



Gunstock Ski Club
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Congratulations on qualifying to represent your state in the 2015 Francis Piche Invitational Championship, **March 13th, 14th & 15th**, at Gunstock Mountain Resort.

Competition will include teams from New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

Friday, March 13th will consist of clinics, and provide an opportunity to meet and train with athletes from across the region.

Saturday, March 14th will be two runs of GS, with awards for team and individual performance.

As the Piche continues to change and evolve, we have made some adjustments for 2015. We will be running on two hills again this year for the GS on Saturday. U14 athletes will be racing on Cannonball and U12 athletes will race on Tiger. Due to the popularity of the Sunday Slalom two hills will also be used for this race.

Back by popular demand is an optional slalom on **Sunday, March 15th**. The slalom will be two runs and only open to those athletes qualifying for the Piche Invitational. Awards for individual performance will be given. Entry for the slalom will be **ONLINE ONLY**. Go to www.alpinereg.com and register after February 10th. Only athletes competing in the Piche Invitational will be able to race in the slalom.

If you are unable to attend, kindly inform our Race Secretary, as soon as possible. We will make every effort to contact next qualifiers to the event. Please refer to the attached Information Sheet for contact information.

Registration and payment for the Francis Piche Invitational is also available this year ONLINE at www.alpinereg.com. Please check with your state chair prior to registering online. State chairs may want you to register through them instead for March 13th and 14th.

We are pleased to offer an optional training day, with GSC Coaches, on **Thursday, March 12th**. Specifics are included in the Information Sheet.

We look forward to seeing you!

Again, congratulations from our event committee,

Beth Hamblet
Ruth McLaughlin
Scott Wilkinson

Mike Workman
Steve Howe

**FRANCIS PICHE INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MARCH 13th-15th**

INFORMATION SHEET

Host Organization

Gunstock Ski Club
Gilford, NH

Venue

Gunstock Mountain Resort
719 Cherry Valley Road
Gilford, NH 03249
*please do not send correspondence to GMR

Entry Fee

\$135.00

Contacts

Race Secretary/Contact Person:

Beth Hamblet
11 Ambrose Road
Meredith, NH 03253

Phone

603-455-5986 (try email first)

E-mail

gscracesec@gmail.com

Event Headquarters

Gunstock Ski Club clubhouse, located next to the Tiger chair lift

Lift Tickets

More information and details will be available about multi-day and parent tickets prior to Piche weekend. Check our website www.gunstockskiclub.com for latest details.

Lodging Information www.gunstock.com Click lodging tab

Race Format

Age Class	U12 (yob 2003 & 2004) and U14 (yob 2001 & 2002)
Type	Giant Slalom, two runs(Saturday)/Slalom, two runs(Sunday)
Basis	each run will count for individual standings as well as team points the top 4 finishes for each team, in each run, will count for team points
DSQ / DNF	all racers will be permitted two runs

Recognizing the Slalom is an optional event, it will not count for team results, only individual results.

Awards

Individual	First through tenth place in each age / gender class based on combined time of both runs
Team	First through third place, based on total team points

Events Schedule

Friday, March 13	Registration	8:00	By State, GSC clubhouse
	Clinics	9:30 - 11:30	on hill
	Lunch Break	11:30 - 1:00	
	Clinics	1:00 - 3:00	on hill
	Wax Room	1:00 - On	GSC clubhouse

MANDATORY COACHES MEETING 3/13 @3:15pm in the GSC clubhouse

Saturday, March 14 Giant Slalom	Registration	7:30	GSC clubhouse
	Team Captains' Meeting	8:20	
	Course Insp.	8:30	
	Forerunners	9:20	
	Race Start	9:30	
	Second run inspection and start time will be announced prior finish of first run		
	Awards	after race	Main Lodge

U14 GS race will be held on Cannonball

U12 GS race will be held on Tiger

Sunday, March 15 Optional Slalom	Registration	8:00	GSC Clubhouse
	Course Inspection	8:20	
	Forerunners	9:20	
	Race Start	9:30	
	Lunch Break		
	Forerunners	12:50	estimate
	2 nd run	1:00	estimate
	Awards	after race	Main Lodge

2015 Francis Piche Invitational

Gunstock Ski Club
Gunstock Mountain Resort
Gilford, New Hampshire

March 13th, 14th, & 15th (Optional Training Day 3/12 for additional fee)

Fee: \$135.00 (Training Day 3/13 and GS 3/14)

Racer Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

USSA# _____

STATE AFFILIATION _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR STATE CHAIR

FOLLOW STATE CHAIR INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT INFORMATION

**OPTIONAL TRAINING DAY
THURSDAY
MARCH 12**

Recognizing that many athletes are at Gunstock the day before the clinic, we are pleased to offer an optional training day with GSC and other top level coaches. We emphasize the optional nature of this training day. The training field will be limited; and filled on a 'first come' basis. Athletes qualified for the Francis Piche Invitational will have priority to register for the Optional Training Day. Guests will only be allowed to register if space is available.

To assist us in organizing training for maximum athlete benefit, we request that athletes pre-register. Registration is available ONLINE only at www.alpinereg.com. The cost is \$75.00 for the day. Registration for the Optional Training Day will close no later than Tuesday, March 10. It may close earlier if capacity is met. If you are a guest athlete, DO NOT register online. Contact Beth Hamblet with athlete information to be placed on waiting list.

If you have any questions about space availability for the training day, please email Beth Hamblet at gscracesec@gmail.com.

Optional Training Day Specifics

Coaches	GSC and other top level coaches
Program	Technical skiing, may include a limited amount of gate training
Fee	\$75, includes lift ticket – pick up ticket at GSC clubhouse / registration
Registration	9:00am, at GSC Clubhouse
AM Start	10:00am
Lunch Break	11:30am – 12:30pm
PM Start	1:00pm

PICHE SLALOM

Sunday, March 15th

Back for the fourth year is a Slalom event on Sunday, March 15th. This event will be a two-run slalom which will count for individual standings. Last year's enthusiasm for and success of this event added a new dimension to the championship weekend. New for 2015 the slalom will take place on two trails. We will race on both Tiger and Cannonball. We look forward to hosting this event again.

U12 (2003/2004) and U14 (2001/2002) athletes that have qualified for the Francis Piche Invitational will be eligible to ski in the Sunday slalom.

Registration for the SLALOM is ONLINE ONLY. Please go to www.alpinereg.com to register. Online registration will open February 10th.

Entry fee is \$50.00

Registration will close at NOON on Thursday, March 12th. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Questions?? Please email Beth Hamblet gscracesec@gmail.com.

Thank you!