

# TELLURIDE

## SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

### ALPINE TEAM NEWS PAGE

April 27, 2010

Dear Alpine Members, Parents and Supporters of TSSC:

I am writing this letter to thank everyone for another great season here at the club. We could not have accomplished it without your participation and support. Some of the things we should all be proud of are:

1. The alpine club membership grew by about 10%.
2. We hosted three successful alpine racing events. Thanks to all those who volunteered to help host the events.
3. Two athletes named to the 2010/11 Rocky Mountain Division Development Team.
4. Success at all levels:
  - a. Victor Major qualified and competed in US Nationals
  - b. Hayden Fake podiums at J3 Junior Olympics
  - c. 5 athletes qualified for J4 JO's

Really, the most important goal for the program is that the kids have fun. We are raising the bar and challenging ourselves on all levels. Hosting the snowboarding world cup races was an experience no one is likely to forget...I know I won't. But this is what happens when we do it right. We are recognized by having major events awarded to us. We should all be proud. Not only were we awarded it, we knocked their socks off. The challenge is maintain focus on what got us that recognition. My goals will remain the same, and I promise to make sure to keep what is important in focus, especially when we are called on to help with high exposure events. And my pledge is to "Be the best program by providing coaching, training venues and competition opportunities; to instill lifelong passion along with the character, discipline and desire to allow young athletes to reach their full potential".

I am always wondering what your thoughts are on the program. I welcome any comments and/or suggestions on any aspect. For instance...what did you think of TSSC's participation in the Snowboarding World Cup; training

schedules; website, etc. And/or let me know what communication tool works best for you. Website is good, need a hotline, email works best...etc...let me know.

Next I would really like to know who is planning on participating in summer camps. Weather organized by myself and the club or if you are planning on attending another's camp. I really like to keep track of who goes, when they go and what camp they attend. This helps me track the athletes better, as well as plan out camps so that more people may attend TSSC sponsored camps.

I have organized a camp in Mammoth in June working with Winter Park...and the info has been posted on the website...but I have not had much feedback, so I am considering cancelling the TSSC portion. I will also try to have one in August in Hood...and I will post info soon. But, just give a recap on my spring/summer/fall philosophy. Any skiing in summer is great. But first for J3 and older athletes: I try to organize a plan of camps...spring should be a fundamentals camp, lots of drills out of courses, natural terrain, and specific drill courses; late summer should be a short intensive GS/SL camp...lots of gates over approximately 5 days; older athletes should consider a two week camp in October to start to get skills refined (this may be in Europe), and/or 2 to 3 four day camps in November closer to home. For J4's, one fundamentals camp during summer with at least 6-8 days on snow is ideal, then hit one or two of the November camps.

I know we cannot do it all...but I like to put out the wish list. Please contact me so we can discuss what may be the best scenario.

I will also be in touch regarding spring and summer conditioning programs. Keep checking the website for updates. If you are interested in a personalized program, please contact me and let me know what other activities you are doing, then we can make an appropriate schedule.

Otherwise, I am proud to have completed my fifth season here in Telluride. It has been an engaging learning experience. Thank you all for your support of the programs and our efforts to provide a top rated program.

Regards,

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**RE: More Success for our Athletes!!**

This past week we have had a number of successes on the race circuit. Our Team Velocity J4 (11-12 yrs old) athletes went to Purgatory (Durango Mountain Resort) for Super G races. We almost did not get to race because of the big storm last week. DMR had over 5 feet of snow...the area pulled it together on Sunday and got two races off. And by the way the kids had a great time skiing powder on Friday and Saturday. Our highlight of the races was Tagert Mueller winning both SG races by about 2 seconds per run...impressive!! Here are all of our athletes results:

Tagert Mueller: 2 Wins!!  
Jack Plantz: 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
Max Dwight: 11<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
Chandler Bennett: 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
Evan Glenn: 17<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Anna Fake: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>...way to go getting on the podium Anna!!  
Ebba Green: 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
Griffin Mueller: 16<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>



We also had two athletes at the Elite Surefoot FIS Speed series in Winter Park, Victor Major and Marina Marlens. Both had outstanding results and Victor had a podium in Downhill. Their results:

Marina Marlens: 37<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> in SG, 28<sup>th</sup> in Super Combined, two 22<sup>nd</sup>'s in DH  
Victor Major: 19<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in SG, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in DH

These results move Victor one step closer to qualifying for US Nationals!!

We also sent 13 J5 athletes to a Just for Fun event called the J5 Festival in Sunlight. They got a chance to interact with other athletes from around our division, ski in fun events like a speed trap where some of them were clocked going 50 mph...wow...fast for 8-10 year old athletes.

Congratulations to all of our athletes!

We also have events coming up where we need your help. They are the USCSA College races on Feb 13-14, the Jim Drew Memorial FIS race on Feb 18-21 and our annual Ski-a-Thon fundraiser on Feb 27. Please let us know if you can help.

Below is a few of them with Lindsey Vonn...2 Time Overall World Cup Champion.

