

Berkeley Delta Fall Open – 2009 Tournament Summary

The 14th annual Delta Fall Open was scheduled for October 10th & 11th but was moved to the 17th & 18th so several officials could support the Western Collegiate Regionals that was held at Shortline Lake on the 10th & 11th. The tournament included 3 rounds of Slalom and 3 rounds of Trick with a team competition format and a head-to-head competition on Sunday afternoon. The tournament format was well received as we filled out the tournament and received a few entries from Southern California skiers. The weather on Saturday was outstanding as it was calm and the temperature was in the low 80's. It was a little windy on Sunday, but overall, the skiing conditions for the weekend were excellent!

For the 8th year, we divided all of the skiers into 5 teams. The team score was based on how close a skier was to their national ranking score (a +/- buoy count) and each team counted its top 4 slalom scores. While Team #4 consisting of Ryan Selsor, Ryan Nason, Fred Nason, Carol Brooks, Sandy Corbin (Selsor), and Russ Selsor skied well and were 5 bouys over their national ranking it wasn't good enough to take home gold. Team # 1, which consisted of Greg Badal, Josh Badal, Scott Mc Nerney, Sheila Chen, and Chris Dacey all skied very well and won the team competition as they exceeded their national ranking by 11.2 bouys!

For the 7th year, we held a head-to-head competition on Sunday afternoon that was a big hit. The top 8 skiers who had the best 2-round average in comparison to their average (Russ Selsor, Scott Lindgren, Josh Johnson, Chris Dacey, Craig Arnold, Ryan Selsor, Sandy Corbin, and Sheila Chen) got into the head-to-head competition. It was quite a battle, but Scott over took Sheila in the finals to win the event!

One of the best skiing performance and highlight of the tournament was when Greg Badal ran 39 off on Saturday and ran it again on Sunday with very challenging conditions and got a ½ buoy at 41 off!!

The tournament went very smoothly due to the terrific efforts of the following chief officials: Bob Hardeman Chief Boat Driver, Greg Badal Chief Safety Director and Martha Selsor - Chief Scorer.

An on-site food booth which always enhances a tournament was chaired by Barbara Kurtneback, a prospective member. Barbara did a wonderful job in organizing the 2-day food booth and provided a terrific lunch, snacks, and drinks each day. Kim Bjork also provided a special treat – homemade cookies (a Delta Fall tradition).

Following Saturday's skiing, there was a terrific BBQ at Cruiser Haven. Numerous people attended the BBQ and several of them were able to avoid driving under the influence of Judy Stanford's famous jello treats by staying over night in RV's.

A big thanks goes to Greg Badal for providing the tournament boats. Thanks also goes to Josh Johnson for providing a generator. I also want to thank Ryan Selsor and Ryan Nason for helping us to re-install the slalom course on late Saturday afternoon on a very high tide. Special thanks goes to Dave Bjork who ran the ferry shuttle both days and did what ever was needed, and to my sister Sandy Corbin who handled registration during the weekend, and various other tasks that my kids used to do for me!

Finally, I want to thank Terry Selsor for his involvement and assistance as Tournament Co-Chairman and a special thanks for all of the skiers who supported the tournament.

Russ Selsor - Co-Chairman & Chief Judge