

Why are there Optional Offerings (or what's an EPP)?

We set ourselves some lofty goals for the future of the program and the club. The membership was consulted in a survey in 2007 to help determine the direction and focus of the club for the future. Many members responded either formally or informally to express their opinions and ideas and in part that helped form the idea of the EPP (Enhanced Performance Program) Options. These goals are based in part on the following points:



- Many members realise that they can benefit from additional training in order to progress. Whatever your personal goals many members have made it clear that they wanted more opportunities to ski and receive instruction last year. We needed to ensure that this does not affect the core program budget while at the same time providing additional coaching opportunities. As a result the Options Program was created.
- Everyone recognises that the environments and challenges at mountain and out of town locations can greatly enhance or accelerate one's learning. To be able to ski better on longer runs or enjoy different terrain is one of the reasons we all keep skiing.
- Masters has a history of members helping members to improve. This strong heritage of service was the core strength of our club for any years. Recently many members have either upgraded their instructor or coaching certifications and experience or have just joined the ranks of new instructors or coaches (trained status). Often the motivation was to personally improve or understand the sport better but a number have indicated an in interest to participate in the program as volunteer instructors. Our goal is to promote more educational opportunities for the club membership and to help support and develop instructors who can work at the Bronze level. To do this we need to provide mentoring (which is a requirement for all coaching level trainees in order to attain a certified status) and additional training opportunities for coaches. The ultimate beneficiaries of this are the members who take advantage of the training that the club offers.
- We wish to support the aim of promoting Masters Racing in Canada by encouraging our members who are able to compete at a higher level than in our club series to push their limits.

This year there are 6 programs that are being offered this year:

- 1) Holiday Mountain 3 Pack (all members and friends)
- 2) Asessippi GS Training Day (all members)
- 3) February Mid Winter Mountain Camp (all members and friends)
- 4) Club Instructor Program (to volunteer contact our Head Coach)
- 5) CSIA Masters Level 1 Instructors Course (must be strong intermediate parallel skiers)
- 6) MMAST Training- (Manitoba Master Alpine Ski Team) must wish to compete nationally

To ensure that your registration for any of these programs is received in a timely fashion and to reserve a place in the program please fill in the linked registration forms and send them with payment to:

Manitoba Masters Ski Club
c/o Manitoba Alpine Ski Division
Sport Manitoba
200 Main Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 4M2

As well e-mail or contact our Head Coach, Glenn Allen at gallen54@gmail.com to ensure that your registration is received and accepted. Numbers will be based on the availability of coaches and in some cases some skill requirements apply.