



# MIT Alpine Skiing

Conquering the slopes since the 1950s



## News from Campus

### Captains' Corner

It's happened again, another year has passed and two captains are graduating. As the new captains, Sarah and I would like to personally thank Jillian and Mike for all the hard work they have put into this team. We would not be doing what we are doing now if it weren't for the hard work of these seniors! We will also be saying goodbye to CME skiers Josh Walker and Jenny Hawkin, who have been a great addition to the team this year.

Looking forward, Sarah and I are excited to lead the team next year. We have already been briefed by Jillian and Ian Wolfe ('10) about the responsibilities, and we are ready to try and our best to keep the team as strong as it has been these past few years.

- Jason

### CPW

Another Campus Preview Weekend (CPW) has come and gone. The team welcomed the incoming class of 2015 and the enthusiastic potential skiers for our next season! We started by playing Wii Skiing at the CPW festival (A thank you to alum and former coach, Professor Larry Young, for donating the Wii Fit!). Many incoming freshmen were interested in the team and our Alpine Interest mailing list grew substantially that night. We also had a booth at the Athletics Midway and a dinner and a ski movie event on Friday. With many pre-fresh showing interest, next year could prove to be a great season for MIT Alpine Skiing!



Team captain Sarah Laderman poses with Tim the Beaver at the Athletics Midway during CPW.

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Even in the off season we still enjoy hanging out with each other! Just before CPW, we went to a ski team favorite: Zen320, where the sushi is always half price. Always!



Chyleigh, Jillian, and Jason get ready to welcome the class of 2015 at the Athletics Midway.

### Fundraising

Want to help us reach our season goal of \$20,000? Click the link! <http://tinyurl.com/4g7b89l>  
Thank you!

## Alumni Tracks: Spotlight on John Schultz (class of '71)

**Years on the Team:**  
Four Years: 1968-1971

**Current Residence:**  
After working for the AMC, my wife and I bought a place (still our home) ten miles from Mad River Glen in 1972 and converted the barn into a ski lodge. In 1973 with three friends, I started Mad River Valley School (name changed shortly to Green Mtn. Valley School) which operated from our ski lodge for five years.

**What are you up to these days?**  
We have two daughters in their thirties and one granddaughter (about to move from Switzerland to Montana.) My career has been a small company I founded named Super Thin Saws. The harmonic vibrations of thin rotating discs, turn out to be rather interesting.

**Favorite eastern ski area?**  
Mad River Glen because of the terrain and the ethos. Also still Mt. Washington, but I increasingly avoid the swarming hordes in Tucks and head off to other cirques.

**Favorite western ski area?**  
Alta, Taos, Alpental, Bridger all have a kind of a Mad-River-like atmosphere. Also you have to love inland BC: Castle (okay, that's Alberta,) Fernie, Panorama, Kicking Horse, Revelstoke, Red, Whitewater..., wow! And for backcountry..., too many choices!!  
The Alps are even more special. Any MIT guy has to find the infrastructure kind of cool. The fancy (and farmer's barn) restaurants and bars are just everywhere. Even on backcountry tours without lifts you find them. And the lifts..., my favorite has to be the two-story tramway at Samnaun with an escalator to go upstairs. But the vertical stretching is even cooler. I just loved going on a small tour convenient to my daughter's house, on Mütteristock. . . we were just skiing summer cow pastures..., with a bigger vertical drop than Jackson Hole!

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**Favorite Ski Team Memory?**  
Well., Gil Flanagan could probably have been a race car driver and it was really fun to let some of the skiers from other schools ride with him and watch them get out of the car white as a sheet!

We also had jumping in those days, and I used to enjoy filling in when we needed another jumper rather than "go on the (dreaded) formula." The skis were . . . kind of like riding a couple of boxcars and you could hardly tell you were in the air. On the other hand..., stopping. Well, I ended up in parking lots, rosebushes, even a nice old fellow's back porch!

In Division II many of the "jumpers" were just the kids whose skiing ability was insufficient to make the alpine team. With their limited skillsets, many of them did not find riding twin boxcars out into the air to be a completely comfortable experience and our Norwegian grad-student/jumping-coach Helge Bjaaland endeared himself to my wife-to-be by quietly saying to her "Come on. Let's go up near the take-off so we can see the expressions on their faces!"

See the unabridged alumni spotlight on the Alumni page coming soon to the ski team website!

**"Gravity Is Love And Every Turn Is A Leap Of Faith"-**

Anonymous

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