



# Snowflakes

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## Family Fun Race March 1: Open to All PVSC Members!

The annual PVSC Family Fun Race will be Sunday, March 1. This end-of-the-season event pits our young Alpine racers, practicing for this event all year, against parents and siblings -- and coaches! We'll set an easy dual giant slalom course on Cloud Nine at Hermon Mountain and make this a festive event, with costumed racers, snowboarders, and skiers of all ages and all skills. Come on out and join the fun. Registration is free and begins at 8:30; the race begins at 10 and ends when we all get hungry. We will be having a potluck following the race so bring something yummy to share!



## Hermon Mountain

PVSC runs two of its most important programs at Hermon Mountain: Learn to Ski/Board; and Alpine Racing. Night skiing on groomed trails is available on weekdays from 3 PM to 9 PM with half-day, and full-day prices. Learn to Ski/Board and Racing Development are up and running, so come out this weekend and watch our young racers and learners at work. Our Nordic and Alpine racing events are proceeding on schedule, so join in, and enjoy the winter!



## Looking Forward to the March Banquet!

There will be no general meeting in February, but we are all looking forward to the March Awards Banquet on the second Tuesday of the month.

## December Stop the Bleed Workshop

On December 17 Hermon Mountain Ski Patrol Director Robert Bakker offered a workshop on the national Stop the Bleed Program, designed to prepare individuals to take action in cases of severe bleeding. Robb began the program with a film documenting quick action taken to save a young Vermont slalom racer whose leg was injured when he fell against his sharpened ski edge. Robb went on to demonstrate three techniques that would help save the life of a bleeding victim: using hands to apply pressure to a wound; packing a wound to control bleeding; and applying a tourniquet. Robb is willing to hold similar sessions for others interested in this life-saving technique.



## On Again: The Great Caribou Bog Ski Race

Plans to revive PVSC's Great Caribou Bog Ski Race were postponed earlier this month due to weather conditions, but are now back on track. The Club launched the race back in 1984, and at its peak over a hundred racers of all ages participated each year skiing a tract that ran through the Caribou Bog. Due to key organizers moving out of the area, the event was no longer held after 2011. This year's race was originally scheduled for February 8, and has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 29. For updates and information, see the PVSC website, [pvskiclub.org/nordicrace](http://pvskiclub.org/nordicrace).



April 2009 Bog Race



# Great Caribou Bog Ski Race

SATURDAY, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

(BACKUP DATE FEB. 29)

**10:30AM YOUTH RACE**

**11:00AM 5K AND 10K RACES**

**Registration: 9:00 a.m.**  
**CARIBOU BOG, TAYLOR ROAD**  
**(OFF FOREST AVE.)**  
**ORONO, ME**

Race Distances:

Youth 1K  
 Short Course 5K  
 Long Course 10K

Course Description:

Youth:  
 flat/minimal hills

Short Course:  
 flat/beginner hills

Long Course:  
 flat/intermediate hills

Classes:

10 and under, 11-14, 15-19,  
 adult 10-year age groups

Race Style: Classic Technique

All ages and ski skill levels are  
 welcome to participate!

Registration:

Online \$10; day of race \$15

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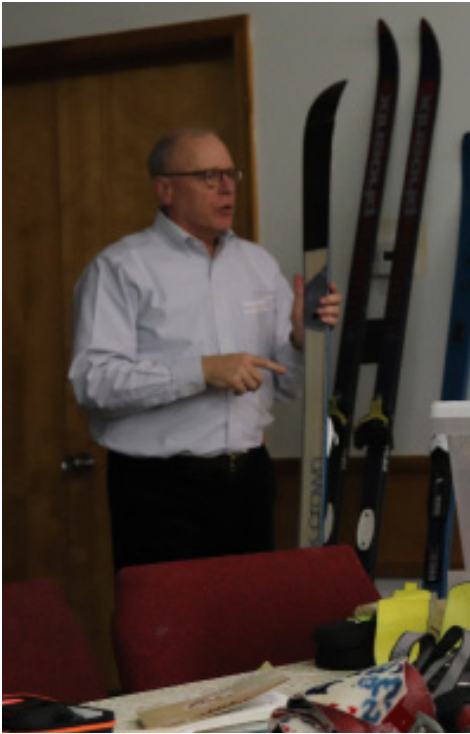
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### At the January Meeting

The January PVSC meeting featured an interesting presentation on the latest in Nordic equipment by Peter Buzzini and Dan Cassidy. Peter and Dan used slides based on historic trends, mountain ascents, and some of the Club's recent Nordic trips to demonstrate the special features of new types of skis, boots, and other Nordic equipment..



### Learn to Ski and Board: Another Busy Season



Photos by Ken and Barbe Miller





# Learn to Ski/ Snowboard on the Slopes at Hermon

The 2020 season brought out a hardy bunch of new skiers and riders for the PVSC Alpine Learn to Ski & Snowboard program at New Hermon Mountain. Temperatures have ranged from frigid to mild, but the snowmaking and new snow at the mountain provided excellent learning conditions. Our new skiers and boarders were on the slopes in force, with everyone gathering at the ski school meeting place in front. The Snowflakes began learning control, starting with a wedge, while the older Blizzards practiced making parallel turns.



Photos by Barbe Miller

**Nordic Racing:** *team photo of the Orono Middle School Nordic Ski Team taken February 5 at the Quarry Road Trails in Waterville.*

The Waterville race, a 2.5 km, 3-person skate style relay, was part of the Maine Junior Ski League circuit. Included in the photo are coaches Jen Branchflower and Bob Bass.

The uniforms are from PVSC inventory, and the majority of the ski equipment (skis, boots and poles) is leased through PVSC Nordic lease program. All who leased are PVSC members.

This is only the second year that Nordic skiing has been a Orono Middle School sport. For six to eight years prior to this, the middle school program was run as a PVSC program. Due to this PVSC involvement and support, we were able to transition the program to an officially recognized OMS sport.





### Chip Cochran Invitational, Hermon Mountain

On February 9 PVSC hosted the annual Chip Cochran Invitational Alpine Race at Hermon Mountain, an event that hosted around 109 participants, including our own PVSC racers, Greenville’s Red Eagles; the Valley Racing Team from Fort Kent, and the Mars Hill BigRock racers. This was the largest Alpine racing event the Club has ever hosted. This gave PVSC an opportunity to showcase its newly renovated Slim Melvin Timing Hut and our new B-Net safety system.

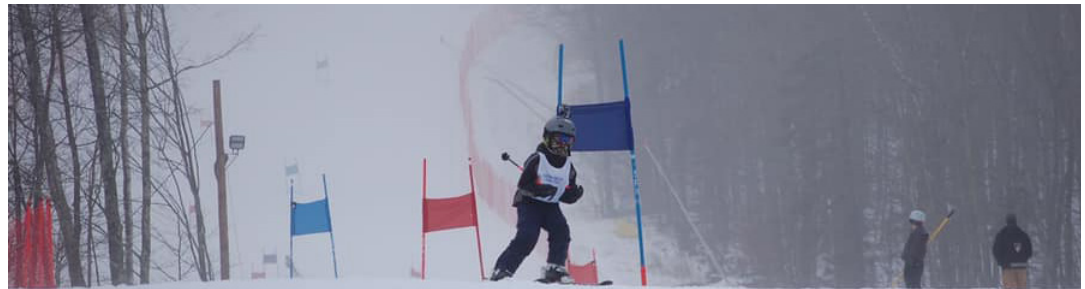
We had a wonderful day for a race, although cold to start, and we completed the two runs of slalom and two of GS in time to get racers and their families back home at a reasonable hour. Featured here are some of our younger GS racers and the line-up at the top of Cloud Nine. *Racing photos in this issue were taken by our Club photographer, Katie Hariegle.*





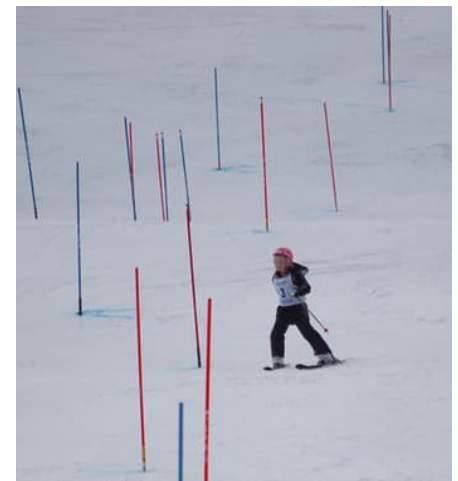
## Lost Valley and Camden Snowbowl: Our Racers in Action

In January and February our racers traveled to Lost Valley in Auburn and the Camden Snowbowl, where they raced against some of the best middle-school skiers in the state. Camden's race was held on the black-diamond Mussel Ridge trail. The course was a "Kombi" race consisting of part giant slalom and part slalom. The course was designed to add excitement to the race and challenge racers to transition from the tighter slalom gates to GS and back to slalom. More than 120 racers attended from as far away as Fort Kent.



### Chip Chochrane Giant Slalom Combined Times (two runs)

Hidestrand Ian	75.561	Sparks Sebastian	94.404	Nash Chase	67.88
Paradise Roger	78.271	Williams Ella	69.008	Cushman Ethan	69.818
Levesque Noah	78.834	Taylor Danica	77.212	Fulton Jamison	71.876
Taylor Deklan	78.937	Loupin Audrey	77.922	Fitzgerald Blake	79.364
Seviciu Theodore	80.738	Grass Jillian	84.236	Schupbach Joshua	79.602
Hall Iver U8 Boy	80.989	Fox Lilly	87.522	Ayer Harrison	82.31
Herr Greyson	92.269	Robinson Ginger	97.758	Andrei Cole	82.946
Pollis Bensyn	99.772	Kinney Kohen	60.706	Hersey Calvin	84.822
Kolvoord Ian	99.91	Marquis Wyatt	61.982	Hubbard Brody	88.996
Larrabee Jensen	119.561	Marquis Finley	63.83	Padgett Cooper	90.398
Leger Boue	129.88	Hearst Tate	67.116	Voisine Ella	57.604
St.Peter Allison	84.472	McClure Adam	67.888	Bois Emerson	59.388
Williams Nora	90.478	Pelletier Caleb	68.684	Martin Kendyl	59.904
Michaud Reed	62.586	Isenhour Leif	69.708	McMahon Alayna	59.98
Thibodeau Logan	64.378	Lord Rogan	70.772	Theriahult Shelby	62.832
Saucier Caleb	67.776	Hersey Trent	77.136	Kinney Kale	66.856
Cyr Oliver	68.348	Tibbetts Gabe	82.616	Metzler Maggie	69.76
Eaton Parker	71.186	Bennett Jacob	84.426	Bell Lily	72.588
Brehaut Zachary	71.514	Andrei Cooper	85.72	Kreider Lily	76.292
Gillis Mason	73.298	Hersey Marshall	86.16	Emerson Nora	76.648
Larrabee	74.466	Saucier Haidyn	60.382	Eschman Lucy	80.852
Hariegle Colby	75.432	Walker Olive	60.628	James Jacqueline	81.134
Isenhour Owen	77.958	Conover Olive	62.444	Smith Sadie	91.83
Carvell Jaxon	79.124	Martin Madeleine	65.53	Bois Max	51.842
Caruso River	80.462	Hartley Acacia	67.86	Gott Colby	70.338
Emerson William	80.944	Mills Amelia	70.354	Freethy Pois Dustin	173.166
Poiss Jesse	81.7	Martin Kamryn	71.682	Giberson Emma	62.504
Roberts Cole	85.066	St.Peter Taylor	74.588	Nadeau Elyse	63.454
Farrell Seamus	86.156	Arsenault Ellie	82.576	Burt Allisa	70.436
Lemieux Emmett	86.662	Perry Lucy	89.768	Gillis Madison	72.132
Long Davis	88.466	McPherson Abigail	104.26	Shearer Julia	72.758
		Marquis Fletcher	55.19	Higgins Izabelle	56.796
		Giberson Keith	63.58		
		Graves Max	64.504		
		Arsenault Ben	66.864		



**Chip Chochrane Slalom Combined Times (two runs)**

Taylor Deklan	111.722
Levesque Noah	115.102
Hall Iver	120.26
Hidestrand Ian	120.688
Kolvoord Ian	123.721
Paradise Roger	124.79
Larrabee Jensen	169.492
Pollis Bensyn	71.566 DQ
Leger Boue	108.15 DQ
Seviciu Theodore	79.038 DNF
Herr Greyson	74.112 DQ
St.Peter Allison	120.778
Williams Nora	72.148 DQ
Thibodeau Logan	93.501
Michaud Reed	94.116
Cyr Oliver	108.214
Saucier Caleb	111.16
Brehaut Zachary	114.75
Larrabee Colin	115.215
Farrell Seamus	121.748
Eaton Parker	122.184
Hariegle Colby	122.32
Isehour Owen	122.86
Roberts Cole	128.251
Carvell Jaxon	128.523
Poiss Jesse	128.898
Gillis Mason	131.985
Caruso River	133.965
Cushman Connor	141.243
Long Davis	68.994 DQ
Emerson William	121.924 DQ
Oelschlegel Issac	73.141 DQ
Sparks Sebastian	112.51 DQ
Lemieux Emmett	82.528 DQ
Roberts Emil	76.109 DQ
Taylor Danica	121.453
Williams Ella	125.827
Loupin Audrey	132.198
Fox Lilly	139.895
Robinson Ginger	150.126
Grass Jillian	81.812 DQ
Kinney Kohen	90.047
Marquis Finley	94.986
Hearst Tate	103.66
McClure Adam	107.173
Pelletier Caleb	112.567
Marquis Wyatt	113.45
Lord Rogan	117.781
Isehour Leif	122.444
Hersey Trent	124.656
Tibbetts Gabe	129.907
Hersey Marshall	132.241
Bennett Jacob	135.033
Andrei Cooper	148.389
Walker Olive	92.577
Martin Madeleine	94.717
Saucier Haidyn	99.159
St.Peter Taylor	112.405

Mills Amelia	124.757
Arsenault Ellie	127.698
Perry Lucy	142.841
Conover Olive	156.72
McPherson Abigail	157.754
Graves Max	97.59
Giberson Keith	103.67
Cushman Ethan	108.071
Arsenault Ben	113.291
Nash Chase	116.753
Fulton Jamison	122.088
Marquis Fletcher	124.826
Langille Jackson	133.725
Ayer Harrison	135.364
Hubbard Brody	145.854
Schupbach Joshua	55.586 DQ
Andrei Cole	70.371 DQ
Padgett Cooper	69.468 DQ
Fitzgerald Blake	147.694 DNF
Hersey Calvin	60.697 DQ
Metzler Maggie	82.283
Voisine Ella	86.099
Bois Emerson	90.355
McMahon Alayna	90.653
Martin Kendyl	94.915
Therault Shelby	96.114
Kinney Kale	115.002
Bell Lily	118.019
Emerson Nora	129.015
Kreider Lily	129.585
Smith Sadie	131.309
Eschman Lucy	131.801
James Jacqueline	140.662
Bois Max	77.002
Gott Colby	122.939
Freethy Poiss Dustin	126.822
Giberson Emma	103.788
Burt Allisa	118.383
Nadeau Elyse	121.981
Shearer Julia	130.624
Gillis Madison	52.322 DQ
Higgins Izabelle	144.712

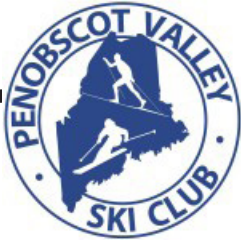


Above: The Cochran Race provided an opportunity to use our new B-Net system, a safety net set on the edge of the spill zone and used for protection against running off-course.

Below is our start ramp at the crest of our race venue, Cloud Nine at Hermon Mountain.







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