

Snow Tracks

The GP Adaptive Snowsports Newsletter
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Mission of Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports

To provide snowsports experiences and skill development for people with disabilities utilizing the safest and most effective adaptive equipment and qualified/trained volunteer staff in a supportive and positive learning atmosphere

Last day of the GP Adaptive Snowsports Program – March 16!!!

Congratulations Newly Certified Instructors!

The following GP Adaptive Snowsports Instructors received their PSIA Adaptive Level 1 certification this season. Please congratulate them when you see them!

- o Suzanne Breutsch
- o Brian Kaplun
- o Robyn King
- o Gregg Macey
- o Mike McAllister
- o Cheryl Naslund
- o Scott Perez
- o Doreen Rowe
- o Eric Sandsted
- o Bob Weber



Also, thank you to Pat Crowley, Martin Berggren, and Dave Finn for helping to train our coaches for the two-day certification exam, and to the PSIA Examiners, Bob Cooperman and Tom Trevethick.

New Jackets Next Season!

Thanks to the Mee Foundation and a grant written by President Jim Cappellett, GP Adaptive Snowsports volunteer coaches will be sporting new Marker jackets next year on the slopes! Watch for the new jackets next fall!

Picnic Time!

The annual end-of-season picnic and awards ceremony will be on March 16. Please bring a dish to share. You can sign up on the whiteboard in the Adaptive Building. GP Adaptive Snowsports will provide pizza and subs. We will try to eat in two shifts – 11:30am and 12 noon. Come celebrate a great season and honor our award recipients! See you March 16.



Randy Lacey represents GP Adaptive Snowsports at the Hartford Spectacular in Breckenridge, Colorado

The 20th Annual Hartford Spectacular was held in Colorado in December. Randy Lacey and Suzanne Breutsch attended as the GP Adaptive Snowsports representatives. Randy stated, *“I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to attend this amazing event. As with Jim’s (Cappellett) experience the year before, I was awed by the magnitude of the event and the incredible flow of information regarding adaptive snowsports.”* Randy attended clinics and events on topics such as monoski fitting, monoski instruction, DSUSA mentoring program, slider set-up and instruction, and more. There were over 150 newly injured veterans in attendance as a part of the Wounded Warriors program. Randy stated, *“I felt the event was a tremendous opportunity for me*

and, hopefully, I can bring back benefits to our program. I recommend we make it a goal to send two people each year to establish a presence for GP Adaptive Snowsports and to lift our program to a higher level.” For more information about the Hartford Spectacular, visit the web site: <http://www.dsusa.org/programs-winter-hartford.html>

GP Adaptive Snowsports Well-Represented at the Empire State Winter Games at Lake Placid, NY, February 22-24!

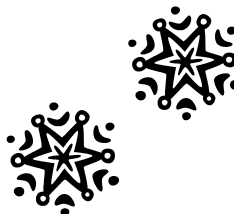


According to board member and monoskier Gregg Macey, GP Adaptive Snowsports was well represented at Whiteface Mountain for the New York Empire State Winter Games. A huge congratulations to Amy Burke, who placed second in her category in monoskiing!! Gregg stated, "It was a really fun, rewarding, and moving weekend. Lake Placid is awesome. I hope we will continue to support the Empire Games and get more athletes participating in them!" Next year? What are you doing February 2009??

Volunteer Perks!!

Did you know, if you have a Greek Peak season's pass you can get:

- o 30% off at Whiteface and Gore (non-holiday)
- o 30% off work done in Greek Peak's ski repair shop
- o 20% off a GP lift ticket for a friend (limit: one per day)
- o 15% off rentals for friends and non-dependents
- o 20% off at Bear Creek
- o 15% off at Eastern Mountain Sports in Ithaca



Announcements!

Jackets FOR SALE:

We will be purchasing new program jackets for next season, and so we are offering the Helly Hansen jackets which we rent out or give out on program days for sale to volunteers. The price is \$25 as is (unlaundered). The selling will begin immediately after the picnic on March 16th. There is no limit to the number a volunteer can buy.

Workroom:

There have been some security issues in the building. Please be sure the outside door to the equipment room and the combination door are locked and securely latched whenever there is no one in the building, and that the front door is also locked if you are the last to leave.

Locker room:

Please be sure to empty your lockers and to remove all your gear from the locker room area by the end of the season. When we clean up we remove anything left behind to the shed or the landfill. You will be able to sign up for a locker for next year in the next couple weeks. Remember that the suggested donation for a season locker is \$30.

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