

September 18, 2007

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 2007 – 2008 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 will be 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 and up

Practices: Most practices are on Friday nights with the exception of the month of December where we try and practice twice per 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 Wachusett. The season will conclude with a championship race the first Sunday in March.

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

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. We understand that some parents find it difficult to volunteer on race day. If this applies to you, please consider volunteering for non race day positions such as: bib cleaning/organizing, Championship Race BBQ, Year End Banquet or fund raising. Race day positions will be clearly explained to you on Race Day such as gatekeeper, starter, timer etc.... Please see

www.skiwardraceteam.com and reference the handbook for volunteer descriptions. It is expected that all families fulfill two worker credits during in the ski season or you have the option of opting out of the program for a fee of \$25.00 per credit collected at the end of the season.

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 experience fun for all our racers. The team has earned the EMBWL championship title for 7 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 the hill fee is included in the registration fee. Off site races require the purchase of lift tickets from the home ski area.

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.

Ski Ward Clothing and Group GS Suit purchase deadline: Order a sweatshirt, or lounge pants with the Ski Ward Race Team logo or a GS Suit for your racer at a group rate.

Racer Night – Early December: 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 - October: Discounted race stock equipment direct from manufacturer.

Fun Race & Piche Qualifier: Races 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: Scott Morin

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Contact numbers:

Northborough: To be determined. Please call one of the contacts below.

Westborough: Geoff Spofford - 508-366-6969

Shrewsbury: Kathy Nash - 508-842-5146

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

Sincerely,

Ski Ward Board of Directors