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Season Ending Newsletter

2008/2009/2010 Schedule

December 7– 12th 2008 Training Camp, Steamboat, CO

January 1-16th 2009 Steamboat, CO

February 8-13th 2009 Snowbird, UT

March 8-13th 2009 Bjorkliden, Sweden

March 29-April 3rd 2009 Crested Butte, CO

March 7-12th, 2010 Trysil, Norway

President's Column

This was a very gratifying year. We continued to recruit new members such that our active numbers did not continue to fall as they have in the past. Our size helped us win the Hindrum Cup, the Bob Powers Cup, and the NAASF Cup. It was fun in the making, and we all look forward to doing the same next year.

This newsletter is my last job as your president. Earl is currently forming a volunteer brigade to carry us through next year. He will be contacting you soon, if he doesn't, then call him and volunteer. I was extremely pleased with the help I received this year from the team captains, board members, and room mom's. The seasons success was dependent on the volunteers who took over their jobs with enthusiasm and left me little to do except watch. In addition to those named positions, I would also like to thank Patricia Bond for her help in producing the lanyards and the "Beacon Logo" t- shirts. I also received extra help this year from Jim Tullos who loved giving out the roast awards and provided his home in September for the team annual meeting.

I'm sorry the snow is melting; I can't wait until next year.

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Training Camp

The votes are in, we had 40 members vote, and, you guessed it, the popular vote was for [Steamboat](#). Thank you for your comments along with your 2 votes. It appears that most members like a fly in, fly out central location for training camp. And the price is important. The votes are below.

Steamboat 50% Mt. Bachelor 20% Mammoth 20%

Northstar at Tahoe 10% Sun Peaks 5%

Jackson Hole 0 Whistler 0

Snowboard Rundown

Aspen, Wow!

Hello Fellow AA Ski & Snowboard Team Mates, from lovely, Italy!
Yes, I'm still here, it is not snowing, and I really don't want to come home, but.....
My Euro is running low.....

Wow, so we brought home the CUP!!!
I am very proud of each and every one of you (skiers and snowboarders) for supporting our TeAAm! Good job to some of our newer snowboarders!
Our more seasoned Team mates, too.
Paula and Sandra and Tom, I know you made it to each and every one of our meets, including International! Thanks! That's more than I can say (yes, I did miss being at ASPEN!).
I hope that those of you that were able to ride with John G. tweaked their riding a bit.

There will be a little get together at A-Basin, Colorado on Friday 9 May 2008. It is put on by Brad from United Airlines. They have a very nice party at A-Basin called the Beach party. Skiing, riding, drinking and the usual airline fun. Give me a call or an email if you would like to attend,. I will be up at the Silverthorne 'condo' that weekend!

Thanks for another great year. I Can't wait until next year.

Cheers,

Jen

PS.....don't forget those squats and lunges.....

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A Team Finale

Thank you all A team racers for an awesome race year! Once again in Aspen we had maximum participation and won the Bob Powers Cup. Congrats to Mark Ralston and Danielle Honore for receiving "most improved skiers" award this year, they really work hard and it shows! Fred, your A-team friends found your camera at the last party and took a few pictures, hope they turned out.....and that you enjoy them. Liz

End of Season Awards

In Aspen on Thursday afternoon, we all met at the "Wine Spot" for the end of season awards and roast. Everyone enjoyed their "one free drink", or at least it appeared that way, judging from the bar bill. Jim Tullos was able to dig up enough dirt to roast almost everyone.

I changed the end of season awards a little as I added an award for most improved skier on both the A and B ski teams. I also used a different award company, as I did not like "dust collector" plaques or awards that we gave out in the past. We may not use that award company again next year, although I did like their sheep and their cock. The awards included:

Most Valuable Male Racer Bjorn Vandug
Most Valuable Female Racer Louise McKee
Most Improved Male Snowboarder Earl Weintraub
Most Improved Female Snowboarder Sandra Beltran
Most Improved Male "B" Skier Steven Pozsonyi
Most Improved Female "B" Skier Rachel Rueter
Most Improved Male "A" Racer Mark Ralston
Most Improved Female "A" Racer Danielle Honore

The Tuck Keleher "Spirit of American" award went to David Shields

See You Next Year

As I mentioned above, we are now the holders of the Hindrum Cup, the Bob Powers "A team" cup, and the NAASF cup. Since we are winners, our team is the one to be looked up to, in organization and spirit.

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Since your now at my last paragraph in this newsletter, my job is done and Earl Weintraub is now your team President. Don't wait for him to call you. He wants to know if you are willing to volunteer and help the team next year. Contact Earl at 630-935-5190.

Tom Stone 2007/2008 President

Incoming President

Thank You Tom!

It has been a fun year and we are all looking forward to next year. As Tom mentioned, we are scheduled to have our first Ski Week in Steamboat, where we have some new lodging and evening activities planned. In addition unless it warms up soon, it looks like some of this year's snow will still be on the ground next Fall.

Those of you in Aspen heard me thank everyone who currently is involved in keeping our Team active. By the time we had recognized all the NAASF officers and volunteers, current and past officers, Room Mom's, Team Captains, and other folk we had almost everyone in the room standing. That willingness to help out is what makes our Team fun. Within the next two weeks we will have elections for those of you who have expressed an interest in Positions as Team Officers. Stay tuned and stay in shape for next winter.

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