



Summit Head Coach Report for AGM/Wind-up Event, April 28, 2014

This will be known as the coldest ski racing season ... *"the one with all of the cancelations"*!
With a very late start ... we forged ahead with a hard push into the season!

- This scenario fit well with theme looking at the big ideas or key elements for coaches to focus on. In the very early part of the season many athletes were presented with a significant amount of gate drills and courses.
- The excitement was spilling over from coaches and athletes as I guess everyone was super thrilled to be outdoors and on snow whenever possible!

Big Highlights:

- *In Manitoba Cup: Maclean Hatherly places second overall, Ethan Grycko, third place overall!*
- *In Manitoba Cup: Sara Telles-Langdon places second overall and Anna Blankstein third overall.*
- *Callie Hislop wins Overall Trophy at the Barclay Sno-Byrd*
- *Jacob King wins Overall Trophy at the Barclay Sno-Byrd*
- *What a year with such dynamic bunch of new members to our program ... this made for a very exciting season!*

Other Highlights:

- Many Summit athletes attended events out of province while representing Summit Ski Club and MASD ...
 - In Mt Hood, Oregon for summer camp, Banff, AB for the fall camp ...
 - Giant's Ridge and then, Spirit Mountain Duluth for USSA SL and GS races in earlier part of the season then to Buck Hill in MN for a U14 event
 - Osisko Speed Camp at Apex, followed by the U16 CanAM Championships.
 - Mike Sinclair and Dale Madill will be traveling to Kimberly, BC for the ACA Masters National Championships
 - Sara Telles-Langdon, Jack Dunlop and Ethan Grycko attended the Osisko Speed Camp at Apex in Penticton, and the U16 Can Am Championships in preparation for the super exciting international event of the Whistler Cup
- At the Barclay Sno-Byrd Summit Ski Club finished with a Bronze Medal!
- Tori Hislop had a fantastic season racing and attending school out in Alberta. Some highlights included:
 - Podium in GS at U18's in Panorama prior to Christmas.
 - Bronze in GS at U18 Nationals at Georgian Peaks
 - Competing in the Nor Ams Spring Series in Whistler and in the Canadian Championships at Naksiska
 - Tori is hoping to be named to the Alberta Development Team
- Steven Horbas continues to pursue his college ski racing and studies in Colorado!
- Taylor Christianson is presented with Summit "Coach of the Year"

Goal Areas:

Theme: *The Fast Line to Ski Racing ...*

- Learning how to ski the fast line through a ski race course requires strong skiing skills and learning the tactics of racing the *correct line*.
- Athletes practice these tactics and skills in a “competitive spirit” type of environment with a variety of training course sets and lead-up drills.
- Program Goal: To have coaches continue to explore the use of the Big Ideas about athlete performance for optimizing success.
- Coaching Goal: To providing *opportunities for all coaches to boost their course setting/drill setting repertoire (through mentoring and workshop format) ... to optimize athlete development*
 - One opportunity was capitalized on with two of our Entry level Coaches and one scheduled activity was cancelled.

Next year is a Canada Winter Games year!

In closing, it is always a pleasure to work with such a quality group of athletes, supportive parents, quality coaches and a diligent group of Board of Directors of Summit Ski Club. Thank You to all of you for a great year!

Brian Hatherly, Head Coach, Summit Ski Club.

I miss the skiing with athletes but something I won't miss ...is the typical ride to or from Asessippi this past winter:

