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SANDBAGGED?

By Sue McCourt

As I think back to all the Longboard Races I've participated in over the years, one in particular stands out above the rest. That day when I arrived at the ski hill for our race, I knew it was going to be an interesting day. It was a storm day...fresh heavy powder with more forecast for the day. The course had not been groomed which created a new challenge for the racers. We set some tracks down the course during our practice runs in the powder, which created quite a selection of lines for us all to choose from. Basically it was, pick a set of tracks, hope for the best, and ride the track down the hill to the finish line. Everyone was trying to figure out which track they would call their own, hoping it was the fastest.

Meanwhile, the snow just wasn't letting up that day. We could barely see the lodge from the top of the course. During my practice runs I just wasn't getting the speed I hoped for to make it in to the finals with the fresh snow. I was running my Longboards on paraffin wax only that day. I decide to consult the much-worshipped "Dopeman", Scott Lawson. He gave me his dope box and told me he had made some new dope. I took the box over to my skis and opened it up. There in front of me was quite the selection of

colors and smells molded into to cakes of special dope. I smelled each one, most of them I recognized from using in the past, mostly by it's distinctive color. But, one cake stood out from the rest. This one was different - it smelled like all the others but the color was different. So I waxed up the boards using this "new dope" and hurried up to the top of the course as my heat was coming up.

As I laced up my skis I thought I had the edge and was ready to go. I heard the starting gong and started to pole off the top of the course and came to a stand still! Meanwhile, my opponent moved down the course and across the finish line, while I basically walked my skis down the entire course to the finish line. I went and found the infamous "Dopeman" to find out what the heck he put in the new dope because this stuff was terrible for the days snow conditions. He was surprised too, so we grabbed the dope box and I showed him the dope I used. He busted out laughing and said, "That's my boot grease! I always keep that in the box because my boots always need oiling!" We both laughed and to this day I always tell racers to find out where Scott has his boot grease stashed before using any of his dope!

JANUARY RACE

The races in January were packed with fun. There were many many photo finish races on a beautiful day. The course had been carefully groomed and the skiers could tell. The push and glide down the hill was smooth and exciting.

We had a good crowd too. Many of the onlookers were also dressed in the garb of the historic times. The cheering and badgering of the crowd brought more joy to the gala event.

There was more interest by younger shoers, thanks to class offered by Pete Bartels. The younger racers were not the only attraction. We had a few racers, shall we say, "not really younger". Norberta Schmidt stole the show when she climbed aboard her longboards and headed for the finish line.

There was a total of 26 racers. keep on poling all you old time snow shoers!

The January race results are as follows:

1-Sue McCourt 2-Ansley Rothell 3-Meegan Wiczorek

1-Phil Gallagher 2-Rob Russell 3-Bryce Rhodes



FEBRUARY RACE

JACKSON BEATS MCCOURT

For the first time ever, Sue Jackson has beat the defending champion, Sue McCourt. It was a close race with frantic poling at the starting line. Jackson, McCourt and Rothell were so close on the way down the hill, that no one could tell who would cross the line first. The cheers of the agony and defeat were deafening as Jackson finally won out at the finish line.

Norberta Schmidt and Judy Buck had a race of their own. I believe the grudge race between Schmidt and Buck will be even more intense at the World Championship race. Watch for more news of the most interesting grudge race.

Brad son of dad Chris "Rattlesnake" Baugher from Chico did great in his second ever race on fast club skis. Ol' Bartels beat Radical Radkey to make it into the finals. Three cheers to Bartels who hung his award medal on a picture of Hank Jones!!! The picture is hanging down at the Bartel's Jville cabin.

Don Homer from Whitehawk Ranch raced to an enthusiastic group of followers and did great! We trust a big group from Whitehawk will show up for the final race.

There was a great crowd again especially considering the snowy weather. There 24 racers this time. It just goes to show that the longboarders are an enthusiastic bunch.

The February race results are as follows:

1-Sue Jackson 2-Sue McCourt 3-Ansley Rothell
1-Phil Gallagher 2-Brad Baugher 3-Pete Bartels

For the last race, we hope for more like 50 racers but, we shall see. The "Wild Turkey Lickers" (Kenny D., Leslie Mink, Ken Cawley, and Joe Tomaselli) will be doing the music from about noon on. We **Really encourage spectator and racer pioneer outfits!!!! Prizes and big fun for good outfits as well as best crashes etc.!** Cash and unique prizes for the racers. Skis now up to 16'. Yow.

Festivities will start earlier around 11 with registration 9:30-11:00 and drawing of numbers at 11:30. First come first serve for use of club skis. See www.plumasskiclub.org for more info. The longboard races have both been good and we look forward to an even bigger closing event!

GATEBREAKERS TOPS AT GOLD MOUNTAIN By Elliott Smart

Sunny skies and fresh powder greeted the Plumas Johnsville Junior ski team as they took to the slopes at their home hill, Gold Mountain on Saturday, January 27th.

With only three team points separating the Gatebreakers from the Blizzard Wizards after the season's opening event at Donner Ski Ranch, expectations were for tight competition among the top seeded skiers. Superb grooming of the new snow by Gold Mountain staff and a technically challenging course also promised close racing.

Setting a benchmark for the rest of the field, racer Kathleen Murray skiing for the Blizzard Wizards scorched the course with a first run best time of 32.11 seconds. Murray's time was nearly equaled by teammate Riley Marquette (winner of the season's first event) and by Cody Anderson representing Gatebreakers and a newcomer to the top three.

With the race outcome to be determined by the second run of the gates, Murray again set the standard with a blistering 31.77 seconds. Neither Marquette nor Anderson could make up ground giving Murray the win. Marquette and Anderson finished second and third respectively.

Also performing well in the event were racers Kyle Hemsley, Joe Murray, Allen Gruner and Heather Hochrein. Karl Steidel, Alicia Miller and Amanda Ward rounded out the top ten.

The Gatebreakers with 372 points notched their first team win of the season with a narrow 2 point margin over rivals, the Blizzard Wizards (370 points). White Lightning closed out the top three with 348 points. After two events, the Wizards and Breakers are tied for first place with each team's total at 734 points and four races remaining to be run.

Carmen Fregulia, Vicki Wheaton and Coral Rudholm turned in fine performances each scoring in the top twenty for the first time. Of particular note was Wheaton who placed eleventh, an improvement of ten spots compared to the season's first race. Race officials noted that it was Wheaton's improved performance that gave the team victory to the Gatebreakers.

Following a week off, racers will head back to the slopes for a February 10th race at the Homewood Ski Resort located on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. The junior team returns to Gold Mountain on February 24th.

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JUNIOR SKIERS BLISTER DONNER COURSE By Elliott Smart

Bouyed by spring-like skiing conditions, the Plumas Johnsville Junior Ski Team held its first race of the season on January 20th at Donner Ski Ranch. Forty skiers from six teams participated in the event. Anticipation was high as a giant slalom course set for both technical precision and speed had been set for the racers.

Top honors were earned by skier Riley Marquette representing the Blizzard Wizards. Marquette turned in two outstanding runs of 33.42 and 33.5 seconds. Close behind was Kyle Hemsley with a fast run of 33.44 seconds, just two-tenths short of Marquette's performance. Rounding out the top three was Kathleen Murray with a run at 33.80 seconds.

Also turning in excellent performances were skiers Allen Gruner, Cody Anderson, Ellie Logan, Heather Hochrein and Carl Steidel, each with fast runs of the day below 35 seconds. Closing out the

top ten were Richard Wilson and Kelsey Michael.

Top team honors went to the Blizzard Wizards with an overall score of 365 points. The Gatebreakers also turned in a fine team performance with 362 points. Close seconds were also scored by the Shredders (355 points) and the Extreme Team (354).

Coaches noted that many returning skiers posted significant improvements. Mentioned in the group of improved skiers were Jenna Kuipers, Ethan Morton, Greg Hines, Amanda Ward and Cailin Johnson-Smart.

The next event for the junior team will be held at their home hill, Ski Gold Mountain on Saturday, January 27th. This will be followed by a February 10th race at Homewood. The junior team will return to Gold Mountain on February 24th. You're invited to come and watch. The skiers like being watched.

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Plumas ski club still needs support and members. The ski club continues to work to offer ski programs for the children in our community. We need financing to offer these programs. That's where you come in. Your membership not only helps finance the childrens programs, you get benifits in return (see below).

The ski club also organizes the longboard races. The longboard races are fun and focus on the history of skiing in Plumas County. Please become a part of our success!

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- Serve on a PSC commitee
- Fundraising
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Benefits of Membership

In addition to offering support for community skiing in Plumas County, all PSC membership categories will receive: Discounts on tickets for the Snow Ball and summer concert, discounts on lift tickets, season passes and direct mailing of PSC quarterly newsletter.

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Well it's sad but true, the only person that remembered this guy was his mother. She is not even sure why she created him. I hope he doesn't feel so bad that he disappears from our presence forever. Does anyone else know this guy? Do you want to see him again? What so you think of him? What does he act like? Any comments about this guy would be appreciated. I want to know who his friends are.

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