

Hi Rise Racer News 2017

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

The first race of the 2017 season is at Holiday Valley, January 7 and 8, 2017. Wax and tune those skis and boards.

How about last year?

HiRise took second in Division II at Bristol Combined (Congrats to Continental for their first place) and we were 1st in total points for the year in Div II. ROOKIES were Jack Gau and Curtis Bell. Most Points winners were Curtis Bell and Chrissy Body. Greg Schmid received the Gretchko Award. Our SKIERS OF THE YEAR awards went to Kerry Troy and Mary Hanrahan.

And, for 2017

Race Chairs - Guy Nerren & Rick Gzesh

Membership - You must be a member of Hi Rise to race on our team. Contact Guy, Rick or Kerry Troy (Membership Chair).

Race Schedules - Are available at meetings, in our Newsletter, on our Website or the CMSC website.

Advance Registration - Forms are available at meetings or on our website. Hi Rise will pay the race fees for those who advance register for and show up for 5 or more races. Otherwise, you pay \$18.00 per race.

Trips - HiRise bus trips are planned for Swain I, Bristol and, Swain II. Plus a Friday trip (possibly two) to Holimont PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TRIPS.

Class Changes - If you wish to change class, say, to or from vets, you must do so through Guy or Rick. Do not contact CMSC on your own. Change requests must be submitted at least 7 days before a race.

Qualification - For new racers or someone who has not raced in CMSC for over a year. Ski and Snowboard racers can qualify at Boston Mills on any of three Wednesday nights, January 4th, 11th, or 18th, 2017. Or you may qualify at any regular race. Raced before but missed last season? Then you automatically qualify into your last class, subject to re-evaluation.

Skier Combined - Is again at Bristol. To be eligible, you must have two races in before then. If one or more races prior to Bristol are cancelled, this could change. NO LATE RACE DAY SIGN UP. ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY.

Snowboard Combined - Will be at Swain II. You must have at least one snowboard race in before then. NO LATE RACE DAY SIGN UP. ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY FOR BOARDERS

Work Assignments - For each race, one-third of our registered racers may be assigned to work that race. Work assignments are posted in the bib pick up area. It's your responsibility to check the schedule. If you are assigned to work, please show up at least 15 minutes before the scheduled race start time. Gatekeepers report to the race start area. Should you prefer to work or not work at a particular race, let Guy or Rick know at least one week before that race. RACERS WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO WORK AND FAIL TO DO SO ARE DQ'D.

Gatekeeping - Is probably the most difficult work assignment. Although we try to assign more experienced racers to this job, sooner or later your turn will come.

Ask Guy, Rick, or any of our long term racers about how to gatekeep. Also, see the CMSC Race Rules under "Disqualifications" and "Gatekeepers".

CMSC Race Rules - Are available on the CMSC website.

REMINDER

Helmets -Must be worn by all racers for all races.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - The rule has been around for a year or so. However, due to some recent incidents it will be watched more closely.

A moderate "F-Bomb" after a crash or a bad run might be tolerated. Loud, continuous cursing and equipment tossing will get you DQ'd and even suspended from one or more future races.

No BYOB - Please do not bring your own booze into the ski area lodges, especially Peek-n-Peak, Boston Mills and, Snow Trails.

Shot Bag - On the other hand, this tradition can continue with some DISCRETION. HiRise is responsible for the bag at Boston Mills. Any volunteers for this important task will be appreciated.

Lift Tickets - Some of the ski areas offer a discount for racers. A few may require you to show your bib in order to get the CMSC price.

DQ & Race Time Sheets - Showing racer times and DQ's are usually posted in the bib pick up or awards area about an hour after the last race. It is your responsibility to check to verify our times and/or DQ's. If you dispute the time or a DQ, find Guy or Rick to discuss the matter and, possibly, file a protest.

Course Inspection - Unless otherwise instructed by a CMSC race official or ski area race crew, you may slide slip a course or snow plow (one gate at a time). Do not shadow or ski the course

Standard Race Order

EXCEPT for the Bristol Super G race the race order will be as follows:

Group I Super Vets, AAVM, AAW, AAM, AVW, AVM, AW, AM, AQ

Group II BBVM, BBW, BBM, BVW, BVM, BW, BM, Sr Vets, CCVM, CCVW, CCW, CCM, CCQ.

Boarders BBSB, BSB, CCSB, CSB, SBQ.

ATTENTION Boarders. There are now four classes. BB, B, CC, and C Also boarders will race GS and SL courses at Bristol Combined (but not Super G).

Holiday Valley Race Hill - For most races, we will be on FOXFIRE, to right of Cindy's Run looking up the hill. Use the Cindy's Run chair lift. Except, Holiday Valley I on Sunday, Groups I and II are on Edelweiss. Holiday Valley NASTAR is being moved to Foxfire.

Questions/Comments? Contact Guy or Rick

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