



MIT Alpine Skiing

Conquering the slopes since the 1950s



News from Campus

Captains' Corner

While I am looking forward to graduating in the spring, I am sad to leave the ski team. These past four years have been fantastic and I will miss being able to spend a whole month racing and living with such a great group of skiers. Despite all the turmoil of transitioning from varsity to club status after my freshman year, I am confident that the team will continue thriving and doing as well as it has been. I look forward to passing the reins to Jon and know the team will continue to be as fun for future skiers as it has been for me.

-Sarah

Season Recap

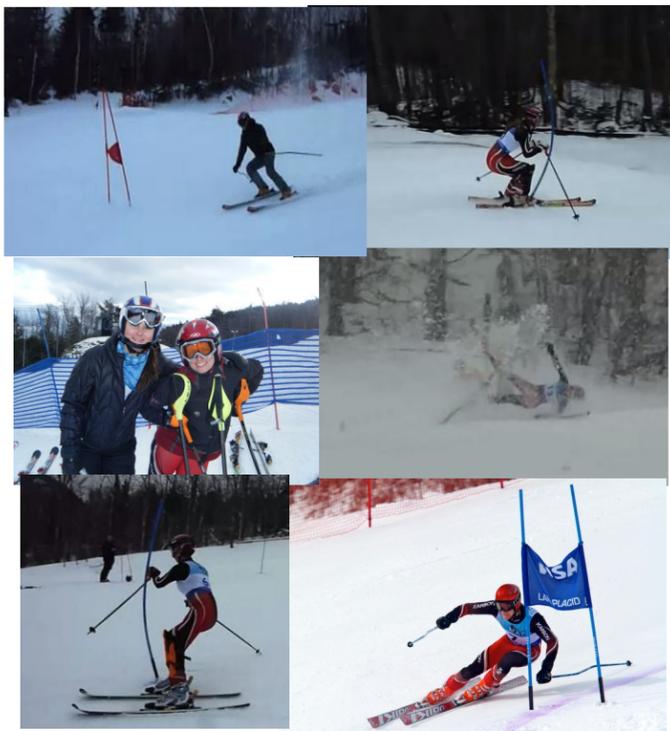
We had an eventful season this year! With only one weekend of races at familiar mountains, we drove and explored all around New England, and even New York. We started off at Pico Peak in Vermont, then moved to Jiminy Peak in Massachusetts, Gunstock and Blackwater in New Hampshire, then all the way up to Whiteface in New York before coming back down to Crotched Mountain in New Hampshire for the final weekend. That means only four of the ten races were in New Hampshire, as opposed to the past few years where every race was there. IAP was a week later this year too, which meant that all of the races happened before second semester had even started.



Unfortunately, this season was also riddled with injuries, which definitely took a toll in our team rankings. We had a sprained knee, a back injury, a broken leg, and a broken hand (we also had a lot of sore abs thanks to coach, Ben Stewart ;).

In spite of the injuries, the season was a blast for everyone. We may not have had a lot of snow, but we did have some nice, sunny days. We also had plenty of great training days, some on our own and some with the (very fast) skiers from Plymouth State University. We skied a lot, watched some good (and some awesomely terrible) movies, and played some cards. But above all, we got to spend 5 weeks doing nothing but skiing! Who could possibly ask for anything more? After all, that's what defines the MIT Ski Team.

The Season in Pictures



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Results

Check out the Macconnell Division's website for results from the season, both team and individual.

<http://www.macconnelldiv.com/>

Offseason Workouts

The team will be working with Mora O'Malley, a friend of coach Ben Stewart, two days a week this spring. We're hoping to stay in at least good enough shape to free ski our hearts out in the next month or so without any more injuries!



Above: Jersey Girl, Valerie, tans in the sun at Crotched Mountain.



Senior, Sarah Laderman, dressed up in her horse back riding suit for the last run of her college racing career. She even brought along her pet stick horse, Chester!

Fundraising

It's never too early to start preparing for next season. Any gift helps, so if you want to help us reach our season goal for 2013 of \$20,000, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/4g7b89l>

The Alpine Ski Team can be found in the DAPER section under Student Life.

Thank you!

Alumni Tracks: Spotlight on Paul Zackin (class of '90)

What year did you graduate and which years were you on the team?

I graduated in 1990 and was on the team all 4 years of MIT undergrad (1987-1990). I was the captain in 1988-89 when we won the NCAA Division II East.

What are you up to now?

I live and work in CT. I publish B2B magazines and Web sites primarily focusing on renewable energy. I am married and we have 3 sons. The oldest is racing as a J4, our middle son is a J5 and the youngest just turned 5 and is learning to ski.

Want to be the featured alum in an upcoming issue? Email alpinecaptains@mit.edu and tell us about yourself!

What's your favorite place to ski?

I grew up skiing, training and racing at Killington. In fact, we still are making the trip from CT to VT so our kids can ski and race there. In the east, my favorite place to ski is Stowe. With all the terrain, you really get the flavor of skiing out west. However, nothing beats a good (or even a bad) powder day in Utah or Colorado.

What's your favorite ski team memory?

Wow that is a tough one. Nothing beat the feeling of having a month off from MIT, a van, a few bundles of gates and a bunch of friends to ski, train and race with. My favorite memory of the team pulling together to win our division at Mt. Snow in 1989.

"It is not that I don't recognize the danger in ski racing, but that I don't fear the consequences." ~Bode Miller

Questions? Check out our website at <http://mit.edu/skiing/www/> or email alpinecaptains@mit.edu Also, check out the new Alumni section on the website!