



The Andover Outing Club ski jumpers were treated like royalty at the US National Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Championships in Lake Placid in October. Pictured are: Henry Johnstone, Matt Reynolds, David Reynolds, Alex Burt, Hazel Johnstone, Nick Fairall, Michelle Wiemar, Sophia Reynolds, Chris Lamb, Nathaniel Wiemar. Photo: Brian Reynolds

AOC Jumpers Attend Summer Jumping Camp in Lake Placid

Nick Fairall wins national championship

Brian Reynolds, AOC

The Andover Outing Club (AOC) had several ski jumpers attend the final summer jumping camp of the year in Lake Placid, New York over the Columbus Day weekend. The last camp was held in conjunction with the US National Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Championships. AOC had more than half the participants at camp, and AOC alumnus Nick Fairall was competing in the National Championships.

The kids are treated like royalty whenever they go to Lake Placid. They get great coaching during their camp time, they can ride to the top of the jumps for lunch, and they watch competitions from the coaching or judging platforms. The thing that got them the most excited was being able to watch the best men and women jumpers and skiers in the US in competition, and then get coached by them, and then hang out and chat with them.

Nick Fairall won the men's National Championship, then spent the evening working with the young jumpers, signing helmets, and just talking with the

kids. In the women's competition, reigning World Champion Sarah Hendrickson became the National Champion, just edging out teammate and 10-time National Champion Jessica Jerome. AOC jumpers Sophia Reynolds and Hazel Johnstone got to spend time with both Sarah and Jessica. Needless to say, Sophia and Hazel were very excited.

All the kids had a great time and are desperate for snow so we can start jumping and skiing here in Andover.



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Andover Rec Soccer Ends the Year with Tournaments

It was a good, positive season

Heidi Murphy Andover Recreation Soccer

The Andover Recreation Committee soccer teams closed out their season with a few tournaments.

Michelle Dudek, Harvey Pine, and Chris Bentzler, who were the first and second grade coaches, held a scrimmage among the players. Even though it was a rainy day, the kids really enjoyed themselves and played some stellar soccer. They ended the season with snacks, juice, and a love for the game.

The third and fourth grade team, who was coached by Heidi Murphy and assisted by David Salathe, took part in a memorial tournament held in New London on October 11 to end their season. Though the team played together the entire season, there were just enough players at the tournament to support two teams. One team was coached by Heidi, and the other team was coached by Morgan Salathe and Anne Swayze. The kids played hard, had a couple of wins, and came away exhausted, as it was a warm, nice October day.

The players really started to work well together toward the end of the season. The fifth and sixth graders had two friendly games between the boys and

girls teams. Not only was there friendly competition between the teams, but they had to avoid the friendly skunk that decided to grace the field with its presence. The teams seemed quite even, as the boys won the first game and the girls were the victors in the re-match.

The fifth and sixth grade boys team was coached by Robert Koziol. They came in second in their division for the end-of-year tournament held in Warner on October 18. Robert made great strides with the team, and they should look good for next year, as Liam Donovan was the lone sixth grader on the team.

The girls' fifth and sixth grade tournaments were held in Andover for the C Division. The Andover girls were coached by Claudio Marcus and tied for third place overall in their division. It was a tough tournament as the rain, thunder, and loss of the use of one field required the tournament to be changed quite a bit. The girls had to play only 15-minute games, and some of them were sudden death, which meant once a goal was scored, the game was over.

On behalf of the Andover Recreation Department, I would like to thank the coaches, players, and parents for a good, positive season. Until next fall ... dribble on!

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