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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INSIDE



Mammoth Masters Coach Pierre Jeangirard in the last Super-G of the Season

From the President's Corner...

Thanks to all of our members for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president. Hopefully I can fill the shoes of those who have so successfully preceded me. The list of people who graciously contribute their time, efforts and money to make our program successful is too long to mention in just one article.

As you know, we are an all volunteer organization. We govern ourselves, raise money for ourselves, officiate ourselves, train our own officials, put on our awards parties, anyway, hopefully you all get the point and have figured out where this is going.

I am proud to inform all of you that we in the Far West are the most successful division in terms of maintaining and even adding to our membership. I believe strongly that this is due to our consistent high quality races, awards parties, and our philanthropic activities. None of this happens without the above mentioned volunteers. So I will plagiarize and paraphrase a previous president, by asking you to, "Ask not what this organization can do for you, (You already know that anyway) but ask, what can I do for this organization."

We are in constant need for volunteers to help in the following areas; officials, (training is coming up in October) awards party organizers, race day registration organizers, and of course board members to take over when those of us on the Board of Directors are termed out.

One of the big advantages of being an official is the lift tickets for officials are comped by the ski area on race days. This addresses one of the larger concerns of those who responded to the USSA poll regarding barriers to ski racing. It is also a great way to learn in depth the rules which govern our sport.

In addition to hosting awards parties, we have adapted the practice of sponsorship of races. If you, or your business, or any other entity you may be associated with agrees to sponsor the awards party for a race, you have the option of naming the race (within the bounds of common decency). You will be given quite honorable mention at the awards party and in our Forerunner newsletter for doing so. For example, you could name a race the "Jones Family Slalom Weekend, or the ABC Construction Company Super G. This gives you, or anyone you may know, the opportunity to help us out, and be recognized for it.

In conclusion, I look forward to a great and fun season, one in which we are hosting Regional's, and also for more people to become involved and make our Division and our season better than it has ever been.

Thanks,

Mark Mirviss

Registration Materials Inside!

The registration information and forms are included in this newsletter. Don't delay; fill out your registration and send it off in the mail today. The registration deadline is October 31st, so please ensure you register in time and don't incur an unnecessary late fee.

New Race Bibs

Hello Racers!

This year we will be issuing NEW BIBS! You will notice that we have two new sponsors: Reno Mountain Sports and Skier's Edge, with Lausmann Lumber being a returning sponsor.

You can request that you be assigned your same number or request an unassigned number if your current bib number is 200 or below, AND if you renew by our DEADLINE of October 31, 2010. After that date your request for a specific number may not be able to be honored, as it may have been previously assigned.

If you will be at our first race in Mammoth Mountain in December, I can get your new bib to you prior to the day of the race. Mammoth often has a race camp prior to the first race, and if you are in town for any part of that event, or just in town skiing, please contact me and I will get your bib to you. You may call me at 760-924-5883 (condo phone) or 310-963-2172 (cell phone). This will greatly speed up the registration process for our first races and eliminate much confusion.

Marcie Pettigrew
VP Membership

Mammoth Race Camp

Mammoth Mountain Race Department is offering a Masters Race Camp the week before our opening weekend of races. Training will be held Monday through Friday, November 29th – December 3rd. Mammoth's race coaches will provide gate training, drills, video analysis and timed training runs. Each day is only \$60, and you can pick which days you wish to attend. Please contact the Race Department for more details and to sign up. Phone: (760) 934-0642 email: racedepartment@mammoth-mtn.com

Fall Board Meeting and Official's Clinic

Our officials clinic will be on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the home of Mark Smallhouse in Reno from 9:00AM to ~1:00PM. After a break for lunch, we will start the board meeting at 2:00PM. If you are interested in attending either the clinic or the board meeting, please contact a Board Member for directions and details.

Board Member Changes

As you can tell from our President's message, we have a new leader this season. Mark Mirviss has taken the reins from Marietta Frinell and will be the President of Far West Masters. Since Mark was our Vice President of Scheduling, that position has been filled by Mike Braun. Mike is retiring from the Southern California rat race and moving full-time to Mammoth. He will now be the Far West Race Service Representative for the Rossignol Group (Rossignol / Dynastar / Lange / Look). In this new role, he will be the West Coast go-to guy for all things race related. We also recognized the hard work of Deb Lewis by granting her the title of Chief Technical Officer. Deb really does the most work throughout the season maintaining the website, which is our primary information delivery system.

The Far West Masters Board of Directors is an all-volunteer group of individuals who are committed to making your racing experience the best it can be. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for improvement. Please feel free to contact any of us; our contact info is on the address page of this newsletter and also in the registration renewal packet.



Season Finale Awards

Congratulations to the 2009/2010 Season winners!

Most Improved	Don Merritt	Women Class 13	1. Teddy Cantanho
		Women Class 10	1. Marietta Frinell
Rookie of the Year	Kelly Akins		2. Margarethe Richter
			3. Janet Mosher
Appreciation Awards	Sasha Glushenko	Women Class 9	1. Sandy Hogan
	Eddie Mozen		2. Marcie Pettigrew
	Randall Sussek	Women class 8	1. Guna Griswold
	Mike Kennedy		2. Kathryn Faris
		Women Class 7	1. Lora Spicher
		Women Class 6	1. Mary Feddis
		Women Class 5	1. Elizabeth Kennedy
			2. Annette Mirviss
		Women Class 4	1. Ingrid Braun
		Women Class 3	1. Caroline Labrecque
		Women Class 1	1. Kelly Akins
		Men Class 12	1. Gaetano DeMattei
			2. Gary Mouck
		Men Class 11	1. Carl Pomey
			2. Rowland Lohman
		Men Class 10	1. Don Merritt
			2. Peter Feldenheimer
			3. Martin Sulser
		Men Class 9	1. Jim Dugan
			2. Don Smith
			3. Hannes Lamprecht
		Men Class 8	1. Russ Probert
			2. Brian Smith
			3. Reggie Bauer
		Men Class 7	1. Blair Wallace
			2. Rick Bergen
			3. Alexander Glushenko
		Men Class 6	1. Eddie Mozen
			2. Paul Laudenschlager
			3. Randall Sussek
		Men Class 5	1. Kris Buttenberg
			2. Mark Lilly
			3. Miles Anderson
		Men Class 4	1. Nickolai Stoilov
			2. Erich VanStralen
		Men Class 3	1. Chris Adams
		Men Class 2	1. Ewan Reid

Men's Top 10 Bibs

1. Kurt Belden
2. Chris Probert
3. Matt Savage
4. Palmer Emmitt
5. Mike Braun
6. Kyle Brookes
7. Erich VanStralen
8. Tim Stewart
9. Rick Bergen
10. Mike Shklovski

Women's Top 5 Bibs

1. Deb Lewis
2. Julie Rolfe
3. Linda Crowell
4. Kelly Akins
5. Sandy Hogan

Women Open Class

1. Deb Lewis
2. Julie Rolfe
3. Linda Crowell

Men Open Class

1. Kurt Belden
2. Christopher Probert
3. Matt Savage

