

Andover Outing Club

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Andover Outing Club's (AOC) annual Ski Jumping Tournament was held on January 8 at the Blackwater Ski Area. Jumpers aged eight to 20 from four states took part. Four ski clubs and seven high schools were represented.

Local kids did a great job. In the age nine and under 10-meter class, AOC's Jazlyn Perkins led the way with a long jump of five meters. Katie Bent (AOC) was close behind in second. Evan Nichols (Ford Sayre) was third, and Galen Whitman (AOC) was fourth.

In the age 10 and 11 class, AOC's Alice Crow was first with a long jump of 5.5 meters, and new AOCer Sarah Bean was second. Proctor's Sylvia Graf did a great job in only her second day jumping.

In the 18-meter high school class, Proctor's Sage Morison was third with an 11-meter ride, AOC's Bea Crow was half a point behind in fourth, and Proctor's Jen Elms was fifth.

In the K18 12 to 13 age group, Concord's Tyler Dow was first with a long jump of 18 meters, and Cooper McCrillis was second.

In the featured 38-meter competition, Lake Placid's Landon Livreri was first in the 12 to 13 age group with a stylish jump of 30 meters. AOC's AJ King was fourth.

For the 14 to 15 year olds, AOC's

(and Brady's) Warren Bartlett finished first with a long jump of 30 meters, and Proctor's Jake Hubbard was close behind in second.

The high school class was won by AOC's (and Merrimack Valley's) Matt Doyle with a beautiful ride of 35 meters. Ben Chafee (Proctor) came in third, and Concord's Cooper Richardson was fifth.

The women's standard was set by Lake Placid's Gabby Armstrong with a long jump of 26.5 meters. Concord's co-captain, Julia Finch, was third.

Former Kennett jumper Parker Haynes, now at Keene State, had the longest jump of the day of 37 meters – not far off the hill record.

The tournament, surrounded by brown woods and fields, was made possible by the prodigious efforts of Garry George and his crew who worked all night every cold night to get our area into shape. The Lake Placid coach referred to it as "an island of snow in New Hampshire."

Garry does a beautiful job taking care of our landing hills and outruns, but the inruns, the ramps leading to the takeoff, are up to the jumpers. Two weeks before this meet, there were 35 kids from Concord, Hopkinton, and Sunapee who joined Proctor and AOC kids and parents to work the hills into shape.



The AE/MS second grade helped plant two red oaks at Lakeside Cemetery. Photos: Larry Chase

Conservation Commission Plants Red Oaks At Lakeside Cemetery

ACC press release

On December 8, two red oaks were planted by Jon Champagne's staff on the edge of the Lakeside Cemetery in East Andover. The Cemetery Trustees had agreed to a plan drawn up by Susan Schnare for a row of red oaks on the outer edge of the newly acquired land given by the state when Route 11 was recently deviated from its former location.

In attendance was the second grade from AE/MS, who planted wish lists at the base of the trees. Also present were Mary Reynolds, State Forester, as well as Pat Cutter, Cemetery Trustee, and Tina Cotton, Jerry Hersey, Larry Chase, and Nan Kaplan, members of the Andover Conservation Commission (ACC).

Andover has been a Tree City USA

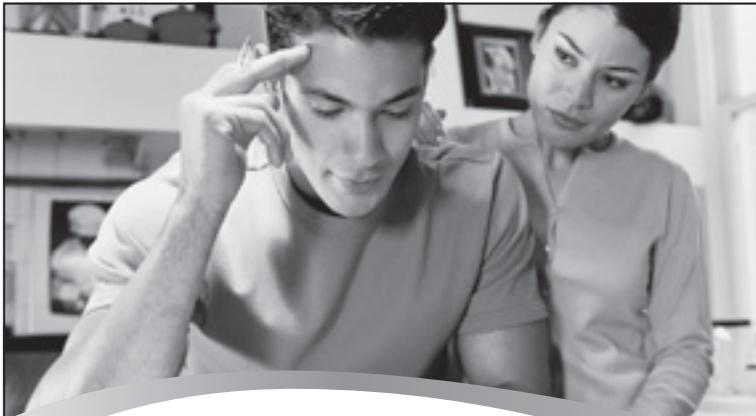
for the last two years and is hoping to qualify for a third year. This is a national awards program that recognizes cities and towns that have committed to quality tree care.

This program in Andover was begun



Jon Champagne's crew helped, too.

by the ACC under Mary Anne Broshek and has been continued by Nan Kaplan, a member of the ACC.



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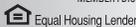
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