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Human Dogsled Race
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20 Meter & 30 Meter Ski Jumping
Competition, 9:30 a.m.

65 Meter Salisbury Invitational
Ski Jumping Competition
Practice: 11 a.m.-noon
Competition: 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

65 Meter Eastern US Jumping
Championships
Featuring Junior National Hopefuls
Practice: 11 a.m.-noon
Competition: 1 p.m.



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Letter from the President

WELCOME!

Welcome to the 96th year of ski jumping here in Salisbury! The weekend will kick off on Friday with Target jumping under the lights, followed by the ever-popular Human Dogsled Races to conclude the evening. Saturday morning starts off with junior jumping on our 20-meter hill beginning at 9:30 AM followed by another competition on our 30-meter. These two hills see the newest and youngest jumpers in New England which normally number well over 20 competitors. Competition moves to the 70-meter hill for the Salisbury Invitational.

Sunday, the Eastern States Championships will be held on the 70-meter. This day will be important for these jumpers — a successful performance could earn them a place on the Eastern Division of the Junior National Team and represent it at the U.S. Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Junior Nationals.

This year, nine days after Jumpfest, from February 22 - 26, the Junior Nationals will be held in Salisbury in conjunction with our friends at Mohawk Mountain in Cornwall CT. This is a prestigious event that SWSA is honored to host every five years. Teams from the Eastern, Central, Rocky Mountain, Inter-Mountain and Alaskan divisions will all be here in the Northwest corner to compete.

The past year has shown a renewed interest in the outdoor and winter recreation. Here at SWSA we were fortunate to have great snowmaking weather, which allowed us to provide consistent conditions and the ability to have jump practice long into March. Many nights and weekends you could easily find upwards of 20 kids jumping on the little hills at SWSA jumps.

When we started our Holiday Camp 15 plus years ago, we weren't thinking that time would go by so quickly, and that those "kids" would be working alongside us today. Last winter, we needed a coach for the season. Seth Gardner, a Salisbury ski jumper and college student had an idea to set up coaching via iPad, phones and parents. This idea brought all aspects of a practice together with many parents getting the hills ready and communicating with Seth during practice. This idea worked quite well for the winter and beyond.

Seth and the parents also had past jumper Ella Rydingsword to assist with multiple practices during the week. Ella's knowledge and work ethic proved quite valuable, and she was there to help in any aspect she could for that season and this one as well.

Caleb Gilbert first came to SWSA at seven years old for a Holiday Camp and has always made time to help when his schedule allowed over the years. This year we look forward to having Caleb as our coach for the winter season.

Caleb, Seth and Ella will all be working closely together with our junior jumpers and travel with them throughout New England competitions. I would like to thank them for their time in keeping our tradition moving forward.

As you look around at the jumps this season, you'll see we have added a small cross-country loop from the base of the small hills out to our back parking lot and



PHOTO BY SEAN PATRICK FOWLER

Ken Barker

back around toward the outrun. This will be a nice addition for our athletes and hopefully lead to an illuminated loop for everyone to enjoy.

Also, the surveying field work and drawings have been completed and are off to an engineer to replace our 30-meter tower and landing hill. Because of the cost and lack of materials this past year it was not feasible to try and launch this next phase of improvements at the jumps. We look forward to this project with fundraising to start soon. We appreciate any help you can to provide.

Volunteer organizations like SWSA always look for enthusiastic new folks to join them as we continue our mission. The past season provided us with many new faces coming to enjoy the jumps and participate in our year-round events here and elsewhere. While some folks are just finding us, others have spent many years helping us in many ways throughout our journey. Lisa Sheble and Don Breslauer each spent 25 plus years as Directors of SWSA. This past year they decided it was time to encourage new members to become part of the SWSA directorship and stepped down. I would like

to thank both Lisa and Don for all their work over the years for this organization. They will now be able to attend Jumpfest weekend and just enjoy it!

Serena Hollmeyer Taylor, Scott Fitch and Billy Sheil have become our newest directors for SWSA. They are all jumping parents who have become positive additions to our club, and we look forward to their help for years to come.

IN MEMORIAM

Unfortunately, it seems every year we lose some of these folks who have given their time to the jumps. Bill "Doc" Gallup was one those special people who every winter would be here. No matter the task Doc would always be right there to help. He could shovel snow next to our blower for the in-run for hours at his own pace. He and his pal George Kiefer were known to out shovel "a younger man" as we would say! If he wasn't shoveling, he could be found putting up fencing, cutting greens, taking care of the trash, or simply sitting in the sun enjoying watching the competitions. Doc's favorite place was the Judges tower and the people in it. During competitions, he would converse with everyone in the tower and become friends with all of them by the end of the weekend. In January every year, Doc would start coming by quite regularly to see where he could help. I would always know if he was around after a snowstorm, there would be one set of footprints in the snow. They would lead from the bottom of the hill to "his place" up in the Judge's tower. I'll miss seeing those footprints and the man who made them... please take the time to read the dedication of this year's program to Doc Gallup.

THANK YOU

As always none of this would be possible without your support as spectators, donors or both. With the U.S. Junior Nationals being held here and at Mohawk Mountain we reached out a second time this season for additional support and businesses and individuals came through again. As you look around the venue Jumpfest weekend you will notice the banners and ads of local businesses that give us continuous support. We at SWSA thank all of you as well as these local businesses for their generosity this year and every year.

Ken Barker

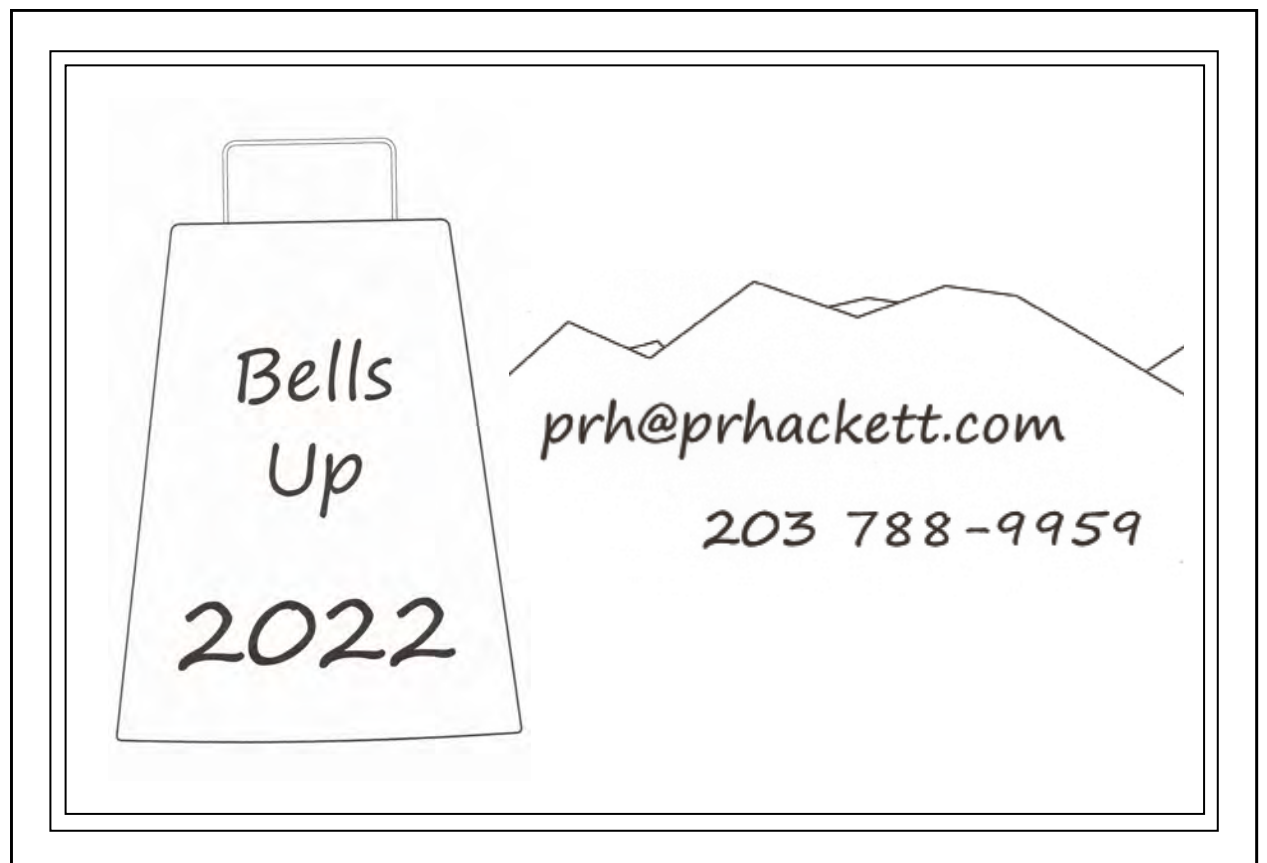
President

Salisbury Winter Sports Association

SWSA: Mission Statement

The mission of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association is to acquaint our nearby communities, especially the children, with Nordic ski-jumping, cross-country and Alpine skiing, and to teach the skills necessary for their enjoyment and lifelong pursuit. As part of its mission, SWSA hosts and perpetuates the annual ski-jumping competition on Satre Hill to sustain ski jumping in Salisbury and the Eastern United States.

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As soon as word of his passing came, tributes started pouring in. Of course, they did. There is no way to tally the numbers who, during his lifetime, were touched by his goodness..

Poet Kahlil Gibran wrote that "it is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

Doc's entire life was devoted to the service of others-bringing legions of us into the world, doctoring those newborns into adulthood, all with humility and compassion. One young local couple, fresh out of the military with young children and no insurance, received Doc's care at no charge - no doubt there were many others.

After he retired, Doc performed volunteer work in Haiti, and for the remainder of his long life he served on local non-profit boards and volunteered for numerous charities, including SWSA.

For many years during Jumpfest Doc performed various duties- running score sheets in the Judge's tower, setting up fencing, cutting greens for the hills, wrangling garbage bags, whatever needed doing. No job was too menial, and he completed his tasks as I suppose he did everything in his life- quietly, without fanfare.

This may well be the best measure of the man - that throughout his life he truly gave of



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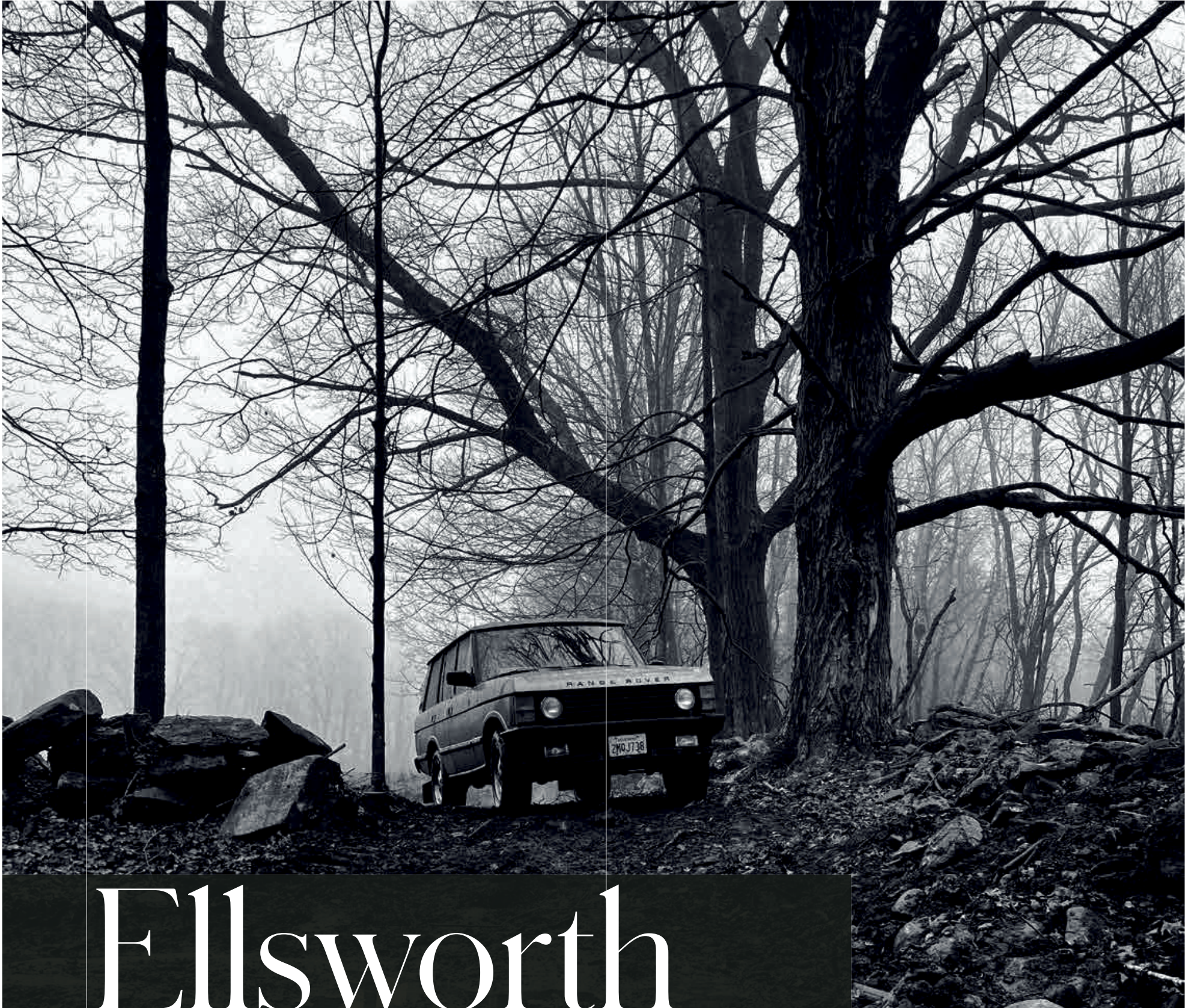
himself, no matter whether his gifts were noble or menial, and we at SWSA are very grateful that Doc Gallop gave a slice of his life to us.

The Directors of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association dedicate the 2022 Jumpfest program to the memory of Doc Gallop for his service and his friendship.

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Running the annual Jumpfest Weekend and maintaining the jumps are major undertakings that consume thousands of volunteer hours but also a significant portion of the Salisbury Winter Sports Association budget. Less well known, however are several other programs that SWSA sponsors.

If you bought advertising in the Jumpfest Program, purchased a ticket to the event, donated to the Annual Fund, attended Brew Ski, sponsored or played in the golf tournament, or purchased equipment at the Ski Swap, here are some of the places your money is going.

SUPPORT OF JUNIOR JUMPERS

- Introduces families and children to ski jumping at the annual two-day Holiday Ski Jump Camp, while providing lunch, equipment and coaching.
- Provides equipment and coaching, and sends jumpers to training camps both in the winter and summer.
- Helps finance travel and participation in competitions across the country: New Hampshire, Lake Placid, Chicago, and Park City, Alaska.

SUPPORT OF LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ALPINE SKIING

SWSA funds have recently been provided to Salisbury Central School, Falls Village, North Canaan, and Webutuck Schools. These funds help to cover the cost of lift tickets, lessons, equipment rental and transportation to the mountain.

YEAR-ROUND MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITIES

- Winter snowmaking and grooming of small hills for junior jumpers
- Jumpfest facilities and Large Hill grooming.
- Maintenance of the Selleck Hill cross-country trails
- Rebuilding and upkeep of the Cook Shack, stairs and jumps.

SWSA's success is dependent on the generosity of its donors and the work of countless volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming involved and keeping up with SWSA news then follow us on Facebook and email us at info@jumpfest.org.



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Annual Appeal

SWSA provides the opportunity for local children to learn to love the outdoors. Satre Hill provides a venue for Jumpfest, Team SWSA practices, and this year U.S. Junior Nationals.

Over the past year new families discovered the three ski jumping hills and soon joined the SWSA activities. These new members have become a wonderful source of energy and appreciation for all things SWSA.

Last year, Jumpfest was the only Eastern com-

petition of the winter. This was accomplished with a great Board, excellent strategic measures, legions of volunteers, and the donations that support the financial needs of SWSA.

SWSA relies on financial support from annual donations, ticket sales, fundraising events, and advertising revenue. We are grateful for to the community for its unwavering support for so many years.

EVERY DONATION MATTERS

\$ 75	School Ski program scholarship
\$100	Individual entry fees for New England Jump Season
\$250	Jump suit
\$500	Jump skis and bindings
\$1,500	Sponsorship for SWSA jumper for Junior Nationals
\$2,500	Material costs for wood replacement on 70 M tower
\$3,500	Supplies for re-staining of 70 M Tower
\$4000	Recurring annual expense to support local elementary school ski programs
-\$6000	Annual maintenance for Pisten Bully snow groomer
\$5,000	Seasonal coach
\$10,000	Installation of anchor point for winch to 70 M hill

Completed thanks to 2020-21 annual appeal:

\$1,500	Sponsor SWSA jumper to Steamboat Springs Junior Nationals
\$2,500	Wood replacement on 70 M Tower
\$2,500	New 70 M in-run snowing system
\$5,000	New boots, skis, and bindings for Junior Jumpers
\$5,000	Annual maintenance of Pisten Bully
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Future Projects:

\$5,000	Survey for replacement of 30 M tower and landing hill
\$150,000	Replacement of 30 M tower and recontour of landing hill.

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Scoring Ski Jumping

A jumper's scores are based on a combination of style and distance. Ski jumping is about how far you can fly — not height or acrobatics.

STYLE

Style is based on two components: flight in air and landing. While an athlete is in the air the judges look for a stable body, fully stretched legs and how well the athlete capitalizes on wind conditions.

An athlete's landing is judged on a smooth transition from flight to landing position. The landing position is called a telemark. A proper telemark landing should have a straightened upper body, bent knees, split legs, feet apart with hands out when first gliding on the snow. Five judges score the athletes, with the lowest and highest scores thrown out.

Judges start with a perfect score of 20 and deduct points for flaws in landing or flight.

DISTANCE

An athlete's jump is measured in distance and converted to points. An athlete receives 60 points if they reach the K point. The K point refers to the section of the landing hill where it starts to flatten out and is usually marked by a red line. This indicates the hill size, for instance the K point here on the large steel jump is 65. A jump to the K point is worth 60 points; each meter over or under that distance increases or decreases the score.

COMPETITION

Traditional competitions follow a two-round format. Usually the second round is run in the order of lowest first-round score to highest, meaning the leading jumpers jump last in the final round.

TERMS TO KNOW

In-run: The portion of the jump during which the athlete travels down the takeoff.

K-Point: The distance from the takeoff that is equivalent to the height of the hill.

Telemark position: Landing position with one ski in front of the other in a lunge position. The skier's body then transitions into a straightened upper body, bent knees, slit legs, feet apart and hands out.

V-style: Today's jumping style. The tips of the skis are in a V-shape during flight to achieve optimal aerodynamic efficiency.



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View from the Top *By Carey Fiertz, Secretary, Salisbury Winter Sports Association*

Slowly she inches out onto the start bar. Carefully, gingerly, she slides until her skis are in the track, ready to go. I peer down the hill where she sits, on the lower start position for the 20-meter jump, and try to read her bib number. The bib is large enough to be an apron on her. "Number 5, Bridget, on the bar, number 5" I radio down to the officials and wait for her to go.

And wait. And wait. Still, she sits. Dad is by her side, presumably coaxing her to start. There is a stir in the crowd of jumpers waiting at the top with me, as this is an unusually long pause in the competition.

"C'mon Bridget!" someone yells. Not in a mean way, but encouragingly. "You got this, Bridget!" calls out another.

My Swiss heritage begins to agitate. Trains and ski jumps must run like clockwork, no? Undoubtedly, the crowd will turn on Bridget if she doesn't go soon. But it doesn't. Instead, everyone calls out their support, encouraging her to begin her run. Surely, she must let go, I think.

But still, she sits. First Dad, and then a coach speak with her, but still, she sits.

I keep thinking about Bridget. I don't know her. She looks very young (5, at the time) and petite. The 20-meter takeoff point is about knee-high on me, and as a ski instructor, it is hardly intimidating. However, I'm nearly 6 feet tall in ski boots and bindings, and I've been skiing for over 50 years. The takeoff must look enormous to Bridget. I remember that despite my years of experience and considerable bravado, I have never dared jump the 20.

Eventually, after an hour, (well, it feels like that long to me, but it is actually about 3 minutes--surely an eternity to Bridget), she backs off. From the cheers, you



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would think she set a hill record, but no, she simply climbs back to earth amid huge applause. There is not a single negative comment unless you count that Swiss voice in the back of my head.

The competition continues. There are more juniors at the top of the smallest jump than I have ever seen. Many are from the Salisbury area, but a lot have made the trip from Lake Placid and other venues. The Junior Competition on Saturday morning of Jumpfest weekend is a huge success.

Each competitor has a trial or practice jump, followed by two official jumps. My role as starter is to announce the bib numbers and names so the judges know who is coming. This is the inaugural competition for most of the kids.

Bridget's turn comes up. We all look down the hill, as the rest of us are at the top, and she is going from mid-

way. I radio down. She slides out onto the bar. We hold our collective breaths. Will she do it? Someone says this is her first jump. Ever. "C'mon Bridget!" come the calls, "You've got this!" and similar. Another lengthy pause. Dad is by her side.

Once upon a time, or in another sport, a parent or coach or other competitors or the crowd might try to force the issue. Not in ski jumping these days. There is such a feeling of community and supportiveness it is hard to remember there are podiums and trophies at stake.

Suddenly, Bridget straightens up, and lets go of the bar. Slowly, she starts to slide down the track. Absolute silence everywhere, and no one takes a breath. She gets to the takeoff, and jumps. The crowd reacts as if they have seen a world record. The applause is thunderous. Even the Swiss voice is happy.



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Winter of 2020-'21 an Unexpected Opportunity

By Caroline Gilbert

Salisbury Winter Sports Association has a long history of overcoming obstacles while promoting its mission. Jumpfest, the signature event of the winter, has experienced too much snow, too little snow, rain, freeze, and every weather variation that might cause a cancellation. However, the SWSA volunteers and town members rally every year to ensure the event goes on.

SWSA looks at an obstacle and asks, how do we get this done? The winter of 2020-'21 was no exception. In fact, the result of dedicated volunteers leaning into circumstances beyond their control created an unexpected positive winter at the jumps. Their focus and determination allowed for consistent youth jumping and Jumpfest 2021!

At the heart of the ski jumping community, there is an ethos to share the thrill of a unique sport with an esprit de corps. The hills require maintenance where snow is made and shoveled, youngsters and their parents gather to work, practice, and socialize; coaches and parents volunteer and travel to competitions. In the winter of 2020-2021, many events and youth sports were postponed and canceled. However, SWSA, as it always does, stepped up and provided an arena to meet new people and embrace a new sport.

It was a season of growth for SWSA in an unlikely year. The organization embraced the winter by working with new families and volunteers. The jump facility became a hive of activity with young jumpers, new and returning. While the world turned to outdoor activities, SWSA continued the work of every other winter.

There was significant growth in the number of families who discovered the jumps nestled behind the town center. The jumping numbers rose, 24 at one practice. Soon the active jumpers outnumbered the equipment. A shortage of gear did not stop SWSA or the new families. They found a solution: share the boots and skis. Some jumpers found a partner with whom they would trade boots after a jump to allow another skier to "have one".

A day at the jumps required a family to change into gear in the car and pick up a shovel to groom the hills. However, the result was Team SWSA sliding on snow, while friends gathered around a fire and enjoyed a classic winter.

The winter of 2020-2021 provided a platform upon which SWSA highlighted positive engagement between people from all over the area. New friends were made amongst adults and jumpers, while everyone worked towards a positive goal.

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Team SWSA 2022 *By Scott Fitch*

The present and future are bright for ski jumping in Salisbury. In the 2022 season, we are building off of incredible growth from last year energized coaches, and a crew of dedicated volunteers. This season is shaping up to be a great one.

Team SWSA's jumpers currently range in age from seven to 14 years old, with a few younger siblings who love to come to practices, cheer on their brothers and sisters and try out the small 5-meter hill we build when we aren't hosting Jumpfest. Our team roster grew to thirty-five athletes last year, as SWSA provided a safe and fun winter activity for families and their kids. We're happy to see many of those kids back this season, along with new ones who picked up the sport this year.

We are also excited to once again have ski jump meets across the Northeast. Last year, Salisbury's Jumpfest was the highlight of every jumper's season because it was the only competition on their schedule! The 2022 season brings back our regular meet schedule, including two additional venues that recently rebuilt their jumps. Attending and hosting ski jump meets is a great experience for our athletes. These meets give them a chance to build new friendships, compete on different hills and cheer each other on. The meet schedule includes clubs in New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut.

SWSA is fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated coaching crew this year. Seth Gardner, who coached last year, returns to the hill. He has represented the Eastern Division at the U.S. Junior Nationals. Ella Rydingsword also returns to coaching with her energy, patience, and knack for working with our young athletes. Caleb Gilbert joins our coaching crew, bringing experience and passion for ski jumping. All three started jumping at SWSA during a Holiday Camp as young athletes.

Their return to the SWSA jump facility is an illustration of SWSA's enduring influence; all of our coaches are former SWSA ski jumpers. They are looking forward to passing on their knowledge and experience to the next generation of jumpers. It's also wonderful for our current athletes to see them as role models and mentors.



PHOTO BY BILLY SHEIL

The backbone of SWSA is the volunteers who prepare the hills, make snow, manage our gear and all the other behind-the-scenes work that makes ski jumping possible. SWSA Directors, parents, and community members all pitch in to make this happen, to whom we are truly grateful.

If you or your child is inspired to try ski jumping, beginners are always welcome at SWSA. We hold practices on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays from 5:00 – 7:00 and Saturdays from 1:00 – 3:00. No experience is necessary; just a helmet and a sense of adventure!

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Ski Jumping Book Review: History of Ski Jumping *By Willie Hallihan*

"Time dilates because your heart rate slows down... When you explode off the takeoff into your flying position and you rotate over the knoll, the world has slowed down and you can see more things than you could see if you were standing still. At sixty miles an hour, the world expands. In that moment, you're seeing things much more closely. Everything is magnified; time stands still until you put your front foot forward with a perfect landing, and then you put two hands up as you go through the transition, and the crowd erupts."

I love that- observations from a ski jumper in flight. It is one of many nuggets to be found in Ariel Picton Kobayashi's new book 'Ski Jumping in the Northeast: Small Towns and Big Dreams.'

And you don't even have to be a ski jumping fan to enjoy it. She has packed a little bit of everything into this 173 page homage to the sport she so clearly loves.

Ariel takes us on a journey from the sport's origins

in the United States, and introduces us to the giants of the sport who were responsible for bringing ski jumping to towns like Lake Placid, Hanover, Bear Mountain and Salisbury and who then helped nurture the sport- names you probably know like Satre, Hegge, Tokle, Torresen, Sherwood, and Stone.

The book follows the sport's explosive rise in popularity, exploring jumping's heyday when seemingly every town in our neck of the woods had jumps with names like "Suicide Hill" and "Man-Killer".

Ariel leads us along the path of jumping's decline during the 1980's, helped by both NCAA politics and a TV show, but then offers hope for the sport's future- the Nordic sports' place of honor in the Winter Olympics, women achieving their rightful place in the jumping world, and small programs like the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA) that keep ski jumping alive and well.

You can trust that Ariel knows what she's talking about in this delightful book. She started ski jumping for SWSA at age nine, competed in two Junior Nationals and coached SWSA's junior jumpers for several years. Although Ariel has stepped back from coaching to start a family, she still serves on SWSA's Board of Directors.

You can buy *Ski Jumping in the Northeast: Small Towns and Big Dreams* on Amazon, or better yet, buy one from Ariel personally at Jumpfest.

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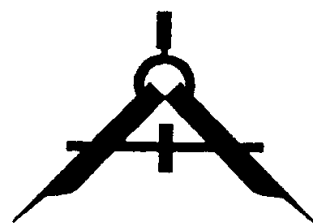
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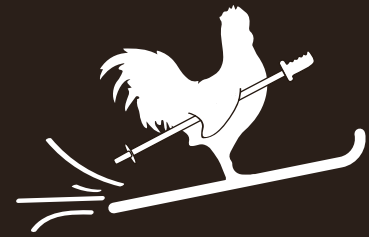
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Junior Nationals Nordic Venue: Mohawk Mountain *Tomilyn Doyle*

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Throughout the years, Mohawk Mountain has remained a family-owned business, committed to serving their community, customers and the environment in which they are nestled. They host a wonderful variety of events for children, veterans, local hometown service people and families to enjoy! Mohawk Mountain has also been dedicated to keeping the mountain a fun and family focused ski area for all to enjoy.

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From The Salisbury Board of Selectmen

On behalf of the Town of Salisbury, welcome to the annual Eastern National Ski Jumping Championship, followed nine days later by the U.S. Junior Nationals competition. Sponsored by the Salisbury Winter Sports Association (SWSA), these unique events find their roots in several of our town's ancestors who introduced us to Nordic winter sports competition in the 1920s. The program provides winter recreational activities for people of all ages, and over the years Satre Hill has attracted many National and Olympic caliber jumpers, including several from Salisbury. SWSA volunteers contribute their time and resources to help jumpers achieve their "personal best" and we are proud of their dedication and hard work.

The SWSA program is run by volunteers, who donate long hours to ensure high quality, competitive and safe events. In addition to the jumping, activities for the Jumpfest weekend have included bonfires and a human dogsled race.

In spite of a widespread pandemic, the SWSA team continues to welcome new families and young jumpers as we celebrate winter and enjoy the rewards of hard work, camaraderie, and friendly competition for generations of winter sports enthusiasts.

SWSA believes that every child should have a chance to get outside and enjoy the winter. Support is given for both ski jumping at Satre Hill and there are scholarships available to support downhill ski programs at four area grade schools. SWSA's programs include Junior


Jumping on two smaller hills that are situated to the left of the championship jump. To fund its youth programs, SWSA holds several fundraising events throughout the year including a Ski 'n Swap sale, Brewski Fest, and golf tournament.

SWSA is an important part of a larger recreational program in Salisbury that includes swimming, skating, tennis, baseball, soccer, paddle tennis and sailing.

Welcome to our jumpers and their families, and a special welcome to the Junior National teams who have traveled from far away. We hope that you enjoy your visit to Salisbury, and we appreciate your support of the important SWSA ski jumps. Please visit us on-line at www.salisburyct.us, and we hope to see you on a return trip during the spring, summer and fall.

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U.S. Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Junior Nationals: February 22-26, 2022

By Serena Hollmeyer Taylor

Shortly after the Jumpfest crowds have gone home, the SWSA crew will be getting right back to work making Satre Hill and Mohawk Mountain ready for our turn in the national spotlight. Salisbury has, since 2011, hosted the U.S. Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Junior National competition every five years. Now, in 2022, the best junior athletes will be returning to Salisbury on February 22st through the 26th.

While Salisbury is the host for the event, the entire eastern ski jumping community comes together to support the efforts in our town, SWSA and Mohawk Mountain. The Eastern clubs will bring financial support and a camaraderie that is unique to the ski jumping world. Training and logistical support is shared amongst the region as each club develops and builds the best program to grow the sport.

The Junior Nationals are held towards the end of the

competition season and showcase the talents of the top junior (20 years and younger) Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined athletes in the country. Athletes will come from as far away as Alaska and as close by as Norfolk, CT. Teams representing the five regional districts from around the nation will travel to Salisbury to compete for National individual and team titles.

This competition showcases the up and coming Junior national athletes, who often later compete in the Olympics and World Competitions. Almost all of the current U.S. Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined team members have jumped at Satre Hill in Salisbury, CT in either a Junior National Competition or at Jumpfest.

The competition will include both individual and team jumping and Nordic Combined, as well as a fun "under the lights" night time target jumping competition. Jumping competition is held on the K65 hill at Satre

Hill and the Nordic races are held at Mohawk Mountain in Cornwall, CT. For the Nordic Combined events competitors jump first and then compete on nordic skis, with their starts staggered by their jumping results so that the first person to cross the finish line is the winner.

SWSA proved last year that holding jumping practices and competitions outdoors could not only be COVID-safe, but also could provide an important community-building activity in the darkest days of winter. Hosting this national competition will introduce the junior jumpers of the SWSA youth program to high-level competition, as well as showcasing our small-town hospitality.

The Opening Ceremonies, held on the White Hart lawn, will start a week of activities including meals hosted by the Lakeville Hose Company, a winter-driving course at Lime Rock Racetrack, as well as, of course, competition and cheering on teammates and competitors. Competition, which will be free and open to the public for spectating, will be held on the 24th and the 26th, with the 25th reserved for a back-up day in case of inclement weather.

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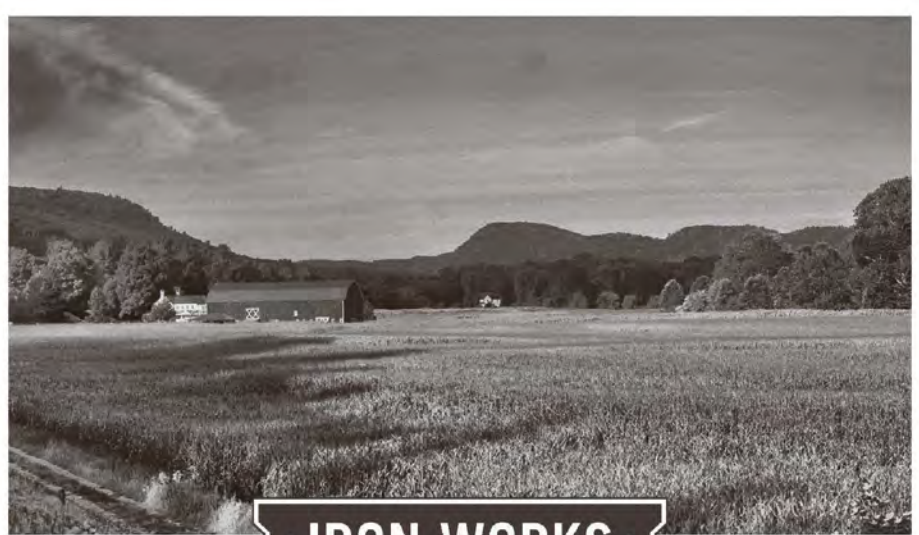
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National Ski Jumping Day: Celebrating Far and Wide

By Karin Bauer, USA Nordic Sport Development Director

The 2020/2021 winter ski jumping and Nordic Combined season brought many challenges. However, I believe those challenges were outweighed by the immense success of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined events, programs, and participation that was felt across the country.

After an abrupt end to the 2019/2020 season and uncertainty heading into the 2020/2021 season, the number of athletes who participated in programs last winter grew at an astonishing rate. The numbers showed a growth across the entire United States, over all ages, of 15.8% from the previous season. Last winter created a great opportunity for our clubs to showcase the programs they offer and add to the community due to the nature of our outdoor sports!

In addition to the individual club efforts, USA Nordic spearheaded the first ever National Ski Jumping Day. Mid-pandemic seemed a fit time to start a tradition that would provide a venue for the entire United States to celebrate and bring awareness to the sports of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined regardless of their location across the globe.

Clubs and skiers were encouraged to post to social media about their love of the sport and partake in events at their local clubs, or wherever they might be located. Many ski clubs came together for competitions in Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Andover, New Hampshire; Salisbury,

Connecticut; and Cloquet, Minnesota. Several other clubs created their own events to record jumps for the 24-hours of ski jumping and enjoy the day.

Athletes had the option to participate in the 24-hours of ski jumping, tracking jumps taken and overall distance flown. Each registered athlete received a swag bag and certificate of completion. Winners for most jumps taken, longest distance completed, and the social media contest received an additional award of recognition and some USA Nordic merchandise.

Over the third weekend of January in 2021, a total of 1,142 jumps were taken, 26,339 meters were flown (almost 17 miles!) Overall, 100 kids, from 15 different clubs, signed up to participate in the 24-hours of Ski Jumping. The event was a huge success and we look forward to celebrating again this year from January 21st through the 23rd!



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Mohawk Mountain: 2022 U.S. Junior Nationals Nordic Venue *By Caroline Gilbert*

February 22-26, 2022 Salisbury Winter Sports Association, in coordination with Mohawk Mountain, will host the U.S. Junior Nationals in Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined. Mohawk Mountain will be the host venue for the Nordic ski races that comprise the second half of the Nordic Combined event.

Nordic Combined is a sport in which athletes compete in Ski Jumping and Nordic skiing. First, competitors ski jump and are awarded a score based on the distance, technique and style of their jump. Then, based on their jumping scores they are positioned for a cross country ski race with a staggered start. The skier who crosses the finish line first wins the Nordic Combined event!

Mohawk Mountain uses their facility to create a competitive and challenging cross-country course. The start and finish are near the base lodge. The course loops through the lower half of the ski area. Skiers will also climb the hill, race down the steeper ground, and finally loop through the flats. The skiers are challenged by the terrain that is available at Mohawk Mountain. The venue provides accessible viewing for the fans, while also challenging the athletes in both individual and team competitions.

The mountain is an ideal setting for the race for both spectators and athletes. Finishes of a Nordic Combined race can be thrilling as the fastest skier tries to overtake the athlete with the highest jump score. Often, the best jumper is not the fastest skier allowing for competitive sprint finishes on a Nordic course.

Mohawk Mountain is a proud sponsor of this event and is looking forward to hosting the Junior National Athletes in coordination with SWSA!



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To the Hill and Back Again: A Jump Family's Journey *By Scott Fitch*

An enthusiastic "Yes!" was our son's immediate response when asked if he would like to learn to ski jump. We had been to Jumpfest as spectators a few years before. This particular December, we saw a brief article in the newspaper about SWSA's ski jump camp over winter break. In hindsight, what snow-loving nine-year-old would turn down an opportunity to hurl himself off a jump at top speed, landing on what would easily be considered a black diamond run at any ski area?

Camp was a blast, the coaches were fantastic and he was hooked. We started attending regular practices in January and February. Getting to participate in Jumpfest as an athlete was a highlight of the year. Then it started to get really interesting...

We keep reminding ourselves that ski jumping is the second safest snow sport in the Olympics. That's a hard thing to keep in mind for parents watching their child become a ski jumper. The following season we hit the road for his first away meet, which included new hills and a bigger jump. Raising a ski jumper can condense many of the challenges of parenting into a single afternoon. And often, the tests come before the lessons. One day we are pushing our son to challenge himself on a larger jump. On another day, we are counseling caution (this rarely works). Often, we're letting him figure it out for himself. But, like with so many other adventures, the "right" choice isn't apparent until afterward. Our conversation at that first away meet went something like this:

Son — That's a really big jump.

Mom/Dad — It looks big, but it's only 5 meters larger than the one in Salisbury.

Son — But it's huge! Way up on a tower. See all the stairs I have to climb to get to the top?

Mom/Dad — Yeah, we do. But we think you can do it.

Son — I don't think I want to do it.

Mom/Dad — Well, we drove all the way here for you to try a bigger jump.

Son — I really don't want to do it.

Mom/Dad — But all you did today was the small jump. That's a bump in the snow. We could build one of those in our back yard. [This was the verbal equivalent of watching the car door close while realizing your keys are still inside.]

Coach — How about if we go up together and I'll talk you through it. I know you're ready.

After a long pause, he did end up jumping the larger hill, finishing with a huge smile and new confidence. Back home the next day, he asked when we would be building that little jump in our backyard.

We didn't build a jump at home, but we have spent a lot more time on the hills, both in Salisbury and at meets in little towns throughout New England and at the Olympic facilities in Lake Placid. Believe it or not, ski jumping doesn't require snow! Who knew? In the summer and fall, jumpers use the same hills but land on plastic grass (the shag rug equivalent of Astroturf) instead of snow. It's an odd thing to drive around with a set of skis in August.

As he fell in love with jumping, we found ourselves falling for the community. The spectacle of Jumpfest is something special. Most other ski jump meets resemble a parks and rec soccer match: kids, parents, and officials, no radio announcer, soundtrack, cook shack, beer tent, human-dog sleds, or cash awards for target jumping.

But unlike so many other kids' sports, everyone is here to help each other. The kids arrive to compete, but they also cheer each other. When one of our athletes is ready to take on a bigger jump, everyone stops to watch and congratulate them. Coaches offer advice to any athlete, regardless of which club they belong to. Parents pitch in to mark the hills, prep jumpers and find misplaced gear.

Even though there is a podium at the conclusion of a meet, each athlete is competing against himself or herself. Success is a triumph of athletic skill, but also in the character that we show toward each other.

All the challenges, triumphs, and disappointments along the way build camaraderie amongst jumpers and their families. Last season was particularly fulfilling, with SWSA providing a safe outdoor activity for dozens of kids and their families. We had nearly fifteen new athletes who tried their first-ever ski jumps last winter! While the kids were learning, parents stepped in to help prepare the hills, direct traffic during practices, and clean up for the night.

We have all these great experiences thanks to SWSA. Over the winter, we had formative moments where our son handled fear, excitement, and accomplishment. We've had family time on trips to and from meets. And we've made new friends here in Salisbury and in other clubs.

Thanks to the coaches, our athletes learn to master skills that require discipline in both mind and body, and split-second timing. Thanks to our athletes, we all get to watch an impressive display of talent, courage, and character here at Jumpfest!

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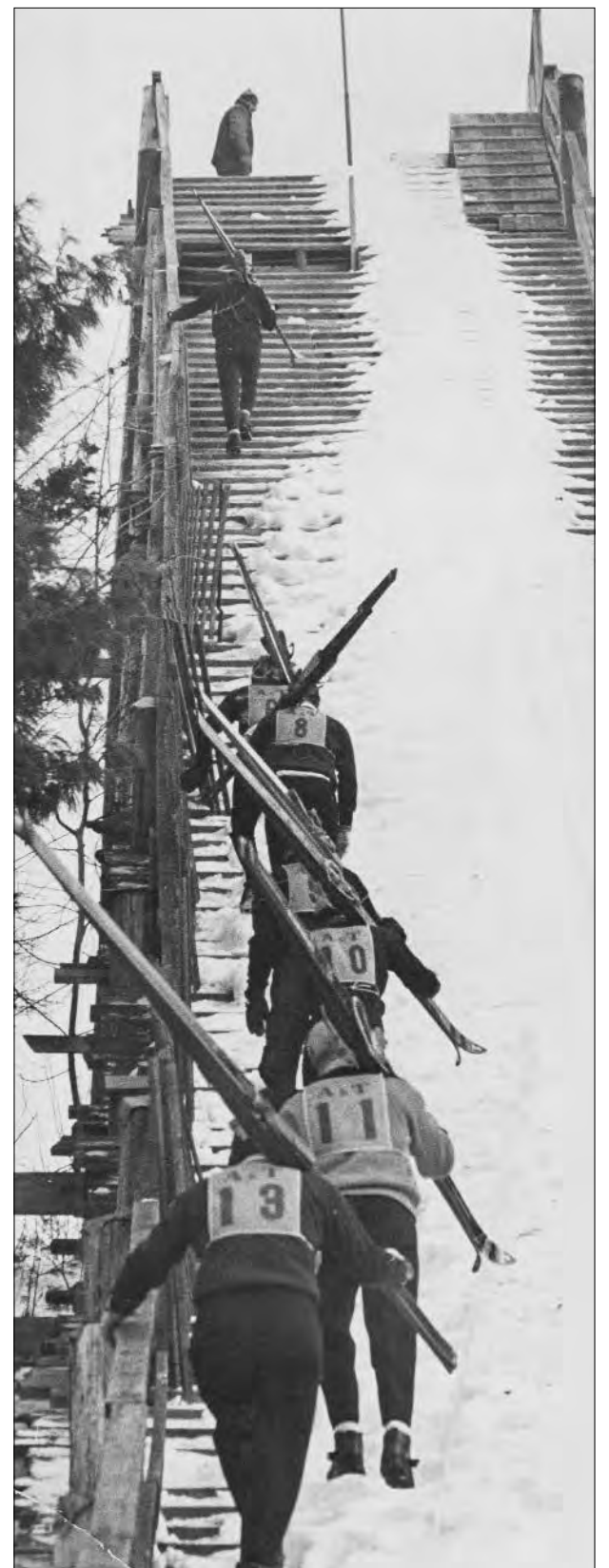


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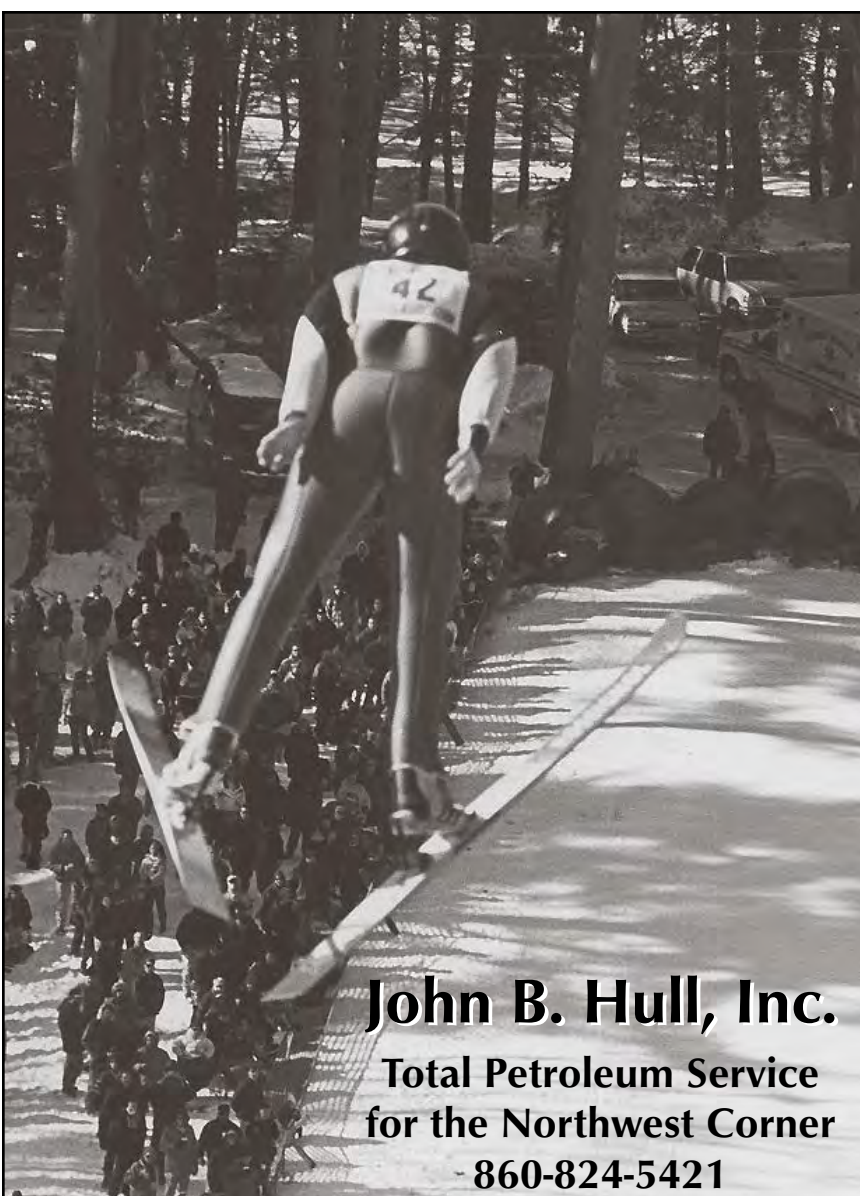
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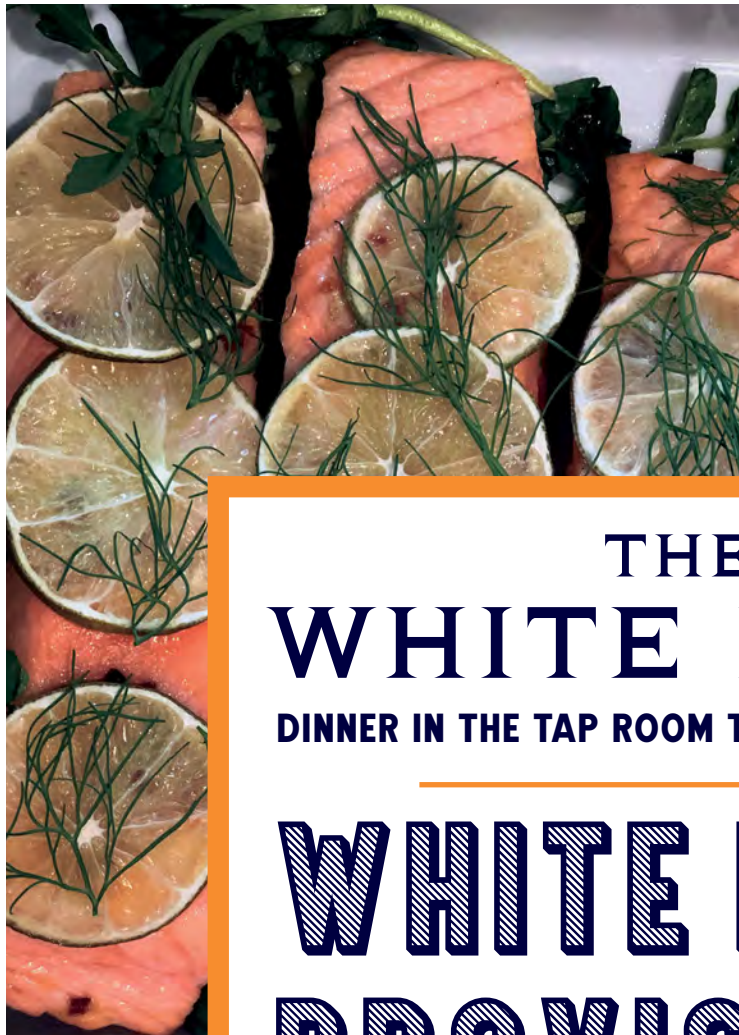
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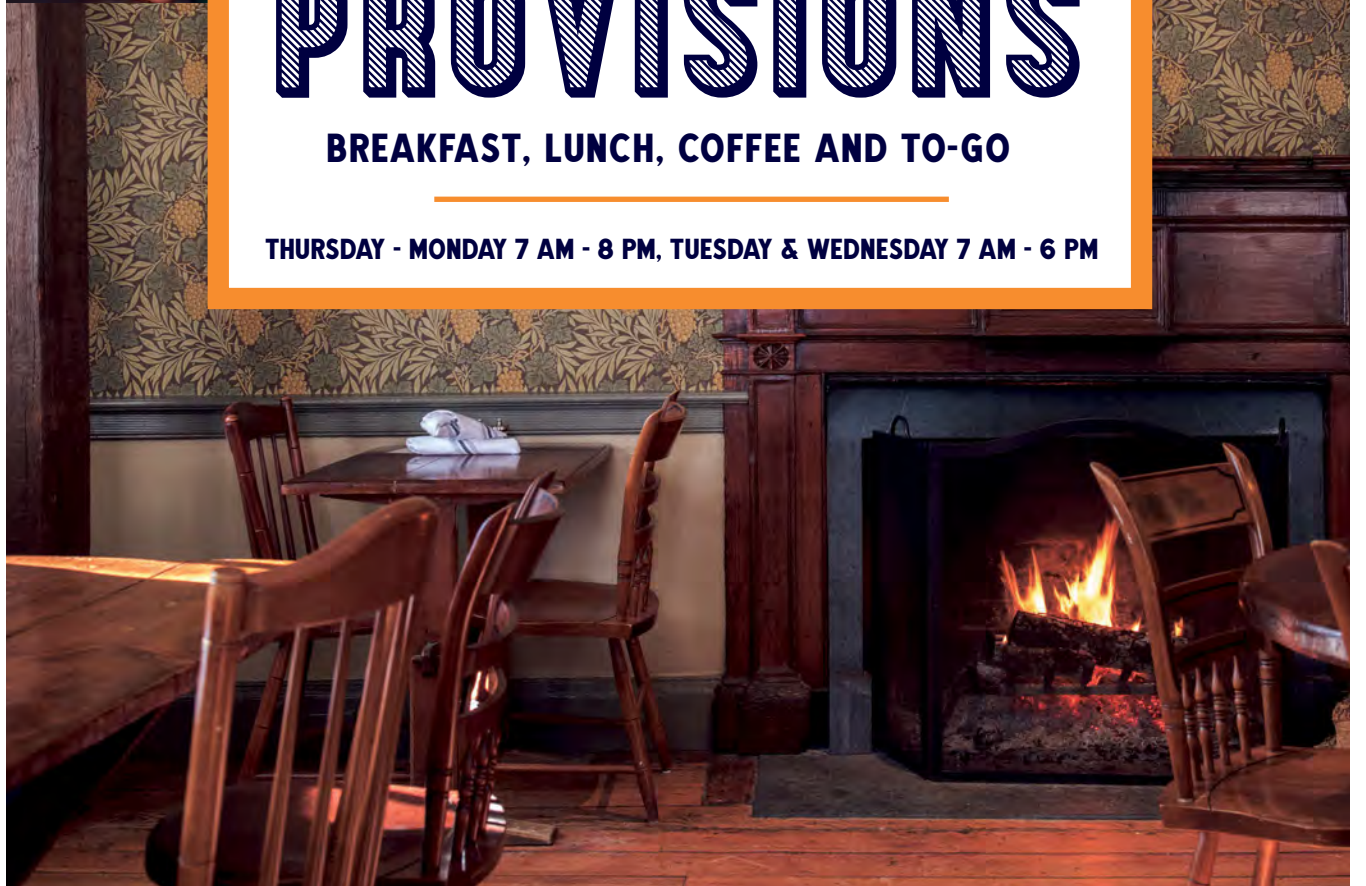


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3:30 PM	Cross Country Race – Mohawk Ski Area
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9:00 AM	Competition begins
10:00 AM	1st Round
11:00 AM	2nd Round
Immediately following	Podium Ceremony – Bottom of Jumps

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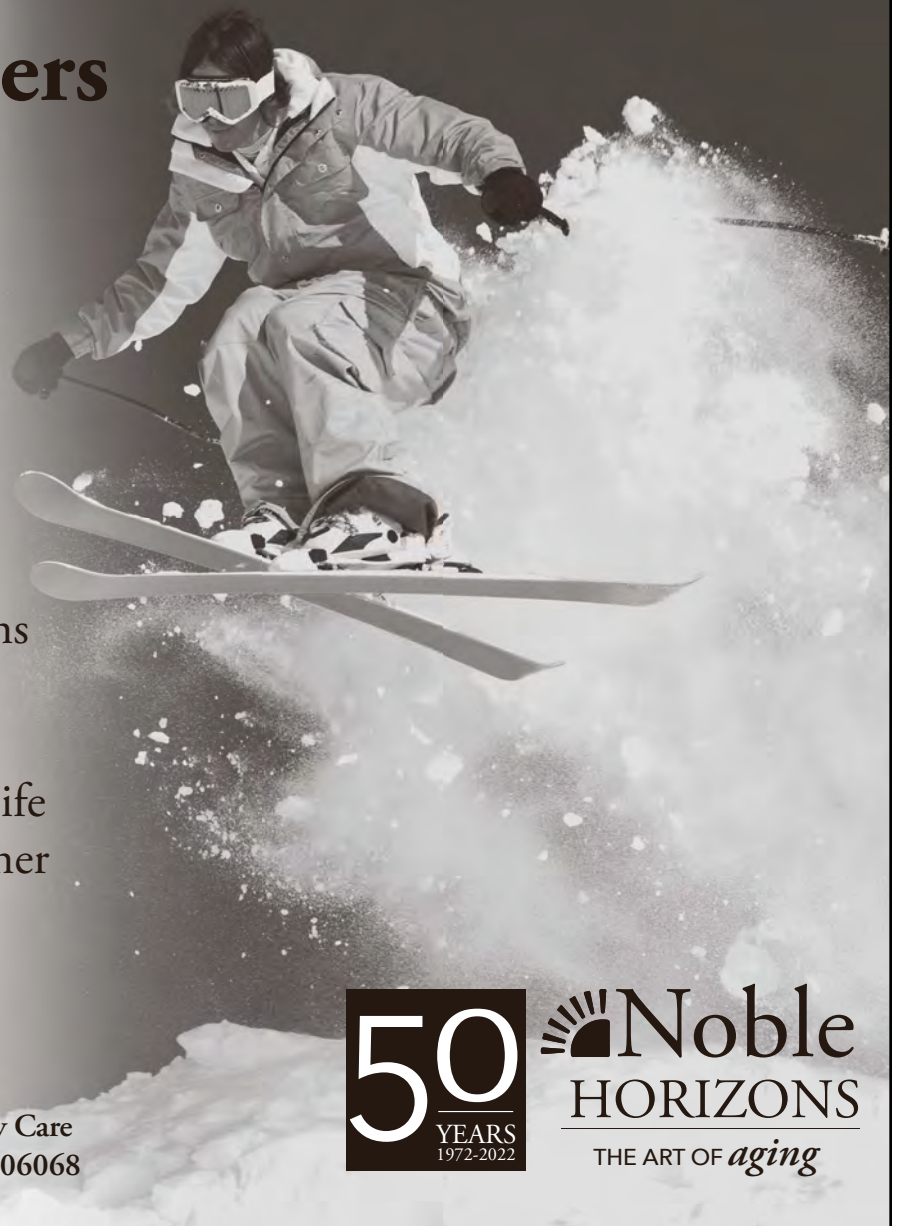
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To help new kids and parents join and enjoy the being part of the ski jumping community as much as we do.

Do enough snow dances to keep the kids jumping.

To build from last year's successes: team building, increase team camaraderie, and see more SWSA jumpers participating in regional ski jumping events.

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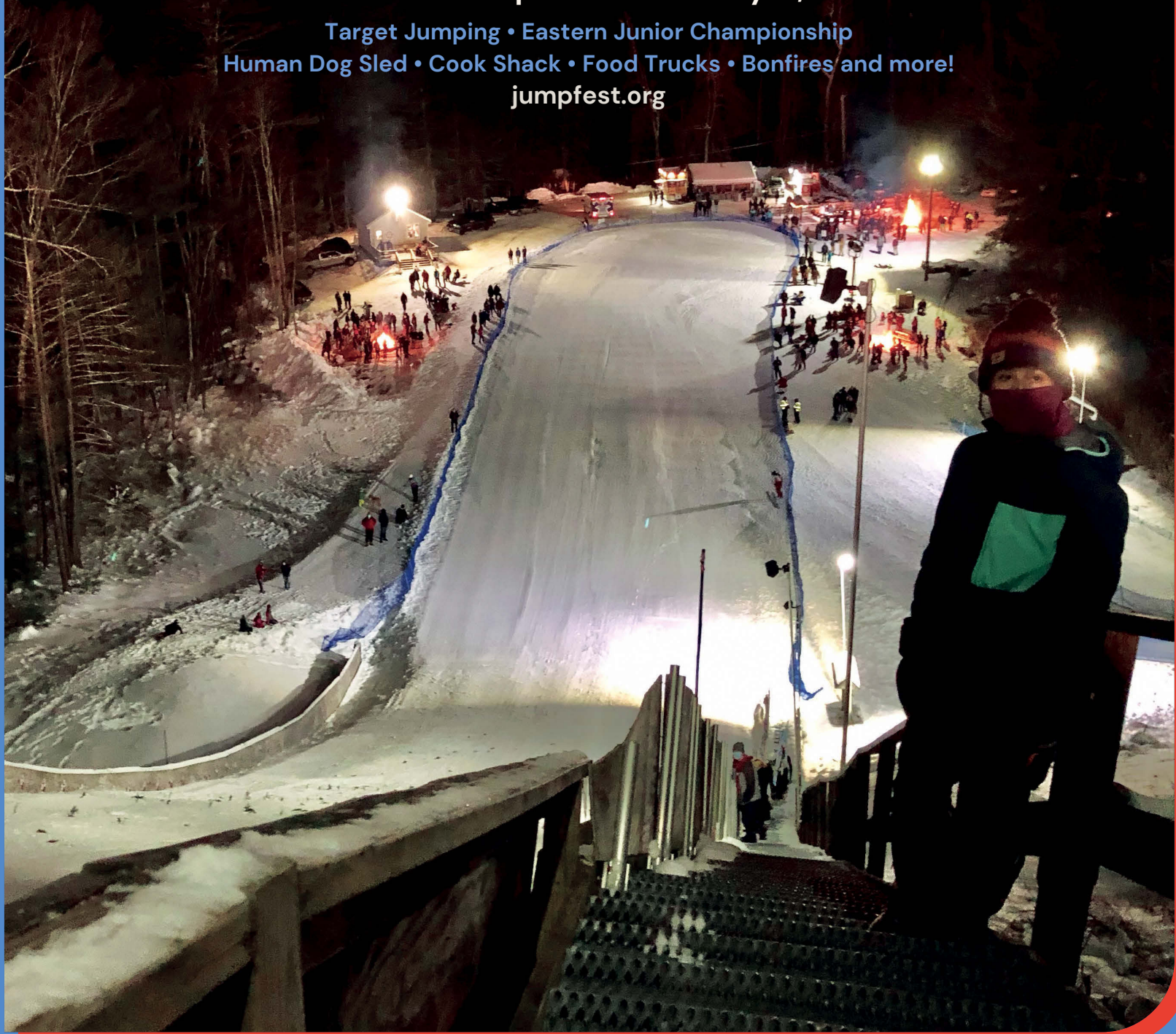


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