



2010 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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BLACKHAWK Ski Club, Madison WI

Honors this year:

- Elyse Hoffmann – J2 Girls Junior Olympics – 3rd place
- Ben Loomis – J2 Boys Junior Olympics – 1st place
- Will Schott – US Junior Worlds Team

Improvements this year:

- Built ski racks
- Built new bar starts for the 60
- Secured the 30 towers
- Built new rollers for the tow rope

How were improvements financed?

- Available club money

Plans for the coming year:

- Improvements to the 15, 30 and 60 meter jumps
- Plans are to make jumps easier for kids to fly
- Improve the bar starts and over all safety of the jumps
- Removing trees
- Adding video station at the jumps, so the kids can view their jumps before they go up to take their next

Obstacles for coming year:

- Recruiting new jumpers
- Having enough funding to accomplish our current goals
- Keep the program running

EAU CLAIRE / Flying Eagles Ski Club, Eau Claire WI

Honors this year:

- 2009 USSA Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined Club of the Year
- Junior Olympic Team Representatives: Emilee Anderson, Nick Mattoon, Nate Mattoon, Ben Loomis
- Ben Loomis – Gold J2 Individual Special Jumping, Bronze J2 Team Jumping
- Emilee Anderson – Gold J2 Team Jumping, Bronze J2 Team Nordic Combined

Improvements this year:

- Improve our erosion control
- Snowmaking equipment
- electrical upgrades which enables 480V power

How were improvements financed?

- Community foundation grant
- Individual donors
- Community in-kind donations

Obstacles for coming year:

- Fundraising
- Involvement of entire membership

IOLA Ski Club, Iola WI

Honors this year:

- James Cady qualified for the Junior Olympics
- Jessie Taylor qualified for the Junior Olympics

Improvements this year:

- Increased length of K30 inrun with more bar starts
- New siding on electrical building at the top of the hill

How were improvements financed?

- Pay from volunteering to work for the Iola Old Car Show
- Hosting a WORS mountain bike race

Plans for the coming year:

- Replace the snow profile boards on the K60 inrun.
- General repairs to the K40 inrun and install steel track

ISHPEMING SKI CLUB, Ishpeming, MI

Honors this year:

- Stig Fjeldheim JO Team

Improvements this year

- Hired a full time coach – Oleg Glyvka
- Created a Collegiate Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined as part of the Great Lakes Sport Training Program in conjunction with Northern Michigan University to allow accomplished skiers to continue in their sport while getting a college education at a reasonable cost.
- Installed a new scaffold decking on the 13M hill and then installed plastic.
- Extended the outrun on the 20 and 13 meter hill and created a counter slope
- Replaced the table supports and decking on the 60 meter hill
- Working on recertifying the 90M hill with the following improvements
 - Straightened the landing side boards
 - Replaced 48 feet of support stringers and decking on the inrun
 - Painted the structural steel in the repaired areas
 - Extended the side boards on the scaffold to the top
- Remodeled the clubhouse by removing interior walls, moving the kitchen and creating an indoor training room complete with rubber matting, hurdles, ramps, etc.

How were improvements financed?

- Donations from individuals financed it all.
- All labor was volunteers or donated.

Plans for the coming year:

- Re-profile the 20M hill into a 25M hill in preparation for plastic installation which is scheduled for 2011
- Replace another section of decking on the 90M hill scaffold
- Extend the outrun on the 40M hill
- Re-contour the area between the 60M and 90M hill with fill to allow loader access to place snow on the inruns for snowing the scaffolds. Install rails and box to move and level snow and cut tracks.

- Re-establish some of the cross country courses for the purpose of training our XC and Nordic Combined competitors.

Obstacles for coming year:

- Financing
- Wetland permitting for the 40M outrun extension

Additional comments:

- We are in the third year of a concerted effort to rejuvenate our Nordic Skiing Program.

ITASCA Ski Club, Coleraine MN

Honors this year:

- Junior Olympic Team
 - Tyler Hutchins (J1)
 - Kyle Rodgers (J1)
 - Andre Denney (J2)
 - Somer Schrock (J2)
 - Henry Kavanagh-Beltman (J2)
- Junior Olympic Podium:
 - Tyler Hutchins - J1 Bronze Individual Jumping and J1 Bronze Team Jumping

Improvements this year:

- Updated irrigation system
- Extended 70M take off for track setting system
- Updated the hydraulic winch system for snowing the 70M
- Opened a snow-tubing run on the alpine area for additional revenue
- Added a natural cooling system to the snow making pond
- Completed several landscaping projects to improve visibility to the hills and to assist with the irrigation system.
- Painted interior of main chalet, added large-screen TV in main chalet area
- Purchased used alpine rental equipment for the downhill area
- Completed major repairs on the piston bully groomer

How were improvements financed?

- Volunteer manpower
- Material donations
- Some club funds

Plans for the coming year:

- Replace 70M snow fencing
- Additional upgrades to new track-setter
- Additional lanes to the snow-tube run
- Add guideboards to the 10M
- Secure long-term funding solutions for entire Mt Itasca Winter Sports Complex

Obstacles for the coming year:

- funding

KIWANIS Ski Club, Iron Mountain MI

Honors this year:

- Nita Englund – Junior World Team and Junior Olympic Team

Improvements this year:

- Added a new speaker system

How were improvements financed?

- Self funded

Plans for the coming year:

- Host a COC event

Obstacles for coming year:

- Keep up with the constant increase in expenses

MINNEAPOLIS Ski Club, Bloomington MN

Improvements this year:

- New track cutting system on the K70

How were improvements financed?

- Club donors

Plans for the coming year:

- Build a chalet – finally!!

Obstacles for the coming year:

- Pulling together the man hours to construct the chalet
- Insurance money will only cover enough to purchase the materials, all construction labor will have to be donated.
- Will also have a tough time pleasing all club members and city/county employees with design specs

Additional comments:

- We would like to throw our name in the hat for hosting the Junior Olympics next time Central has it. We Have never hosted it and we will finally have a complete site ready to accommodate the event.

NORGE Ski Club, Fox River Grove IL

Honors this year:

- Four Norge jumpers qualified for the Junior Olympics
 - Kevin Bickner
 - AJ Brown
 - Connor Jacobsen
 - Casey Larson
- Podiums at the JOs:
 - Silver medal for Kevin Bickner
 - Bronze medal for AJ Brown
 - Team Bronze for Kevin and AJ
- Mike Glasder finished 1 point away from making the Olympic Team this year

Improvements this year:

- Additional work was completed on our 10 and 25 meter hills including the addition of belting for the plastic which will be completed this spring.
- A new 5 meter jump was constructed

How were improvements financed?

- Donations from our Senior club
- Fundraising
- Labor from volunteers
- A \$45K loan covered our plastic cost

Plans for the coming year:

- Finish the plastic on the 5, 10 and 25 meter hills
- Construct a new judging stand for the 70 and 40 meter hills

Obstacles for the coming year:

- Keeping as many of our new jumpers as possible in the program
- Equipment for beginners

Additional comments:

- We recruited over 40 new jumpers in our beginner program
- Have had over 50 active jumpers throughout the winter season

ST PAUL Ski Club, St. Paul MN

Honors this year

- Karin Friberg Represented the USA at some COC tournaments in Germany during the summer of 2009
- Junior Olympics:
 - Brian Wallace –
 - 6th place J1 Individual Special Jumping
 - 3rd place J1 Team Jumping
 - 1st place J1 Elimination Jump
 - Christian Friberg
 - 11th place J2 Individual Special Jumping
 - 4th place J2 Team Jumping
 - 8th place J2 Elimination Jump
 - Trevor Edlund
 - 6th place J2 Individual Special Jumping
 - 3rd place J2 Team Jumping
 - 5th place J2 Elimination Jump
 - Elizabeth Wallace
 - 10th place J2 Women's Individual Special Jumping
 - 1st place J2 Women's Team Jumping
 - 39th place J2 Elimination Jump
- Junior Worlds: Brian Wallace – 64th place
- Karin Friberg represented the USA at some COC tournaments in Germany in January of 2010
- Christian Friberg received special recognition and a plaque for being the most stylish ski jumper at the Tri-Norse Ski Jumping tournament in Wisconsin Rapids on January 17, 2010

Improvements this year:

- Narrowed the inrun on the 20m
- Various landscaping projects

How were improvements financed?

- Volunteer laborers

Plans for the coming year:

- Possibility of regarding the 30m landing hill
- Redo the 10m hill
- New sprinkler system for the 46m

Obstacles for the coming year:

- Money as always
- Volunteers

Additional Comments:

- Kris Edlund created a DVD of photos and video highlighting the entire season for St Paul Ski Club skiers. "A Year in Ski Jumping Memories" video was aired multiple times on the South Washington County Public Access channel from December 2009 to March 2010.
- St Paul Ski Club Smugmug Photo gallery Stats: 16,787 total photos uploaded in all galleries with 759,055 photo viewings for the entire year (Jan. 2009 - Dec. 2009).
- Local NBC weatherman and former SPSC jumper Sven Sundgaard broadcasted the weather live from the St Paul Ski Club on Friday February 19
- Sven also has a bit he does on the local news channel called "Simply Science" - he did an episode on the science behind ski jumping – this bit featured SPSC jumper Trevor Edlund and SPSC coach Brian Nelson.

TRI-NORSE Ski Club, Wisconsin Rapids WI

Honors this year:

- Tyler Baran – Junior Olympic Team

Plans for the coming year:

- We are currently finishing the plastic on the 5 and 10 meter hills – we will be holding a training camp this spring and possibly a fall comp on the 5, 10, 55 meter hills.
- We are getting close to finishing our land swap with the town, so that all of the jumps belong to us and we won't have any more insurance issues.

WESTBY Ski Club, Westby WI

Improvements this year:

- Lighting on the large hill
- New groomer tracks
- Cross country course and active Junior ski program (45 skiers age 5 to 14)
- Recontour #8 green
- Smoke free clubhouse

How were improvements financed?

- Ski jumping tournament
- Van raffle
- Golf course
- Clubhouse bar
- 4th of July fireworks and band

Plans for the coming year:

- Grow the membership in the junior club and Nordic combined program
- Start stair replacement
- Repair sideboards on large hill
- Drop take off on 65
- Various other repairs on small hills
- Cross country course lighting

Obstacles for the coming year:

- Increase the number of active volunteers