

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SKI SERIES/LAPHAM LOPPET

The winter of 2009 was a snowy and alternately balmy one as we endured great snowfalls and subsequent meltdowns with temps up to 60 degrees shortly after a snowfall. Through it all, Ed Muzik and crew made snow and stockpiled it in "whales" for spreading around where bare spots appeared. We were able to have 5 Wednesday Night ski sessions with a very new crew of volunteers to help with registration, set up, timing, and results. Thanks to Judy Raether, Dan Wiley, Rick Bjodstrup, Louise Borzynski, Sandy Sugden, Jackie Nicholson and parents, the directors of the young skiers, high schoolers, and adults, including Kris Maki, Rita & Paul Keber, Mary Eloranta, Donna Hoelz, Anne Riendl, and Roy Nilsen were able to provide racing experiences for all ages. A banquet was held in early March serving Marty's pizza as a change from our usual fare.

Wonder of Wonders, the Lapham Loppet was held again in 2009, attracting over 100 skiers. The Friends of Lapham Peak provided chili and volunteers for registration and timing for the event. The high school skiers from Lodi and other schools appreciated new medals for the invitational race. Thanks to Sean Becker and the grooming crew for setting up the start and finish area in a festive way and providing well-groomed trails for the race.

If you are thinking about becoming more involved in the Friends of Lapham Peak and would like to enjoy winter at one of the finest ski facilities in the country, please do not hesitate to call or email our directors. We are always looking for folks to help us with the Wednesday Night series and the Loppet. Absolutely no experience is necessary....just a smile, a pair of warm boots and mittens, and a desire to help folks have fun on skis is required.

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