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Ready for change in 2010

The Southern California Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference is ready for the 2010 season according to President Patrick Wilcox. The SCCSC has undergone staff changes in the summer months and is ready for what could be the biggest race season in the organizations \$\$\$ year history.

The largest change in the structure of the SCCSC is the installation of Patrick as President of the SCCSC, taking over from VP for previous president Cara Hope at the Spring Board of Directors Meeting. Other changes include veteran staff member Brian Mott taking on the VP role in addition to his Marketing Director responsibilities, the creation of an Executive at Large position, filled by Kazusa Nishii, and the return of Past President Collin Casper as the SCCSC Financial Officer and Treasurer. Mark Stickel remains the SCCSC Statistician and Abe Kislevitz is still webmaster and graphic artist for the organization.

The 2010 Season begins with race clinics on December 28 and races on December 30 and culminates with the Awards Banquet planned for April 30 - May 2, 2010 and amidst the changes in staff, the SCCSC is ready!



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SCCSC Season Opening Races a Success

The SCCSC hosted its first races of the 2009-2010 race season at Mammoth Mountain between the Christmas and New Year's holidays and the events were successful! A winter storm made it necessary to cancel Ski Slalom, Boardercross, and Skiercross events on Wednesday, 12/30 but the Slopestyle and Giant Slalom events that took place on 12/31 and 1/2/10 were great fun for racers and organizers alike.

Each year the SCCSC hosts races to cheer in the New Year, and 2010 is no different. Although the snowfall and heavy wind brought on by an unexpected winter storm caused the SCCSC and Mammoth Mountain Race Department officials to cancel races on 12/30 for safety reasons, the events throughout the rest of the weekend were a hit!

The weekend started with race clinics for athletes to hone their racing skills in Giant Slalom and Slalom. Gates were set up on the 28th and 29th for the SCCSC to practice privately so that new racers can get a feel for racing with gates, and experienced racers can shake loose the dust caused by the summer months. Throughout the season, the SCCSC hosts timed competitions including Slalom and Giant Slalom, as well as freestyle events such as Slopestyle and Half-Pipe, and also the combination events of Boardercross and Skiercross, using both speed and freestyle skills for racers to do well. "We set up GS and Slalom gates at our clinics this year, a break from the past GS clinics only. ... typically we don't set aside specific freestyle training time as the parks and cross runs are open all season long for riders to enjoy" remarked SCCSC President Patrick Wilcox when asked about the selection of events for the clinics.

The Slalom and Cross events were cancelled due to weather, which afforded SCCSC athletes the day to play in 14" of fresh powder that had accumulated since the storm began the night before. The sun rose early on the 30th, as did the freestyle competitors in the SCCSC. The first slopestyle started at 10:00 AM and had over 60 racers make it out on New Year's Eve to strut their stuff. Overall, riders from UCSB and CSULB took the men's and women's snowboard Slopestyle competitions top spots while skiers from USC and UCSB grabbed the number one spot for their sports, respectively.



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Competition resumed Saturday the 2nd after taking a break for the New Year's holiday, with a giant slalom competition for both skiers and snowboarders. With the first race in the books, its UCSB's women's and USC's men's ski teams sitting atop the crowd, while in snowboarding UCLA and SDSU take the same honors for women's and men's teams, respectively.

The season is just beginning, and the SCCSC staff is looking forward to a great year of competitions. Our next competition is MLK weekend in January; we look forward to seeing everyone out on the hill!

RIDER PROFILE *Kim Tilton*

1. Do you Ski or Snowboard? - I Snowboard
2. How many days do you ski a year? - Roughly around 15 to 25 I guess, I've never really counted.
3. Where is your home mountain? - Big Bear is where I learned how to board when I first moved to CA. But secretly I've definitely bought a few Mt. High seasons passes in my day.
4. Favorite place to ride on Mammoth Mtn. - Chair 5, it never seems crowded and I always seem to subconsciously make my way there
5. What is your best experience of being on the team? - I came out my Freshman year with absolutely zero racing experience and somehow all the officers had convinced me to sign up for BoarderX. I was so nervous I felt like throwing up and the first race that day I was so freaked out I almost bailed. But, in an effort to avoid total embarrassment, I stayed. I ended up racing all day and coming in top 8. It was great day, having the team cheer their little Freshman on. I was on top of the world for a day.
6. Your favorite quote, - "I guess it just comes down to a simple choice really, get busy living or get busy dying," Andy to Red in Shawshank Redemption

