

# SKI CLUB NEWS

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STOWE, VERMONT

## 1973 Stowe Derby Will Be Best One Yet!

The 1972 "Comeback" performance of the Stowe Derby, a ten mile cross country ski race from the top of Mt. Mansfield to Stowe Village was a roaring success.

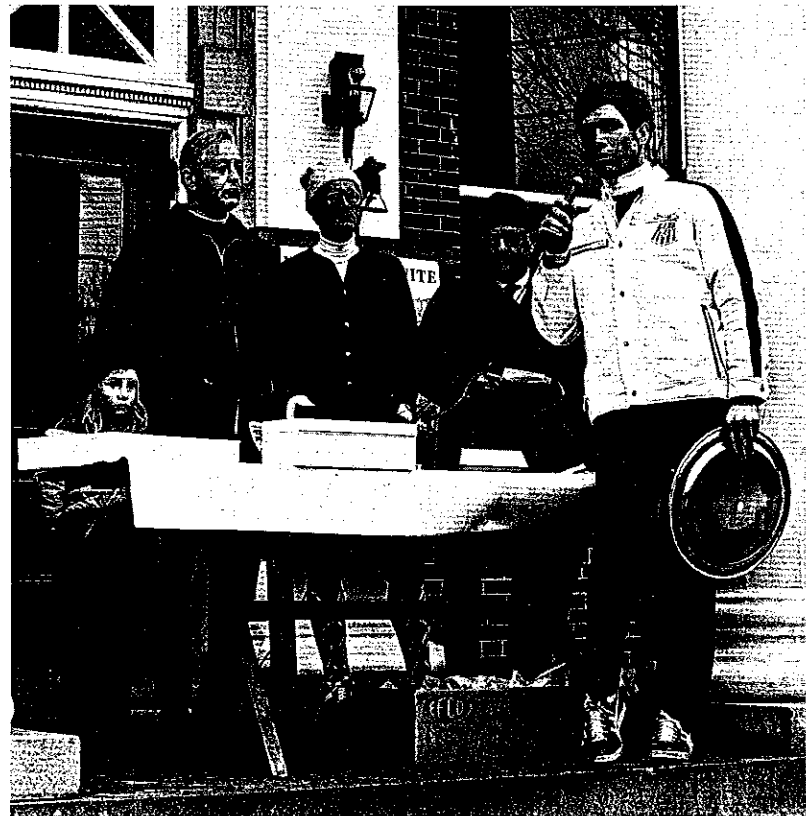
The original Derby was conceived during a break while cutting brush on the Nosedive trail in the fall of 1945. Erling Strom, former owner of Strom Lodge, challenged Sepp Ruschp, twice national champion of Austria to a race down the mountain and into Stowe village. Sepp won the race by less than half a minute and the two attracted such attention to the event that the race was repeated for the next eight years -- the largest drawing 27 competitors.

Strom, now of Oslo Norway, recalled that he organized the early races by meeting the skiers in the Octagon and starting them with his stopwatch, he followed them down the mountain, jumped into his car at the bottom and, stopping along the way to shovel snow where the course crossed the road, he finally drove to the finish line in the village to take the times as the racers came in.

The 1973 edition of the Stowe Derby will be held on March 3rd. Under the able direction of Jed Prouty, Race Chairman, this promises to be the best organized and attended Derby ever. Sepp Ruschp, President and General Manager of the Mt. Mansfield Company has given his enthusiastic approval and support of the revival of this event. Volunteers assisted by experts from the Mt. Mansfield Ski Club, the Trapp Family Touring Center and the North American Nordic Touring Center will manicure the 10.6 mile course to perfection.

Prouty expects approximately 500 to compete, but entries will be definitely limited to 600. Inquiries can be directed to Stowe Derby, Box 281, Stowe, Vt. 05672.

The main start of the race will be at 11am at the Octagon, where competitors will continue down the Toll Road to the Toll House Slope and from



Bob Gray, winner of the '72 revival of the old Stowe Derby accepts his trophy on the steps of the Ackley Memorial Bldg. in Stowe village. To his right are Sepp Ruschp, Johannes Von Trapp, and a serious young observer. Photo courtesy Stowe Reporter.

there over well-marked hill and dale to the finish in the Village of Stowe. From what is banded about, we might even see a grandstand there.

The course will be shorter for youngsters, starting at 10am at Sugar House Hill and there will be a similar arrangement for older people who don't feel they should attempt the whole distance.

The entry will be as before, \$3.00. Sign up anytime in person or writing at the MMSC Club House at Little Spruce or by filling out the entry blank inside.

Naturally, there will be only a few

outstanding performers in the several categories, but remember: IT IS NOT THE IDEA OF WINNING, BUT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT OF STOWE SKIING !!

Of special interest this year is the post-Derby party planned for competitors and MMSC Members. It is to be held the evening of the 3rd at Spruce House and will include cocktails, 6-7:30; smorgasbord, 7:30; and dancing, 9:00 to the music of "Arthur Elmore's Mood Squad". Awarding of the prizes for the day will take place throughout the evening.



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### Editor's Note:

At press time we were not in possession of a group picture of the MMSC Junior I & II Team - the 14 to 18 year olds who complete our junior race program, but we do have the results of the Northern Vermont I & II Qualifiers held by our club on Little Spruce January 13th. Out of 150 competitors, 45 boys were named to go on to the Preliminary State Series and all of the girls will go on. From Mt. Mansfield they are: Automatics - Proctor Reid, Jeff Stone, Chris Mikell, Jennifer Black. Qualifiers: George Tormey, Andy Mikell, Mark Hutchinson, Rick Dworshak, Jesse Beck, Whit Hartt, Colin Mead, Les Bromwell, Marty Parker, Scott Moriarty, Rod Stevenson, Leslie Hartigan and Heather Buchanan. Congratulations and good luck to you all!

## 1973 STOWE DERBY

March 3rd - Entry Fee \$3.00

### ENTRY APPLICATION

NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

AGE ..... SEX ..... TEL. ....

ESTIMATED ABILITY: Intermediate..... Expert .....

I hereby release the Stowe Cross Country Club and the Mt. Mansfield Ski Club, its members or agents and any person officially connected with the ski competition from all liability for any injuries or damages whatsoever arising from my participation or presence at this competition.

Signature .....

Address entry and inquiries to Stowe Derby, Box 281, Stowe, Vt. 05672



By Lanou Hudson

As this is being written, the holiday season is drawing near with all its fun and crowds. Skiing facilities will be crowded and tempers may be a bit frayed in the process, but bear with us and everyone will have a good time.

An "Atomic Annie" has been ordered by Patrol use in their Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training. This will enable them to maintain their skills while on the job. One can never have too much training for this type of accident.

Throughout the entire ski season patrolmen will be testing different types of equipment, if they ask for your help lend them a hand. Because in the long run it may turn out to be of benefit not only to you but to skiers everywhere. Good Skiing!



'CATCHIN' UP- From left to right, Dot & Charlie Casazza (Betty McGill's mother and new stepfather) enjoy the cocktail hour with Betty at the MMSC Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance. Photos by Lanou Hudson.



SHOP TALK- Patrol members Phil Tomlinson (left) and Hal Wilhelm (right) discuss the industry with Marvin Moriarty ex-Olympian and shop owner.

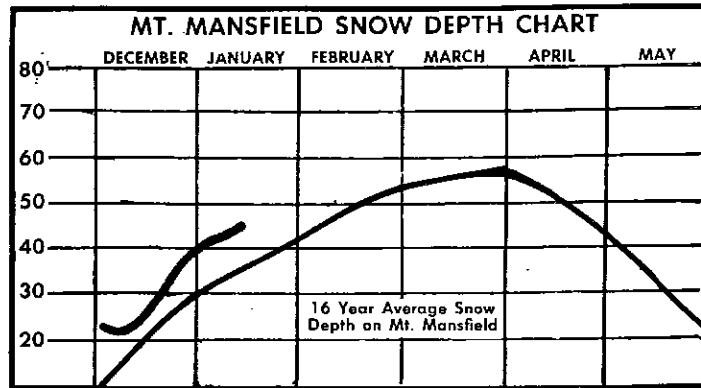
# Mt. Mansfield Ski Educational Foundation, Inc.

Frank Springer-Miller reports that response to the Mt. Mansfield Ski Education Foundation, Inc. letter was very gratifying and wishes to thank all contributing members. The Trustees join him in thanking you for demonstrating your support of the Mt. Mansfield Junior Racing Program by your contributions. The following members have contributed to date:

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 Harry Witters  
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 More names will appear in our next MMSC Newsletter.



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## Schedule of Races

Jan. 23 Stowe vs. Sugarbush & Killington Challenge  
 Feb. 4 Stowe Hopeful Race  
 Feb. 12 & 13 Starr Trophy (Atlantic Reg. Champs)  
 Mar. 1 & 2 Competition Sports Professional Race  
 Mar. 3 Stowe Derby  
 Mar. 10 & 11 Stowe Special Slalom (Jr.&Sr. A.B.C.D.)  
 Mar. 17 & 18 Eastern Jr. III & IV Championships  
 Mar. 24 Mt. Mansfield Ski Club Championships  
 Mar. 25 Stowe Public School Championships  
 Mar. 27 Smugglers Bowl Team Championships  
 April 14 & 15 34th Annual Sugar Slalom  
 April 22 Easter Parade

Little Spruce G.S. - Every Wednesday  
 Smugglers Bowl Team Races - Every Monday



## III & IV Council Team

III & IV TEAM: Left to right, front to back: Lisa Klein, Firkins Reed, Beth McMahon, Nancy Bell, Dani Shaw, Lee Lee Black, Hillary Hartigan, Fraser Buchanan, David Bromwell, Eric Prouty, John Drolet, Alan Chesick, Ricky Klein, Albert Innamorati, Chip Allen, Brian Smith, Tom Silva, Tiger Shaw, John Morrissey, Alan Dworshak, Link Tucker, David DeGrasse. Stowe Photo. All photos this page by Stowe Photo.



## Head Coach

Peter Rusch is beginning his second winter as head coach of the Mt. Mansfield Junior Race Program. Peter received his certification as an instructor in 1969 and has been a member of the Eastern Demonstration team for the past two years. Prior to that Peter taught skiing in the Sepp Rusch Ski School and is now Technical Director.

For the past five summers, Peter has taught skiing in the Perisher Valley Ski School in Australia.

As a junior, Peter skied on the Eastern Junior National Team and finished in the top 10. At Middlebury College, he competed in the National collegiate Athletic Association All-American events and placed 3rd. Upon leaving Middlebury, Peter became a member of the US National Team.

Although he no longer races, Peter is far from inactive in the world of ski racing, and through his efforts and those of his coaching team, the Mt. Mansfield Junior Team looks forward to the best year yet.



## III & IV Coach

Elmer Maxfield comes to the Mt. Mansfield Junior Race Program direct from the American and Australian Professional circuit. In 1971, Elmer finished 3rd in money earned in Australia.

Prior to becoming professional, Elmer, while at Johnson State College, skied for two years on the Senior Eastern Team. In 1969 he placed 10th in the Ski Writers Cup and in 1970 raced in the Can-Am series.

In high school, Elmer raced on the Junior Eastern team for 3 years through New Hampshire, competing in all four events. He acquired his Junior A at age 16.

Under the Ford-Sayer Ski Program, Elmer began his race training at the age of 8 and at 14 finished 7th among the juniors from the state of Vermont.

# Hopeful Team

HOPEFULS: Left to right, front to back: Mike Stewart, Wendy Wittles, Kimberly Adams, Janet Partridge, Lisa Stewart, Julie Bell, Heidi Knight, Will Mikell, Dominique McAree, John Fitz, Ben Black, Scott DeGrasse, Tim Morrissey, Chris Morrissey, Billy Murray, Tee Bryant, Andi Shaw, Robert Bromwell, Rolf Prouty, Gil Mastner, Jim Bingnot, Krister Adams, David Farmer, Ken Wittles. Stowe Photo.



## Hopeful Coach

Karen Budge Eaton joined our junior coaching staff this December fresh from Olympic competition.

Among her many impressive racing accomplishments, Karen was 1st in the Combined in the 1971 Canadian National Championships, 3rd Combined at the '71 French Alpine Championships, 2nd in the World Cup G.S. at Heavenly Valley, Calif. and 1st place winner of the 1971 North American Can-Am Trophy ( a 20 race series scored like the World Cup).

A member of the 1968 Olympic Team and 1970 FIS Teams Karen was ranked in the top ten in the world in both G.S. and downhill for the '72 season and the Sapporo Olympics.

Karen brings with her a wealth of international racing experience. She has skied since she was 5 years old on the mountains which border her home in Jackson, Wyoming.

This fall Karen became the bride of a former MMSC Junior Coach, Gordi Eaton himself was an Olympic racer as well as an Olympic Coach.



## Special Coach

Jim Arnold enters his third season as a Special Coach in the Junior Program. He offers special technical advice to all age groups in the program with special attention to the Junior I & II Team (14 years of age and up).

Beginning his racing career by winning the St. Albans Slalom in 1956, Jim went on from there to compete successfully in many national and international events under the colors of the Mt. Mansfield Ski Club.

He is a Certified Ski Instructor and former teacher in the Sepp Ruschp Ski School.

Jim is currently a sales representative with a leading ski manufacturer and lives with his wife Alexandria and daughter Jane in Waterbury Center.

# SKI NOTES

The Mt. Mansfield Ski Club, in cooperation with the Mt. Mansfield Company, will be hosting over 400 Junior Skiers from the Stowe Public Schools -- kindergarten through high school -- again this season for ski instruction every Friday afternoon.

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Ken Biedermann, a former Mt. Mansfield Junior Racer and presently captain of the Boston University Ski Team will be training in Stowe with the Boston University Team in early January.

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The Chin Clip Trail at the Gondola has been FIS certified for G.S. and Slalom at a meeting of a special committee in Innsbruck, Austria.

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As many of you know, the Stowe Public School is the only such school in the East to have its own T-Bar slope. Marshall's Hill is open weekends for the season, weather permitting. Donations are much appreciated, as it is hoped to turn over this worthwhile project to the Town of Stowe at the next Town Meeting with all debts paid. Inquiries may be sent c/o R.V. DeGrasse, RFD 2, Stowe, Vt. 05672.

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The February Trip Flight information is as follows:

MMSC KLM February Flight: \$165.00 prepaid. Dates are supposedly final now, but we have only an approximate departure time(10:00am). Depart NYC/JFK Thurs., Feb. 15 - Arrive ZURICH Fri., Feb. 16. Depart ZURICH Sun., Mar. 4 -- Arrive NYC/JFK Sun., Mar. 4. Airport taxes are \$3.90 prepaid.

Credentials for boarding: A. Valid Passport (check it NOW) B. Current 72/73 MMSC Membership Card (if you have not yet received it, contact MMSC, RR1, Stowe, Vt. 05672). Remember to bring along extra photos, for lift and rail passes; also, MONEY, in the form of TRAVELERS CHECKS!

For further information contact: Jane Shearer, 106 DeForest Heights, Burlington Vermont 05401.

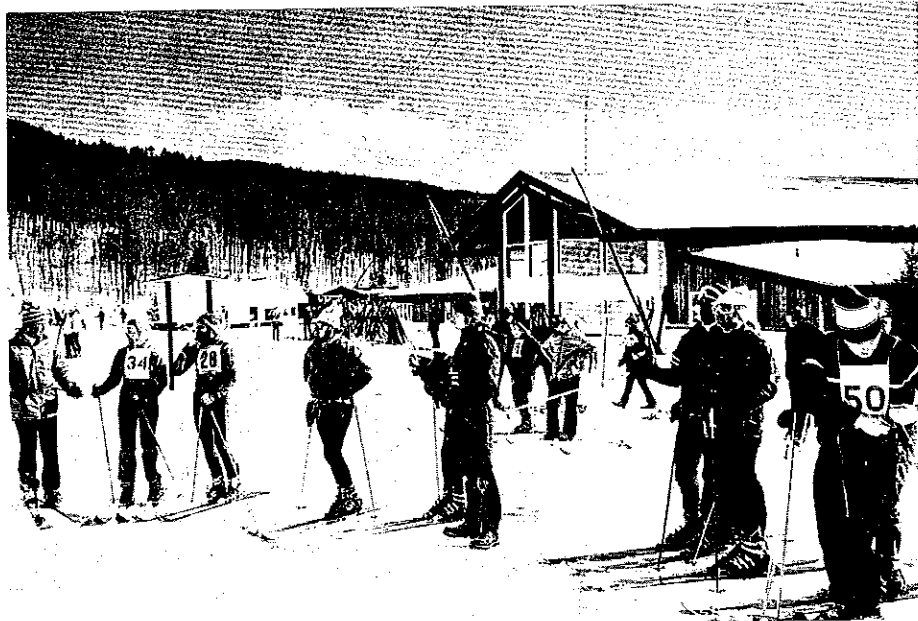


Photo Courtesy Stowe Reporter.

## Wednesday Giant Slalom

Once Again, All skiers are invited to participate in the Wednesday Giant Slalom which began its 11th season on January 3, 1973.

Hopeful racers compete for gold, silver and bronze pins. Each tries to come within a fixed percentage of the time established by a forerunner at the start of each race. Among the forerunners are instructors, coaches, and envied recipients of diamond pins, awarded to those competitors who achieve three gold pins in the Giant

Slalom during the season.

This "fun race" at Little Spruce, unequaled for enthusiasm and excitement, attracts more skiers each year. On Wednesday at noon, young and old alike join to cheer on their fellow skiers.

The course for the race is set on West Slope. It is challenging enough for the experts, but not too difficult for the intermediate skier to handle. So, come join the fun at Little Spruce! You could go home a winner!

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Remember to plan for the '73 STOWE DERBY -- the best one yet! Special feature this year is the post-race celebration (open to MMSC members and Derby competitors): cocktails, smorgasbord, dancing. March 3rd.

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This year the club has a new colorful folder telling of all its benefits. Stop by the office and pick one up.

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Remember to sign up early for the fun yearly Club Championships to be held on Sunny Spruce on March 25. Your entries should be in the week before the race, so fill out the form included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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A special request is made to all club members to volunteer their services for race work. A race is only as good as our combined efforts make them. Any race, any time your assistance will be appreciated.

Just in time for this year's ski season, Amtrak renewed rail service on the historic New England to Montreal run. Departing at 5:05 daily from Washington, D.C. the run includes stops at Penn Station, NYC (8:55pm); New Haven and Hartford, Conn; Springfield, Mass; Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, White River Jct., Montpelier, Waterbury and on with 4 more stops before arriving at 9:40 the next morning in Montreal.

Both coach and sleeper accommodations are offered on the train as well as a grill and lounge car which promise excellent service. Amtrak promises extra coaches and baggage cars for peak weekends and will help arrange package trips for groups.



# REPRINTS FROM 1938

In 1932, Lake Placid hosted the winter Olympics and brought skiing into focus for the American general public. The sport at that time was just beginning to take its place as a recreational adventure for outdoor enthusiasts. There were already several ski clubs in existence. In fact, one of the first ski clubs in America was formed in 1885 in Ishpeming, Michigan, birthplace of National Ski Association two years later. Simultaneously, ski clubs were organized in other parts of the United States.

Previous to that time, skiing was less a recreational sport and more a necessary means of winter transportation. In some places, the U.S. Mail was delivered by mailmen on skis. Men traveled to and from work on skis and supplies were delivered from central to more rural areas by skiers and sleds. There were those, however, even then who skied for the sheer enjoyment of being in the great outdoors in the winter. It was on this note that the Mt. Mansfield Ski Club was organized in 1932.

Paging through some of the early issues of the MMSC Bulletin, the editors ran across some articles they would like to share with you.

One of the Club's main concerns at the time was in establishing standards of safety and providing skiing instruction so that skiing could become less hazardous and more enjoyable. Keep in mind that most skiing was of the cross country style at that time. The first reprint is a suggestion from a light-hearted skier on a method of changing direction called the STERN TERN:

"In its initial stages this elementary turn is not unlike the common snowplow or the stem. Somewhere along this line, however, the logical sequence of the stem is forgotten and the skier finds himself with the rear ends of his skis crossed and himself facing up the slope, while at the same time he moves down the slope. Under ordinary circumstances a nasty fall would result. If at this point he will gracefully sit down, spin through 180 degrees on his buttocks and spring lightly to his feet, he will be pleasantly surprised to find himself progressing in his original direction. Of course any desired course can be selected merely by varying the degree of rotation. The only disadvantage of the Stern Turn is the consequential wear on the seat of the trousers, which may be offset by reinforcing with

leather pads."

The following is a letter to the Editor from an irate skier who comments on commercialism and fads in skiing. We might add, with a few changes in terminology, this letter might hold the sentiments of some skiers today:

"Dear Sir: It is getting so that the average skier is not content unless he has super-hickories, steel edges and cable bindings. Most people you meet on the trails are loaded down with enough fancy hardware to sink the Normandie. It is no wonder they go for ski tows instead of cross country skiing with all that weight to carry around.

"So far as I can see, steel edges are only necessary for downhill racers or those who ski a lot in the mountains. They are supposed to make the skis last longer, but when you get right down to it what's that matter with a pair of well worn ash for every day going? And as for cables, you can get enough downpull with more safety on plenty of leather bindings. You don't have to have so much downpull that your ears scrape the snow in order to ski ... or maybe all the fancy stuff is why there are so many expert skiers around nowadays. A.J.B."

Third is a report on the former ranch camp -- try and find a week of skiing and instruction at these prices today:

"Ranch Camp announces that the larder is well filled, and that as usual plenty of warm blankets are on hand. For those desiring a sandwich, a meal or a bunk, a reasonable scale of prices prevails. As has been customary in the past, there will be a free cup of tea for anyone at any time.

"Rates per person for food and lodging are as follows: Tempo, Stem, and Telemark Cabins -- \$3.00 a day, \$17.00 a week. Igloo Cabin -- \$2.50 a day and \$15.00 a week. A discount of ten per cent from the daily rate will be made to Club members.

"Individual meals will be served at the following prices: Breakfast -- 40¢. Lunch -- 50¢. Dinner -- 60¢. A regular dinner will be served on Sundays from 12 to 2, and from 5 - 7 for 60¢.

"For those wishing a light snack, sandwiches will be provided at ten and fifteen cents, beverages at five cents and a bowl of hot soup for 15 cents."

This fourth and final reprint for this issue is a note to Women's Libera-



Stowe Photo

## Ron Biedermann Wins Big One

As we go to press we are informed of Ronnie Biedermann's victory in the first slalom of the Can-Am Series - held in Collingwood, Ontario. Congratulations Ronnie!



tionists. It seems the idea of women's participation in "men's work" is not so new after all:

"It has been suggested that a Women's Ski Patrol would be an innovation as well as something of real value as an auxiliary to the men's Ski Patrol. We know of two girls in particular who struggled through the thirty hour instructors course with that view in mind. If enough interest is shown in this matter, some action may be taken on it later."



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## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 24, 1973

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

AGE GROUP (Check One)

UNDER 10 \_\_\_\_\_

10-13 \_\_\_\_\_

14-17 \_\_\_\_\_

18-26 \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_

27-31 \_\_\_\_\_

32-39 \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

40-47 \_\_\_\_\_

48-59 \_\_\_\_\_

60 & Over \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee - \$2.00 - Juniors  
\$3.00 - Seniors

CONTESTANTS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING RELEASE:

I hereby absolve the Mt. Mansfield Ski Club and the Mt. Mansfield Co. Inc. and affiliated companies, or any member or officer thereof, or any person officially connected with this competition from all responsibility for injury of whatever kind, or in any way connected or related to this competition.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

If under 18 years of age, signature of Parent or Guardian is necessary.

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_