

## Summit News – March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Now that the calendar has taken us into March, we are looking at the last couple of weekends of our local on hill activities. Our busy ski season has gone by very quickly and many are looking forward to Spring Break trips and a shift into another season, but we are sad to see it come to any end.

Last weekend the annual Barclay Sno-Byrd Race was held at Holiday Mountain. This race included our youngest members from age 5 up to the U14 age category, or 13 year olds. We had another beautiful day for a ski race and the athletes had a great time taking part in the event including the final leg of the Snow Stars Academy.



Summit Skiers hard at work warming up for the days activities.

Our Summit Ski Club had numerous podium finishes with many of our younger members having an opportunity to pose for mom or dad. Summit even had a sweep in the U14 boys category and Jack Dunlop was the overall winner of the event. Congratulations to Jack and all the athletes! Summit won the bronze for overall average time. Even the pink bunny made another appearance.



Group photo on the deck, following the awards

## Annual Summit Ski Club Barclay Sno-Byrd Photograph



Over the later part of the week and weekend, three Summit athletes, Tori, Sara & Ethan took part in the Can-Am Western Championships @ Panorama, BC. This week two of our members are off to compete at Nakiska in the U14 Can Am Westerns, best wishes to Neill Telles-Langdon and Jack Dunlop taking part in Slalom, GS and Ski Cross events. Good luck boys, hope you have a great time out west!

### *Upcoming Events –*

- **Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, Training @ Springhill 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Snow Stars Assessments
- **Friday March 8<sup>th</sup> – Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**. Training and Ski Cross race event @ Asessippi. This event is open to U12 and older age categories (10 year olds and up), with training for the race on Friday and MB Cup 5, Ski Cross race Saturday. Training will resume on Sunday in preparation of Final's weekend. In addition. a MB Masters GS Event will take place @ Asessippi and it's an **open event**, with registration required. Please respond to Sharlene by noon Thursday if your child is attending Saturday's race.
- **Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**, Training at Springhill for the U10 and U12 athletes not out at Asessippi, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
- **Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>**, Training at Springhill for the U10 members. This is Dress Looney Nite!, so don't forget to wear something wacky. Can you guess which one is coach Diane?



- **Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>**, Finals weekend at Asessippi. This is a big event and our club is co-hosting the activities. This four day event commences at 9:00 am Thursday morning with pre-race training for U12 and older (10 year olds and up).

**Friday**, is MB Cup Races # 6 & # 7, the SG race in the morning and Super Combined Slalom run in the afternoon. This day of racing is open to U14 and older athletes (12 years old and up).

**Saturday**, is MB Cup Race # 8, consisting of two Slalom runs. This event is open to U12 and older athletes (10 year olds and up) with the U12 athletes, completing a course with stubby gates.

**Saturday evening**, @ 6:00 pm is the banquet in the Sugar Shack at Asessippi, please ensure you alert Sharlene if you are attending. Tickets for the banquet are \$20.

**Sunday**, Manitoba Cup race # 9, GS, puts a wrap on the MB Cup series of races.

*Other news.....*

- **Don't forget, the deadline for this round of grocery cards is quickly approaching. The deadline is March 17th. Please contact Joe Healey, our grocery card coordinator, with your order.**
- **We held an executive meeting last night to complete final plans for the season. Among other things we are planning for our wind-up and AGM, once we have a date and place confirmed I will get the word out to everyone.**
- **Big News !!!!! At the meeting Dan Blankstein made a presentation regarding a Karbon jacket order that Summit will be commencing very shortly. We are hoping you will consider purchasing a team jacket for your child. In the past our club had a large visible presence at all of the events, with most of our members wearing the matching red jackets, that many of you newer members still see some of the athletes wearing. Hard to believe**

many of those jackets have been around for ten or so years. The Karbon product is very good quality and its durability allows for it to be passed down to siblings or sold within the club to younger members once your child has outgrown the item. We are finalizing the color choice for the new team jacket and there will be ski pants, speed suits and shorts available at a group discount available to our team. Watch for an email in the coming days for additional details. We have a tight timeframe to place the order, due to the manufacturer's schedule.

- **Mark your calendars, the Summit Ski Club 2013 / 2014 Holiday camp dates have been announced. Our camp is tentatively planned for Banff / Sunshine with training set for Monday December 30<sup>th</sup> to January 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2014.**

**Finally, I thought I would share an email I received this week from a family who attended our Summit Family Fun Ski Night. It was nice to see her comments, so I contacted the writer and received her permission to share the message with our members. This family had such a good experience; they are considering joining our club next year, which would be fantastic!**

Hello Rob,

I just wanted to drop a quick note to you all. My family attended your social night at spring hill and I just wanted to let you know what a fantastic experience it was for us. We have a 10 year old daughter who's only exposure to skiing was a class trip last year and she didn't enjoy herself at the trip at all and NEVER wanted to ski again. We made her come to the social night and now she won't stop talking about it and wants to ski every weekend. We also have an 8 year old daughter who had never been skiing, she thought this was the best time ever. The lessons that were given were WONDERFUL! They are completely hooked now! I just wanted to thank you all for such a great experience and thank all that helped with the lessons they took the time to learn the girls names, make sure they were ready to head down the hill on their own and that they were having fun.

Thank-you again!

Vanessa Laarveld

If anyone has any questions about the final couple of weekends of our season, the events, Finals banquet, grocery card order or Karbon order, please contact me at 204-955-1741.



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