



RACING FOR FUN

Anyone who is comfortable on the “blues” can run a race course. Surprisingly, racing is oftentimes slower than free skiing as one has to ski around or through the gates, which slows you down. As you try to go a little faster, your technique will improve in order for you to stay in the course and make the gates. This is why racing improves your skiing.

Races are simply fun, a different ski day, you will improve your skiing if you do several races and you will meet a lot of new ski folks. Anyone can do just one race or all if they like. There are trophies for the top three racers in a class and recognition for racers 4 & 5. The racers banquet is held in April.

I am going to have fun and only do six races this year. They are listed below. These races are organized by Metro and about 10 CMSC clubs race. A race has about 75 to 175 racers, depending on the race. For more information and the full race schedule, go to: www.skicleveland.com.

If anyone from SSC would like to do a race with me, please call me ASAP. These are weekend races so typically I go up on Friday and return on Sunday. We need to pick up our bibs between 8 and 9 am on Saturday. If we wish, we can drive to the Cockaigne race very early Saturday and return Sunday from Peak'n Peek. (If anyone just wants to go for a weekend of skiing, please call me and we all can go together. You don't have to race.)

I have to register racers the week before a race and we will need to make motel reservations very soon as the cheap rooms fill up. We'll probably take a bus to Swain, the Hi Rise bus.

If you want to give it a try, call me now and let's talk:

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1. Saturday and Sunday, January 10 & 11 at Holiday Valley.
2. Saturday, January 24 at Cockaigne.
3. Sunday, January 25 at Peak'n Peek.
4. Saturday and Sunday, February 7 & 8 at Swain.