

Seasons Greetings

Volunteer Torch



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Event Calender

- **December 11** Kenny Rogers Christmas Concert @ Olympic Center
- **December 13 to 19** World Cup "B" Nordic Combined @ Jumps & Verizon Sports Complex
- **December 30** Coronation Ice Show @ Olympic Center
- **January 1, 2005** New Years Masters Ski Jump @ MacKenzie Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **January 7 to 9** Synchronized Skating Competition @ Olympic Center
- **January 10 to 16** World Cup Freestyle @ Whiteface Mountain & MacKenzie Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **January 22** Lake Placid Loppet @ Verizon Sports Complex
- **January 17 to 23** North American Junior Jumping Championships @ MacKenzie Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **January 25 to 30** America's Cup @ Verizon Sports Complex
- **February 6 to 13** World Cup Women's Bobsled, Skeleton & Men's Bobsled @ Verizon Sports Complex
- **February 12** Re-lighting of 1980 torch
- **February 25 to 27** Empire State Games
- **February 28 to March 6** World Cup Snowboard @ Whiteface Mountain

*All Dates are Tentative and Subject to Change



Ski Jumping & Nordic Skiing

After last month's article explaining Nordic Combined, we hope to have perked some interest in our event that is coming very shortly. On December 15, 16, & 17 we have athletes from Austria, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Poland, Russia, Switzerland and of course the United States. The MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex is still looking for volunteers for the jumping hill, so contact Peter or Heidi Roland at hproland@northnet.org. Bob Rafferty is also still in search of volunteers for course checking and many other positions so please contact him at brafferty@orda.org. PS... Don't forget to volunteer for the New Years Masters Ski Jump!



Great Volunteer Turnout!

I would like to thank everyone that has responded to volunteer for World Cup Luge for December 3, 4, & 5. It is wonderful to have such dedicated volunteers for our events! I couldn't believe that I actually had to tell some of you that we had all filled all positions for this event. Last year when I took over this position, I struggled to find people because of the unfortunate lack of communication, and this event proved to me that our volunteers are really interested and this newsletter really does get read! Thank you so much!

Volunteers endured all types of weather stewarding and looked great participating during our awards ceremonies!



Name the Newsletter Contest

The newsletter name has been decided. The Volunteer Torch was the great idea of Connie Cross and she will be receiving a package of goodies. This is not to say that we didn't get great names from everyone that participated. I was very happy to see so many people participating in the contest.



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Synchronized Skating is back again this year at the Olympic Center. On January 7, 8, & 9, 2005. As always, this is a great event to watch because of the activity on the ice, teams from all over participate and it's one of the largest figure skating competitions that the Olympic Center hosts. The volunteer coordinators for this event are Connie Bonsignore and Iris Gladd. Please contact me at the Olympic Center at 800-462-2636 ext. 286 or by email, leave your name and phone number and a message saying you are interested in the synchronized skating competition and I will forward your information to them. This is a great event to volunteer for with lots of great skating!

Attention Everyone as address change due to the enhanced 911 services in our region please communicate either by mail, phone or email your new contact information. Thank you!



International Women's Hockey Tournament November 10-14, 2004

Canada wins the women's hockey tournament. A very exciting tournament had Canada verses USA in the Gold Medal Game, and Sweden and Finland in the Bronze Medal Game. If you were lucky enough to catch the great women's hockey that went on the second weekend in November you witnessed some awesome hockey.



World Cup Freestyle is January 14, 15, & 16, 2005 and as always this competition is full of high-flying excitement. On Friday the 14th and Sunday the 16th the World Cup Aerials competition will be held at the MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex. We are currently looking for volunteers for chaperones for athletes after the competitions, a judges assistant, starters, and stewards for some competition areas. On Saturday the 15th, the action is at Whiteface on the Wilderness trail for the mogul competition. We are looking for volunteers for stewarding, running, hand timing, chaperoning, chopping/course maintenance, and a judges assistant. So check your calendars and contact me with your availability. Thanks!



This is an event to definitely put on your radar. World Cup Snowboard is coming to Whiteface Mountain in March. The schedule is as follows: Parallel Giant Slalom on Thursday, March 3rd, Halfpipe qualifications on Friday, March 4th, Halfpipe Competition on Saturday, March 5th, and Snowboard Cross on Sunday, March 6th. We are looking for volunteers for everyday. We have need for gatekeepers, slippers, hand timers, runners, chaperones, course maintenance and many more positions on the mountain. We are looking for a lot of skiers for the event, as requested by the event organizer. However snowboarders are definitely needed as well. So come out and volunteer and see some of the best snowboarding athletes in the World.

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. **Anyone who is sends in a story that I publish will receive a prize.**

