

The Badger State Games Quadrathlon was held on Sunday February 3, 2008 at Nine Mile. This was my 10th year as commissioner of the Quad, and the first time we have held it at 9 Mile. It was previously held at the Sylvan Hills Ski Area. We had 34 individual participants, four 4-person teams, and 6 pairs competing in the four events of the Quad: 5k run on the snowmobile trail and road, 5k bike on the road, 5k snowshoe, and 5k cross country ski. We utilized the chalet and the warming tent for our event, and shared it with the BSG Snowshoe participants.

All the athletes were enthusiastic about the new location for the event. We had our transition area near the chalet, which was great for athletes and spectators. Due to the wonderful warm weather, the snow conditions were too soft for our original plan to bike on the snowmobile trail and road. Athletes remarked that they would have carried their bikes on the trail rather than ride on it.

We had great volunteers from the Wausau Nordic Ski Club, the Wisconsin National Guard, the Boy Scouts, and other community members. We hope the enthusiasm for this event spreads, and that the participation in the Quad can grow.

Please call Jeanne Alexejun at (715)359-7578 for information on the event.

If interested in learning more about X-country skiing, check out:
 Local Ski Conditions <http://wausaunordic.com/Trail%20Reports.htm>
 XCskiForum <http://www.xcskiforum.com/index.php>
 SkinnySki <http://skinny Ski.com/>
 CXC <http://www.cxcskiing.org/>

MINOCQUA, Wisconsin State High School Nordic Ski Championships

Anyone for
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 We should not
 give up skiing too
 early as March is
 such a great
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Wausau West’s Brittany Drenkler’s second place finish led the West Girls team to second place, 18 points, behind the winning Hayward team, 13 points. Chris Bowler, Wausau Newman, was third in the boy’s field. Drenkler was followed by fellow seniors Eileen Burke, 6th, and Stephanie Lynch, 10th.

“As a team, they had their best race of the year,” Wausau East/West coach Tracy Gorzek said. “For us to be that close to Hayward is phenomenal for our team.” Gorzek said “The West boys gave a strong performance as well but that they suffered through a tough day.” Wausau West’s boys took fourth, behind the fourth-place finish of Ben Hugus.

Bowler, had a 13 second lead coming off from the classic race when disaster struck in the skate race. He went off course on an unmarked section and broke a ski! With a quick replacement from an empathic bystander he was off again on the spare ski to battle back for a third place finish.

Wausau East’s girls came in fourth place as a team, its best finish ever at state. The East boys came in 11th place to finish its first season as a team.

Both the boys and girls races were won by Hayward, with Matt Pierce of Hayward taking first and Corrine Malcomb of Hayward was the girls winner.

4th Wausau West High School Boys

4 Ben Hugus
 17 Lucas Lynch
 18 Chris Nichols

5th Wausau Newman- Marawood High School Boys

3 Chris Bowler
 32 Matt Nichols
 34 Nick Broman

10th Wausau East High School Boys

14 Mark Punzenberger
 38 Adam Sorenson
 46 Tim Hinueber

2nd Wausau West High School Girls

2 Brittany Drenkler
 6 Eileen Burke
 10 Stephanie Lynch

4th Wausau East High School Girls

15 Laura Maguire
 16 Bethany Heeren
 17 Elizabeth Eckert

10th Wausau Newman- Marawood High School Girls

43rd Emma Allman
 49th Elizabeth Wenzel
 50th Allison Riske

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