



2009/2010 Season

# Ausblick Newsletter

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## President's Corner – Rick Ludwig 262-786-1240

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Even though thoughts of the last ski season have faded, it is time to send out the invoices for the 2009-2010 ski season. We need to start this process in the summer so that by the opening of the Hill in December, we have all memberships set for the season.

Our club continues to be in a strong financial position. It was a great ski season. We will finish our fiscal year on June 30, 2009 with a surplus, even with some increased operating expenses. Further evidence of our strength is the lengthy waiting list of people that want to join our club.

**Enclosed with this newsletter is your dues statement for the upcoming year.** The Board understands the rough economic times we are all experiencing. We kept the dues increase as small as possible, knowing some our expenses will be rising next season. The yearly dues have been increased 3% for all membership categories. This equates to a dues increase of \$50.00 for a family, \$35.00 for an associate and \$30.00 for a senior membership. Ausblick continues to experience substantial increases in some of our operating costs, in particular, fuel, utilities and snow making supplies and equipment. We try to do our best to control operating costs, but many of them are beyond our control.

**Please pay your dues on time.** This is the only way we will know that you are returning as a member next year. Also, if you know that you are not returning next year, please call Vivian Clark (262-781-7506) to let us know as soon as possible. Then we can assign that open membership to a new member. At the present time, there are 234 names on our waiting list hoping to become Ausblick members.

I want you to know that even though it is summer, your Ausblick Board continues to meet monthly to work on planning for the 2009-2010 ski season. At our Annual Meeting of the Members held on May 20, 2009, Jim Polaski was elected to another three year term on the Board. Also, Jim Siepman and Scott Grady were elected to three year terms, replacing retiring Board members Jim Smith and Kathy Gutenkunst. I want to thank both Jim and Kathy for their years of service to Ausblick.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the Board members that have volunteered their time to serve your club for the next year. Our challenge is to continue to keep Ausblick the best membership skiing experience in the Midwest.

### IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ

**The first payment is due July 15th. Sorry but we do not accept credit cards for payments. If you do not plan on renewing your membership or are going inactive please let me know so we can offer these openings to someone on the waiting list (262-781-7506). We do not send out reminders for the second payment so mark it on your calendar.**

## Website

While we shut down for the season, we keep our website working, updating information as needed. And, some of you may have questions or interests that others might also have, including things you don't/can't find on our site.

Our communications work both ways. Ours go out to you with this newsletter, soon to be posted on our website, with e-blasted reminders when we do. Yours can come to us just as well. So, make sure we have your current e-address (es).

Don't be shy. We want what we do to be of value to our members.

Jim Stein, Web Chair



## RACE TEAM

The 08/09 Season is now completed and looking back it was another phenomenal season for the team! On President's Day weekend the team had athletes competing at the High School Nationals in New Hampshire, the WJR/WJRA championship race in Wausau, the J2 Nationals in Aspen, and the J3 Junior Olympics in Vail! Once again the team finished first in WJR competition!

In high school competition Ausblick boys took first (Billy Wong) and second (Dylan Rogers) overall and an Ausblick girl (Natalie Misasi) took second overall.

Ten Ausblick athletes (five girls and five boys) were selected to the National High School team to represent Wisconsin at the High School Nationals in Cannon Mountain, NH. (There are a total of 24 spots state wide) Natalie Misasi, Cassie Bence, Kathryn Ruesch, Maddie Schrader, Shelby Bourdo, Mike Holt, Steven Kemp, Nic Misasi, Chance Dries, and Ryan Kemp.

In FIS we sent three athletes to the J2 nationals in Aspen. Billy Wong, Dylan Rogers, and Erik Rasmussen.

We had 4 athletes earn positions to compete for a slot on the US team for the Topolino Juniors Festival in Topolino Italy. Ian Beal, Andy Columbe, Anthony Wong, and William Blommer.

We had 7 athletes 2 boys and 5 girls at the J-4 Junior Olympics in Winter Park. Hans Brunk, Tyler Cummings, Claire Feichtmeier, Teagan Hipp, Amanda Kroeger, Abbie Lauterbach, and Madeline Sorenson.

We had 9 athletes 5 boys 4 girls at the J3 Junior Olympics in Vail. Ian Beal, William Blommer, Jack Bourdo, Andy Columbe, Anthony Wong, Morgan Cummings, Erica Engstrand, Sydney Rogers, and Eleanor Sato.

To cap off the season, at Vail, Ian Beal took first in GS and earned one of 6 boy's positions on the US team for the Whistler Cup in Whistler British Columbia.

Looking forward; Planning for the 09/10 season is underway. The annual Thanksgiving camp will be again held at Copper Mountain Resort from November 21st thru November 27th. The Camp is a great opportunity for Athletes to get a head start on training for the ski season as well as a wonderful family experience at a world class resort. All Ausblick Race team members with 1 year of WJR, USSA, or High School racing experience are welcome. For more information contact Randy Bourdo at [rbourdo@ausblickskiraceteam.com](mailto:rbourdo@ausblickskiraceteam.com)

Mark your calendars, Dry Land training is scheduled to begin September 13 and will run through November 15. Times have changed; sessions will be from 4-6pm and will be held at Be Fitness in Delafield.

Check the team's website for more information. Register to receive all team information via e-mail.

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