

Peak Nordic Ski Club, Inc.

2023-24 Season Recap

November 6th. First day of practice. 65 degrees. I guess we should have known. But then, if you are going to be a skier in southern Wisconsin you have to be an optimist. And so, we optimistically carried on.

November and December roller skiing was quite nice. We just didn't expect to be on rollers in January and February!

December signaled our Camp in Manitowish Waters. Snow at ABR was so poor we spent two days on classic skis on a bike trail! Two JNQs followed with mud and rain. So, we optimistically said, "Well, we've got that behind us. Now we can have winter."

January started the race season, and it began with the word ... *Canceled* (no snow for Snekkivik & Iola races). Then we moved on to ... *Canceled* (too cold) and ... *Canceled* (too much snow). And finally ... *Postponed* (State Meet).

And through it all, thanks to our snow makers, we skied in circles. We raced and trained in the slush and in the rain. We roller skied up to the tower - again and again. We did the Hell Run. We skied intervals on and off the snow. We skied one full-length race ... on hard wax. Every other race was skied on manmade snow, on Klister ... and loops.

When the high school season was over, and the results for the nine races that constitute the State Sprint and Distance meets were tabulated, our girls stood on the podium in second place. Somehow the boys didn't reach the podium, even with Nathan Burke's breakout races and a pack of boys behind him. Nonetheless, this team scratched and clawed itself on to the podium in third place for the Overall Boys and Girls Team Championship. All of that, after what could only be called a dismal winter.

Our results just might prove something you've heard me say before ... "We don't need no stinkin' snow!" Because youth skiing is not only alive and well at Peak Nordic, it's thriving! The Middle School Boys team brought back the State Championship. Peak Nordic Kids hit an all-time high of 108 kids and sold out in about 10 minutes. Through the mud and the slush and the loops, kids from Kindergarten through High School seniors learned to ski, learned to love to ski, and had a blast. Friendships were forged, and memories made. And we are set to do it all over again. The roller skis are rollin', we are bounding the trails, uniforms are being issued, and the excitement for Camp is building.

Remember when this was you, or your skier? Alumni athletes and parents are our core. You've delivered financial **strength** and **security**. We've gone out and earned **respect**. Together we are unstoppable, and together we've made Peak Nordic the best place for kids to learn, to compete, to have fun, and to begin their life-long love of cross-country skiing.

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Thank you,
Coach Mary

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