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Junior Olympic News!

The Junior Olympics are fast approaching and the PNSA office is working hard to make all the necessary arrangements to send our 165 athletes off to Montana and California.

The J3's and J4's will be heading to Big Sky Montana and staying at Buck's Best Western and the Comfort Inn. Athletes selected should plan to arrive in Bozeman, MT on March 18th by approximately 2:00 pm.

The J1/J2 Junior Olympics will be at Mammoth Mountain from March 17th through March 24th. Athletes will need to fly into Reno, NV on

March 16th. Coaches will want to be on the road by approximately 1:00 pm so plan your flights accordingly. The JO team will be staying at the Sierra Nevada Rodeway Inn in Mammoth Lakes.

The Western Region Technical Championships for the J1's and J2's will be held at SugarBowl, CA from March 20th through the 23rd. Athletes will need to fly into Reno on March 19th by approximately 3:00 pm. The PNSA team will be staying in Truckee at the Best Western.

The JO team selections will be announced on the PNSA web page by March 1st.



Junior Olympic Hotel contact information:

Sierra Nevada Rodeway Inn
164 Old Mammoth Rd
Mammoth Lakes, CA
1-800-824-0583

Best Western Tahoe
113311 Hwy 267
Truckee, CA
1-800-824-0583
<http://www.bestwesterntahoe.com>

Buck's Best Western
US Hwy 191
Big Sky, MT
1-800-822-4484
<http://www.buckst4.com>

Comfort Inn
Big Sky, MT
1-800-228-5150
<http://www.comfortinnbigsky.com>

Buddy Werner Championships!

Mt Hood Meadows Race team is gearing up to host the Buddy Werner Championships March 7th through the 9th.

Since the early 1970s the Buddy Werner Championships is the largest annual ski racing event held in the Pacific Northwest with an estimated 280 - 300 young ski racers,

aged 12 and under. The 3 day event will consist of a training (practice) day on Friday, March 7 and then boys and girls alternating slalom and giant slalom competitions over the weekend while a racer banquet is planned for Saturday night.

The race announcement can be found at www.meadowsraceteam.org.

PNSA Racers around the world!

This season many racers from PNSA have been making their mark around the world! Here are some of the impressive results that they have been posting in 2003.

On the men's side, Kevin Francis, Jeff Harrison, Eric Holmer, Scott Macartney, and Evan Weiss have been travelling and racing throughout North America and Europe. On Jan. 2nd at the Nor-Am cup GS race in Sunday River, Maine Jeff came in 3rd, Scott 5th, and Kevin 6th! Way to go guys!

Tom Rothrock has also been making his presence known having a couple of top twenty finishes in World Cup slaloms in January and competing at the World Championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland where Tom had the fastest run of the men's 2nd run of slalom where the US men all finished in the top 20 with Tom placing 12th!!

On the women's side Libby Ludlow has been having a stellar comeback year on the US team as she was recently promoted to the US B team and finished 23rd in downhill at the World Championships in Switzerland! Keep it up Libby!



Scott Macartney (1st) & Eric Holmer (2nd) in Le Massif, February 11, 2003

Gretchen Glaser has been having a great season taking a first place at the Utah Tech FIS races in Utah in January. She and Suki Horton are now headed off to Europe.

To find out what is going on in FIS racing around the world check out the FIS web site at <http://www.fis-ski.com>. You can find all FIS results there and look up any competitor with a FIS license and see what they have been



Gretchen Glaser, 1st place at Utah Tech

February JO Qualifiers

This past weekend everybody was busy skiing both at Willamette Pass for the J3 JO Qualifier and at Mt. Hood Meadows for the J1/2 FIS JO Qualifier! Mt. Hood Meadows handled a full field and the J1/2's are now headed off to Mt. Bachelor for the 40th Annual Sun Cup to complete their JO Qualification races.

The top juniors at Mt. Hood Meadows were Matt Migel (WPSC) and Alex Mahre (WPSC) finishing in the top three for the junior athletes both days. On the PNSA girls side, Ashley Woodworth (Tichy Racing) had a fantastic weekend. She placed third overall on Saturday and Sunday's girls race was a battle between Ashley and Courtney Saario (TAS) in which Courtney won and Ashley came in second by .02 seconds.

At Willamette Pass, Nick Bankus (TAS), Austin Baruffi

(TAS), and Jeff Gomber (MBSEF) had a great weekend placing in the top 5 in all three races! On the girls side, Chelsea Nova (SARS) and Avery Anderson (CMAC) placed in the top 5 all three days and Lauren Summers (TAS) took first place in two of the three races! Bailey Granstrom (SPAC) was also skiing strong, with two top three finishes.

The J3's were scheduled to have a speed camp at Mt. Hood, but due to weather conditions and forecasts, the event had to be postponed. We are currently working through the results from this past weekend and should have Junior Olympic team selections posted to the PNSA web site by February 24th!

**Check out
www.fis-ski.com
for FIS results!**

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Ski competition in the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon, Washington and western Idaho, is organized and conducted by the Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA). PNSA competitions are under the guidelines of the International Ski Federation (FIS) and the United States Ski Association (USSA).

The Pacific Northwest Ski Association originally developed out of the need for uniformity in all phases of ski racing; the eligibility and qualification of racers, standards and certification for coaches and officials, and clinics and training programs. As a division of USSA and the USSA Western Region, PNSA plays a key role in U.S. alpine competition. PNSA's competition program is the first step for local racers to national and international amateur sports competition. PNSA is a tax-exempt organization for the benefit of all USSA members in the Pacific Northwest division.

Congratulations Jeff Harrison and Evan Weiss, named to the US Jr. World Championship Team! You can watch their results at www.fis-ski.com. The Jr. World Championships will take place March 1st–8th March 1-8 in Brianconnais, France.

In the next issue:

We would love to get feedback from you the readers of this newsletter and add features based upon your needs.

Some ideas for future issues:

- Coaches Corner articles: If you are a coach and would like to contribute please let us know!!
- History of Skiing facts
- More pictures: Please send us digital pictures that we may use on our website and in our publications!!

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ideas to:
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