

GSOC Racer Corner
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The GSOC race team fought the 100 racer, 11 team roster at The Crescent Cup March 6-7 to land in fourth place behind Raleigh, ETMM then Palmetto who won the 2010 Crescent Cup. There is a MAJOR asterisk though...The power that runs the entire ski area went out about 10:00 on Sunday. After waiting until 11:30, the CSC cancelled the Sunday race then made a decision to use Saturday's slalom results as the final tabulation for hardware winners and Crescent Cup recipient. The asterisk comes into play because a racer usually needs four clean runs, two on Saturday and two on Sunday to get hardware. It's not easy to go fast and clean for four runs to remain on top. Two runs are much easier. The GSOC team had eight podium finishes on Saturday...more than any other team. Once again, The GSOC dominated the field by remaining top dog in qualified racers on a team in the CSC. Congratulations go out to Jake Laroe who was the fastest male racer on the mountain Saturday and received a pair of race stock Dynastar slalom boards. The second fastest male racer was Ray Berggreen. In addition Liz Beadle was the second fastest female in the CSC. Rounding things out was our newest qualified racer, Landon Clary who qualified to race next year with the team at nine years old.

Silvercreek Mountain: Only slalom day on Saturday counted due to the power outage Sunday. Blue bird skies and temps in the 20-30's prompted probably the best snow conditions ever at Silvercreek. With a 250" base, Silvercreek rivaled resorts out West for snow coverage. The quick slalom course offered a true 15 meter set with little offset to reward the best "wigglers" and thwart the best technical racers. Everyone had a great time other than Don Russell who accidently left one of his poles in the start pad and finished the course by blocking gates with a bare hand! Kudos to Don for completing the course w/o breaking a hand or fingers.

Congratulations to the following GSOC racers who finished first, second or third at the **Silvercreek race** March 6-7, 2010:

Jake Laroe—First, flight 1 slalom
Ray Berggreen—Second, flight 1 slalom
Trevor Thomas—Third, flight 2 slalom
Doug Laroe—Second, flight 3 slalom
Marty Reiter—Third, flight 3 slalom
Cole Morgan—First, flight 4 slalom
Jim Morgan—Second, flight 4 slalom
Skylar Beadle—Second, flight 11 Slalom