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# Snowflurries

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## PVSC Ski Sale Oct. 17!

The annual PVSC Ski Sale will be held on October 17, at the Bangor Parks and Recreation Building, 647 Main Street. Organizers are asking for volunteers to help set up the racks and tables on Thursday, to help with vendors on Friday afternoon, and to work the sale on Saturday. Volunteers will have the opportunity to purchase equipment after the Friday set-up. Details are on the PVSC website. The ski sale is our major source of funding, and our volunteer policy requires that you serve in some capacity in order to take advantage of club activities. You can sign up as a volunteer through the web site (<http://www.pvskiclub.org/ski-sale/>), and when you arrive at the sale, be sure to sign in, as we will be referring to the sign-in sheets when determining your eligibility for trips and activities.



Both Nordic and Alpine racing will be moving into high gear after Christmas; Nordic is planning cross-country ski rentals, a Nordic Ski Day at the Bangor Municipal Golf Course, and several races. The Alpine program is gearing up for practice sessions at Hermon Mountain and races across the state. Once again the season promises to be a busy one, so stay on top of new opportunities in the *Snowflurries*, the Club brochure, and the website.

## Annual Spaghetti Supper: First Meeting of the 2015-2016 Season

With temperatures dropping and leaves turning, it's easy to imagine those high, snow-covered slopes, flocked forests, and challenging terrain parks. We can start thinking about equipping ourselves for the 2015-2016 season at the Annual Spaghetti Supper on October 13.

This is the first event of the 2015-2016 season, and we're hoping for a good turnout. The meeting will feature a free pasta dinner (donations accepted) and a talk by two knowledgeable equipment folks (at right) who can answer all your equipment questions and recommend proper gear. **The meeting, which starts at 6:00 PM, will be at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono, 82 Main Street, one block south of the downtown stoplights. Please bring a dessert to share.** This will also be an opportunity to learn about upcoming trips and activities, the ski sale, and our club meeting events -- and reunite with other snow enthusiasts.



**Eli Pangburn** is from Easton in Aroostook County. He put on his first pair of skis at the age of 3 and this quickly became his life-long passion. He attended CVA and over the years accrued a wealth of information about alpine skiing. **Lauren Jacobs** is from Kennebec County and was first introduced to cross-country skiing at Gould Academy, then skied on the Bates Nordic team. She coached high-school Nordic, lived for a year in Québec City, and trained in biathlon and racing for 2 years in Vermont. She has been living in the Bangor area for the last 4 years, is working on a Master's degree in Kinesiology and Physical Education at UMaine, and is currently Youth Development Director and Education Coordinator for Maine Winter Sports Center.



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## Ski Sale October 17: We Need Your Help!

Please Make Plans to Volunteer for the Ski Sale, October 15, 16, or 17.

Ski Sale organizers are turning up the volume on advertising this year and expect a record turnout. The sale takes place at the Bangor Parks and Rec Center with around a dozen shops participating and a combined retailing force of over twenty equipment experts. Given the turnout over the last few years, we will need for lots of volunteers for setup on Thursday, October 15. Even more must be on hand when vendors arrive on Friday, and the sale begins Saturday morning at 9:00. We need help also for clean-up, which begins at 3:00 on Saturday afternoon.

Last year's volunteers did a wonderful job, but this year we will need more people on hand on Friday night and on Saturday afternoon after the sale ends. *This is the event that funds most of our club activities* during the season, and its success means more opportunities at lower cost.

**Remember: PVSC Members can purchase gear on Friday night, before the crowds arrive.**

If you're interested in helping out on Thursday set-up, Friday equipment management, or Saturday sales, please act now. Volunteer slots are broken down and describe the task you will be doing.

**To sign up for Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, go to the PVSC web site and follow the simple on-line directions**



The 2014 Ski Sale succeeded because you were there! Please volunteer.



### ***PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Ken Miller***

At the September 2 PVSC Board meeting, PVSC President Ken Miller asked members to describe what they thought were the most valuable aspects of their participation in the Club. Thoughts and ideas ranged from the excitement of the programs to the pleasures of skiing, both Nordic and Alpine. Along with this, they valued the culture of skiing, the satisfactions of an increasing membership, the informative talks and presentations, the many ways the Club introduces families to skiing and winter sports generally, the comradery of building new trails, the feeling of sustaining a tradition that began in 1936, the challenge of keeping meetings interesting and family-oriented, the different strategies for Nordic programming, the work of building a greater sense of community, the concept of a life sport and a healthy lifestyle, the many avenues for making the most of winter in Maine, the joy of getting kids outside, the chance to help prevent childhood obesity and to promote exercise, the social interaction at Club activities, the opportunity to grow and evolve in a winter sport, the various venues for meeting other skiers on trips or at meetings, and satisfactions of passing the programs on to others.



JOIN, or DIE.

It's Time to Renew your Membership for 2015-2015

and encourage a friend to join!



## – 2015-2016 Membership Dues are Due –

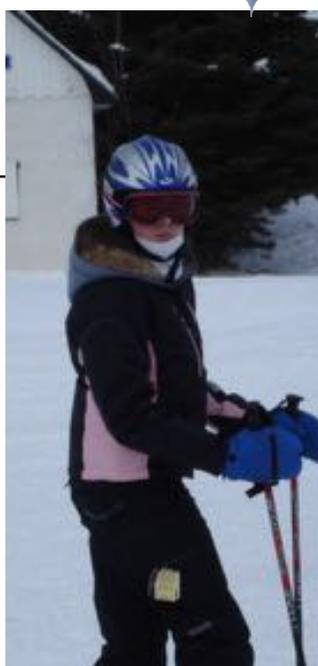
Renew or join for the 2015-2016 season now, before the winter activities begin: Nordic and Alpine programs, bus trips to Sugarloaf and Saddleback, spaghetti suppers, pizza dinners, slide lectures, Maine Huts and Trails, and the Great Adventure in Quebec. This year renewing or joining is as easy as one-two-three: go online to the PVSC web site (<http://www.pvskiclub.org/>) and follow the link at "Join US": register through a SkiReg account or as a guest. Also, check out PVSC's fund-raising goals for the Nordic and Alpine racing programs -- upgrading grooming equipment, purchasing slalom gates and new timing equipment, completing the new starting hut at Hermon Mountain, or funding other PVSC activities, trips, and community-based programs.

One of the many benefits of club membership is the corporate voucher for PVSC discounts of up to 20 percent on

lift tickets at Sugarloaf and Sunday River. If you plan to ski Sugarloaf and/or Sunday River, vouchers will be available through the Club. (Details later.) If you plan to go on any of the PVSC bus trips, you will need to pay your dues first. Lift-ticket discounts are also available at Hermon Mountain -- just show your membership card.

PVSC is an all-volunteer organization, and members are expected to work the Ski Sale, serve actively on a committee, or help out with Club work in some other capacity. We need more volunteers to keep the Club growing and expanding. When you join or renew, please indicate your willingness to help with one of our volunteer committees: Refreshments, Event Planning, Ski Sale, Alpine Racing, Nordic Program, Trail Maintenance, Trip Development, Learn to Ski/Board, Publicity.

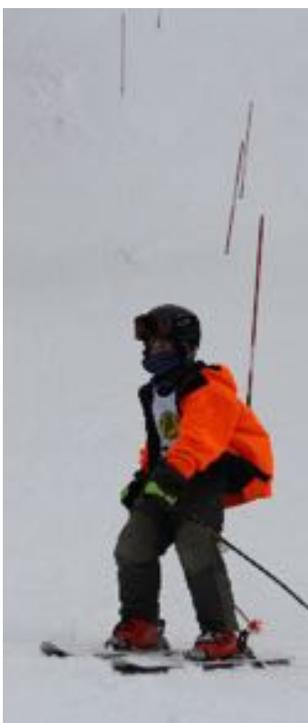
## Quebec Trip – Nordic and Alpine Skiing at its Best: A Highlight of the PVSC Season



## Family Fun Race, 2015

### Results of the March 16, 2015 Hermon Mountain Dual-GS Race!

NAME	DIVISION	TEAM	RUN 1
RICHARD JUDD	AM	COACH	24.091
KAREN MCLEOD	AF	COACH	23.935
BREANNA BROWN	CF	GRUDGE MATCH	24.155
MISSY BROWN	AF	GRUDGE MATCH	25.029
ALEX FLANNERY	AM	TEAM CHAZ 1	24.779
ZACH FLANNERY	AM	TEAM CHAZ 1	24.974
RON BRAGG AM		BRAGGIN BRAGGS	26.861
JOSH BRAGG	CM	BRAGGIN BRAGGS	27.713
NAHUM STEVENSON	CM	ME AND MOM	29.31
PENNIE	AF	ME AND MOM	26.722
ANNALENA WITTMANN	CF	WITT WOMEN	28.42
LAURA WITTMANN	AF	WITT WOMEN	28.071
VALERY GILLIS	CF	GLAMOUS GILLIS GIRLS	25.049
MACKENZIE GILLIS	CF	GLAMOUS GILLIS GIRLS	25.142
DELAINY GILLIS	CF	GLAMOUS GILLIS GIRLS	35.693
ANIKA NOACK	CF	SPEEDY FLASHBACK	29.491
NAOMI NOACK	CF	SPEEDY FLASHBACK	27.745
LEAH NOACK	CF	SPEEDY FLASHBACK	30.238
CHARLOTTE URQUHART	CF	SPEEDY FLASHBACK	28.935
MARTIN BROZMAN	CM	SPEEDY FLASHBACK	30.917
JOHN NADEAU	AM	LONG TAIL PUMAS	27.206
JC NADEAU CM		LONG TAIL PUMAS	28.057
ELYSE NADEAU	CF	LONG TAIL PUMAS	37.037
HARRY FOSTER	CM	FOSTER'S	29.052
JACK FOSTER	CM	FOSTER'S	32.069
TOM FOSTER	AM	FOSTER'S	27.653
VICTORIA FOSTER	CF	FOSTER'S	35.488



ZAKERY CHADBOURNE	CM	CHADBOURNE BOYS	31.883
SCOTT CHADBOURNE	CM	CHADBOURNE BOYS	34.849
CHRISTIAN WOOD	CM	CHADBOURNE BOYS	39.007
NORA WHITCOMB	CF	DAD AND DAUGHTER	36.906
BILL WHITCOMB	AM	DAD AND DAUGHTER	36.927
COLBY GOTT	CM	WE GOTT SNOW	45.235
MITCH GOTT	AM	WE GOTT SNOW	23.009
DAN GOTT	AM	WE GOTT SNOW	47.678
MARILYN GOTT	AF	WE GOTT SNOW	50.139
CRAIG CYR AM		CYR FAMILY RACERS	23.256
MOLLY CYR AF		CYR FAMILY RACERS	72.188
HUNTER CYR	CM	CYR FAMILY RACERS	33.357
MEGHAN CYR	CF	CYR FAMILY RACERS	34.517
OLIVER (MINI RACER)	CM	CYR FAMILY RACERS	53.707
LARKIN SPEED	CF	MERMAIDS 1	45.562
SARINA SPEED	AF	MERMAIDS 1	44.887
TROY BENNETT	AM	GRUDGE MATCH	30.524



## Club Business

The PVSC Board has been busy preparing for the upcoming season, with snow in the mountains just a month and a half away. Jim Rose is planning bus trips to Sugarloaf and Saddleback; Amy Van Kirk anticipates another Maine Huts and Trails trip; PVSC has been approved for 501(c)3 status and will begin looking for grants and tax-deductible donations to help with existing programs and to expand our commitment to winter sports; the Ski Sale is set to go; Doug Bears is already planning the mid-February Quebec trip; Peter Buzinni and others are making plans for putting Hampden's new cross-country trails to use.

High priority items on the Board agenda include:

- 1) arranging our accounts to reflect our new 501(c)3 status, perhaps by reaching out to an accountant to advise and consult with the club;
- 2) updating liability insurance and drafting a membership waiver and release of liability form;
- 3) seeking parent volunteers for the Alpine Racing program and Club races;
- 4) fundraising and communicating the Club's mission to the community;
- 5) managing the website's online registration for membership and other events;
- 6) publicizing the Ski Sale and recruiting volunteers;
- 7) renovating the Hermon Mountain starting ramp;
- 8) and organizing nordic trips. *If you can help with any of these activities, please contact Ken Miller.*

## PVSC Directors and Officers

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## Greetings Alpine Racers and Parents

Another snowy winter is headed our way, and the Alpine Racing Development Program is gearing up for an exciting season of practices and races.

**P**arents: as we approach the racing season, we will be seeking volunteers willing to help out with planning our racing schedule, organizing bus trips and race events, and coordinating event-day helpers. Over the years, the program has benefitted from outstanding volunteer enthusiasm and energy, and this tradition must continue if we are to succeed this season. We will need help each Saturday during the season setting and taking down courses and general kid-coordinating.

**W**e will also need folks to help organize our annual Chip Cochran Race, to help with logistics at the lodge on practice days, and to help on the mountain with the racers. Photographers can get in the action too -- we need to document our racers' achievements. On race days, the coaches can use extra hands setting gates and keeping racers in the starting gate and on the course. Working with these young racers is rewarding and fun!

**N**ew racers: *Join in the fun this season!* No racing experience is necessary, but you should be developing parallel skiing skills and be skiing independently on intermediate terrain. The team will practice each Saturday morning at Hermon Mountain from January through early March in two 4-week sessions, and will participate in four to five optional junior races on Sundays through the season. In addition, our racers -- and their parents, siblings, volunteers, coaches, and other members of PVSC -- will compete in early March in the Family Fun Race at Hermon Mountain, to be followed by a pot luck lunch. This race is the event that tops off the season, and it's loads of fun -- and full of surprises!



**Racing Program:** *Our Racing Development team practices each Saturday in season at Hermon Mountain. In addition to the Cochran Race at Hermon Mountain, PVSC hosts the March Family Fun Race, featuring a dual slalom, parent-son-and-daughter competition and participates in invitational races at Squaw Mountain in Greenville, Lost Valley in Auburn, and BigRock at Mars Hill.*



*From the Racing Development Butterfly Account, contributions by Gina Schuck and others. Our first-, second-, and third-place winners at BigRock Winterfest; (above); and racers at the Plumb Creek Invitational, both in March 2014 (left).*

# Learn to Ski/SnowBoard

A great way to get started on skis or improve on the basic skills is with PVSC-sponsored group lessons at New Hermon Mt. Beginning the first weekend of January 2016, lessons are available once a week in two 4-week sessions for ages 3-Adult. Classes meet at different times for various age groups and are broken down further by ability

level. The cost for members is \$45 for children 3-12 and \$70 for teens and adults 13 & up. Further information regarding levels for placement is available on our website at [www.pvski-club.org](http://www.pvski-club.org). Days, dates, and times are as follows (session 2 dates TBA):



**Snow flakes:** ages 3-4 w/ parent. \$45. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Includes 2 half- day lift tickets.  
Session 1: (Saturdays only) January 2, 9, 16, 23

**Snowflurries:** ages 5-8. \$45. 9:30-11:00 a.m. Saturday or Sunday. Includes half-day lift ticket.  
Session 1: January 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24

**Blizzards:** ages 9-12. \$45. 9:30-11:00 a.m. Saturday or Sunday. Includes half-day lift ticket.  
Session 1: January 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24

**Teens/Adults:** ages 13 & up. \$75. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Friday eves. Includes rentals and evening lift ticket.  
Session 1: January 1, 8, 15, 22



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### Snowflurries Newsletter

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