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Skiing

## Petoskey boys win BNC ski meet, girls have ups and downs at Schuss

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Petoskey's Cassidy Whitener placed seventh for the Northmen girls in the slalom race.

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BELLAIRE — Petoskey's ski teams returned to the hill within Big North Conference competition after a long layoff from league action earlier this week.

In just over two weeks off from BNC action, the Petoskey boys picked right back up where they left off, earning an overall win with 47 points at Schuss Mountain.

Petoskey's boys did however drop the giant slalom race on the day, but more than recovered in the afternoon with a dominant showing in the slalom for the win.

"Our teams are very competitive, especially on the boys side," Petoskey coach Erik Lundteigen said. "I've been experimenting with the lineup and our depth is really really deep. It's a good problem to have."

The girls placed fifth overall in the morning slalom, then giant slalom results have been unavailable following the race.

In the boys giant slalom to open the race, Gaylord's Connor Abraham led the way with a time of 57.33 seconds, then Petoskey's Nolan Walkerdine took second in 58.41 seconds.

Petoskey's Anders McCarthy also placed fourth in 58.77, Gabe Rothman took ninth in 59.44 seconds, Will Goelz took 10th in 59.81 and Michael Iverson placed 11th in 1:00.12.

Nate Thomas also placed 15th, Tripp Thomas placed 17th and Collin Mailloux took 20th.

After some ups and downs in GS, Petoskey dominated slalom, led by Thomas' second place finish in 1:01.95.

Goelz took fifth in 1:02.98, McCarthy placed sixth in 1:03.79 and Rothman took ninth in 1:04.75, giving Petoskey four finishers inside the top 10.

Walkerdine also took 13th in 1:08.96, Nate Wurster took 18th, Iverson checked in with 19.5 points and Wyatt Mattson took 22nd.

On the girls side of the race, Petoskey placed fifth in the opening slalom race, while having some slips and falls that set them back with only three finishers.

Cassidy Whitener led in seventh place in 1:11.26, Anna Armstrong took eighth in 1:14.08 and Allison Goelz took ninth in 1:14.12.

Lauren Rothman had a fifth place run on one run, though took a DQ on another.

“It was a tough day,” Lundteigen said. “The conditions were very challenging. We had really soft snow and it was a hard day for everyone.”

Petoskey will next get in a hosted Big North Conference meet at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 3 at Nub’s Nob, then head over to Boyne Mountain for Gaylord’s hosted BNC meet on Thursday, Feb. 6.

A bit of news also came in skiing this week when they moved Petoskey’s Division 2 regional meet from Marquette to Schuss Mountain on Monday, Feb. 10.

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