



**2009 CLUB REPORTS**  
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*The following club reports were submitted by delegates and representatives via an email survey that was sent to all clubs. The quantitative information is presented in Excel format under separate cover. These are responses to questions that required more than a numerical answer.*

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*Cloquet, Duluth and Minocqua: Inactive Clubs*

## **BLACKHAWK Ski Club, Madison WI**

### ***Improvements this year:***

- Flipped mats on the 30 meter hill
- Extended the inrun on the 15 meter jump
- Installed a silo filter on the 60 meter tower

### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Club Fundraising

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- Replace and improve lighting on all hills
- Replace rollers for summer tow rope
- Fix tower on the 30 meter jump
- Replace sides on the 60 meter jump
- Extend 60 meter inrun and add more bar starts

### ***Obstacles for coming year:***

- Recruitment of junior jumpers

### ***Any Additional Comments:***

In June Blackhawk held a 5 day Girls Training Camp in conjunction with a sanctioned male/female tournament. Blackhawk arranged for members of the Women's Ski Jumping Team to coach the camp. The camp was well attended and very successful. The camp benefited the whole Central Division as families did not have to incur the expense of traveling to Park City, while still receiving great coaching. We look forward to hosting the Camp again and plan on making improvements to what we were able to achieve last year.

## **EAU CLAIRE / FLYING EAGLES Ski Club, Eau Claire WI**

### ***Honors this year:***

- Junior Olympic Team:
  - Emily Anderson
  - Ben Loomis
  - Nick Mattoon
- Adam Loomis placed 9<sup>th</sup> at NorAms in Nordic Combined

### ***Improvements this year:***

- Moved the small hills back into the hill and created 3 new jumps (7, 15 and 30 meter)
- Included in this improvement was the installation of a handle tow – can ski all 3 hills without taking skis off.

### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Small loan from the local bank
- Fundraising efforts
- In-kind donations

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- Continue to fundraise to pay off loan so we can look at redoing our 40M jump and making it bigger

### ***Obstacles for coming year***

- Financial strains of the economy
- Need to get a consistent coach (possibly a paid coach)

## **IOLA Ski Club, Iola WI**

### ***Improvements this year:***

- New 5M with plastic

### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Club Funds

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- Steel inrun track on 40M

### ***Obstacles for coming year:***

- Workers

## **ISHPEMING**

### ***Improvements this year:***

- Plastic on the 40M hill
- Sideboards on the 90M scaffold
- New steps on the 40M
- New furnace in the clubhouse

### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Sponsors and Donations

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- Plastic on the 10M hill
- Snowboards on the scaffolds on all hills
- Steps on the 10 and 20 meter hills
- Improved lighting on the 60M
- More ski equipment for our program

### ***Obstacles for the coming year:***

- Financing

### ***Additional Comments:***

Since the arrival of our new coach, the number of skiers has more than doubled in three weeks.

We are making plans to capitalize on this new opportunity by working with other entities in the area to enhance what the club can offer to the skiing community.

## **ITASCA Ski Club, Coleraine MN**

### ***Honors this year:***

- Junior Olympians: Andre Denney, Tyler Hutchins, Somer Schrock

### ***Improvements this year:***

- Permanently installed our inrun snow cart and track setter this year, making inrun snowing on the 70M much more efficient.
- Completed guideboard installation on the 70M and enhanced guideboards on the 40M
- Improved light at the venue for nighttime jumping
- Painted the interior of the junior jumping chalet.

### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Donations
- Volunteer Work

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- Overhaul Piston Bully grooming machine.
- Additional improvements to 70M winch system
- Add guideboards to the 10M

### ***Obstacles for the coming year:***

- Financing materials and projects

### **KIWANIS Ski Club, Iron Mountain MI**

Our Junior club did not have any event and we have no upcoming JR jumpers, Just the 4 older kids.

The Senior club hosted a continental cup this year and had 3 wonderful days of jumping that on Sunday the competitors wowed the crowd with many jumps over 130 meters.

It would be nice if there were no other Junior comps that weekend so the younger jumpers could come and witness what the Continental Cup skiers can do.

A new hill record was set on Sunday....143.5 meters

I would like to see what we can do to be a part of the 5 hills tour with us still being a Conti Cup.

every year we have the obstacles of getting foreign skiers here and paying for them.

The County helps with hill improvements. It is considered a county park that the hill is on.

### **MINNEAPOLIS Ski Club, Bloomington MN**

#### ***Honors this year:***

- Joe Berens was the oldest person to ever ski the big hill in Westby!

#### ***Improvements this year:***

- 70M – We built Fort Knox around the base of the scaffold to attempt to keep vandals off of it. We also has numerous attempts of building a gas powered track setter to automate the process..  
Keyword: attempted.
- Small Hills – We installed all new lighting on all small hills including a new 30 foot tip down light pole. We also put batter boards along the 10 and 5 meter jumps between the jumps and the stairs.

#### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Park System built Fort Knox
- Donations from club members paid for the rest.

#### ***Plans for the coming year:***

We were fortunate enough to have a school bus crash into and total out, the little garden home that we were using as a chalet. Because of this, we were able to arm-twist the park system to help us pave a parking lot. We have schematics to pave and gutter a 50-car parking lot that will hopefully go in before fall. We will also be using the money we get from the bus' insurance company to build a permanent chalet so we don't have to rent tents for all our events.

#### ***Obstacles for the coming year:***

Permits are always a long process to build all the things we'd like to at the jumps. Hopefully we can get all done appropriately and timely enough to get the lot and chalet built by next season. We are also still very tight on cash and as we grow substantially as a Junior Program we are struggling to keep up with equipment needs.

### ***Additional Comments:***

We are proud and excited to be a part of the Midwestern 5-Hills Tour. I believe it was a great experience for the skiers as well as it really gave the Junior members an up-close perspective on the next level of ski jumping. We also began to push for more "Try-it Days" with great success and retention rates.

### **NORGE Ski Club, Fox River Grove IL**

#### ***Honors this year:***

- Four skiers qualified for JO's:
  - Casey Larson
  - Kevin Bickner
  - AJ Brown
  - Connor Jacobson
- Mike Glasder and Kyle Lockhart have qualified to be on the "Project X" ski jumping team.
- Mike has moved up into the group of top 4 jumpers.

#### ***Improvements this year:***

- Built new 5, 10 & 25M ski jumps.
- Added stairs and batter boards to one side on the 45M landing

#### ***How were improvements financed?***

- We took out a \$45,000 loan for plastic.
- The material to build the new jumps was from our fundraising activities
- All labor was from volunteers.

#### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- *Will be installing plastic on the new 5, 10 & 25M jumps in the spring of 2009*

### **ST PAUL Ski Club, St. Paul MN**

#### ***Honors this year:***

- Karin Friberg 2009 Junior World Championships // 2008 Central Female Skier of the Year (2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row).
- Johnny Lyons: 2008 Central Skier of the Year (2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row)
- Christian Friberg: 2009 Junior Olympics, 1<sup>st</sup> place Individual Jumping, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jumping Team event, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Elimination Jump
- Brian Wallace: 2009 Junior Olympics, 6<sup>th</sup> place Individual Jumping, 2<sup>rd</sup> place Jumping Team event, 1<sup>st</sup> place Elimination Jump
- Trevor Edlund: 2008 CD Most Improved Male jumper; 2009 Junior Olympics, 29<sup>th</sup> place Individual Jumping, 8<sup>th</sup> place Jumping Team event
- Michaela Arneson: 2008 CD Most Improved Female jumper
- Elizabeth Wallace: 2009 Junior Olympics Fore Jumper

#### ***Improvements this year:***

- Painted and re-carpeted the inside of the chalet
- New benches inside the lower level of the chalet
- Cleaned out the Shed
- Cut down some trees
- Repaired some lights

### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Club financing
- Lots of volunteer hours

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- 10M improvements
- General maintenance
- work on some sort of steps along the 30M

### ***Obstacles for the coming year:***

- Financing
- Skier recruitment

### ***Additional Comments:***

- St Paul Ski Club Smugmug Photo gallery stats: 10,470 photos uploaded in all galleries with 1, 013,622 photo viewings for the entire year (January 2008 – December 2008).
- Kris Edlund created a documentary DVD of photos and video with narration on the history of the St Paul Ski Club. This DVD aired multiple times on the South Washington County Public Access channel from September 2008 to December 2008.
- Kris Edlund created a DVD of photos and video highlighting the entire season for the St Paul Ski Club skiers. "A Year in Ski Jumping Memories" video aired multiple times on the South Washington County Public Access channel from December 2008 to March 2009.
- Karin Friberg was one of the Women ski jumpers featured in a Minneapolis Star Tribune article on the Women's fight to be in the 2010 Olympics. Link to the article:  
<http://www.startribune.com/sports/olympics/39472192.html?page=1&c=y>
- Anna Myhra, Nico Zarlino, Trevor Edlund and Christian Friberg were featured in a story about the Junior Jumping program at the SPSC that aired on the local ABC News channel. Link to the broadcast:  
<http://kstp.com/article/stories/s793261.shtml?cat=1>

## **TRI-NORSE Ski Club, Wisconsin Rapids WI**

### ***Honors this year:***

- Tyler Baran: 2009 Junior Olympics

### ***Improvements this year***

- Plastic on the 55 meter jump

### ***How were improvements financed?***

- Donation/Grant

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- Plastic on the 5 & 10 Meter

### ***Obstacles for the coming year:***

- Jumpers
- Insurance

## **WESTBY Ski Club, Westby WI**

### ***Plans for the coming year:***

- Fix the hill roads
- Fix side boards on the big hill
- Repair or replace spectator steps on the big hill

### ***Obstacles for the coming year:***

- Lack of Volunteers