

ORDA Volunteer Newsletter

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Event Calender

- **October 2 & 3** Oktoberfest @ Whiteface Mountain
- **October 9** 2004 Flaming Leaves Festival @ MacKenzie-Intervale Ski Jumping Complex
- **November 10 to 14** Four Nations Cup - Women's International Hockey Tournament
- **November 27** Smucker's Stars On Ice
- **November 29 to December 5** World Cup Luge @ Verizon Sports Complex
- **December 13 to 19** World Cup B Nordic Combined @ Jumps & VSC
- **December 30** Coronation Ice Show @ Olympic Center
- **January 1, 2005** New Years Masters Ski Jump
- **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
- **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

Prospects so far: [ORDA 'teers Crier](#), [The ORDA Buzz](#), [The ORDA Voluncheers](#), [Olympic Spirit @ ORDA](#), [ORDA Spirit](#), [Excelsior](#), [Enjoy](#), [Volunteer Ventures](#), [VORDA News](#)

Looking Ahead

The winter is quickly approaching. The leaves are turning colors already! So that means we are thinking SNOW! Yes I said the four letter word.

So let's talk about the winter and all of the thrilling events we have here in the Lake Placid region. First on the winter schedule in World Cup Luge. Always very exciting, the volunteer positions that are available are track stewarding. This is informing spectators at various spots around the track (including the start and finish decks or one of the many exciting curves) where they can and cannot go and being an ambassador for the Verizon Sports Complex at the same time. The competition days are Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, December, 3-5.

Our next event is a World Cup B Nordic Combined event at the Verizon Sports Complex on the Cross Country Trails and the MacKenzie- Intervale Ski Jumping Complex. Most of the regular volunteers for these particular venues will be hearing from Bob Rafferty, the Cross Country Volunteer Coordinator, and Peter and Heidi Roland, the ski jumping complex Volunteer Coordinators. However if you are interested in volunteering for this event, please give me a call and I will lead you in the right direction when it comes to volunteering. The dates for the competition are December 16-18

and volunteers are needed each one of those days.

New Years Masters Ski Jump kicks off 2005. Heidi and Peter Roland are the Ski Jumping Volunteer Coordinators for this event and will be in contact with its core group of volunteers sometime before the event. However if you are interested in volunteering and haven't done so at the jumps before, they'll show you the ropes. So send them an email at hproland@northnet.org.

The Olympic Center hosts the Synchronized Skating Competition on January 8-9, 2005 and is always a great show to see. Connie Bonsignore and Iris Gladd of the Skating Club of Lake Placid are always looking for newcomers to educate and train for the many important roles volunteers have in this event. So just contact me if you are interested in volunteering for this skating event.

Next month I plan on having a more precise handle on what each venue needs in its volunteer corps. Also I will have the World Cup Freestyle and World Cup Snowboard volunteer specs. World Cup Snowboard is going to be an event to see. So get out those skis - yes I said skis - they need more skiers than snowboarders!! Slippers, gatekeepers, runners and much more are in store for both World Cups at Whiteface Mountain.

Name the Newsletter

Here is your current task! We need a name. I have put together a prize package for the person who can come up with the best name for the newsletter. The more creative the better! Remember this is your newsletter, so put on those thinking caps and send in your ideas.

New Web Page

There has been a facelift to our www.orda.org web page. I am currently working on a new look for the volunteer page too. It is a work in progress. Soon there will be a form to complete online to directly e-mail questions and / or comments about upcoming events.

Volunteer Profile Mary & Marty Shubert

This month's volunteer profile is about a couple that you most likely have seen somewhere in Lake Placid. Mary and Marty Shubert have been volunteering for many years and enjoying every moment of it.

Examples of Volunteering:

- Figure Skating & Speed Skating
- Ski Jumps & Aerials & Moguls
- Casio Triathlon
- Ironman - Captains
- Water Polo referees
- ECAC Hockey Tournament
- Lake Placid Center of the Arts
- Project Playground, Lake Placid Elementary School
- ESPN Great Outdoor Games
- Winter Goodwill Games
- Biathlon & Cross-Country Events
- American Red Cross—Blood Mobile

Mary and Marty's background

Mary's and Marty's spirit of volunteerism can be directly traced to their children, Ben & Molly. With the youngsters involvement in skating, ski jumping, and many other sports, it allowed the couple to also participate with them by volunteering. However with their children now all grown up, they found that they just love the spirit of volunteering.

Mary's Most Memorable Volunteering moment

The first time Mary volunteered to be a marker at a ski jump competition was quite the experience. Normally Mary did calculations inside and was not near the real action. With Ben in the competition both she and Marty were excited to be so close to the action. At this one particular meet, Ben's name was announced. He caught some great air and was really sailing. However, one ski decided not to go along for the ride, and unfortunately one of the bindings had not properly attached to the ski. Ben's ski flew off leaving him the only option he had - a crash landing. Well, Marty says it was one of the longest jumps his son had ever executed while Mary was too busy

catching her breath to really think about how far the jump was. Ben nicely gave a wave at the bottom of the hill so his parents knew he was okay. Mary now stays with calculations at the ski jumps and laughs about this story when she tells it.

Marty's Most Memorable Moment

Marty volunteered for water polo and was given the task of line referee. While looking at the list of competitors he noticed an athlete named Shumacker. Marty decided since his last name was Shubert that it would be an interesting person to chat with. Well Marty chatted with him, and he was an interesting athlete. So Shumacker decided to see if his chatting with the line ref would get him anywhere. The athlete hovered near the line and gave Marty some smirks to see if Marty would call any penalties on him. Of course, Marty did!

Why do Mary and Marty Volunteer?

They both feel a great sense of community. The idea of giving back in this manner is very satisfying and the appreciation from the athletes feels great. They also said that the stylish event apparel and food in the volunteer trailer at the ski jumps will make them come back for more and more!! - Okay I made that part up.



Flaming Leaves Festival

The Flaming Leaves Festival is October 9 with music, food, ski jumping, aerial skiing, arts, crafts and children's activities! The entertainment this year includes three acts, Roy Hurd and his accompanist, fiddler Frank Orsini. They play a combination of folk and bluegrass with an Adirondack flavor; Dave Nichols and his bluegrass band have been in the festival from the beginning; and The Stony Creek Band, a country rock group from the Lake George area that has a strong local following. As in years past there are vendors with everything from local maple products to jewelry and new this year, pony rides and a petting zoo along with an awesome bounce house!



The first annual Huck & Tuck Competition on August 28 was a great success. Athletes from the Northeast were doing awesome tricks into the pool at the Kodak Sports Park.

The competition, featuring freeskiers and snowboarders at the Kodak Sports Park on a steamy, 80-degree day, was conducted by the New York Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) and may have doubled as a peek into the future of the freestyle skiing venue.

At the end of the competition athletes were able to hit some rails and have at it on snow that was trucked in from the Olympic Center for the event. It was an awesome time for athletes and spectators!

Whiteface Festivals!



The Scottish Highland Festival at Whiteface Mountain was a great success. The sounds of bagpipes on two gorgeous days put smiles on everyone's faces. There was something for all ages at the festival. For the young at heart, there was the arena for modified athletics. Children could put on a kilt and try a modified version of what the grown-ups were doing on the other field, such as caber toss and sheaf toss. For those into testing their pallets, there was the Scotch Whisky tasting. Notice no "e" in whiskey. The tasting expert said that the Scottish didn't like to waste anything, not even an e.



Oktoberfest is fairly soon, October 2-3 with good beer, music, and awesome artisans. Everyone should check it out.

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.

