



Andover Outing Club celebrates Beach Day. (L-r) Jackson Bicknell, Story Southworth, Hallie Southworth, Peter Southworth, Andrew Young, Thaddeus Bicknell, Patrick Allen, Elizabeth Chesley. Photo: Greg Allen

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By Hallie Southworth  
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The Andover Outing Club was so glad when it snowed. Before, the cross-country skiers only skied a little loop that was all man-made snow. Now most of the trails at the Blackwater Ski Area are open for us to ski on. But we are still hoping for some more snow.

This year cross-country coach Al Herschlag decided to have Beach Day. Most of the skiers dressed up – they wore their bathing suits or shorts and t-shirts over their ski clothes.

Coach Al made skis with two binders so two people could ski on them at once. We played British Bulldog, otherwise known as Sharks and Minnows, and had relay races. We played soccer on skis, and made a jump and spent a long time taking turns going off it.

Beach Day was so much fun that when practice was over, we stayed and finished up our soccer game. We had a great Beach Day skiing in February.

By Tim Norris

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Here are the Andover Outing Club results for the February 3 meet in Lake Placid.

On the K18 (jumps as long as 18 meters possible):

Katelyn Kinson was second. Damick Kinson had some of his best jumps ever (16 meters) to win his class, and Matt Bengston had some of his best jumps ever (17 meters) to win his class.

On the K48 (jumps in the vicinity of 48 meters possible):

In the J3 comp, Luke Daniels won convincingly with a 41 meter ride and Matt Bengston had a wonderful first session on the K48 with a long ride of 34 meters to finish third.

In the J2 class: Zach Daniels was third with a long 47.5 meter jump and was only two points out of second. Jon Kimball was sixth with a longest ride of 36 meters.

On the K90 (jumps in the vicinity of 90 meters possible):

Zach Daniels was again third with a long ride of 62 meters in the junior class. Nick Fairall won the open class convincingly with a great-looking ride of 95.5 meters. Chris Lamb had the second longest jump of the day at 90 meters but had a bad tailwind for his first comp jump and finished fourth. Pete Freire was close behind in sixth.



Above: The opening ceremony for Nordic Kids, a "mini-Olympics" with ski jumping and cross country skiing for kids 14 and under held at the Blackwater Ski area. Photo: Terri Daniels



Left: Zach Daniels flies off the K65 in Salisbury, Connecticut. Photo: Tim Norris

Below: Geoff Bonewald, a Proctor sophomore from New London, racing in the Macomber Cup at the Blackwater Ski Area. Photo: Doug Peel



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