



Annual Report April 2009

Brewster McVicker - Central Division Manager

The purpose of the Central Division is to promote the athletic mission of USSA by supporting delivery of USSA programs, products, policies and services to USSA members in the Central Division.

The Mission of USSA Central is to provide the highest quality racing and training opportunities for Central Athletes that will help them achieve their highest potential as individuals and ski racers

The Central Division is divided into 4 local regions covering a large area of the Midwest USA.

Projects Review

- June NDS Project – No Central Athlete involved
- Oct. R/C Hintertux Glacier Project – Rob/Scully - Lauren Samuels, Maddie Strachota, Ross Baker
- November GS Camp @ Loveland Co. – (Team Central & invite) Focus on GS 7 Women, 6 Men
Staff – Rob Worrell, Brewster McVicker, Scully ~ challenged with lack of snow this year.
- November SG/GS Camp @ Copper Mt. Co. – Grass Roots project. Focus on SG am & GS pm
20 Central Athletes (-12), 10 Coaches - Special Guest Coach Phil McNichol
- December Tech Camp @ Marquette Mt. – Canceled, lack of sign ups
- January Topolino Time Trials (TTT) @ Winter Park – total time from best run of 3 run SL & 3 run GS
Central athletes = 8 (+4) Girls of 15 (-2), 8 (-1) Boys of 19 (-1)
Paula Moltzan won TTT and went on to win Silver at Topolino in Slalom!
Tyler Theis and Ian Beal were 2nd and 3rd while Katie Davidson finished 4th at TTT.
- February Speed Camp @ Indianhead – Focus = terrain, gliding & speed elements 87 (-3) athletes
Project Leaders Brewster McVicker, Rob Worrell, Special Guest Coach Jonna Mendes, club coaches
Great project for grass roots Central Athletes prepping for Junior Olympics

Events Review

- Central FIS events
 - Mid AM series – Thank you to our new sponsor Tiger Foam
 - 3 events, 4 venues – Boyne Highlands/Nub's Nob, Spirit, LaCrosse
 - Central FIS Championships @ Lutsen
 - Can Am Superior Cup - Canadian partnership at Thunder Bay Ont.
 - Spirit, Lutsen, Loch Lomond
- Age Class
 - J3/4 Championships at Marquette (compare to 08)
 - J3M = 83(+1), J3W = 63(-2), J4M = 63(-8), J4W = 39(-16) Total = 248 (-25)
 - J4,5,6 Championship Finale at Brule = 89 (-7) athletes including 52 (+1) new USSA



Development / Coaches Education

- ✓ June - NDS Camp Mammoth
- ✓ November – Central Tech Camp – Loveland
- ✓ November – R/C Nor Am Prep – Loveland
- ✓ November - Central SG/GS Camp – Copper Mt.
- ✓ November – Level 300 CE – Loveland
- ✓ December – Level 100 CE – Buck Hill
- ✓ December – Level 100 CE – Nub's Nob
- ✓ December – Level 100 CE – Sunburst
- ✓ February – Speed Camp – Indianhead
- ✓ March - Level 100 CE – Welch Village
- ✓ March – Level 200 CE – Nub's Nob

Meetings/Alpine Officials Education

- ✓ May – USSA Congress
- ✓ June – Coaches Ed/Leadership – Park City
- ✓ August – Midwest Ski Areas Association.
- ✓ Sept. – Ski HOF –Physical Assessments R1
- ✓ Oct. – Mi. HS Ski Coaches Association
- ✓ Oct. – CASC – Chicago/ PA Reg. 2, 3
- ✓ Nov. – Region 3 Alpine Officials Clinic
- ✓ Nov. – USSA Education L300 – Keystone
- ✓ Nov. – Central Club Visits in Colorado
- ✓ Dec. – Coaches Ed in Ohio

Events

- December - Region 3 event, Boyne Highlands/Nubs Mid Am, Glover Memorial - Marquette
- January -Spirit Mid Am, Lutsen/Loch Lomond Can Am Superior Cup Series
- February –LaCrosse Mid Am, Central J3/4 Championships, Central FIS Championships
- March –J2 Nationals/Aspen, USCSA Nationals (1day), J3 Junior Olympics (1 day), J4 Junior Olympics (1 day)

Management / Clerical

- Organize/Budgeting of Development projects
- Manage New Central Website – www.ussacentral.org
- Review guidelines and Name Team Central 08/09
- Review state of the Central Division and make recommendations re: rules/policies, projects, events, etc...
- Manage volume of email/phone calls
- Club Visits – Sunburst Wi., Perfect North Ohio, Central Clubs fall training in Summit County Colorado
- Out of Division Intents and Entries – *Need clubs to admin this better.
- Mid Am Rankings
- Selections to Championship events
- J3, J4 Championship Rankings
- Reports, Planning, Evaluations
- Awards
- And more.....



Success factors for the future of the Central Division

Athletic Developmental Success

- Teach fundamentals
- Continue to challenge the athletes with terrain
- Improve ongoing development projects – tech and speed
- Look into new development projects – speed & terrain
- Grants for project costs

Events Success

- Maintain good partnerships with our current venues
- Keep key volunteers involved
- Improve publicity for events and athletes
- Development of sponsorship opportunities
- Improve current FIS events - Mid Am Series, Can Am Superior Cup – productive calendar
- Age class events – Central J3/4 Championship, Central J456 Championship – key volunteers
- Develop a Rocky/Central Jr. FIS series

Leadership Success

- Promote and help develop local leadership
- Club Leadership
- Coaches Education
- Mentoring
- Alpine Officials Education
- Parent Education
- Athlete Education

Other issues to address

- Address the loss of R/C Regional Coach Rob Worrell because of budget cuts
- Reach out to non USSA local clubs
- Partnerships with schools – HS leagues
- Redesign local Central regions
- Continue to rethink calendar for all regions and division (2 cross region events in 09)
- Better system for out of division intents and entries (national online system)
- Develop partnerships with new venues

Thank you to all our volunteers in the Central Division. Thank you to members of the CASC, the local regional boards, alpine officials, Race Organizers, parent volunteers, coaches and athletes.



Champions of the Central Division

2008-09 USST – Kaylin Richardson, Sterling Grant, Jenny VanWagner, Michael Ankeny

2009 Nor Am Series – Sterling Grant #1 slalom

2009 Mid Am Series

Overall: Jake Braun, Carly McDowell, Slalom: Ben Brown, Sterling Grant

GS: Reilly Harris, Carly McDowell

J2 – Overall: Billy Wong, Carly McDowell, GS: Peter Albertson, Carly McDowell

J2 – SL: Billy Wong, Maisie Ide

Carruthers Cup – Marc Massie, Sterling Grant

Central Division - US Nationals Team

Marc Massie, Jake Braun (Max Lund, Logan Paquet - unable to get to AK.)

Maddie Strachota, Lauren Samuels (Carly McDowell, Andrea Radke – something about a volcano)

Central Division - J2 National Team

(R/C Regional Team #1)

Lauren Samuels (Gold SG + Combined, Silver SL + DH, 9th GS), Maisie Ide (6th SL),

Dylan Rogers, Billy Wong, Peter Albertson, Ross Bake, Henry Roningen, Dylan Thomas,

Madison Whalen, Baylen Rifleman, Carly McDowell, Nicole Larson, Madison McLachlan,

Madeline Wiltgen, Kiltie Finsand

Topolino Italy – Paula Moltzan Silver SL

Central Age J3/J4 Championships at Marquette Mt

J3 Championship – Overall - Ian Beal, Alex Gencheff

J4 Championship – Overall - Zak Kjos, Montana Marzario

J3 Junior Olympics

Paula Moltzan (Gold – SG & GS,) Ian Beal (Gold GS) Mitchell Underhill (Silver SL, Bronze DH)

Alex Gencheff (Bronze DH), William Blommer (Silver GS, Bronze SL)

J4 Junior Olympics

Zak Kjos (Gold SG, SL1, Silver GS2, Overall winner), Nathan Bartley (Gold SL2, 3rd overall),

Erin Olejnik (Gold SL1, 3rd overall), Montana Marzario (Gold SL2, 5th overall),

Marlee Gartner (Silver SG, Bronze GS1, GS2, SL2, 4th overall), Vy Nguyen (Silver SL1),

Sally Anderson (Silver SL1)

US Whistler Cup Team

Paula Moltzan - Silver GS, Bronze SL

Ian Beal, Mitchell Underhill