



GPST ATHLETES SHINE ON EVERY STAGE

As the season comes to a close, it's clear this was a year of incredible growth and achievement for the Granite Peak Ski Team!

GPST athletes made their mark at every level, highlighted by a record FOUR U18 athletes qualifying for U18 Nationals – representing 10% of the Rocky/Central quota!

That success carried through the pipeline:

- 6 U16 athletes qualified for R/C Champs
- 5 U14 athletes qualified for R/C Champs
- And this weekend, 1 GPST athlete will represent our team at U16 Nationals!

This season also brought recognition beyond the race course, as GPST was featured on the local evening news, showcasing the dedication of our athletes and the excellence of our training venue.

On the high school stage, GPST athletes delivered impressive results, with 5 athletes

claiming Top 5 finishes at the WI State Championships, including a remarkable sweep of all 3 events by one athlete. GPST athletes also claimed top honors including the Dan Nagy Memorial Overall winner in La Crosse and the Caruther's Cup at Lutsen.

Beyond competition, three athletes were awarded scholarships, recognizing their positive attitude, work ethic, and passion for the sport – a reflection of what it truly means to be a part of GPST.

This season's success is a testament to the hard work of our athletes, coaches, and families – and a strong foundation for what's ahead!

Congratulations to all of our athletes on an outstanding season!

Did you miss one of these stories? Check out our past newsletters to catch up!



RACE RESULTS

U18 Nationals

It was a tough week with weather, but they got 3 days of racing!

- Allie: 21st DH, 33rd SG, DNF SL
- Grace: 40th DH, 53rd SG, 33rd SL
- Gavin: DNF SL



Hosking, U14/16

- U14**
- Anton Bauer: 8th GS
 - Emily: 4th, 5th, 8th GS
 - Kathryn: 1st, 1st GS, 5th, 4th SL, 1st, 1st SG
- U16**
- Kate: 9th GS, 7th SG
 - Aurora: 4th, 9th GS
 - Alex: 8th, 7th SG



Congrats to Emily, Anna, Mason, Anton, Aubrey, Alex, Kathryn, Aurora, Kate, Ella, & Jess on qualifying for R/C Champs!

U14/U16 Showdown

Stella H.:

- 15th GS
- 24th Panel SL



Lutsen Spring Series

U18 GS (2 races)

- Allie: 1st, 1st
- Ellie: 2nd, 3rd
- Emma: 8th
- Grace: 5th, 5th
- Brian: 22nd
- Gavin: 2nd, 3rd
- Mason: 11th, 13th

U18 SL (2 races)

- Allie: 2nd
- Emma: 13th, 9th
- Grace: 8th, 7th
- Gavin: 4th, 4th



U16 R/C Champs

- Kathryn: 3rd SG, 9th GS, 28th SL, 11th AC
- Jess: 31st DH, 36th SG, 36th GS
- Kate: 38th DH, 41st SG, 38th GS
- Ella: 40th DH, 43rd SG, 35th GS, 32nd SL, 32nd AC
- Aurora: 41st DH, 44th SG, 37th GS, 38th SL, 34th AC
- Alex: 18th DH, 22nd SG



Upcoming Events

- Mar 28-Apr 1: U16 Nationals
Good luck, Kathryn!
- Mar 28-29: Skills & Thrills
- Mar 29: B-Net and PC clean up
- June 29: Tees 4 Skis Golf Fundraiser

U14 R/C Champs

- Results not available, but we're proud of our U14s!



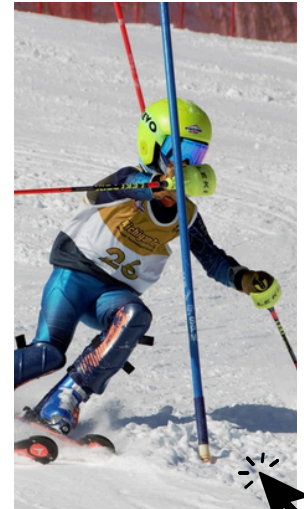
BRULE CHAMPIONSHIPS

It seems that Mother Nature always likes to throw curveballs when it's time for the U8-U14 Brule Central Championships, and this year was no exception! The historic blizzard hit right in the middle of race weekend, but our athletes (and their parents) pushed through and made some memories to last a lifetime!

Brule is always a favorite event. For many of our athletes, it's the only race they travel to away from Granite Peak. In addition to the racing, kids have a ton of fun in the bounce houses, the petting zoo, tubing, and at the special Saturday night dinner.

This year, nearly 20 athletes traveled to Brule, along with Coaches Patrick, RJ, and Mike. They competed in 5 races: 2 GS, 2 SL, and a Kinder Kombi.

Many athletes walked away with medals for



earning a spot in the top 10 for each race, and a few athletes brought a big trophy home for being in the top 3 overall for the weekend! Congratulations to them!

Our GPST parents deserve a big shoutout for stepping up and volunteering for key positions throughout the weekend. Thank you, too, to the Ski Brule management for putting on another amazing event!



CLUB FINALE & COOKOUT

Our final club race of the season is always filled with color, laughter, and FUN as the kids put on their costumes and give it their all one last time. Thank you to the board members and parents who helped with the cookout, and to our families for another awesome season!

Development Race Top 3

- 1 Iris (F), Sullivan (M)
- 2 Johnna (F), Nolan (M)
- 3 Katarzyna (F), Liam (M)

Club Race Top 3

- 1 Finley (F), Xander (M)
- 2 Abbey (F), Timmy (M)
- 3 Olivia (F), Hadden (M)

BADGER STATE GAMES



Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped deliver a very successful Badger State Games event!

Mother Nature surely tried to make things difficult for us but we prevailed. Challenging conditions are just simply par for the course in this line of work!

All in all, we were extremely happy with how the snow conditions ended up. The surface turned out to be very good - if not excellent - given the circumstances (*Thank you GP grooming/ops!*)

We also appreciate everyone's patience and assistance throughout the entire day as we made adjustments to ensure a solid race surface.

It was a successful day of racing – and a fun time was had by all!



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THANK YOU TO...

- ♥ **Bib Organizers:** Cowan & Haylett families
- ♥ **Course Crew:** Coach RJ, Mike Stillers, Barry Edberg, John Loth, Adam Bautsch, Xander Brandenburg, Simon Wolfe, and the Mountain Racing coaches
- ♥ **Starters:** Mark Gajewski & Sally Sann
- ♥ **Line Up Crew:** Jeff Tobin, Susie Weber, Luke Nelson, & Mandy Kipp
- ♥ **Heller Haus Team:** Mike Haylett, Brian Sharon, & Steve Heller
- ♥ **GP Staff:** Grooming, maintenance, operations, & the food/beverage team

And to anyone else we failed to mention –

THANK YOU ALL!

GPST BOARD NOMINEES

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VOTING: MARCH 27TH-29TH



MICHAEL HAYLETT (INCUMBENT)

We are fortunate to have this resource and training complex in our hometown and I look forward to participating and growing not only our club, but community awareness about the team.



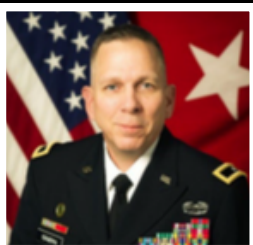
BRIAN SHARON (INCUMBENT)

If elected, I promise to work hard towards the continued success of the entire GPST with a well-balanced and athlete focused approach.



JOHN LOTH

I would like to contribute and give back to our terrific ski programs. I feel I can help in multiple ways from either my background in finance, planning, volunteering at events, or assisting our coaches.



BARRY E. EDBERG BG (retired)

I grew up working at the Hostel Shoppe, in Stevens Point from age 15 to age 22. This is where I developed a love for skiing and biking.



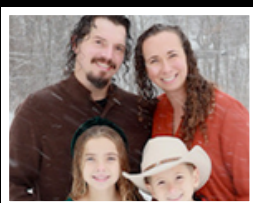
SALLY SANN

My background as a “Director of Manufacturing” gives me the tools to work with other board members to continue to see it grow (the kids programs and adult league) while keeping the cost in check.



MAGGIE GORDON

GPST is a significant asset to our community. The accessibility it provides to competitive ski racing, in addition to recreational use, is something that very few communities in the country can replicate.



STEFEN KING

My family and I have fallen into the ski racing life and we’re embracing it completely. I’m interested in helping make this organization even better, contributing to many years of growth & success.

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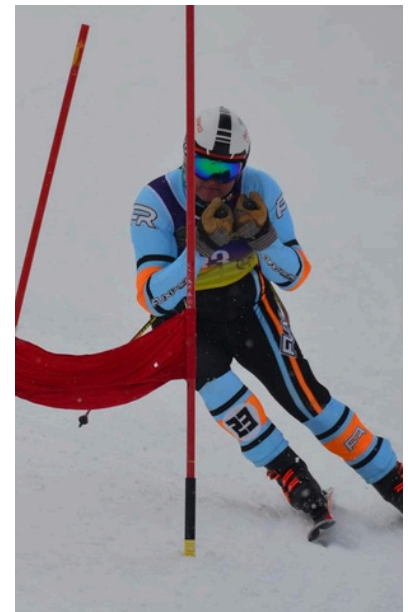
TIM SCHNEIDER

GPST COACH, BOARD MEMBER, & ATHLETE:
2010-2026



After 16 years of being involved with Granite Peak Ski Team in a variety of leadership roles (Racer Development coach, board member/president, Wausau United High School coach, and Adult Race League director), Tim Schneider has decided to take a step back and simply enjoy next season as the high school coach and an Adult Race League athlete.

On behalf of the GPST coaches and board, we want to thank Tim for all the years of dedication and self-sacrifice! As the ARL director, Tim worked tirelessly to set courses each week and find sponsors to ensure the members had a great night of racing fun! His passion for this league to survive is the sole reason it's in existence today.



Tim's first race in the adult league was in 2010 – there were 17 racers that night. Things kept growing and by 2014 there were 38 racers. After staying steady for 7 years, Tim and Greg Fisher started the Wednesday night sponsor effort, which increased the fun with team-building after racing was done and encouraged even more adults to get involved in ARL! In the past 3 seasons, our ARL athletes increased from 61 to 77 to 86!

Tim said, "I started setting the courses in 2015. Over 11 years, that's about 100 race course sets, and about 7000 race runs. I'm proud that we have provided a program that will allow its members to take this as seriously as they want to. We've had members compete in regional and national Nastar events, Masters races, and even Masters National Championships!



Thank you again, Tim, for all your hard work and passion! We'll see you on the slopes next season!



WHAT'S NEXT FOR ADULT RACE LEAGUE?

Tim leaves some big shoes to fill but we have some individuals who are willing to do what it takes to carry on the tradition.

Barry Edberg has stepped forward to be the course setter next year. He has been very committed to learning and has spent a lot of time with GPST coaching staff to learn the nuances of setting on Exhibition. Trust us: It's not as easy as you might think!

Sally Sann has stepped forward to oversee the off-snow logistics. She will be our membership champion to help keep and grow our numbers as well as chase down our nightly sponsors, (among other things).

We look forward to next season's successes! Stay tuned; registration will open up soon!



ABOVE THE LINE SHOUTOUTS

*This month's shoutout goes to
Patrick Floyd - GPST Coach AND
Barry Edberg - Adult League Athlete*

Shoutout to Coach Patrick Floyd! Patrick offered to help an Wilmot athlete at U14 Speed Camp and U14 Central Championships – and earned a \$500 donation for the team! Awesome!

THANK YOU to Barry for answering the call to help prep Exhibition for Badger State Games. The warm weather meant we needed to pivot quickly to preserve the hill for the big day.



BUILDING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE!

MEGAN MORRIS (GPST 2017-2020)

Did you ski race/compete after GPST?

After GPST, I moved to Utah with my family. I was fortunate to land the role as a pace setter for NASTAR at Snowbasin, and I even raced head to head against Ted Ligety! I also helped out at Ron's fall camp in 2022. While my college course load conflicted with the U of U club team, I stayed active by competing in several town races and volunteering with an adaptive ski program in my free time.

Where are you now?

I am finishing my senior year at the University of Utah as a Biomedical Engineering major. After graduation, I start Physician Assistant (PA) school at Midwestern Univ. in Arizona! I currently work as an EMT and Medical Assistant, and whenever there is fresh snow, you can find me at Alta or Solitude.

What is your favorite memory from your time with GPST?

I always loved the night practices! As one of the older athletes, I enjoyed leading warm-up drills for the younger kids at the start of the night practice. The night races GPST hosted were a personal favorite, and I especially loved the energy of cheering on my teammates under the lights.

What lessons or habits from ski racing have stuck with you in your adult life?

Always do your course inspections! In the years since GPST, I once mistakenly skipped an inspection and ended up with a broken rib and finger. Beyond the technical side, ski racing taught me the true meaning of grit. I've applied that work ethic to my engineering studies and my journey toward my dream career in medicine.

What's your favorite place you've ever skied?

It's a tie between Copper Mtn and Alta, and GP is my favorite Midwest ski area!

BUILDING CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE!

MEGAN MORRIS cont...

Who was your favorite teammate, coach, or training partner?

That's a hard question! There were so many people on GPST who made it an amazing and memorable time! Huge shout-outs to Nico, Landon, Davina, Grace, and Gavin who always made practice in -20 degree weather more bearable and always entertaining. I also want to thank Coach Ron; he has been a great role model to me, and would always push me to be my best on and off the hill!



Our motto is "Building champions for life through ski racing." What does that mean to you?

The lessons I learned at GPST apply to everything I do. Ski racing showed me that hard work pays off, especially when things get difficult. The "mountain grit" gave me the confidence to pursue PA school and the discipline to balance my studies with my personal life. Because of my time on the team, I know how to push myself and, more importantly, how to bounce back whenever I hit a hurdle (or a gate)!

What advice would you give to current athletes?

Cross-block, then pole plant - always! I used to repeat that to myself like a mantra in every slalom course. But beyond the technique, my biggest piece of advice is to be your own biggest cheerleader, and do the same for your teammates. It's easy to get frustrated after a tough run, but staying positive and lifting each other up makes the long, cold training days so much better. No matter the challenges in the course, keep your head up and always find the joy in skiing!



SAVE THE DATE! Tees 4 Skis - June 29th

Back for the 3rd year, it's our Tees 4 Skis fundraiser - and we hope you'll join us for a day of fun on the course while supporting our program!

Come golf - or sign up to sponsor a hole or donate items for the raffle. [Details Here.](#)



SPONSOR SHOUTOUT *Thank you!*

We appreciate our partnership with Pierce Skate & Ski, located in Bloomington, MN. Pierce is a go-to shop for many of our GPST athletes for custom-fit boots, skis, and other race gear. In addition, their Facebook page offers great advice (“Wax Report”) for area races!



ARE YOU AN ALUMNI?

We'd love to hear where you are now!

Reach out to info@gpst.org or send a message to our FB page. We'll feature you in a future newsletter!

LOVELAND SPRING CAMP

- April 12th-16th
- Loveland Ski Resort
- \$900 total
(includes lift tickets + lodging)
- All U12-U18 athletes are invited



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