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## Skiing

# Petoskey boys, girls skiing tops Pintail Invite at Nub's Nob

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Petoskey's Anders McCarthy finished with a narrow second place finish in the boys race.

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HARBOR SPRINGS — As it often does at the Division 2 level, the 2021 ski season may just once again come down to Petoskey and Harbor Springs battling it out at the finals.

This year, on both the boys and girls sides.

The two juggernauts of the sport met up for the first time this season in the annual Pintail Invitational at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs Saturday, a single-race slalom only event.

In both races, Petoskey and Harbor Springs competed in some tight finishes, with the Northmen taking both events.

Also in attendance on the day were Birmingham Brother Rice, Marian and Petoskey St. Michael Academy.

In the boys race, Harbor Springs' Connor Truman took the top spot, trading first place runs with Petoskey's Anders McCarthy.

Truman earned a time of 58.28 seconds for the victory, which just edged out McCarthy's 58.29 second time.

Petoskey added five other top 10 finishes on the day, followed by Nolan Walkerdine in third place with a time of 58.85.

Will Goelz earned a fourth place time of 1:00.43 and came followed by Wyatt Mattson in fifth (1:01.45); Michael Iverson, eighth (1:03.44); and Nate Thomas, ninth (1:03.46).

Behind Harbor's Truman, Cal Benjamin placed sixth in 1:02.08 and Robbie Gillette earned a seventh place finish in 1:02.77.

Ian Davis of Harbor Springs also placed 10th (1:04.17), Luke Baker, 11th (1:06.13); and Liam Ransford, 13th (1:11.43).

For the Guardians of St. Michael, Wyatt Kolka placed 18th in 1:24.53 and Mac Moore placed 19th in 1:26.30.

On the girls side of the race, Petoskey's win just by just a two-point advantage (18-20), with Lauren Rothman playing a big role with a first place finish for the Northmen.

Rothman raced down the hills with a first place time of 1:07.43 seconds, just ahead of Harbor's Katelyn Drayer in 1:08.09.

Also for Petoskey, Cassidy Whitener placed third in 1:10.92, Olivia Nemec took fourth in 1:10.94 and Sydney Hoffman placed 10th (1:15.72). Gretchen Woodbury also earned an 11th (1:16.76) place finish for Petoskey.

Behind Katelyn Drayer of Harbor came her sister, Jordan, who placed fifth overall with a time of 1:12.46. Brianna Goldsmith then earned a sixth place finish for the Rams in 1:12.91 and Maren Matthews placed seventh (1:13.85).

Kyra Shouldice then took 13th for the Rams in 1:18.79 and Bella Balistreri took 14th in 1:22.65.

St. Michael was led by Addie Kolka on the girls side with a ninth place finish in 1:15.34, while Ann Bartelli did not finish after a 17th place run her first time down the hill.

Both Petoskey and Harbor Springs return to the hill this week with a couple a Big North Conference and Lake Michigan Conference races.

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