

FAST TRACKS

A Publication of the Orange County Ski Club* Race Team

***2008 Downhill Dummy Champions**

Ski racing is lots of fun—it's the only time you get to go as fast as you can, and nobody will tell you to slow down because you are a danger to the public.

The Orange County Ski Club races in the Rokka League, along with Balboa Ski Club and several others. Most of the Los Angeles County clubs race in the Ullr League. Both leagues hold their races on the same weekends, and we schedule our Mammoth trips to be on these weekends as much as possible.

The leagues each have two age divisions, Open for people under fifty, and Vet for those fifty and over. Within each age division are ten skill classes, cleverly numbered one through ten. Class One is for very good skiers; Class Ten is for beginning, or social racers.

The first time you race for our league, you are classified as a First Time Racer. You will run the course to establish your handicap time and to be placed in a class, depending on what percent of the pacesetter's time you finished in. After that, you race in your established class. If you finish a certain percentage faster than your class range, you will get a "strike". Two strikes, and you get bumped to the next faster class.

Signing up to race is simple! Go to Roma's Room on the third floor of the Main Lodge at Mammoth on the Friday before the race between 3:30 and 4:30 PM or on Saturday morning between 7:30 and 8:30 AM. Fill out the paperwork, sign the waiver, grab your bib and go! The Club will be billed for your race fees.

Your start time and course location will be posted on the wall in Roma's Room. Always check the morning of your scheduled race to make sure nothing has changed.

Show up at the top of the course about a half hour before your start to inspect the course. Get familiar with the conditions and layout. Then, all you need to do is ski your race as fast as you can!

Orange County Ski Club is the only club in Southern California that pays all its members' registration fees. We pay for the Rokka races for anyone who is a member in good standing for the 2008-2009 Season. If you declare Orange County to be your Home Club, then we also pay all the fees for Championships and Finals races.

For your information, the race fees are not funded by club dues and do not come out of our general operating funds. In 2007, at the Pray for Snow Party, we held an auction to raise money for the race team. Our members donated lots of fun stuff so we could have a strong race program at no cost to the club.

See you on the race course. Remember, ski fast and have fun!

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December 13-14, 2008 Race Results:

The December races were cancelled due to the snow storm.

2008 – 2009 Race Schedule (All races at Mammoth unless shown otherwise)

The February races were cancelled by Mammoth due to a schedule conflict. Thus, the January races will be “doubled up”, with a GS and a Slalom on the same weekend.

Date	Event	Remarks
Friday, 1/9/2009	GS & Slalom Clinic	1:00 – 3:00
Saturday, 1/10/2009	GS Race	
Sunday, 1/11/2000	Slalom Race	
2/7 – 2/8/09		Races cancelled by Mammoth
Friday, 3/13/2009	Race Clinic	1:00 – 3:00
Saturday, 3/14/2009	GS Race	SOCALCS – Full Day
Sunday, 3/15/2009	Slalom Race	SOCALCS – Half Day
Friday, 4/3/2009	FWRA Championships	Pacesetters at Northstar
Saturday, 4/4/2009	FWRA Championships	GS at Northstar
Sunday, 4/5/2009	FWRA Championships	Slalom at Northstar
Saturday, 4/25/2009	GS Race	Ski Club Appreciation
Saturday, 4/25/2009	Downhill Dummy Race	We are the 2008 Champions!

News Flash!! 2010 Far West Championships at Mammoth!

The Far West Championships will be at Mammoth in April 2010. To qualify, you need to have three handicap finishes in League races. Two of these races must be in the 2009 – 2010 season. One can be a carry-over from 2008 - 2009. If you are thinking that you might like to race in the championships, it would be a good idea to start racing this year, and get a finish or two recorded just in case you can't make it to a race next year or as insurance against a weather cancellation.

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Clinics

We have clinics scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2009 and Friday, March 13, 2009. If you want to participate, show up at Roma's Room between 12:00 noon and 12:30. Bring \$25.00, cash or check. They will have a course set for us on Ralphie's, Fascination, or Far West. You get to ski the course as many times as your legs allow, with coaches from Mammoth's Race Department watching and giving suggestions.

If there is enough interest, they would also like to have a clinic on either Saturday, February 21, probably in the afternoon, or on Sunday, February 22, in the morning (this is the same weekend as our February Mammoth trip). If you want to participate, please send an e-mail to race@ocskiclub.com.

NASTAR Racing at Crested Butte!

Daily, 10:00AM to 3:00PM, on Smith Hill. As if this trip wasn't already going to be way too much fun!