



We had another successful race on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. There are many people to thank.

To start, I want to thank the **mountain management of Don MacAskill, Mike Schuman, and Bob Koonzt**. They were helpful in so many ways, especially opening the lift at 6:00 AM to get our early workers on the mountain. They helped arrange for the groomers to build our start, and they groomed 'Homerun' for the race. Don, Mike, and Bob have been helpful and supportive of our race club all year.

## Thank You Whitetail!!

Next up is **Doug Rice and the ski patrol**. On Friday before the race, Doug arranged to have gates and other equipment to be placed at the start. This took wear and tear off the volunteers. Also, the ski patrol took several sleds down the race run after the race on Saturday helping immensely with clean-up. Thanks to Doug and the ski patrol!!



was our **title sponsor** again this year. I must thank Dave Hoffman for his role with this sponsorship. The entire ski club is grateful for the generous donation. Thank you!!

A first class race cannot be accomplished without dedicated **volunteers**. Thankfully, we have each of you. Our volunteers arrived at 5:30 AM who stayed to the end. Each of you understands the importance of being on time and putting in a 100% effort. Our race is a success largely due to you. Thank you, again and again!!

We all know for a race to be successful, the timing for the race has to be exactly right. Our **timing crew** had one of those perfect days. Please thank Mark Katrina, Jari Tuomala, Jan Smilek, Mike Burr and Scott Sciarrino the next time you see them. Their preparation started back in December. The only ski days they did not time was when they were at races. To a very dedicated crew, thank you!!!

The **coaches** shined on Saturday even when it was snowing outside. Our kids rely on you, and you always are there for them. Thank you!!

Also, many thanks to the **J1 and J2 racers** for their help with the prep before the race and the clean up on race day.

Last but not least, I would like to thank the three most important men in our club **President** Geoff Miller, **Executive Director** Dan Chayes, and **Head Coach** Steve Antal. I leaned on these guys the weeks leading up to the race and the day of. They guided me through the whole process, and we are lucky to have them with our club.

We all do this for our kids ... but I love it.

## Thanks to All!!!

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