



Ski Ward Race Team
Box 34
Northborough, MA
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September 15, 2009

Welcome New and Returning Ski Ward Racers and Parents;

We hope you have all had a great summer and are beginning to think about the upcoming 2009 – 2010 winter ski racing season. The season will approach quickly and we are looking forward to another exciting winter on the snow.

This letter is to provide you with information regarding our league and to get you thinking about several important dates and events.

Ski Ward Race Team Registration: The Ski Ward Race Team is open for registration beginning immediately. Our team belongs to the Eastern Mass Buddy Werner League (EMBWL) of Alpine ski racing, an entry level recreational racing program. The form can be found on our website at: www.skiwardraceteam.com

Our league has the following age brackets:

- J6 8 and under
- J5 9 – 10 years
- J4 11 – 12 years
- J3 13 – 14 years
- J2 15 – up

Practices: Most practices are on Friday nights with the exception of December where we try and practice twice a week. The second evening will be decided as the season approaches.

Races: Races are on Sunday mornings at Ski Ward beginning in January, as well as other mountains in the Eastern Massachusetts that sponsor EMBWL teams. These ski areas are Nashoba Valley, Bradford and Blue Hills and possibly Mt. Wachusett. The season will conclude with a championship race the first Sunday in March.

Important documents: Parents and racers please take the time to read the Ski Ward Race Team Handbook which can be found on the Ski Ward Race Team website.

Volunteer Worker Credits: Our team would not survive without the help of all the parents volunteering their time and talents twice during the race season. You will be able to sign up in advance for activities such as: gate keeping, registration, fund raising, event planning, and many other fun ways to support your team and meet others within the organization. There is a volunteer request form at the end of the registration letter.

Coaching: Ski Ward provides coaches with the premiere PSIA and USSA certified coaching for ski racing. Our objective is to make better skiers while making the

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experience fun for all our racers. The team has earned the EMBWL championship title for many years in a row. Our coaches regularly participate in coaching clinics and race in adult leagues as well. Also our J-2 high school racers mentor the younger racers, promote team spirit and provide individualized attention to the youngest racers.

Season Tickets: Each racer requires a valid pass or a Ski Ward season pass to attend practices and races at Ski Ward. This year a hill fee to be paid to Ski Ward is included in the registration fee. Each racer must wear their season pass so that Ski Ward personnel can view it. The following will be the results of forgetting or losing your season pass.

Lost Passes: Your first replacement pass will be free of charge. Any subsequent loss will incur a \$10.00 fee for your replacement pass. Replacement passes will only be processed during weekday operating hours.

Forgotten Passes: If you forget your Season Pass a full price ticket must be purchased. Each pass holder may receive a complimentary lift pass when their Season Pass is forgotten. This will be noted on pass application. After that a ticket MUST be purchased. NO exceptions.

You can purchase a season pass holder that can be worn on the racers helmet at all times. Coaches will be checking passes prior to practice and races. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Off site races require the purchase of lift tickets from the home ski area. You may want to check that area's website for discounts.

Important Dates: During the course of the year, the Ski Ward Race Team has several special events and fun raising activities: Consult the calendar at www.skiwardraceteam.com for upcoming dates and time.

Ski Ward Directory: Add your name, city, racer information and volunteer work preferences in a directory so other families can call to ride share, switch dates with other parents who have signed up for the same activity or just as for information.

Ski Ward Race Team Ambassador Introduction: Current Ski Ward parents and racers call new members to answer any questions regarding the program. If you would like to be an ambassador please contact Ginny Foster at 508-435-6679.

Parent Social and Fund Raiser: Pre-season social for parents and alumni. **Please see additional information regarding our Silent Auction.** We are trying to expand our Silent Auction to involve more parents and more donations. The Silent Auction is our biggest fund raiser and provides our team the funds required to continue to provide your racer with the best coaching and race events possible. If you would like to make a donation please see the form at the end of this document or on our website. Remember the donation does not have to be related to skiing or ski racing.

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Ski Ward Clothing – We are looking into clothing with the SWRT logo. Stay tuned.

Racer Night – November: Racers and parents meet coaches and teammates. Coaches familiarize racers with routines. Parents receive volunteer schedules

Wax Clinics – November: Detailed instruction on preparing your skis for optimum performance. Clinics will be held for J5-J6 racers and J4-J2 racers. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Pro Night - Discounted race stock equipment direct from manufacturer.

Fun Race & Qualifier: Racers aspire to compete in the USSA Invitational race by qualifying in the top 6 spots of the Piche Qualifier. Remaining members as well as non-members are invited to compete in “The Fun Race.”

SWRT Awards Banquet: Team shares opportunity to recognize each member for their enthusiasm and accomplishments.

Races: Sunday mornings in January and February. Registration at 7:30 a.m., and expected to be over by noon.

Board Members:

President: Ginny Foster

Vice Presidents: Scott Morin, Chris Bersani & Kent Stout

Treasurer: Joe Buchholz

Communications Chair: Amanda Morin

Contact numbers:

Northborough: Kent Stout - 508-898-0917

Westborough: Geoff Spofford – 508-366-6969

Shrewsbury: Kathy Nash - 508-842-5146

Hopkinton/Milford/Millis: Ginny Foster - 508-435-6679

If you have any questions please call Ginny Foster - President - 508-435-6679

Sincerely,
Ski Ward Board of Directors



2009-2010 Silent Auction Donation Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Donation: _____

Description: _____

Designated \$ donation: _____

Please apply this donation to the following items:

Race Bibs Identifiable clothing for coaches (Returned at the end of the season)

Name Badges for coaches

If the cost of the item is not reached, I designate the board to apply my donations to another requested item.

The Silent Auction will be held in November at a location to be determined. The proceeds from this auction allow the Ski Ward Race Team coaches and board members the funds to provide your children with the best possible coaching and racing experience. With this money we are able to send our coaches to a coach's clinic at the beginning of the season to learn about the latest racing techniques and coaching methods. We are also hoping to purchase new race bibs this year to replace the old ones. If your company wants to be a sponsor please let us know.

Finally, we are hoping that you will be willing to donate items to the Silent Auction. These items do not have to be ski related. In the past there have been Red Sox tickets, vacation weeks, race helmets, ski's, restaurant gift cards, jewelry, wine, and many other exciting items.

Please send this form in with your race team registration and will contact you as the event gets closer.

If you have any questions please email Bill Buress at vitesse42@aol.com or Paul Konz at pkonz@townisp.com.

