



Volunteer Torch

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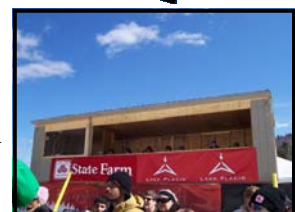


Thanks to all of the many volunteers who came out and volunteered for the World Cup Snowboard event. It was an exciting event as World Cup athletes were going fast and flying high in Lake Placid and at Whiteface. It was truly amazing to watch the Parallel Giant Slalom riders go so fast as they carve their way around each gate gaining time on the opponent next to them. The final four competitors were pumped in the start gates. In the end brothers, Philipp and Simon Schoch, were vying for the top spot and the youngest, Philipp, took the gold in the men's and our own U.S. woman PGS racer Stacia Hookom took the podium in third place. Our volunteers helped tremendously on the PGS day by maintaining gates, slipping the course, hand timing the race, keeping score at the start and finish areas and finally chaperoning the athletes on their way to be drug tested. Finding volunteers to help in the middle of the week is one of the hardest things to do however, once again our volunteers deserve a round of applause for an awesome showing of support for our World Cup events!!

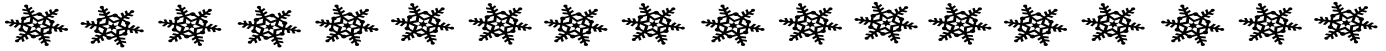
On Friday and Saturday at the Half Pipe many athletes were raving how awesome the pipe was and what a great day for a competition. Our volunteers looked awesome slipping the half pipe, the athletes truly appreciated it. Our volunteers also did a fantastic job checking credentials at the start and finish areas. It was great to see golds go to the U.S. athletes, Tommy Czeschin and Gretchen Bleiler.

Saturday's 1/4 pipe event on the speed skating oval was AWE-SOME! We had over 4,000 spectators come out & catch the band, North Mississippi AllStars and see the riders & their unbelievable amplitude off of the 1/4 pipe jump. It was really cool to see so many people come out for the event, young and old alike were enjoying the scene. Where else do you see World Cup athletes being hurled into a 1/4 pipe by a speeding snowmobile?

Unfortunately, we had a bitter ending to a great event. It is with much sadness to report that during training for the Snowboardcross event on Sunday morning, 26 year old Swedish Snowboarder Jonatan Johansson died. Jonatan was taking a training run on the Boreen trail, site of the SBX course, and died as a result of injuries suffered from a fall. Event organizers ultimately, canceled the Snowboardcross event. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Johansson family.



The Lake Placid Loppet finally arrived on March 4th & the weather cooperated for a great day of racing. Participants from all over the state & country were here in Lake Placid for this annual event. At first, it didn't look like Mother Nature was going to cooperate at the Verizon Sports Complex but luckily it did! A big thanks to the volunteers on the course and the staff at the Verizon Sports Complex Cross Country area for their assistance in another successful Loppet!



Snoe.down Winter Musical festival featuring moe. was here March 17th to 19th and it was quite the musical event with great entertainment and plenty of skiing at Whiteface. Thousands of people from all over the U.S. came to see more than 15 bands perform at the Olympic Center and at Whiteface. Moe. played three different sets throughout the weekend including an outdoor set at Whiteface on Saturday afternoon. Many of the other bands also performed at local hot spots like Lisa G's and Wiseguys. A last minute call for help to our volunteers was given and your assistance was much appreciated by Great Northeast Productions. Thank you!



Writers wanted! Well at least those who aren't afraid of telling a story or two about past events in which they worked or participated. Let's use the newsletter to share the odd and funny anecdotes that are part of any event... especially ours.


Think Green!



I just wanted to thank those who were able to send me their updated contact information. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically rather than snail mail please email me at volunteers@orda.org with your updated email address. As Earth Day (April 22nd) approaches, together we can make this newsletter more environmentally friendly. Otherwise please continue to send me your information anyway that is convenient for you! ~Thanks

Upcoming Events!

- May 5th to 7th - 24th Annual Dawn to Dark Indoor Soccer Festival @ Olympic Center
- May 12th to 14th - Lake Placid Primetime Challenge @ Olympic Center (Girls AAU basketball)
- May 20th & 21st - Lake Placid Festival of Cars @ Olympic Center
- June 24th & July 1, 15, 22, & 29th - Citizens Bank Saturday Night Ice Show @ Olympic Center
- July 3rd - Chevrolet 90 Meter Summer Ski Jump @ MacKenzie-Intervale Jumping Complex
- July 4th - NYSEF Independence Day Ski Jump @ MacKenzie-Intervale Jumping Complex
- July 6th to 8th - 49th Annual Lake Placid Summer Figure Skating Championships @ Olympic Center



ORDA STORE
 Attention Volunteers! The ORDA Store is now offering to all volunteers 10% off all ORDA Merchandise. Anything that has the ORDA or Whiteface logo on it gets 10% off if you identify yourself as a volunteer and bring this portion of the flyer. And remember if you have any guests in town the ORDA Store is the place to start their day, they have information about all the ORDA venues and events going on at the different Olympic venues.