



September 2011

Get Ready for the 2011-2012 Season!



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From the President's Corner...

Well, here we are on the eve of another ski season, although I have to tell you we still have some of last year's snow on the mountain here at Squaw Valley, and I think it may last through to our first snow storm of the new season.

As you will see on our website and in our newsletter, we have an ambitious schedule of races that we should all thank Mike Braun for arranging. We have tried with this schedule to put more space between the races which will allow our members to train more and travel less.

As is covered in this newsletter, Far West Masters are hosting the 2012 FIS World Criterium Alpine Masters at Mammoth Mountain. This is the premier event in Masters Racing worldwide. I would like to thank Bob Davis for his efforts in turning this from an idea into a reality. It was the efforts of Bob, and Beat Hupfer at Mammoth Race Department who will make this event happen. I for one am looking forward to competing against, and making friends with, racers from all over the world.

I'm really looking forward to seeing increases in racer starts, if for no other reason than I can get to see everyone again. I've run into many of you this summer, and this just serves to remind me of how great, diverse and interesting our membership really is.

On a final note: we are still looking for people to sponsor some or all of our race awards parties. This can be done for the slight fee of \$350 per party. For that fee you can, if you wish, name the race after you or anyone of your choosing (as long as you keep the names somewhat clean). Rocky Mountain Division initiated this program, and has a waiting list of persons and companies that would like to get their names in as race sponsors.

Thanks,
Mark

Far West Hosts the Internationals

Mammoth Mountain has been selected at the location for the 2012 FIS World Criterium Alpine Masters. This is the premiere event for Masters racers from all over the world. The races will include Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super-G and will be held March 27 – 31. Details and registration information will be posted on our website, Mammoth Mountain Race Department and USSA. You must be a member of USSA and hold an FIS license to compete

11-12 Schedule Highlights

Factoring in comments, concerns and kudos from past seasons, Mike Braun developed a schedule that has a little something for everyone. There are no back-to-back race weekends; no races close to the December holidays; and we kept the three GS races in two days at

Mammoth and Northstar. Far West Finals this year will be at Northstar for speed and Sugar Bowl for tech, banquet and duals.

The season kicks off on November 28 with the four-day Masters Camp at Mammoth Mountain, followed by a three-day weekend of Slalom and GS. Keeping the holiday season open, racing resumes in January with the Viva Italia Slaloms at Heavenly and Slalom and GS at Sierra at Tahoe. Back to Mammoth at the end of January for some speed at the "Rick Conrado Memorial Super-G Series," including National Speed Series races. February takes us to Northstar for GS and Mount Rose for the McKinney Cup. We will be at Squaw Valley in March for the Bernard Cup. Masters Nationals and Internationals take up the rest of March, and then we have our Far West Finals at Northstar and Sugar Bowl.

Remembering Teddy Cantanho

(by Deb Lewis)

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Teddy Cantanho passed away June 24. Born in 1922, Teddy turned 89 this year and was active, alert, and still skiing to the end. It was sudden and unexpected when her heart gave out, only a month after the passing of longtime partner Max.

Teddy was a passionate skier and traveler with many interests and friends. She had no pretensions about being the fastest ski racer, but she loved the sport and surely was the happiest racer on the hill. Teddy had incredible grit as well, coming back more than once from serious injuries that would have ended the skiing career of someone less determined.

It was truly a privilege and a pleasure to have known Teddy and shared skiing experiences with her. We will miss her very much.



Returning (Hopefully!) from the Injured Reserve

Last season took its toll on the Far West Masters, and many of our members suffered some serious season-ending injuries. Here's our own Disabled List, with best wishes for their healthy return this year.

Chuck Clancy: Broken ankle

Linda Crowell: Broken ankle

Gaetano DeMattei: Achilles tendon rupture

Kathy Faris: Broken pelvis, pulled groin muscle

Peter Feldenheimer: Achilles tendon rupture

Deb Lewis: Fractured patella

Masako Masuda: ACL tear

Jon Rhodes: Broken ribs

Julie Rolfe: Tibia plateau fracture

Don Shafe: Achilles tendon rupture

Don Smith: Vertebrae fracture w/artery tear



Far West Finals Recap

We capped off last season with nearly a full week of great ski racing! Congratulations to our Season Award Winners:

Top Ten Men:

1. Matt Savage
2. Pierre Jeangirard
3. Mike Braun
4. Palmer Emmitt
5. Ryan Ritchie
6. Kurt Belden
7. Mike Shklovski
8. Ara Papazian
9. Tim Stewart
10. Jeff Anderson

Class 12 Men

1. Gaetano DeMattei
2. Edouard Thys

Class 11 Men

1. Martin Sulser
2. Carl Pomey
3. Ji Chang

Class 10 Men

1. Jim Dugan
2. Don Smith
3. Frank App

Class 9 Men

1. Dave Garner
2. Jim Tilley
3. Bill Archibald

Class 8 Men

1. Sam Crowell
2. Russ Probert
3. Jeff Shellhammer

Class 7 Men

1. Tim Stewart
2. Jonathan Garey-Sage
3. Bob Davis

Class 6 Men

1. Randall Sussek
2. Doug Fulton
3. Jay Johnson

Class 5 Men

1. Kris Buttenberg
2. Troy Griep
3. Mike Braun

Class 4 Men

1. Robert Dobrzanski
1. Adam Gooch
1. Nickolai Stoilav

Class 3 Men

1. Chris Adams
2. Mike Shklovski
3. Ryan Ritchie

Class 2 Men

1. Seth Cronin-Wilton

Class 1 Men

1. Charly Genand

Top Five Women:

1. Deb Lewis
2. Julie Rolfe
3. Ingrid Braun
4. Sandy Hogan
5. Jodi Melton

Rookie of the Year

Lesley Marcacci
Adam Gooch

Most Improved

Mary Feddis
Mark Eisen

Class 13 Women

1. Teddy Cantanho

Class 10 Women

1. Marietta Frinell

2. Janet Mosher

Class 9 Women

1. Sandy Hogan
2. Marcie Pettigrew

Class 8 Women

1. Laura Archibald
2. Kathryn Faris

Class 7 Women

1. Lora Spicher
2. Masako Masuda
3. Linda Crowell

Class 6 Women

1. Mary Feddis
2. Grania Anderson

Class 5 Women

1. Elizabeth Kennedy
2. Annette Mirviss

Class 4 Women

1. Ingrid Braun
2. Anne Winston

Class 3 Women

1. Cory Ritchie

Class 1 Women

1. Lesley Marcacci

Open Women

1. Julie Rolfe
2. Deb Lewis
3. Jodi Melton

Open Men

1. Pierre Jean Girard
2. Palmer Emmitt
3. Matt Savage

Thanks from our Scholarship Recipients

Some of our Far West Junior Racers wanted to thank us for our support. Read on ...

*Dear Far West Masters,
Thank you so much for helping me get to Slovenia. It was an experience I will remember my whole life. I had a great time getting to know ski racers from Russia, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, Ireland and Great Britain as well as the other five kids from the United States. The trip was an amazing experience! I'm so appreciative of your very generous support! Point em down!
Scotty Lebel*

*Dear Far West Masters Scholarship Committee:
I would like to extend my most sincere thanks for the \$500 scholarship award which to be used for travel and race fee expenses for the J2 Nationals, which will be held in Sugarloaf Maine. I am very excited to be competing in this prestigious race series and hope to perform well. Your award will really help to offset some of the costs of these events and travel expenses (which will exceed \$3,000 in total).*

Your organization has supported me for the past three years and I don't know what I would do without your gracious help. Once again, thank you so much for all that you do. Words cannot express my appreciation.

*Sincerely,
Kenny Wilson*

*Dear Eddie,
I am so sorry this has taken me so long to give you an update of my season. So far my season has been pretty good. In the first races in Mammoth I placed 4th, 5th, and 6th. Later in Park City my results were not very good but then in Sugar Bowl I ended up 5th and 6th in the Slalom. In my most recent race series In Snow King I was able to lower my Slalom points to 66. Then we immediately traveled to Big Sky which was a great speed lead up to the Nor-Am speed races in Aspen. There I was able to lower my super-combined, super-g, and downhill points. In the slalom portion of the super-combined I was 14th for the run, which I was very excited. My next race will be the Junior Champs in Bogus Basin, Idaho. Overall I have been happy with my season so far but I still haven't reached my goals for the season. Hope all is well and your season is going great as well, thank-you for all the help and support that you have given me over the last few years.*

*Thanks again,
Amie Lonza*

Hi Eddie,

It was an honor and a pleasure to forerun the Masters SuperG race on Monday, February 28th at Squaw Valley. I loved meeting many of the Masters racers. They were all very encouraging. I also greatly appreciate the support of the Far West Masters, and meeting the people who provide this support was amazing. It was a really fun day.

*Sincerely,
Johanna Gur*

From Mark Engel, one of the newest members of the United States Ski Team:

I wanted to send an update/thank you for everyone. My season this year was absolutely fantastic and very surprising for me. I had races and scores that I never thought I would be able to have. I got to do a ton of races, and I won 14 FIS races this year! Without your support and the support of all the Far West, I wouldn't have been able to do all the races I did, and I would not have had such a successful season! The money you gave me to go to Western Region Champs was a tremendous help, and those races helped prepare me for Whistler Cup Finals, where I scored my much needed second 16 point result in slalom. I just wanted to say thank you so much for everything!

As you know, at the end of last year I was going to quit in order to serve God full time. I decided to come back because God showed me that being in the ski racing community can also be honoring to Him, especially if I spend my time helping others. I hope I can be a different influence on younger racers and help them get better by being involved with them during races/training. And my hope is that while I try to help others, that God might somehow use that to spread the Gospel! My plans for next year are to be a part of the U.S. Ski Team! I hope to represent Jesus, and everyone in the Far West who has helped me as best as I can. I have been given a tremendous amount, and I hope to try to return that support by having a great season next year, and also by trying to help other kids out on the hill! I also received a scholarship offer from UNH and CU, and if in a year or two I haven't made selection for the team again, I will probably attend one of those colleges and ski race there.

Thank you so much for all your support through all these years, I could not have had the success I had this year without your support! I hope you all feel fantastic about the role you have played in my life the last years, and I hope you can continue for many years to support young athletes in the Far West!