

GSOC Racer Corner
By David Lippucci—Race Director
dlippucci@nc.rr.com

The GSOC race team has just passed cross town rival Winston-Salem by one point into second place in the Eastern Division! We passed Winston at the Beech Mountain race with first place finishes from Jake Laroe, Kristi Clay, Byron Loflin and many podium finishes from other team members.

Once again, and believe it or not, the third race of the year scheduled for January 30-31 @ Appalachian Ski Resort was cancelled due to too much snow! Over 14" of fresh, wet snow covered the High Country Friday and Saturday to make the roads almost impassable.

Beech Mountain: The second official race of the 2010 season started on Saturday, February 6 with cloudy, foggy, snowy conditions that offered a ball bearing/gravel like surface (hey man, it feels like we are skiing in the parking lot) that led into icy ruts on both slalom courses. Sunday's Giant Slalom offered much better visibility with sunny fog...you had to be there. The GS courses offered some sick double fall away turns that rewarded only the brave that could stand on the downhill ski 110%. Only two thirds of each division showed up due to the poor road conditions this weekend. The CSC instituted the first no late penalty for n-shows this weekend.

Congratulations to the following GSOC racers who finished first, second or third at the **Beech race** February 6-7, 2010:

Jake Laroe—First, flight 1 slalom, First GS

David Lippucci—Third, flight 2 GS

Doug Laroe—Second, flight 4 slalom

Byron Loflin—First, flight 4 GS

Wendy Krause—Third, flight 4 GS

Marty Reiter—Third, flight 5 GS

Kristi Clary—First, flight 13 Slalom