

# **PARA U16 Chair Report**

## **2016-2017 Season**

### **Speed Camp**

Blue Mountain hosted 2 Speed Camps this season. The 1<sup>st</sup> Speed Camp was open to U16 and U14 athletes on Feb 6 and 7, 2017. It was well attended by 53 athletes, 29 which were U16's. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Speed Camp was held Feb 13 and 14, 2017 and open to U16 and U19 athletes. 35 athletes attended Speed Camp 2 of which 27 were U16's. Thank you to Amato DePaulo and the Blue Mountain Crew for doing an excellent job of hosting these events and ensuring that Razors Edge was properly prepared.

### **PARA U16 State Championship**

The U16 Derby took place February 24<sup>th</sup> through Feb 26<sup>th</sup> at Blue Mountain with all races on the Razors Edge trail. Friday's race was a single-run scored Super G race. Saturday was a 2-run scored GS race, and Sunday was a 2-run scored SL race. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that Blue Mountain has hosted The U16 Derby. The field consisted of 78 racers, 34 females and 44 males. Quota was 80 but one athlete fell ill just prior to the event and another athlete was injured during the Super-G training run.

Unfortunately there were several athletes that did not compete on USSA regulation equipment for the Super G race. 8 athletes voluntarily forfeited their World Cup points for the Super G race. USSA equipment regulations are a topic that needs to be discussed at PARA meeting.

Once again, Matty DePaulo and the Blue Mountain crew did a great job with preparing for the 3 days of the event battling 70 degree plus weather for the Super G and GS races. Course conditions were very good with little course deterioration. Blue Mountain staff did a great job with course maintenance and safety measures.

Saturday evening's banquet was held at the Blue Mountain Summit Lodge with all, if not most of the athletes attending. Raffle with giveaways for the competitors was held at the banquet. Awards ceremony was held on Sunday. A baked potato/soup bar was served. Thank you to Beth Yen and the Blue Mountain parents for putting on a great weekend for the athletes!

### **PARA State Team**

This year's U16 State Team consists of 12 females and 12 males. The following racers qualified for the PARA State Team based on their Overall Derby results:

#### **Women**

Meagan Olsen	WTSEF	2001
Adair Martin	SRRC	2002
Mihaela Toader	WPRC	2001
Molly Bruno	WPRC	2002
Brianna Lucas	WPRC	2001
Kyra Frederick	LMRT	2001
Lauren Girard-Cutaio	EMSC	2001
Anna McDermott	EMSC	2002
Isabella Bravo	LMRT	2002
Isabel Keating	EMSC	2001
Eliza Dewey	WTSEF	2001
Zoe Crute	LMRT	2002

#### **Men**

Sam Reilly	SRRC	2001
Duncan Bedell	SRRC	2001
Jake Wilson	PASEF	2001
Mark Matusinsky	BMRA	2001
Weston Greloch	BMRA	2002
Florian Knollman	WTSEF	2001
Michael Baker	JFRT	2001
Luca Diiani	WPRC	2002
Omar Boukhriss	LMRT	2001
Willem Robbins	BMRA	2001
Owen VanDerZwan	BMRA	2001
Tyler Yost	SRRC	2002

## **USSA Eastern Championships**

PARA sent 4 female and 4 male competitors to Stowe, VT on March 10-13th. Thank you to coaches Bruce Bedell and Roman Matusinsky for supporting PARA athletes at this event.

### **Female finishes:**

M. Olsen: SG 5<sup>th</sup>, SL 51<sup>st</sup>  
A. Martin: SG 46<sup>th</sup>, SL  
M. Bruno: SG 54<sup>th</sup>, GS 32<sup>nd</sup>, SL 43<sup>rd</sup>  
K. Frederick: GS 40<sup>th</sup>

### **Male Finishes:**

S. Reilly: SG 48<sup>th</sup>, SL 40<sup>th</sup>  
D. Bedell SG 57<sup>th</sup>, GS 40<sup>th</sup>  
J. Wilson: SG 61<sup>st</sup>, GS 56<sup>th</sup>  
M. Matusinsky: SG 51<sup>st</sup>, GS 48<sup>th</sup>, SL 31<sup>st</sup>

## **USSA Eastern Finals**

PARA sent 7 female and 9 male competitors to Okemo, VT on March 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to coaches Rudi Riet and Lee Gonder for supporting our athletes at this event.

### **Female finishes:**

B. Lucas: SL 9<sup>th</sup>, GS 8<sup>th</sup>, SG1 6<sup>th</sup>, SG2 13<sup>th</sup>  
L. Girard- Cutaio SG1 16<sup>th</sup>, SG2 16<sup>th</sup>  
A. McDermott: SL 32<sup>nd</sup>, GS 31<sup>st</sup>, SG1 27<sup>th</sup>, SG2 22<sup>nd</sup>  
E. Dewey: SL 17<sup>th</sup>, SG1 28<sup>th</sup>, SG2 26<sup>th</sup>  
Z. Crute: SL 46<sup>th</sup>, GS 48<sup>th</sup>, SG1 35<sup>th</sup>, SG2 39<sup>th</sup>  
M. McCoy: SL 27<sup>th</sup>, SG2 40<sup>th</sup>  
A. Zwally: SL 39<sup>th</sup>, GS 50<sup>th</sup>, SG1 36<sup>th</sup>, SG2 41<sup>st</sup>

### **Male Finishes:**

W. Greloch: SL 19<sup>th</sup>, GS 22<sup>nd</sup>, SG1 43<sup>rd</sup>, SG2 35<sup>th</sup>  
F. Knollman: SL 41<sup>st</sup>, GS 43<sup>rd</sup>, SG1 39<sup>th</sup>, SG2 34<sup>th</sup>  
M. Baker: SL 42<sup>nd</sup>, GS 45<sup>th</sup>, SG1 30<sup>th</sup>, SG2 24<sup>th</sup>  
L. Dianni: SL 29<sup>th</sup>, GS 31<sup>st</sup>, SG1 24<sup>th</sup>, SG2 22<sup>nd</sup>  
O. Boukhriss: SL 30<sup>th</sup>, GS 42<sup>nd</sup>, SG1 44<sup>th</sup>, SG2 43<sup>rd</sup>  
O. VanDerZwan: SL 22<sup>nd</sup>, GS 52<sup>nd</sup>, SG1 49<sup>th</sup>, SG2 52<sup>nd</sup>  
T. Yost: SL 43<sup>rd</sup>, GS 47<sup>th</sup>, SG1 48<sup>th</sup>, SG2 49<sup>th</sup>  
A. Gonder: SL 27<sup>th</sup>, GS 51<sup>st</sup>, SG1 50<sup>th</sup>, SG2 46<sup>th</sup>  
B. Carpenter: SL 26<sup>th</sup>, SG1 33<sup>rd</sup>, SG2 29<sup>th</sup>

## **Am-Can Event**

Am-Can was hosted by Attitash March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Adair Martin (SRRC) and Sam Reilly (SRRC) represented PARA. Adair finished 51<sup>st</sup> in SL. Sam finished 58<sup>th</sup> in GS and 70<sup>th</sup> in SG. Thank you to Coach Curt Schramm who accompanied our athletes.

## **2018 U16 Championship Event**

The 2018 U16 State Championship will be hosted by Blue Mountain for year 2 of a 2-year bid.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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