



THE NORDIC NEWS

SPRING 2010

DIRECTOR'S Report

Dear Nordic Community,

All in all, it's been a great Nordic season. Even though it wasn't a big snow year, our storms arrived just when we needed them, making for great skiing throughout most of the season.

And while winter sales tax numbers are down in town and on the mountain, our numbers are up slightly from last year, a testimony to the value and product we offer.

A great example is our yurt offerings: Our brunches and moonlight dinners out at the Magic Meadows yurt were a complete sellout; folks were way psyched on the food and the warm atmosphere. We'll be having more, so if you weren't able to make it this winter, grab some friends and plan on joining us next season.

And speaking of next year, we're hoping to have Mike's Mile ready to go when the snow falls. Pending approval from the BLM, and from successful fund-raising efforts, this trail will extend beyond the Magic Meadows to the Crested Butte Land Trust Gunsight Bridge parcel, and hopefully head up to the GB loop. This trail extension will be open to our four legged friends as well, and will be great addition to our trail system and Pooch's Paradise.

Huge kudos go to our staff this season for providing first class service with a smile, as well as excellent grooming and super fun events. Also, a big thanks to our volunteers, many of whom are the infamous Gray Hares. We just simply could not do it without you.

Thanks to everyone for being a part of our Nordic Community. Have fun wherever the spring winds take you.



Keith Bauer
Director



Mark and Janelle Smiley on an early morning ski on the East Side. Thanks goes to our favorite Spanish Nordic master, Xavi Fane, for the fine photographs.



The Alley Loop was like skiing through a snowglobe this year, but the weather didn't dampen the spirits of the racers or the revelers, pictured here at the Brick Oven Pizzeria.



The Crested Butte Junior Nordic Team, led by Duncan Callahan and Emma Lohr, hosted the Rocky Mountain Nordic Junior National Qualifying races in CB this year.



Monthly Full Moon Dinners and Sunday Brunches made our Magic Meadows Yurt a popular destination this year for locals and out-of-towners alike.



Another awesome season of Citizens races got us all in shape for the Alley Loop and kept local rivalries alive.

Events & Ski School Summary

This year's Nordic Center Events were not only full of fun and excitement, but were truly successful. With all the early season snow the 9th Annual Thanksgiving Training Camp had great conditions along with great instructors. 80 skiers participated in beginning through advanced level skate and classic clinics. Instructors included former Olympian Ingrid Butts, Former Olympic Coach Kendall Butts, PSIA Instructor and Rossignol Demo Team member Ross Matlock, CB Nordic Ski School Instructor Laura Puckett, and Nordic Master Skier Murray Banks. The Silent Auction filled the Parish Hall with cheerful people bidding on an array of exciting silent auction items.

This season also marked the 24th Annual Alley Loop Nordic Marathon sponsored by Gunnison Valley Health. We set a new record with 518 participants who enjoyed the quality tracks set by Dean Davis. The



The start of the 23rd Annual Alley Loop Nordic Marathon.

race brought together the competitive and leisurely, immature and mature, and the dressed-up and the undressed. Our loyal volunteers were amazing; we're grateful for all their help in preparing and facilitating the Alley Loop. As the snow continued to fall throughout the day many people were found sipping recovery beverages at the "Taste of the Alley," our post-race New Belgium beer tasting on the Brick Oven Deck. Thanks to the Brick and also to Maxwell's who hosted the race awards ceremony and never said anything as people kept coming through their doors until it was packed elbow to elbow!

The month of March brought the Super Tour. We were graced with a beautiful day to get the legs moving and two top racers had a very memorable experience when they picked up \$100 (in coins!) at the top of the world above Elkton. Great soup and New Belgium beer awaited all at the finish.

Another great event in March was the Progressive Bonfire Dinner. This annual fundraiser for the Junior Nordic team drew 106 skiers and snowshoers for four courses of gourmet local food served beside roaring bonfires.



The day of the Super Tour dawned thin clouds shrouding the distant peaks, and turned into a glorious sunny day with a few inches of fresh powder from the night before.

March also means Ski 4 PE! Mark Smiley, Keith Bauer, CB Nordic Staff, and I guided Crested Butte students in grades 1-4 and Gunnison 3rd graders through several weeks of skiing. Conditions ranged from white-out blizzards to balmy beach-like days, and through it all the kids stayed energized and entertained.

With 2010-2011 on the horizon, I'm confident that next season's events will build on the successes and lessons gleaned from this very fun winter. Please feel welcome to contact me with ideas or questions about any CBNC Events and Programs. Life is a gift, get out and enjoy it!

Janelle Smiley

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Director of Events and Ski School





Crested Butte Junior Nordic Team

The Crested Butte Nordic Team wrapped up yet another successful season. With phenomenal support from the community, unparalleled encouragement from parents, and a unifying sense of team permeating every aspect of life, the CBNT posted their top results in several years, all while having fun. The CBNT is poised to make a run at even greater results and experiences during the 2010–2011 season.

The Junior Recreation Program had a blast this season with over 20 kids participating in at least the 1-day-per-week program. These great kids learned the basics of both classic and skate skiing from program coordinator Lindsay Records. Lindsay did an outstanding job teaching difficult skills while making it a fun-filled experience for all involved. Parent volunteers also made this possible by helping to herd kids around the trails. Thanks to all who assisted: you



Rec program skiers Mario and Luigi (Robbie Hildebrandt and Tommy Linehan) getting ready to rip it up in the 2010 Alley Loop.



Ian Boucher double-poling with determination.

made this program a tremendous success!

The race program posted top results this season in and around Colorado and the Mountain West region. This is a small program, but we are large in spirit and ‘top-heavy’ with fantastic results. Kai Sherman posted podium finishes all season in the boys J4 classification. Kai worked toward tremendous results while inspiring those younger than him to do the same. In the J3 boys classification, Pharwit Durgan and Forrest Smith tag-teamed all season to show that CB has a super bright future. Pharwit usually bested Forrest in the skate races, while Forrest typically out-performed Pharwit in the classic races. These two were on the podium all season and provide a great 1-2 power punch for the CB team. Both will be looking to qualify for Junior Nationals next season. Ian Boucher competed boldly all season, topping it off by qualifying for Junior Nationals. Boucher, racing in the highly competitive J2 boys classification, posted ‘top-5’ results all year and raced at Junior Nationals in Presque Isle, ME in early March, where he barely missed skiing to an ‘All-

American’ result. Boucher will be training extra hard this season as he makes a run at the National’s Podium next season.

With two of our girls on the injured-reserved list all



Sibling competitors Kai and Sara Sherman after this year’s Alley Loop 10K.

season, Sara Sherman and Sofia Deer picked up the slack. These two girls skied well all year and improved dramatically from the previous season. Both will be looking to qualify for Junior Nationals next season as well. Sofia and

Sara came everyday, asked questions, and focused on having a positive mind-set all season. This approach works and is responsible for the terrific success that they both had this season.

The CBNT will soon be jumping into a solid summer of training with the express goal of further building a strong team atmosphere and learning how to work hard as they strive toward their goals. The ‘Cultural Revolution’ moves on. Thanks for being a part of it.

You can follow our team on our blog: <http://cbjuniornordicteam.blogspot.com/>. Live well. Train well.

Duncan Callahan and Emma Lohr
CBNT Coaches



Nordic Center Update

Almost any day this year visitors who came in the Nordic Center found it buzzing with activity. Whether pass sales or ski rentals, lessons or clinics, ski for PE and the junior Nordic program, races from the Citizens Series to the Super Tour, the front desk was the hub of it all.

Luckily, we had such great staff. Day to day operations went smoother than ever with a crew of positive, knowledgeable folks keeping the front desk organized. They got your skis waxed, your pass printed, and directed you to the best trails of the day.

Thank you to all our loyal patrons and volunteers! You make our job worthwhile.

See you next season!

Mark Smiley and Laura Puckett
Manager and Assistant Manager

2010 Spring Fling Raffle Winners!

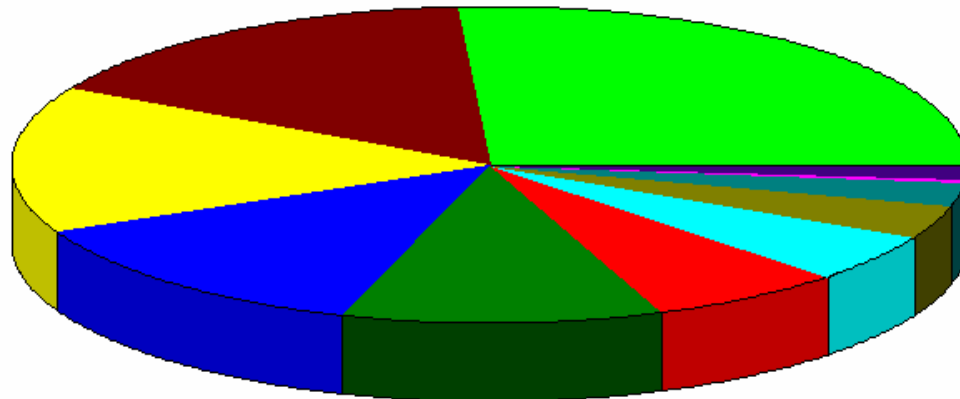
Grand prize: \$1,000 cash
Rosemarie Lueke

First place: CMBR powder pass
Rose Reyes

Second place: Magic Meadows yurt rental
Andy Tyzzer

Third place: Maroon Hut rental
Todd Malzhan

CBNC Income Breakdown
May 1, 2009— April 4, 2010



PASSES	%26.18
EVENTS	15.98
CONTRIBUTIONS	15.04
SERVICES	13.12
RENTALS	10.96
CONTRIBUTIONS-GOV'T	6.81
SALES	4.94
YURT BOOKINGS	3.39
GOTHIC HUT BOOKINGS (L Tax)	2.42
BACK COUNTRY TOURS	0.46
Other	0.69
Total	\$372,876.43



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