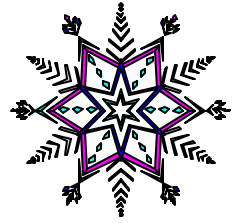


# NOTCH NEWS



*News from the Smugglers' Notch Ski & Snowboard Club  
March, 2007*



*Ready to race! The SNSC J 5s and J6s with coaches Deb Wells and Lowrey Sullivan bundled up and ready to rock the race hill earlier this winter before the resort was hit with incredible snowstorms that have opened the entire area, backcountry and off-piste regions of the Notch.*



## **SNSCers past and present:**

*(left to right)* Champlain Valley Union High School racer and former SNSC member Nathan Petter enjoys the sun and fun with SNSC / Essex High School racer Andrew Hladky, SNSC J-3 racer Meghan Susslin and SNSC J-2 Ryan Sheredy. Ryan has been training everyday at the club as a member of the Winter Tutorial Program based out of the SNSC clubhouse.



## THE VALENTINES DAY BLIZZARD!

The Smuggler's Notch Ski & Snowboard Club was hit with one of the top ten snowstorms to ever hit the state of Vermont on Valentine's Day back in February. The storm dumped up to 36 inches of magnificent powder snow and set a 24-hour record for accumulation in downtown Burlington: 24 inches in 24 hours. The inch-an-hour rate was amazing to witness and the storm arrived just a couple of days before vacationers started pouring in to the resort from Southern New England states and beyond. The net effect of the Valentine's Day Blizzard is enormous snowbanks, incredible conditions and incredible terrain opened up all over the entire Smugglers' Notch Resort. Smaller, but significant snowstorms have continued to grace Northern Vermont this month and March roared in like a lion with a howling wind and snowstorm that dumped between 8 – 10 inches to freshen up the resort in time for some great early March skiing and riding.



*At the peak of the storm. Believe it or not... there's a car somewhere under that pile of snow!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## George Tormey Cup, March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

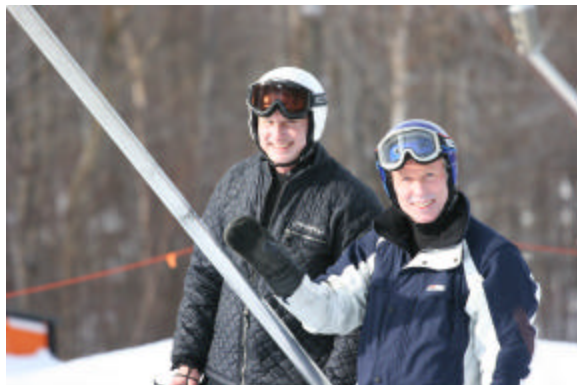
J3s and J4s from VARA will compete in the GTC Finals here at SNSC. Saturday features G.S. racing and Sunday, the popular DUAL SLALOM Race.

## 14th Annual BLAST FROM THE PAST!



*SNSC MASTERS racers Dave Horak (red course) and Kor Kiley (blue course) tune up for the infamous BLAST FROM THE PAST Pro Format Dual Slalom Race.*

The BLAST FROM THE PAST has become an annual rite of Spring at Smugglers' Notch. For the fourteenth consecutive year, the BLAST will once again be presented on the Practice Slope, directly in front of the clubhouse. The event gathers familiar faces from the New England Race scene and is one of the most anticipated races of the season for racers over age 21. Last year's champ, St. Michael's College Ski Team Captain, Mark Galardi is expected to return to defend his title in the round of 16 slugfest that takes place following a morning G.S. qualifier. If you've never entered the BLAST, this is the year to do so with great snow conditions waiting for you at Smugglers' Notch!



*Dave and Kor.*

*All smiles... until they get into the gates!*

## ***BLAST FROM THE PAST!***

*Just the facts...*

- What: Dual Slalom Race with pro jump  
When: Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Who: Anyone over age 21. All competitors MUST be age 21 or older.
- Schedule: Registration 7:30 – 9:00  
2 run GS qualifier 9:30  
Combined time, top 16 men and top 8 women qualify for  
head-to-head pro format dual slalom race. Kick boards and saloon door start!  
Elimination rounds begin at 12:00
- Cost: \$35.00 entry includes: BLAST tee shirt for first 50 entrants  
Race entry. All mountain lift ticket for day of race  
BBQ with burgers, hot dogs, beer and soda. Team awards  
Individual top 4 awards for top four finalists, men and women  
Age category awards in multiple age groups  
Great prizes (skis, packs, other...) will be awarded via bib draw  
Cash or check only. Sorry! No credit card entries.  
More info will be posted on [www.snsct.com](http://www.snsct.com) later this month.

## **SNSC Family Day**

Club members: Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Our final SNSC Family Day of the season will take place at the end of the month with food, lollipop races and a whole lot of fun! Come out to enjoy the great spring weather, skiing and riding with your friends and family on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **APRIL 15th**

Closing Date for the Ski & Ride Season at Smugglers' Notch.  
Please be sure to remove all your personal gear from the clubhouse  
Before the 15<sup>th</sup>!