



Charlie St. Jacques and his team at the Big E. Photo: Heidi St. Jacques

Oxbow 4-H Club

By Heidi St. Jacques
Oxbow 4-H Club

Seven of our club members represented the state of New Hampshire at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The teamsters were on the grounds four out of the 21 days of events, from Friday, September 22 through Monday, September 25. The exhibitors were welcomed with an ice cream social on Friday evening, and on Saturday the competition began.

There were a total of 54 head of steer exhibited by 27 exhibitors from New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

Congratulations to Charlie St. Jacques

of Andover who was the team Captain and received 38 out of a possible perfect score of 39 points. He also earned the title of "Best Overall Senior Teamster."

Congratulations also go out to Sophie Courser of Warner who tied for third place with 30 points, Matt Shottes of New Boston with 29 points, Christopher Belanger of Manchester with 28 points, Kellie St. Jacques of Andover with 24 points, Nick Rowe of North Sutton with 24 points, and Brendan Rowe of North Sutton who went as an alternate.

It was an honor and an excellent opportunity for these teamsters to be part of one of the largest agricultural events in all of New England.

RAGGED MOUNTAIN SKI PROGRAMS

By Leighton Terwilliger
Ragged Mountain Technical Ski Instructor, PSIA Level III

Another ski season is just about upon us. Ragged Mountain Resort is getting ready for another great year of skiing. The resort has a lot of great ski and snowboard programs for kids and adults.

The ever-famous Young Mountain Cruisers (YMC) is a 10-week program for kids 7 to 12 years of age. It happens every Saturday afternoon from noon to 4 PM, beginning the weekend after New Year's Day. This program has the kids stay with the same coach all year long.

Cruiser X is for kids 13 to 18 years of age, with the same format as YMC.

Ragged Mountain also has an Adult program and a Women's program. These programs are six weeks in length and begin on the Saturday two weeks

after New Year's Day.

All the programs are coached by the Ragged Mountain Ski & Snowboard School. For information on all these programs, call Ragged Mountain Resort at 768-3600.

Instructors Wanted

Ragged Mountain Ski & Snowboard School is looking for instructors for the 2006-2007 season. There is a general meeting on Sunday, November 19, at 10 AM at Ragged Mountain.

If you love to ski or snowboard and want to help other people learn, then come on out. Our professional staff will help you in your personal skiing and also teach you how to teach other people.

If you are interested, call Ragged Mountain Resort at 768-3600, or come out to the general meeting on November 19.

Andover Outing Club Plans Open House and Dinner

By Peter Southworth
Andover Outing Club

The Andover Outing Club starts the 2006/2007 season with two events: an Open House at the Blackwater Ski Area on Sunday, November 12 and a Rib Eye Dinner fundraiser on Saturday, November 18.

Find out how you can learn to cross-country ski with the AOC's Bill Koch Youth Ski League by attending the Open House afternoon from 1 PM to 3 PM.

Children 4 to 13 (and their parents) can learn to cross-country ski with a certified Bill Koch League coach at Andover's Blackwater Ski Area, which has seven kilometers of groomed trails. Practices begin in December, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Children 6 to 13 with a season of skiing background can learn to ski jump with a USSA-certified coach at the Blackwater Ski Area's four-jump complex, the most modern in New Hampshire. Practices begin in December, from 4 PM to 5:15 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays.

There will also be optional races and jumping meets many weekends. Some cross-country rental equipment is available, and all jumpers can rent gear. Come

to our Open House to ask questions, to register, or to play capture the flag.

Boneless Rib Eye Dinner

The Andover Outing Club will hold its third annual Rib Eye Roast dinner on Saturday, November 18 from 5:30 PM to 7 PM at the Proctor dining hall. A delicious meal of boneless rib eye beef will be followed by make-your-own sundaes. Tickets are \$12.95 in advance or \$13.95 at the door, though there will be limited availability of tickets at the door. Kids' tickets are \$5 for a hot dog and fries.

There will be door prizes and a silent auction. Call Peter Southworth at 735-6811 for more information or tickets.

The Coaches are Ready

AOC cross-country skiers and their families are lucky to have Al Herschlag coaching the club for the fifth year. Al's years of experience and devotion complement his love of teaching kids to ski and have fun on the snow.

Al will continue to mix games (soccer, tag, and capture the flag on skis) and technique work (both classic and skate style) into his practices. Often, smaller groups of skiers and parents (paired by ability) enjoy some of the seven kilometers of trails through the fields and woods by the Blackwater River.

AOC ski jumping is coached by Tim Norris, who has 36 years of experience. All skiers start with ski play on a gentle slope. Our starter jump is a K10 with a takeoff about 8 inches high which has been successfully negotiated by a four-year-old.

AOC members Jed Hinkley, Kris and Justin Freeman, and Carl Van Loan have gone on to ski and jump as Olympians. Kris is still competing on the international circuit as a top American skier we will watch this season.

For more information, contact Peter Southworth at 735-5737 or peter_southworth@proctornet.com, or Tim Norris at 735-5369 or tgn@proctornet.com, or visit www.AndoverOutingClub.com.



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The Andover Outing Club

Boneless Rib Eye Roast Dinner

Saturday, November 18
Proctor Dining Hall
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

\$12.95 in advance
\$13.95 at the door (limited availability)

\$5.00 for kids - hot dog & fries
Door Prizes • Silent Auction
Make Your Own Sundaes

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