

GSOC Racer Corner
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The GSOC race team is off to a slow start for the 2009-2010 season due to some fierce competition and lack of qualified racers in Division 2. That has quickly changed! Congratulations to **Hailey Thomas** (12), **Keegan Clary** (11) and **Kristy Clary** (mom) on becoming qualified to race for the GSOC!

Believe it or not, the first race of the year scheduled for December 19 and 20 @ Appalachian Ski Resort was cancelled due to too much snow! Over 20" of fresh, wet snow covered the High Country Friday and Saturday to make the roads almost impassable.

Sugar Mountain: The first Alpine Ski Center race series of the 2010 season got off to an incredible start on Saturday with a slalom that offered sunny skies at zero degrees and hero snow conditions that saw a start at Busters shack on Sugar Slalom for Division 1 and on big Red for Division 2. Sunday offered the same courses but much warmer conditions around 20 degrees. The course on Division 1 offered many fall away gates to challenge even the most experienced racers. The Division 2 course had a rhythmical fun set that offered five newly qualified racers to compete for their member tem at the next race.

Congratulations to the following GSOC racers who finished first, second or third at the **Sugar 1 race** January 9 + 10, 2010:

Jake Laroe—Second, flight 1 slalom, First 1 GS
Ray Berggreen—Third, flight 1 slalom, Second GS
David Lippucci—Third, flight 2 slalom
Trevor Thomas—Second, flight 3 slalom, First GS
Byron Loflin—First, flight 4 slalom, Second GS
Wendy Krause—First, flight 5 slalom, Second GS
Blake Justice—Third flight 5 GS
Cole Morgan—Third, flight 6 Slalom
Jim Morgan—Second, flight 6 Slalom
Skylar Beadle—First, flight 16 Slalom