



December 2007 News Letter

Greetings,

The ski swap held on November 2, 3, and 4 at the ISU Pond student union ball room was a success. Thanks to all of you who showed up and helped make it happen. This event is the team's only fundraiser and provides half of our annual operating budget. If you were out of town or were unable to pitch in and help us with this event, don't worry, we are hosting three races this season at Pebble Creek and will need your help.

The Howell boys are in Park City with Coach Dave this weekend for their first race of the season. They have been training for the last two weekends in Sun Valley and are skiing well. They will be racing GS on Thursday and Friday with Saturday off, then SL on Sunday. If you are interested in tracking their results go to www.ussa-imd.org. Look for Eric Hays Memorial results.

Pebble Creek is scheduled to open on Friday, December 21st however, if the snow doesn't come, they may not be able to open. Our first scheduled training day is Saturday, December 22nd. If we cannot train at Pebble on the 22nd, the alternate plan is to wait till December 27th and train at Pomerelle. December 27th is the start of Christmas Camp and will go through December 31st. I need to know how many kids are planning on attending the camp so that we can schedule coaches, rides etc... Please send me an e-mail or give me a call and let me know what dates your kids can attend. My e-mail address is dadcollaer2@hotmail.com

The 2007/2008 Intermountain Division (IMD) race schedule is enclosed with this news letter. Races for J4, J5 and J6 racers are listed under the columns labeled "NORTH SERIES", "YSL" and "Non-USSA". The first North Series race will be held at Bogus Basin on January 12-13. Bogus Basin is located just outside of Boise. There is also a Youth Ski League (YSL) race at Soldier Mountain on January 12th. Soldier Mountain is located just outside of Fairfield.

The coaching staff and I will help each racer set and attain appropriate goals for the race season. The typical goal for a North Series racer is to attend the Bogus Basin slaloms, Kelly Canyon giant slaloms and the North/South invitational held in Sun Valley. If a racer has good results, he or she will qualify for the IMD championships held in McCall. All North Series racers may attend the North Finals that are scheduled to be held in Jackson Hole. To learn more go to www.ussa-imd.org and click on "IMD Handbook".

Reminder; Racers--if you have not renewed your USSA license, do it now. Racers cannot participate in USSA sanctioned races unless they are licensed.

Finally, you will be receiving your PCRF Statement along with this news letter. The coaching fee is due on January 1st.

Happy Holidays!

Mike