

**PARA U14 Chair Report
(2016-2017 Season)
Kristen Ehringer, U14 Age Chair**

U14 Derby –

The Derby took place March 3rd - March 5th at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. The field consisted of a total 87 racers, 43 boys and 44 girls.

The event consisted of Friday gate training, followed by three runs of Slalom on Saturday and three runs of GS on Sunday.

Saturday evening consisted of a banquet and a raffle. Sunday afternoon consisted of a pizza party followed by the awards ceremony.

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. Congratulations to all the racers who attended. I found that the quality/level of the field to be representative of what I would expect at a state championship event.

I personally would like to thank Charles Donnellan, TJ Greenier, Steve Fishetti, Jim DiBaise, and the entire staff of Seven Spring for all their hard work pulling off this event. Special thanks to Rachel Greenier for acting as the derby chair and all her help assisting with the awards ceremony. I would also like to thank all the coaches and parents for all their help, both on and off the hill.

The PARA State Team consisted of 5 boys and 5 girls.

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

Boys

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| 1. Brady Mason | SRRC |
| 2. Andrew Kulakovsky | BMRA |
| 3. Charlie Olsen | WTSEF |
| 4. Nicolas Castracani | HVRC |
| 5. Matthew Penny | SRRC |

Girls

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| 1. Erin Kistler | BMRA |
| 2. Marcella Altman | SRRC |
| 3. Julia Bennett | SRRC |
| 4. Katherine Sarkisov | WTSEF |
| 5. Giovanna Young | BMRA |

U14 Eastern Championships –

The USSA U14 Eastern Championship was held at Sunday River, ME on March 16th through 19th. PARA was awarded 10 slots. Ten racers represented PARA. Eric Olsen and Kyle Penny attended as PARA coaches.

The event consisted of a training day, a skills quest day, SG, slalom and giant slalom races.

Congratulations to Brady Mason (2nd SL, 21st GS), Nicolas Castracani (12th SL, 45th GS), and Charlie Olsen (13th SL, 22nd GS) for qualifying for CAN-AM Championships. Erin Kistler finished 20th in GS and 24th in SL.

Girls

Erin Kistler	BMRA
Marcella Altman	SRRC
Julia Bennett	SRRC
Giovanna Young	BMRA
Stephanie Hulme	JFRT

Boys

Brady Mason	SRRC
Andrew Kulakovsky	BMRA
Charlie Olsen	WTSEF
Nicolas Castracani	HVRC
Matthew Penny	SRRC

CAN-AM Championships –

CAN-AM Championships were held at Moun-Tremblant on March 29th through April 2nd. The event consisted of Super G, skills evaluation, Giant Slalom, and Slalom. Brady Mason, Charlie Olsen and Nicolas Castracani qualified based on their performance at U14 Eastern Championships. Kyle Penny attended as the PARA coach.

Brady Mason finished 21st in the Super G and GS events. Charlie Olsen came in 22nd in the GS, 32nd in SL, and 38th in the Super G. Nicolas Castracani was 39th in SL, 41st in GS, and 50th in the Super G. Congratulation to all three boys on a great post season!

Francis Piche Invitational –

The Francis Piche Invitational was held at Gunstock Ski Area on March 15th through the 19th. This year's PARA's quota consisted of a total of 38 racers. This year's quota was allocated as 10 U12 boys, 10 U12 girls, 8 U14 boys and 8 U14 girls, and 2 additional spots.

PARA sent a total of 17 U14 racers. The event consisted of an optional slalom training day on Wednesday, an optional GS training day on Thursday, a training day on Friday, GS race on Saturday and an optional slalom race on Sunday.

Katerina Talanova finished 5th in GS and 17th in SL. Benjamin Cook finished 10th in GS and Elijah Quintana finished 22nd in SL.

Jim Pottinger, Sarah Johnston, and Jason Farda attended as the PARA coaches. Special thanks to all the coaches for their efforts communicated with and organizing such a large group of racers and families.

Girls

Summer Saiffee	WPRC
Tatum Treherne	SRRC
Allison Mitchell	SRRC
Katerina Talanova	WPRC
Maggie Colenbrander	WPRC
Dahlia Saiffee	WPRC
Sidney Sagullo	JFBB
Gabriella Baer	WPRC
Grayson Honig	WPRC

Boys

Benjamin Cook	BMRA
Ryan Shojaei	BMRA
Lucca Correia	BMRA
Beau Ellis	BMRA
Elijah Heidenreich	WPRC
Colin Farley	JFRT
Elijah Quintana	BMRA
Elijah Wandel	WPRC