

Hi Rise Racer News 2016

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

The first race of the 2016 season is at Holiday Valley, January 9th and 10th, 2016. Wax and tune those skis and boards.

How about last year?

HiRise took first in Division II at Bristol Combined as well as in overall points for the year. Dr. Bob, Jessie Anderson and, Bob Mac won combined in their classes at Bristol.

Rookies included Al Body, Tom Buder and, Ryan Seabeck in skiing plus Chrissy Body in boarding. Most HiRise Racer Points award winners were Dr. Bob and Jessie. Chrissy received our Gretchko Award. She ran 13 ski races and 7 boarding events. Our Skiers of the Year are Paul Whitmore and Jén Williams.

And, for 2016

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 (February 12, 2016) bus trip to Holimont run by Kerry Troy. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TRIPS! Swain II is the weekend of Swain's Winter Carnival.

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 6th, 13th or 20th, 2016. 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.

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.

New This Year

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 Swain I. Any volunteers for this important task will be appreciated.

Race Demo Days - For non-racers who might like to give it a go, you can get two timed runs on a CMSC course for only \$5.00 at Snow Trails, Peek-n-Peak, Boston Mills, or Kissing Bridge. TRY IT! YOU COULD GET HOOKED!

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

Group I - Sup Sr Vet, all AAs, all As

Group III - Sr. Vet, all CCs

Holiday Valley I

Swain I

Swain II on Sunday

Bristol.

Group II - All BBs, all Bs

Boarders - BB, CC, C.

Split Groups

Group I - Sup Sr. Vet, all AAs, all As, all BBs

Group II/III - All Bs, Sr. Vet, all CCs

Boarders - All

Peak n Peek

Kissing Bridge

Swain II (Saturday).

Snow Trails

Holiday Valley II

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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