

**PARA J 4/5 Chair Report
(2009-2010 Season)**

J4 Elite Fundamentals Camp –

The Elite Fundamental Camp was held December 4-7 at Sunday River. The camp's focus was to introduce the USST fundamentals curriculum, as developed and utilized by USSA national teams, to Eastern's elite J4 racers. The curriculum addresses the core technical skills that are needed to ultimately build a solid foundation for tactical success.

PARA sent the following J4 Racers:

Casey Cardon	Blue Mt.
Skylar Chaney	Whitetail
Blake Bowman	Roundtop
Heather Macewen	Camelback

Casey Cardon, at the last minute, could not attend so the open slot was filled by Alex Krebs at the eastern office.

Derby –

The Derby was held at Ski Roundtop the weekend of February 27th & 28th. The Derby consisted of 2 runs of SL on Saturday followed by 2 runs of GS on Sunday. The field consisted of 100 racers, 57 boys and 43 girls.

The weather cooperated, sunny on both Saturday and Sunday. Course conditions were good, with the help of the course maintenance crew.

The event was held on the slope Exhibition.

Saturday evening consisted of a banquet, with a raffle. A pizza party was held Sunday after the race, followed by the awards ceremony. The second annual "retro" race which was held after Saturday's slalom event provided additional entertainment and fun for the coaches.

Again, as both the age chair and a coach I had the opportunity to spend the majority of my time on the slope. I was very impressed with the behavior and sportsmanship exhibited by all the racers. I saw nothing but smiles all weekend, which was great to see. Congratulations to all the racers who attended.

I personally would like to thank Bruce Bedell, Bill Filling, Tracey Beinhaur, Sandy Stefanic and the entire Ski Roundtop Race staff for putting on a well run race. I would also like to thank Dave Gibb, who is retiring as the Derby Chair, for all his hard work. Thanks to GMVS for their continued support of our J 4/5 Derby. Lastly I would like to thank all the coaches and parents for all their help, both on and off the hill.

PARA State Team

The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their results at the derby.

Boys

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| 1. Elijah Peake | Blue Mt. |
| 2. Blake Bowman | SRRC |
| 3. Carson Twiford | SRRC |
| 4. Andrew Stewart | SRRC |
| 5. Philip Fazekas | Blue Mt. |
| 6. Luke Midock | SRRC |
| 7. Casey Cardon | Blue Mt. |
| 8. Kyle Rouse | DCWST |
| 9. Jessie Meyer | SRRC |

Girls

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| 1. Phoebe Spare | SRRC |
| 2. Skylar Chaney | Whitetail |
| 3. Katie Miller | WTSEF |
| 4. Annelise DePaulo | Blue Mt. |
| 5. Tess Beinhaur | SRRC |
| 6. Alexandra Uzieblo | Bear Creek |
| 7. Laurel Lalone | WPRC |

Future Stars –

The Future Stars camp was held at Waterville Valley on March 21st through 23rd. PARA was awarded 16 slots. Jeff Beinhaur from Roundtop and Ryan Schramm from Bear Creek attended as the PARA coaches.

The PARA State Team, with the exception of Luke Midock and Elijah Peake, attended the camp. Due to a terrible and very unfortunate oversight on the part of the age chair Luke Midock was not able to attend as the camp is open to only J4 racers. Natasha Gilbert of Bear Creek was able to fill the slot on very short notice.

Elijah Peake was not able to attend due to an injury suffered just prior to the event. Due to the injury occurring the day before the event the slot remained unfilled. Alex Krebs was notified.

Based on their results at Future Stars three PARA racers qualified for the CanAm event, which was held at Sugarloaf on April 3rd and 4th. The event was reported to be a great opportunity for many eastern athletes to compete against their Canadian neighbors.

Katie Miller, from Whitetail, qualified by finishing 20th overall, while Annelise DePaulo and Skylar Chaney qualified based their finishes of 28th and 29th, respectively at the Future Stars event. Congratulations to Katie, Annelise and Skylar for being members of the USSA Eastern Can-Am Team.

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area on March 19th and 20th. PARA sent a total of 27 J 4/5 racers, along with three coaches.