



News, Notes, & Coming Events

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OWSF Membership—2008

It's Sunday afternoon, the sun is shining, the wind is still, and I start to think that may be, just may be spring is actually arriving. Some of us have already started skiing, and a few never stopped. No matter which group you may fall in, OWSF is beginning the 2008 season.

Please remember to renew your membership and mail the forms and check to either Tom Trautman or Jim Fletchall. The membership form is on the back page of this newsletter.

2008 OWSF Tournament Schedule

May 2008

9-11 Clinic with Seth Stisher, Lake Cabo, AR
4-25 Princeton Lakes, Tx— slalom

June 2008

7-8 River Bend 3,2,2
14-15 Spring Valley Ski Ranch, slalom only
21-22 Ski Haven, Tx 3-event
28-29 Outlaw Lake 3,2,2

July 2008

5-6 Open Date
12-13 Junior Development,
19-20 Triple Creek 3s, 2t
26-27 OK State Tournament @ River Bend

August 2008

7/31 - 8/3 South Central Regional Championship
9-12 Open Date
12 - 17 AWSA National Championship
23-24 River Bend 3,2,2
30-31 Lake Cabo, AR—Cash Prize

September 2008

6-7 Outlaw 3,2,2
13-14 Triple Creek (Saturday Only, slalom)

Equipment Exchange?

As many of us come in to a new ski season, we think about new equipment. Some of us think of budget restraints. So, if you have equipment you would like to distribute to other users, otherwise known as sell, send me the particulars and I'll organize a newsletter of used equipment that members have to offer to other members.

Tom Trautman

State Championship T-Shirts

There is a supply of state championship t-shirts from 2006 and 2007. Most sizes are still available. These shirts are still for sale for \$5.00 each, all proceeds will go to helping OWSF maintain its account balances. Shirts can be mailed to you at home for \$4.00 for any number of shirts, or we can arrange a meeting place.

Tom Trautman

OK State Tournaments — 2008 to to 2010

2008

River Bend Ski Club, Oklahoma City

2009

Outlaw Lake, Marlow, OK

2010

Triple Creek, Lawton, OK



Newsletters and other info by E-Mail

Most of the members are receiving the newsletter by e-mail. It is a full color publication. If you received this issue by snail mail, it is because we don't have your e-mail. Please send your e-mail address to me for the next issue and other news from OWSF

owsf.tom@cox.net

WE'RE ON THE WEB:

WWW.OWSF.ORG

Ski Clinic

Are any of you interested in a clinic this year with one of our favorite pro. Drop an e-mail, a letter, or give Tom Trautman a call. If there is enough interest, we can make arrangements for some time later in the year.

Who would you like to see:

Chet Raley, Seth Stisher, Lucky Lowe, who else?

Tom Trautman

owsf.tom@cox.net or

15721 Hyde Parke Dr. Edmond, OK 73013

OWSF 2008 Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Age on **Dec. 31, 2007** _____

Email address _____

____ Individual Membership - \$15.00

____ Family Membership - \$20.00

New OWSF Members (must have never been a member)

____ Individual Membership - \$5.00

____ Family Membership - \$10.00

Family Membership Information:

Name _____ *Age _____

Name _____ *Age _____

Name _____ *Age _____

Name _____ *Age _____

*Skiing age - age on **Dec. 31, 2007**

Make check payable to: **OWSF**

Mail to: Tom Trautman OWSF Chair
15721 Hyde Parke Dr
Edmond, OK 73013

National Ranking Regs & Regional Qualifying

Beginning with the 2008 ski season, Nationals qualifications will be based primarily on rankings list placement. Skiers will need to be ranked at least Level 8 on the Wednesday three weeks prior to Nationals (the official Cut Off Date).

After the Cut Off Date, skiers may qualify by one of three Last Chance Methods: Increase your ranking score to be equal to or higher than the Cut Off Average, record one single score equal to or higher than the Cut Off Average at a Class E or higher tournament (record capability), or place in the top five at Regionals regardless of ranking.

Currently there is no provision in the rules for dragging an event at Nationals as we have had in the past. This is probably an oversight and may be corrected since there is a trend to try to get more skiers to 3-event. The ratings we're familiar with are no longer in effect. Ranking requirements for Regionals will be set at the SCR Mid-Winter Meeting to be held in Shreveport, LA in January.

There presently is a little known provision in the SCR Policies and Procedures for Regional qualifications through state tournaments. See the SCR

website. It states: Individuals placing in the top 3 in their age division/event at a 3-event state tournament are qualified to ski Regionals if they have at least a 1st class rating. We'll have to see in January what the rules committee does with this.

Here are Bob Mayhew's recommendations to SCR for 2008 qualifications:

In keeping with qualifications from 2007, I think we should allow entry for Boys 1 & 2, Girls 1 & 2, Men and Women 5 and up at LEVEL 5(the old 1st class). All other skiers would be allowed entry at LEVEL 6 (the old expert). Placements in State tournaments and "dragging" a 3rd event would still be allowed, as per current policy.

A "Cut Off Date", which would set the "Cut Off Average" is needed, and then determine any "Last Chance Qualifiers" to allow for skiers who achieve their ratings within the dates of the Cut Off Date, and the Regionals. This would mirror the way Nationals entry is now accomplished.

The Cut Off Date would need to be at least 2 weeks prior to Regionals, maybe 3.