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AVSC Skier Men Win State High School Championship!



Congratulations to the AVSC - Aspen High School men's Nordic and Alpine Ski Teams for their combined win at the State Championships this weekend. Led by outstanding nordic skiing from Scott Lacy, Bryce Gordon (above) and Ben Armstrong, the Aspen men claimed victory after finishing second overall last season. This is Aspen's ninth state championship since 2000. The men have won five titles and the women have won four. The AVSC-AHS women's team finished third this year.

In this month's eNewsletter, AVSC athletes continue to post great results across all our disciplines and AVSC parents come up big to support the Club in surprising ways!

Read on for more!

AVSC Nordic Jumping Soars at Park City



Fritz Carpenter wasted no time in showing he belonged with his Steamboat Springs rivals at this year's Nordic Combined event at Park City. Carpenter had a solid jump on the K65 meter hill for eighth place before skiing well enough in the cross-country portion of the Nordic Combined event to finish fourth overall.



The youngest member of the AVSC squad, and also the only girl, Anna Kate Belinski (on right in picture), had a tremendous night, finishing on the podium in third place. She

followed that up the next day with a great cross country race, to finish third overall in the combined event.

Read about the details [here!](#)

AVSC Gets Back to the Future at "Aspen Extreme" Anniversary Screening



When alpine parent Tom Kosich proposed a screening of "Aspen Extreme" to benefit AVSC last season, little did he know what kind of response he would get. Enthusiastic hardly begins to describe the feeling generated that evening.

It was truly a night to remember at the 15th Anniversary Screening of "Aspen Extreme" on Thursday, February 5th. Legions of locals packed the Wheeler Opera House in Aspen and welcomed Director/Writer Patrick Hasburgh, star Peter Berg (shown left who

played Dexter Rutecki) and fellow actor Roger Wilson as they shared colorful stories before the screening of the film.

Clad in day-glo one piece outfits, headbands and Ray-Ban sunglasses, the crowd cheered for the two working-class heroes throughout the film. During intermission when the all-important Dexter Rutecki baseball cap was produced and auctioned off, local business owner Charlie Tarver stepped up as the high bidder to raucous applause.



The party continued at the Cantina with 80's music, a costume contest and some old-school breakdancing later that night. The event raised much needed funds for AVSC and introduced a whole new group of ski and snowboard enthusiasts to our mission and programs.

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate!

Come Join Us for an Encore Screening of "Skiing Everest" to Support AVSC



Back due to popular demand! Mike Marolt will be hosting an encore screening of "Skiing Everest" on March 1st. The event is free and open to the public with a suggested contribution to support AVSC. Be sure to check out this remarkable film loaded with dramatic footage of Mike and his crew's ascent of Everest!

Parent Jim Hancock Introduces Supermodel Elle Macpherson to AVSC



When it comes to supporting the Club, one parent can really make a difference. AVSC parent Jim Hancock was proof of this last week.

Out skiing with client and supermodel Elle Macpherson, the Australian beauty remarked on a very expensive watch she was promoting last week called the Aspen One. Jim suggested that Elle could donate the watch to a local



non-profit and suggested AVSC. Elle ultimately selected AVSC and Challenge Aspen as her charities and invited AVSC Executive Director Mark Cole to attend the unveiling ceremony.

"This was a special opportunity for the Club and Jim deserves all the thanks in the world," said Cole. "To her credit, Elle did her homework on us and came away impressed what were doing for the community." Cole presented the supermodel with AVSC sweatshirts for her children at the event.

The Aspen One watch is a very rare, exclusive, luxury timepiece, so rare in fact that only 3,267 of them are being made (the same number of vertical feet on Aspen Mountain). The watch will retail for around \$40,000. Purchasers will have their names engraved on a stone at the top of the mountain. Elle's particular timepiece will be auctioned off at a Challenge Aspen fundraiser this summer in Washington, D.C. For more information or to place a bid and support the Club, please contact Suanne Raber at AVSC at (970) 205-5107 or at [sraber@teamavsc.com](mailto:srabber@teamavsc.com).

AVSC Freestyle Shines at Rocky Mountain Divisional Championships



AVSC freestyle pipe and park skiers posted multiple top-ten finishes this past weekend, February 14-16 at the Rocky Divisional Championship Aerials, Slopestyle and Halfpipe competitions at Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk. Skiers from Vail, Steamboat, Summit and Telluride were all vying for spots at this year's Junior Olympics at the final qualifying event of the season.

Six AVSC athletes had top-ten finishes in both of Saturday's aerials competitions. 14 year-old Alex Ferreira stomped two jumps, a 720 tail grab and a flat-spin 360 Japan grab for third place in the first competition. Walter Wood took sixth with a corked 720 tail grab and a switch corked 540 tail grab. Mikey Schumacher wasn't about to let the older skiers hog the spotlight. The 12 year-old finished seventh with a textbook "Screamin' Seaman." Schumacher was joined in the top-ten by teammates Carson Leydecker (eighth), Caine Albrecht-Hildebrand (ninth) and Glenwood Springs' skier and new AVSC athlete Blake Lockard (tenth).

Read about the full results on the [AVSC website here!](#)

AVSC's Bobby Moyer Represents U.S. at Trofeo Topolino



14 year-old J3 ski racer Bobby Moyer was named one of three men to represent the U.S. at the Trofeo Topolino Junior Ski Championships (sponsored by Disney). Bobby just got back from Levico Terme, Panrotta ski area in Italy, where he finished

12th overall in Giant Slalom against the best 14 year old ski racers in the world. Bobby was the

top U.S. finisher. Congratulations to Bobby and AVSC coach Alice Black!

AVSC Sends Six J3s and Fourteen J4 skiers to USSA Junior Olympics



AVSC's Alpine Age Class teams have had a season filled with camaraderie, healthy competition and some terrific results. Six AVSC J3 athletes qualified for Junior Olympics in Vail next month. Bobby Moyer, Devon Cardamone, Brannen Haderle, Julia Mueller-Ristine, Ilona Schwarz and Isabelle Woodrow will all carry the banner for the Club. Read about the J3 teams latest results at Winter Park [here!](#)

AVSC also congratulates Alpine J4 skiers Colby Lane, Dean Travers, Andrew

Hancock, Benjamin Throm, Xon Baker, Travis Lundin, Roy Bengel, Henry Woodrow, Tanner Spence, Tristan Lane, Scott Houtsma, Chapin Newhard, Danielle Brownell-Patty and Sonja Gagen. Both Colby and Danielle are ranked #1 in their Age Class for the Rocky Mountain Division and AVSC had the top 6 ranked skiers in the division on the men's side, an unprecedented show of strength for our team.

Catch the RMD Divisional Slopestyle Competition at Buttermilk on GrassRoots TV12



The GrassRoots TV production of the Rocky Mountain Freestyle Slopestyle Divisional Competition at Buttermilk two weekends ago will air three more times on GrassRoots TV12:

- Friday February 27 at 3:30pm
- Sunday, March 1 at 9pm
- Monday, March 2 at 7pm.

The program has great commentary by Connor and Big Wave Dave. In addition, viewers can always watch the program at any time they wish on GrassRoots Video Now. Just click the "GrassRoots Video Now" button on the grassrootstv.org homepage. Viewers can then search for AVSC programs and click "view" to watch the program on-line anywhere, anytime. Go ahead give it a try.

Walter Wood Turns it Up to 1620



When it comes to freestyle skiing, athletes are constantly upping the ante with new tricks. AVSC's Walter Wood just took things to a whole new level.

Wood recently threw two new tricks, a 1440 (four full rotations) and a record-breaking 1620 (five full rotations) in the semi final rounds at the Aspen Open halfpipe event



on Feb. 5th.

[Click here](#) to watch this amazing jump as Walter makes history!

Vamos a La Fiesta!



AVSC invites Base Camp families to "La Fiesta" a family potluck dinner and celebration of our Latino participants. Everyone is welcome to join us this Saturday, February 28th from 5-7pm at the El Jebel Community Center (the old El Jebel Firehouse). Games, food, fun and prizes will be on tap.

The Community Center is located 2 blocks off Hwy 82. Turn at right at the stop light by Wendys and it is on the left with the big red doors. Volunteers are needed so if you can

help out please call Base Camp Director Madeleine Hawken at 205-5160 or email her at mhawken@teamavsc.com.

AVSC Sponsor of the Month: Kelly Brush Foundation



AVSC is proud to highlight [Kelly Brush Foundation](#) as our Sponsor of the Month this month.

The Kelly Brush Foundation awarded AVSC a \$10,000 grant for ski race safety this season as part of their *Ski Racing Safety is No Accident* campaign. AVSC was one of only two organizations to receive this grant nationwide. The proceeds of the grant allowed AVSC to purchase and install the latest in safety fencing on the famous Aztec piste on the America's Downhill course on Aspen Mountain. The grant was a matching grant from [Kelly Brush Foundation](#) and [World Cup Supply](#).

You can see the results of this effort at this week's FIS Surefoot Speed Series races and in early March at the USSA J2 Junior National Championships. The Kelly Brush Foundation was created in memory of alpine ski racer Kelly Brush, who was paralyzed in a ski racing accident in 2006. "The goal of the *Ski Racing Safety is No Accident* Campaign is to facilitate safety enhancements and promote awareness in the ski racing community including officials, coaches, athletes and parents," said founder Charlie Brush. All of us at AVSC applaud the Kelly Brush Foundation for their efforts.

The Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club (AVSC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide all youth in the greater Roaring Fork Valley the opportunity to develop as athletes and as people through winter sports.. For more information about the Club or to make a donation please visit our website at www.teamavsc.com.

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