

# SPORTS & OUTDOORS

in the Western Mountains of Maine



Emily Eames (center) stands on the podium after taking first place in Women's (14-15 year old) Parallel Slalom at Copper Mountain Colorado recently.



Ben Eames (right) stands on the podium after taking second place in Junior Men's (16-17 year olds) Parallel Slalom at Copper Mountain Colorado recently.

## Eames capture USASA national podiums

COPPER, Col. — Ben and Emily Eames strapped their snowboards on recently at Copper Mountain, home of the 2009 United States of America Snowboard Association Championships, to take on the top ranked snowboarders from regional snowboard divisions from across the country.

After competing in Boardercross, Giant Slalom and Slalom races, the Eames siblings earned podium spots in their age divisions. In Women's (14-15 year old) Parallel Slalom action, Emily blazed across the finish line with the fastest overall time placing her on the top of the podium, decorated with a gold medal. Brother Ben competed for the fastest run of the day in Junior Men's (16-17 year old) Parallel Slalom where he pinned the gates to second place. In Parallel Giant Slalom, Emily tied for third place—a tie-breaking rule moved her to fourth on the official results. Ben added to his winnings with an impressive

fourth place finish in Boardercross and a fifth in Parallel Giant Slalom.

To qualify for Nationals Ben and Emily competed in Maine Mountain Series events at mountains in the state throughout the 2009 season. Both Ben and Emily won the Maine Mountain Series Regional Series Titles in their age/gender group in Boardercross, Giant Slalom and Slalom. At USASA National Championships there were close to 1,600 snowboarding competitors competing in age group divisions and Open Class.

Ben is a junior at Carrabassett Valley Academy and Emily is a freshman.

Senior, Dylan Darienzo, had a great result in Open Class Boardercross. Competing neck-in-neck against some of the country's top competitors Darienzo rode his way to a significant ninth place finish.



Myles Silverman stands on the podium in Steamboat, Col. recently, awaiting his gold medal for the NASTAR National Championship in Snowboard Racing for boys 11 to 12. (Photo courtesy Morgan Rice)

## Silverman takes NASTAR gold

STEAMBOAT, Col. — Myles Silverman, an 11-year-old who lives in Brunswick and Carrabassett Valley, won the NASTAR National Snowboard Racing Championship for boys ages 11 to 12 recently.

Despite competing with a broken wrist, Silverman's time was also faster than all the 13- and 14-year-olds.

April 5, Silverman placed 10th in the slalom at the USASA National Championships at Copper Mountain for his age group.

In 16 races this season in Colorado, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, Silverman placed 10th once, 4th once, 2nd twice and 1st 12 times, and still had one race to go, the USASA National Giant Slalom.

Silverman is also ranked number 1 for boys' tennis 12 and under by the Maine Tennis Association, and was on the Brunswick U-11 Cal Ripken Baseball All-Star team that competed in the state tournament last summer. (His older sister, Maisie, is ranked number 1 in girls' tennis 14 and under by the Maine Tennis Association.)

Myles Silverman expressed his thanks to the Sugarloaf Ski Shop for sponsoring him, to Chris Putnam for tuning his board and to Carrabassett Valley Academy.

## McKay-Waddle races slated for April 18 at Sugarloaf

CARRABASSETT VALLEY — "Don't put away those racing skis yet!" said Jane Wilkinson, an organizer for the McKay-Waddle scholarship races, which are being held this year April 18 on Competition Hill at Sugarloaf.

The scholarships funded by these races are awarded each year to help young racers who are in pursuit of their dreams in the ski world, Wilkinson noted.

The entry fee is \$25 and includes a tee-shirt, BBQ

lunch and a chance to compete against family and friends.

The many sponsors include Aardvark Outfitters, Gepetto's Restaurant, Patagonia Outlet in Freeport, Mother's Mountain Mustard, The Rack, Happy Tunes, Strokes Restaurant, the Anti-Gravity Complex, Lobsters and more.

These scholarships were set up in memory of Dan McKay and Mike Waddle—two alpine racers who died

tragically in the 1980s.

"So, come on out and support a great fund while enjoying the spring weather on the mountain!" Wilkinson urged.

Signup is Saturday morning, April 18, at Sugarloaf's Competition Center.

For more information, call 237-6896 or Wilkinson at 246-7872.